

Regular Meeting – A.M.

September 21, 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, September 21st, 2009.

Council members in attendance: Mayor Sharon Shepherd, Councillors Andre Blanleil, 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, Community Services, John Vos*; General Manager, Community Sustainability, Jim Paterson*; Director, Community & Media Relations, Carla Stephens*; Director, Real Estate & Building Services, Doug Gilchrist*; Manager, Real Estate Services, Jordan Hettinga*; Director, Strategic Initiatives, David Graham*; Parks & Public Places Manager, Terry Barton*; Director, Corporate Services, Rob Mayne*; Director, Financial Services, Keith Grayston*; Director, Policy & Planning, Signe Bagh*; and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning.

Guests: President, Kelowna Chamber of Commerce, Norm LeCavalier*; and Executive Director, Kelowna, Chamber of Commerce, Weldon LeBlanc*.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

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

3. REPORTS

3.1 Norm LeCavalier, President, Kelowna Chamber of Commerce, re: Convention Centre Task Force

Councillor Rule joined the meeting at 8:41 a.m.

Guests, Norm LeCavalier and Weldon LeBlanc:

- Gave a presentation regarding the Convention Centre Task Force and distributed copies of the Pre-Feasibility Study for a Kelowna Convention Centre Final Report.
- Advised that the consultants did contact both the City of Kamloops and the City of Penticton regarding information on the usage of their convention centres. The City of Penticton was not interested in sharing any information with the consultants.
- Advised that over 670,000 meetings occur in Canada and that there is currently a 1.5% - 3% growth rate in demand for convention and exhibition space.
- Advised that the economic impact potential for Kelowna is \$9 Million - \$300 Million in direct economic impact.
- Advised that the City is already the host to a number of smaller to mid-size meetings with groups of 100 to 300 people and occasionally in the 400 to 500 people range. A multi-purpose meetings and convention facility would allow the City the opportunity to host larger events in the range of 500 to 1,000 people and up, generating a greater economic impact for the City.
- Advised that the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce would like to issue the RFP prior to Christmas of this year.

Moved by Councillor Hodge/Seconded by Councillor Reid

R917/09/21/09 THAT Council receive, for information, the verbal report from the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce dated September 21, 2009 with respect to the Convention Centre Task Force.

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The Guests, Norm LeCavalier and Weldon LeBlanc, left the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

3.2 Director, Financial Services, re: RCMP Contract Renewal Process

Staff:

- Gave a presentation regarding the RCMP Contract Renewal Process.
- Advised that the 2009 UBCM Convention is holding a session on “policing”.
- Advised that some municipalities are considering implementing their own police force rather than relying solely on the RCMP.

City Manager:

- Advised that staff are currently monitoring the City of Richmond’s study with respect to municipal police forces vs. RCMP police forces.

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Blanleil

R918/09/21/09 THAT Council receive, for information, the verbal report of the Director, Financial Services dated September 21, 2009 with respect to the RCMP Contract Renewal Process.

Carried

4. ISSUES ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

4.1 Mayor Shepherd, re: Youth Parliament of British Columbia, 81st Parliament

Mayor Shepherd:

- Provided background information regarding the Youth Parliament of British Columbia.

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Rule

R919/09/21/09 THAT Council authorize the Youth Advisory Committee to nominate two (2) youth from the Youth Forum Steering Committee to the British Columbia Youth Parliament (BCYP) to participate in the 81st Youth Parliament in Victoria from December 27, 2009 to December 31, 2009;

AND THAT the youth who become Members of the BCYP and participate in the 81st Youth Parliament report back to Council by March 31, 2010;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve Member fees and expenses not to exceed \$750.00 from Council Contingency for two (2) youth for this purpose.

Carried

4.2 Mayor Shepherd, re: Southbay Strata - Letter to the Province

Staff:

- Would like an indication of whether or not an extension is required by Council.
- Advised that staff are currently looking into the options which may be available to allow Council to receive input on application that Council provided referral comments on.

Moved by Councillor Blanleil/Seconded by Councillor Hobson

R920/09/21/09 THAT directs staff to request an extension from the Province to December 31, 2009 with respect to the South Bay Strata boat launch

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application in order to allow staff to develop a public process where Council can receive input on applications that Council provides referral comments on.

Carried

4.3 City Clerk, re: Municipal Insurance Association

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Hodge

R921/09/21/09 THAT Council appoints Karen Needham as a delegate for the Municipal Insurance Association's Annual General Meeting being held on September 29, 2009 in Vancouver, BC;

AND THAT a permanent delegate and alternates be appointed by Council at a later date.

Carried

4.4 Mayor Shepherd, re: Disposition of Surplus School Property

Mayor Shepherd:

- Distributed information regarding the School District's concerns with respect to the disposition of school property.
- Advised that this topic is also being discussed at the UBCM Convention next week.
- Advised that the School District is concerned that some of the UBCM resolutions suggest that surplus schools should be provided to the local governments at "no cost".

Councillor Hobson:

- Advised that he will be meeting with the Minister of Education and the School Board Trustees at next week's UBCM Convention.

4.5 Mayor Shepherd, re: Ombudsman

Mayor Shepherd:

- Advised that there will be a session at the UBCM Convention with respect to the Ombudsman's process.

Moved by Councillor Stack/Seconded by Councillor Hodge

R922/09/21/09 THAT Council directs staff to investigate options regarding the development of a Council Policy with respect to an internal complaints process and report back to Council with recommendations.

Carried

4.6 Councillor Rule, re: Lakeshore Road Construction

Councillor Rule:

- Advised that all the trees that were planted on Lakeshore Road are dying.

City Manager:

- Confirmed that staff are already looking into the matter.

4.7 Councillor Hodge, re: Bernard Avenue Parking

Councillor Hodge:

- Advised that he has been receiving complaints regarding not enough parking in the Bernard Avenue area. It would appear that the apartment building in the area is

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causing this problem as there are not enough parking stalls for the residents of the building.

Staff:

- Confirmed that based on the City's current system, Bylaw Officers cannot tow vehicles based on past parking infractions.
- It is anticipated that the new Bylaw Adjudication System will allow for towing based on past parking infractions.
- Advised that a parking study is being conducted for the downtown area, which will include Bernard Avenue.

4.8 Councillor Reid, re: Council Meeting Directives

Councillor Reid:

- Inquired when some of the outstanding Council Meeting Directives will be brought forward for Council consideration.

City Manager:

- Advised that he is currently working with staff to address some of the issues surrounding outstanding Council Meeting Directives.

The meeting recessed at 10:42 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:51 a.m.

5. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Blanleil/Seconded by Councillor Hobson

R923/09/21/09 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1) (e) and (k) and Section 90(2) (b) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Acquisition/Disposition of Land or Improvements;
- Provision of a Municipal Service;
- Negotiations with the Provincial Government.

Carried

6. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:51 a.m.

The meeting was declared terminated at 12:16 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

City Clerk

SLH/dd