

Regular Meeting – A.M.June 1, 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, June 1st, 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; Deputy City Clerk, Karen Needham, City Clerk, Stephen Fleming*; General Manager, Community Services, John Vos*; General Manager, Community Sustainability, Jim Paterson*; Director, Real Estate & Building Services, Doug Gilchrist*; Director, Recreation & Cultural Services, Jim Gabriel*; Manager, Sport & Facility Programs, Don Backmeyer*; Manager, Environment & Land Use, Todd Cashin*; Director, Infrastructure Planning, Randy Cleveland*; Communications Supervisor, Tom Wilson*; Manager, Property Management, Ron Forbes*; Property Officer, Clint McKenzie*; and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning.

Guests: Regional Representative, International Children's Games, Bob Sugden*; Natural Resource Biologist, Ecoscape Environmental Consultants Ltd., Kyle Hawes, R.P.Bio.*; and Registered Professional Biologist and Plant Ecologist, Iverson & Mackenzie Biological Consulting Ltd., Kristi Iverson*.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

3. REPORTS

3.1 Director, Recreation & Cultural Services, dated May 26, 2009, re: International Children's Games

Staff:

- Clarified that staff are just seeking approval for a "Letter of Intent".
- Gave background information regarding the International Children's Games and provided details of what the "host" community would be responsible for.
- From a venue point of view, the Games could be held in Kelowna today as there is not any requirement for upgrading current venues or building new ones.

Moved by Councillor Rule/Seconded by Councillor James

R609/09/06/01 THAT Council hear from the Regional Representative of the International Children's Games.

Carried

Guest, Regional Representative, International Children's Games, Bob Sugden:

- Believes that this will be a tremendous opportunity for the City of Kelowna.
- Advised that the Games were originally held in Europe only and that this would be the first time that the winter games would be held outside of Europe.
- Confirmed that the Games focus on 12-15 year olds.
- Explained the process with respect to the proposed "Letter of Invitation" from the City of Kelowna to the President of The International Children's Games.

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- Advised that he knows of two (2) other cities that are interested in hosting the Games; however, he believes that Kelowna's Letter of Invitation would be successful.
- Confirmed that the Games are held every 2 years.
- Explained the protocol for inviting cities to participate in the Games.

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Given

R610/09/06/01 THAT City Council support sending a letter of invitation from the City of Kelowna to the President of the International Children's Games (ICG) to bring the ICG Winter Games to Kelowna from January 20-24, 2011.

AND THAT, if the invitation from the International Children's Games Committee is accepted, a steering committee be formed to complete an assessment including the development of an implementation and hosting plan.

AND THAT staff report back to City Council prior to confirming acceptance to host the Games.

Carried

The Guest, Bob Sugden, left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

3.1(a) General Manager, Community Services, re: Regional Yard Waste Collection Update

Staff:

- Advised that both the District of Lake Country and the Regional District have declined an additional yard waste collection at this time, but may be interested in doing an extra pick up in the Fall.
- Advised that non-profit organizations or groups in the area may be interested in doing the additional yard waste collection at a reduced cost.
- Believes that a decision needs to be made by the City of Kelowna by mid-summer to ensure that the necessary information is available to the public so that they are aware of the additional yard waste collection.
- Believes that the additional yard waste collection would occur in either late October or mid-November.

Council:

- Would like staff to advise Council of the costs associated with an additional yard waste collection in the Fall of 2009.

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Rule

R611/09/06/01 THAT Council receive, for information, the Governance and Services Report from the Regional District of Central Okanagan dated May 14, 2009 regarding 'user pay' and 'everyone pay' cost estimate for a one time unlimited yard waste collection;

AND THAT staff report back to Council with additional information with respect to the possibility of an additional yard waste collection for the fall of 2009.

Carried

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Staff:

- Provided an update with respect to the potential of having a “Trash to Treasure” event.
- Staff are prepared to report back to Council in 2 weeks.
- Advised that Regional District staff believe that this event can be tied this Fall's Waste Reduction Week promotion.

Council:

- Would like staff to provide Council with information regarding the non-profit organizations in the area that are already receiving these types of articles from the community.

3.1(c) Mayor Shepherd, re: Meeting with the three (3) local MLA's

Mayor Shepherd advised that Jim Paterson, John Vos, Councillor Hobson and herself met with the 3 newly elected MLA's for the area last Friday and that the meeting went very well.

3.2 Community Sustainability Division, dated May 22, 2009, re: Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory Discussion Workshop

Staff:

- Introduced the consultants and provided background information regarding the presentation.
- Believe that a policy needs to be adopted in order to preserve Sensitive Ecosystems within the City of Kelowna.
- Will be forwarding correspondence to the affected property owners in order to provide information to them regarding the wetlands in the area or on their property.

Guest, Natural Resource Biologist, Ecoscape Environmental Consultants Ltd., Kyle Hawes, R.P.Bio.:

- Gave a presentation to Council regarding “Wetlands”.
- Confirmed that the study work was done in the late summer/fall of 2007.
- Confirmed that soil excavation was done on each of the sites to determine how “wet” the sites actually were and that the data takes into account the testing that was done to determine the “wetness” of the area.
- Advised that 84% of the wetlands in the area have been lost and confirmed that air photos from the 1920's were used to determine this percentage.

Guest, Registered Professional Biologist and Plant Ecologist, Iverson & Mackenzie Biological Consulting Ltd., Kristi Iverson:

- Gave a presentation to Council regarding the “Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory”.
- Advised that approximately 92% of the riparian areas have been lost and approximately 50% of the wetlands have been lost within the City of Kelowna.
- Advised that the mapping in the Okanagan Mountain Park area has been updated since the fire of 2003.

Council:

- Would like staff to report to Council at the June 15, 2009 P.M. Council meeting with respect to this matter and that the report to Council include a “communications” recommendation.
- Would like staff to provide a “priority” list of wetlands within the City of Kelowna so that Council can determine which of those wetlands require the most protection/restoration and can then direct staff to deal with the protection/restoration on a priority basis.

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Councillor Hodge joined the meeting 11:21 a.m.

City Manager:

- Advised that these types of policies will require a lengthy discussion by Council prior to adoption of any policy.
- Advised that it is important for Council to adopt “realistic” policies that can be achieved.

The Guests, Kyle Hawes and Kristi Iverson, left the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 11:24 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

4. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Stack/Seconded by Councillor James

R612/09/06/01 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1)(e), (g), (i) and (k) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Disposition of Land or Improvements;
- Potential Litigation;
- Legal Advice
- Provision of a Municipal Service

Carried

5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 11:31 a.m.

The meeting was declared terminated at 12:31 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

Deputy City Clerk

SLH/dd