

Regular Meeting – A.M.March 3, 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, March 3rd, 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: Acting City Manager, Paul Macklem; City Clerk, Allison Flack; Director of Works & Utilities/Interim Director of Corporate Services, John Vos*; Director of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services, David Graham*; Manager, Policy, Research & Strategic Planning, Signe Bach*; Current Planning Supervisor, Shelley Gambacort*; Property Officer Specialist, John Grant, and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

2. Councillor Given was requested to check the minutes of the meeting.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Mayor Shepherd, re: Provincial Grant for Local Government Twinning Initiatives

Council:

- Would like staff to make Robert Fine from the Economic Development Commission aware of this initiative.

Moved by Councillor Given/Seconded by Councillor Rule

R186/08/03/03 THAT Council enter into the Memorandum of Agreement with the Province of British Columbia to support Local Government Twinning;

AND THAT the Mayor be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement.

Carried

3.2 Mayor Shepherd, re: Invites for July 1st Celebrations

Moved by Councillor Rule/Seconded by Councillor Given

R187/08/03/03 THAT the Mayor be authorized to invite the Mayor of Kasugai and the Mayor of Veendam to attend the July 1, 2008 City of Kelowna Celebrations.

Carried

3.3 Mayor Shepherd, re: Solar Lighting – Federal Announcement

Moved by Councillor Blanleil/Seconded by Councillor Day

R188/08/03/03 THAT Mayor Shepherd be authorized to travel to attend the Globe 2008 Trade Fair and Conference scheduled for March 13, 2008 in

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Vancouver, BC with expenses paid in accordance with Council Remuneration and Expense Bylaw No. 7547, using funds from Account No. 351-10-011-0-001.

Carried

3.4 Mayor Shepherd, re: Land Economist's Report

Staff:

- Advised that March 31st has been tentatively scheduled as the date to have the Land Economist report to Council.

Council:

- As there will be two (2) Councillors absent on March 31st, Council would prefer that this matter be scheduled to April 14th.

3.5 Mayor Shepherd, re: James Stuart Park

Staff:

- Confirmed that 2008 is the planning year and 2009 will be the construction year and that there are considerable environmental approvals that need to be addressed prior to any work being undertaken.

Council:

- Would like signage placed on the site advising the public with respect to the proposed layout and details of the park, together with an estimated time for completion of construction.

3.6 Mayor Shepherd, re: Argus Properties proposed Heliport

Council:

- Mayor Shepherd provided Council with a copy of the February 29, 2008 letter from the applicant's consultant requesting that the date be changed from March 10th to a date in April.

Staff:

- Confirmed that the March 10th date has been publicly advertised to hear this matter.

Moved by Councillor Letnick/Seconded by Councillor Day

R189/08/03/03 THAT Council defer consideration of the proposed Argus Properties heliport matter to a date in April on which the applicant's consultant is available, so long as the date is confirmed by this afternoon (March 3, 2008), otherwise the matter is to proceed on March 10, 2008.

DEFEATED

Councillors Blanche, Clark, Given, Gran and Rule – Opposed.

Moved by Councillor Given/Seconded by Councillor Gran

R190/08/03/03 THAT a representative of Argus Properties be given up to fifteen (15) minutes to address Council with respect to the Argus heliport item during the March 10, 2008 Council meeting;

AND THAT a representative from each of the following groups be given up to five (5) minutes each to address Council with respect to the Argus heliport item during the March 10, 2008 Council meeting:

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- Joint Council of Sunset Stratas;
- Friends of Brandt's Creek;
- Ledingham McAllister; and
- North End Residents Association.

Carried

- 3.7 Director of Finance/Acting Director of Planning & Development Services re: Deficit Avoidance – Request received from CEG Energy (February 2008)

Staff:

- Provided information regarding a request for hedging of natural gas purchases.
- Has an e-mail response to advise that the City is not presently interested in changing our practice of purchasing natural gas from Terasen Gas, and that should the City decide otherwise in the future, we will following our procurement policy.
- Council will be copies on the response.

4. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Day/Seconded by Councillor Given

R191/08/03/03 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1) (e), (j) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Land Disposition
- Confidential Third Party Business Information

Carried

5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 11:19 a.m.

The meeting was declared terminated at 3:56 p.m.

Certified Correct:

 Mayor

 City Clerk

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