

Regular Meeting – A.M.

January 19, 2009

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, January 19th, 2009.

Council members in attendance: Mayor Sharon Shepherd, Councillors Andre Blanleil, Brian Given, Robert Hobson, Charlie Hodge, Graeme James, Angela Reid, Michele Rule and Luke Stack.

Staff members in attendance were: City Manager, Ron Mattiussi; City Clerk, Stephen Fleming, General Manager, Citizen Services, John Vos*; General Manager, Community Sustainability Division*, Jim Paterson*; Director, Community & Media Relations, Carla Stephens*; Director, Real Estate & Building Services, Doug Gilchrist*; Planner Specialist, Gary Stephens*; Urban Forestry Supervisor, Ian Wilson*; Director, Infrastructure Operations, Joe Creron*; Director, Policy & Planning, Signe Bach*; Manager, Strategic Land Development Branch, Derek Edstrom*; and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

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

3. REPORTS

3.1 Director, Infrastructure Operations, Verbal Report, re: Feral Rabbit Contract Update

Staff:

- Updated Council with respect to the Feral Rabbit Contract
- The contract term was for one (1) year and it is believed that the expiration date of the contract is June 2009.
- Staff, in conjunction with the Bylaw Division, have been working in the Glenmore area to try and deal with the number of rabbits in that area as well as educating the public in this regard.
- Staff have been dealing with both the local SPCA and the BCSPCA and both groups have varying information regarding culling practices.
- Staff originally looked at the American Veterinary Association's method that was provided by the BCSPCA; however upon further discussion with the BCSPCA and local veterinarians, there are varying opinions as to what is considered "humane" and therefore staff decided to base their authority on what the BCSPCA considers "humane" (lethal injection & penetrating captive bolt).
- EBB is now using the penetrating captive bolt method as lethal injection is more expensive and taints the meat so that the carcass cannot be used as food. The BCSPCA agrees that this is a humane technique.
- Advised that more resources may be required in order to proceed with the live trapping and relocation process.

Moved by Councillor Hodge/Seconded by Councillor Hobson

R053/09/01/19 THAT Council direct staff to request that EBB Environmental Consulting Inc. immediately step-up the live trapping of the feral rabbits with the goal of re-location;

AND THAT staff look into the possibility of involving local animal advocacy organizations in the live trapping and re-location process;

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AND THAT staff determine whether or not there will be an additional cost with respect to the live trapping and re-location process, and if so, identify any funding source;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council regarding the above resolutions by February 2, 2009.

Carried

3.2 Mayor Shepherd, re: Use of Blackberrys by Elected Officials during Council Meetings

Mayor Shepherd:

- Would like Council to consider not using their Blackberry during Council meetings in consideration of others.
- Would be willing to consider having a break during Council meetings every couple of hours to allow for the use of Blackberrys during the breaks.

City Manager:

- Confirmed that staff have been asked not to use their Blackberry during staff meetings and Council meetings.

3.3 Mayor Shepherd, re: Request from The Naval Officers' Association of Canada regarding the Canadian Navy Centennial Essay Contest and Educational Resource

Moved by Councillor Rule/Seconded by Councillor Hobson

R054/09/01/19 THAT Council sponsor a nationwide essay contest and educational resource in celebration of the Centennial of the Canadian Navy in 2010;

AND THAT Council authorizes the amount of \$1,000.00 to be paid from Council Contingency towards the sponsorship;

AND FURTHER THAT copies of any essays submitted by residents of the City of Kelowna be forwarded to Council for their information.

Carried

3.4 City Clerk Dated January 13, 2009, re: Rescind Committee Appointment

Moved by Councillor Stack/Seconded by Councillor Given

R055/09/01/19 THAT Council rescind the appointment of Councillor Hodge to the Central Okanagan Parks & Wildlife Trust.

Carried

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- 3.5 City Clerk, dated January 6, 2009, re: Council Travel and Training Expense Review

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Rule

R055/09/01/19 THAT Council defer consideration of the report from the City Clerk dated January 6, 2009 summarizing current policies for Council member expenses to the Monday, January 26, 2009 Council meeting.

Carried

- 3.6 Planner Specialist, Verbal Report, re: OCP Review – Population Projections/Growth Strategy

The meeting recessed at 11:02 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:06 a.m.

Staff:

- Gave a presentation to Council on Population Growth Demographics Trends Projections.
- BC Stats projections are lower and staff have always used the BC Stats as a model for the OCP growth calculation.
- All projections were prepared prior to the current economic situation that we are currently in.
- If Council is agreeable, staff will be using a projection of 1.5% for growth during this OCP review process.
- Models take into account growth in the commercial sector and transportation sector.

Moved by Councillor Stack/Seconded by Councillor Given

R056/09/01/19 THAT Council receive, for information, the verbal report of the Planner Specialist with respect to the OCP Review – Population Projections/Growth Strategy.

Carried

4. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Given/Seconded by Councillor Hobson

R057/09/01/19 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 Land or Improvements

Carried

5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 11:44 a.m.

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The meeting was declared terminated at 12:24 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

City Clerk

SLH/dd