

Regular Meeting – A.M.

January 26, 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 26th, 2009.

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

Council members absent: Councillor Andre Blanleil.

Staff members in attendance were: City Manager, Ron Mattiussi; City Clerk, Stephen Fleming, General Manager, Citizen Services, John Vos*; General Manager, Corporate Sustainability, Paul Macklem*; Director, Real Estate & Building Services, Doug Gilchrist*; Deputy City Clerk, Karen Needham*; Director, Infrastructure Planning & Asset Management, Randy Cleveland*; Director, Infrastructure Operations, Joe Creron*; Director, Corporate Services, Rob Mayne*; Parks Planning Manager, Terry Barton*; Property Officer, Clint McKenzie*; and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

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

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Special Meeting – January 7, 2009
 Regular A.M. Meeting – January 12, 2009
 Regular P.M. Meeting – January 12, 2009
 Public Hearing – January 13, 2009
 Regular Meeting – January 13, 2009
 Regular A.M. Meeting – January 19, 2009
 Regular P.M. Meeting – January 19, 2009

Moved by Councillor Given/Seconded by Councillor Rule

R071/09/01/26 THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 7, 2009, Regular Meetings of January 12, 2009 and January 19, 2009, and the Minutes of the Public Hearings of January 13, 2009 be confirmed as circulated.

Carried

4. REPORTS

4.1 Director, Infrastructure Planning & Asset Management, dated January 21, 2009, re: City Hall Renovations – 4th Floor

The Guest, Consultant, Al Christianson, Renaissance Architecture Planning Inc., joined the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Staff:

- Introduced the consultant, Al Christianson, to Council.
- Advised Council that Meeting Room #3 will be relocated to the 4th floor and will be called Meeting Room #4.
- Advised that the bathrooms on the 4th floor will be accessible.

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- Advised that the public area will be separate from the staff area and secured by card-access only doors.
- Advised that new Meeting Room #4 will have equipment similar to the Council Chamber.
- It is anticipated that new Meeting Room #4 will be completed by December 2009.

Council:

- Would like staff to consider the following suggestions when finalizing the renovations as they pertain to new Meeting Room #4:
 - obtain input from the media with respect to what their needs may be;
 - research what other municipalities use for meeting room layouts;
 - explore different options for the room layout and table layout;
 - explore the possibility of mounting another TV monitor in the room; and
 - explore the possibility of “looping” the room to assist with the hearing impaired.

4.2 Mayor Shepherd, re: Council Priority Session (Strategic Plan)

The Guest, Al Christianson, left the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Mayor Shepherd:

- Inquired when Council would like to set up a meeting to address Council's priorities for the Strategic Plan.

City Manager:

- Is considering using David Cramm as the facilitator for this planning session.
- Is considering scheduling this planning session for March/April; however, the Terms of Reference need to be established prior to this planning session taking place.

Council:

- Would like to ensure that this session does not take place during Spring Break (March 16 – 27, 2009).
- Would like to see the 10-year Capital Plan brought back to Council for review sometime in February or early March.
- Councillors are to advise the City Manager when they are available.

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

Staff:

- Advised that Council Policy No. 287, Council Reimbursement of Out-of-Pocket Expenses for Attending Functions or Special Training within the Region, will be updated to make it consistent with Policy No. 164, Travel Expenses – Officers & Employees.
- Discussed the 1/3 clause of Councillor's remuneration which is considered tax-free. There is an expectation that Councillors could allot up to 1/3 of their remuneration as expenses as long as background information is provided to support the expense claim. If Council needs consultation on this, they should consult their tax accountant.
- Paragraph #6 of Council Policy No. 287 will be amended to reflect the fact that a summary report will be brought forward to Council by the Director, Financial Services on an annual basis. The information will be tracked by the Financial Services Department on an on-going basis and will be available to the public if requested.
- Advised that the Council Indemnity Committee address the question of “per diem” or “lost pay” and the Committee felt that the remuneration paid to Council is sufficient enough to cover any additional time spent at Committee meetings etc. outside the municipality.
- Staff will provide Council with the survey information from the UBCM website that details elected officials expenses from local governments.

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4.4 Mayor Shepherd, re: Breakfast with Business Initiative

Mayor:

- Would like Council to endorse the Breakfast with Business initiative that was raised during the Inaugural Address.
- Would like Council to provide her with some available dates that they would be available so that her “Breakfast with Business” initiative meetings can be scheduled.

Moved by Councillor Stack/Seconded by Councillor Given

R072/09/01/26 THAT Council support the Mayor’s “Breakfast with Business” initiative;

AND THAT staff develop a budget for this initiative and report back to Council.

Carried

4.5 Councillor Given, re: Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA)

Councillor Given:

- SILGA would like Council to send a letter regarding their opposition to the sale of water lots.
- SILGA has also requested that information be forwarded to them outlining the City’s position with respect to access to statutory rights-of-way along rail lines, similar to what the City is accomplishing with the Rails with Trails initiative.

Moved by Councillor Given/Seconded by Councillor Hobson

R073/09/01/26 THAT the Mayor be authorized to write to the Southern Interior Local Government Association regarding Council’s opposition to the proposed sale of leased recreational lots around Okanagan Valley reservoir lakes as set out in the May 15, 2008 letter to the Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture & Lands.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Given/Seconded by Councillor Stack

R074/09/01/26 THAT staff bring forward a draft resolution for approval by Council with respect to access within Statutory Rights-of-Way along rail lines;

AND THAT the draft resolution be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) for consideration.

Carried

The meeting recessed at 10:49 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:56 a.m.

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5. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Given/Seconded by Councillor Stack

R075/09/01/26 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1) (a) and (e) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Position Appointment
- Acquisition of Land or Improvements

Carried

6. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:57 a.m.

The meeting reconvened to an open session at 11:42 a.m.

6.1 Councillor Given, re: Breakfast with Business Meetings

Councillor Given:

- Inquired whether or not this type of meeting would be considered an “official” Council meeting.

City Clerk:

- Advised that Council meetings are regulated by the Community Charter.
- Will research how the proposed meetings could be accommodated based on the Community Charter and will advise Council accordingly.

7. TERMINATION

The meeting was declared terminated at 11:51 a.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

City Clerk

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