Regular Meeting – A.M.   February 11, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Kelowna was held in Meeting Room No. 3, 1435 Water Street, Kelowna, B.C., on Monday, February 11th, 2008.

Council members in attendance: Mayor Sharon Shepherd, Councillors Andre Blanleil, Barrie Clark, Colin Day, Brian Given, Carol Gran, Robert Hobson, Norm Letnick and Michele Rule.

Staff members in attendance were: City Manager, Ron Mattiussi; City Clerk, Allison Flack; Director of Financial Services/Interm Director of Planning and Development Services, Paul Macklem*; Director of Works and Utilities/Acting Director of Corporate Services, John Vos*; Manager Community Development & Real Estate, Doug Gilchrist*; and Council Recording Secretary, Arlene McClelland.

Guest: Allan Neilson-Welch

(* denotes partial attendance)

1.   CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2.   Councillor Day to check the minutes of the meeting.

3.   REPORTS

        3.1   Allan Neilson-Welch, Regional District of Central Okanagan, re: Okanagan Similkameen Regional Governance – Consultation with Local Government Elected Bodies

Guest – Allan Neilson-Welch:

-   Primary purpose today is (1) briefing on what the committee has done and (2) get feed back from this Council (will be getting feedback from other Councils as well, and will provide the information to the Committee).
-   Reviewed Attachment 1 of the circulated material

Council:
-   Regional policing and tourism should be placed on the list in column 1 (must be regional).
-   Transportation, isn't that what the province works with? Concerned the Committee is trying to deal with overlapping governances.
-   Question raised regarding water and that there was reference to no transferring of water between basins? Is there an opportunity for inter-basin transfer of water; this could provide some benefits and should be under column 2.
-   Issue of affordable housing would benefit the most if the entire region were dealing with housing, and it should be broader than housing (other social issues as well). Shelters need to be regional.
-   Transportation, water and air quality must be regional.
-   Do not want to see regional approaches to be another provincial down load. Also, do not want to see Kelowna as the dominant player where we are subsidizing the region.
-   Do not want to see another level of beaurocracy
-   The terminology should be changed somewhat and instead of using the word "must" use wording such as priority 1 or priority 2. One word that seems to be missing is sustainability. Even the "must be regional" column should be prioritized.

Guest – Allan Neilson-Welch:

- Reviewed Attachment 2 of the circulated material

Council:
- Concern raised over connection between representation and financing and accountability.
- Must be a direct and clear line of accountability between electors and taxing authority.
- Include First Nations involvement (large tracts of land).
- The current models work but perhaps more regional support is needed?
- Rural area voices need to be heard.
- Regional Board members once were elected. Are we going back to the way it was?
- The third and eighth bullets in Attachment 2 appear to be contradictory

Guest – Allan Neilson-Welch:

- Reviewed Attachment 3 of the circulated material
Option 1 – Single Regional District
Option 2 – Inter-Regional Alliance
Option 3 – Inter-Regional Authority

Council:
- There are areas within the region that don't require municipal services. Already have an Inter-regional authority with the sterile release program, which is currently working and in place.
- The Okanagan-Similkameen is not like Vancouver (not homogeneous and not all urban)
- Need a way to deal with issues without forming another layer of government, but if there is no authority to collect money nothing will get done.
- Is there a fourth option to extend municipal boundaries to current regional boundaries?
- Would option 1 provide for less staff duplication and less elected officials, thus less cost?
- Real issue is rural governance
- key points: accountability; all must pay where regional benefit; do not create another level of government; clarify the uncertainties that exist right now

     3.2   Deputy City Clerk, dated February 5, 2008, re: <u>Council Indemnity Committee</u>

Moved by Councillor Clark/Seconded by Councillor Given

R118/08/02/11 THAT Council receive for information the report of the City Clerks Division dated February 5, 2008:

AND THAT the Terms of Reference, size and composition of the Committee be as outlined in the report of the City Clerk's Division dated February 5, 2008.

Carried

Councillors Letnick and Blanleil - Opposed

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       3.3   Mayor Shepherd, re: Street to Home – Housing Proposal

Moved by Councillor Day/Seconded by Councillor Given

R119/08/02/11 THAT the Mayor write the requested letter of support regarding Street to Home Housing Proposal.

Carried

       3.4   Mayor Shepherd, re: Building Sustainable Communities Regional Workshops

Moved by Councillor Given/Seconded by Councillor Hobson

R120/08/02/11 THAT any Council Member be authorized to attend the Building Sustainable Communities Regional Workshop to be held at the Coast Capri Hotel in Kelowna, B.C., on March 13, 2008 with funds to be allocated from account number 351-10-015-0-006.

Carried

       3.5   Mayor Shepherd, re: Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA)

- SILGA in Vernon, BC, from April 30th to May 2nd, 2008. Council to confirm attendance to Mayor's Secretary please.

4.   RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Given/Seconded by Councillor Day

R121/08/02/11 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1) (e) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:
     -   Disposition of Property

Carried

5.   ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 12:07 p.m.

The meeting was declared terminated at 12:10 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Mayor   City Clerk

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