

Special MeetingMay 20, 2010

A Special Meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole of the Municipal Council of the City of Kelowna was held in Meeting Room No. 4A (Knox Mountain Room), 1435 Water Street, Kelowna, B.C., on Thursday, May 20, 2010.

Council members in attendance: Mayor Sharon Shepherd, Councillors Kevin Craig*, Charlie Hodge, Graeme James, Michele Rule* and Luke Stack.

Council members absent: Councillors Andre Blanleil, Robert Hobson and Angela Reid.

Staff members in attendance were: City Manager, Ron Mattiussi*; Deputy City Clerk, Karen Needham; General Manager, Community Sustainability, Jim Paterson; Director, Policy & Planning, Signe Bagh; Manager, Parks & Public Places, Terry Barton*; Director, Infrastructure Planning, Randy Cleveland; Manager, Long Range Planning, Gary Stephen; Director, Regional Services, Ron Westlake; Engineering Traffic Technician, Brian Oliveira; Financial Analyst, Jim Wunderlich*; Roadway Projects Manager, Andrew Albiston; Traffic & Transportation Engineer, Jerry Behl; and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning.

Guests: Contracted Staff, Regional Services Department, City of Kelowna, Dave Colquhoun.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shepherd called the special meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

2. WORKSHOP

2.1 OCP/Transportation Workshop - Director, Regional Services

2.1.1 Opening Comments - Purpose of Workshop

- OCP Workshop - Transportation
- Confirm Directions
- Presentation & Question/Discussion Periods

Councillor Craig joined the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Staff:

- Distributed a handout entitled "Draft OCP Policies related to Transportation".
- Provided opening comments and an overview of the workshop.

2.1.2 Agenda (Presentation & Questions)

- Part 1:
 - OCP/Transportation Vision & Guiding Principles
 - What's New
 - Transportation Objectives & Policies

Staff:

- Gave a presentation the following topics:
 - Vision & Guiding Principles (The draft Official Community Plan provides strong policy direction and urgency to create a more sustainability city.);
 - External Change Factors;
 - Kelowna Community GHG Reduction Challenge;
 - Kelowna On-Road Transportation GHG Reduction Initiatives;
 - External Change Factors (Peak Oil & Increasing Fossil Fuel Prices, Regional Growth and Demographic Options);
 - External Factors (Contractual Obligations with the Province etc.);

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- What's New - 2030 Outcomes;
- 2030 Land Use Intensity, Population Intensity and Employment Intensity;
- What's new - Methodology;
- OCP Objectives & Policies; and
- General Transportation Objectives.
- Advised that a regional model has been developed to determine the volumes of traffic going to and from Kelowna and West Kelowna.
 - Part 2:
 - Transportation Network Planning
 - Road Classifications

Staff:

- Gave a presentation on the following topics:
 - Land Use & Transportation;
 - Transportation Modelling;
 - Transportation Network Conditions;
 - Transportation Network Capacity;
 - Limitations of Modelling; and
 - Neighbourhood Zero Emission Vehicles.
- Confirmed that, typically, model transportation network conditions are calculated during the months of June and September; however, there are certain roads that peak during July and August.
- Advised that trips for cultural and recreational purposes are typically taken outside the peak transportation model hour.

Council:

- Would like Objective 7.5 to be reworded to say:
 "Increased emphasis on sustainable modes of transportation (walking, cycling, transit) is required to maintain automobile, commercial goods and emergency vehicles mobility."

Staff and Contracted Staff:

- Gave a presentation regarding Road Classifications, which included the following topics:
 - Transportation Hierarchy;
 - Complete Streets;
 - Road Right of Way;
 - Key Roads & Truck Routes; and
 - Frequent Transit Network.
- Have considered a number of different ways situate that bike lanes along the side of the roadway.
- Advised that multi-use pathways are used by various entities (walkers, dog walkers, cyclists) and therefore is not necessarily the fastest route to use if you are a cyclist.
 - Part 3:
 - Active Transportation
 - Specific Network Changes

Staff:

- Gave a presentation regarding Active Transportation Network Planning, which included the following topics:
 - Official Community Plan Survey Results;
 - Active Transportation Network Planning;
 - Active Transportation Network Priorities;
 - Proposed DCC Road Widening that Could be Reduced to Accommodate Active Transport; and
 - Active Transportation Recommendations.

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- It is being proposed that over the next few years, staff will be shifting excess automobile traffic away from Pandosy Street and increasing the capacity of vehicles along Richter Street.
- Advised that every new road automatically has sidewalks and bike lanes installed on both sides of the roadway.

City Manager:

- Confirmed that DCC funding pays for new roads.

Council:

- Would like the slide "Proposed DCC Road Widening that could be *Reduced* to Accommodate Active Transport" changed to "Proposed DCC Road Widening that could be *Reallocated* to Accommodate Active Transport".

The meeting recessed at 2:42 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 2:58 p.m.

Staff:

- Provided an explanation with respect to Objective 7.6.1 of the Draft OCP Policies Related to Transportation handout.
- Provided an explanation with respect to Objective 7.10.2 of the Draft OCP Policies Related to Transportation handout.
- Gave a presentation to regarding Specific Network Changes, which included the following topics:
 - o Policy Direction (Key Roads);
 - o Central Okanagan Multi-Modal Corridor Recommendations.
- Advised that Richter Street is not part of the DCC program.
- Advised that Pandosy Street was designed as a one-way street with a one-way bike lane. It will be difficult to provide a two-way bike lane as there is not enough road right of way, so staff would like to see Richter Street as a main bike lane route.
- Confirmed that there is a Health District being designated in the new Official Community Plan, which will be located to the east of the hospital.
- Confirmed that there is a lot of density designated for Pandosy and the downtown Town Centre.
- Advised that there are DCC funds available to four-lane Cadder Avenue from Richter Street to Ethel Street.
- Recommending that Rose Avenue become an arterial or collector road.
- Under the new modelling, the Burtch Road extension will not be constructed prior to 2030. The land will be secured, but the road will not be extended until after 2030.
- Advised that the DCC Road Program has \$600,000 in reserves, which will be used to construct the extension of Hollywood Road. Staff expect that the extension will be built by 2030.
- The intersection at Richter Street and Lakeshore Road (Gyro Beach intersection) is envisioned as being a "T".
- Advised that the Clifton/McKinley Connector will be added to the DCC Road Program.
- Advised that there will be a Public Open House on the Parkinson Recreation Park Multi-Use Trail, Dayton Street Overpass and Transit Infrastructure projects underway on May 25th from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the Parkinson Recreation Centre (Pool Viewing Room).

Council:

- Mayor Shepherd would like staff to consider the extension of Burtch Road as a pedestrian/cycling route until the road is constructed.
- Councillor Rule would like staff to consider making the bike lane wider on arterial roads as a short-term solution for bike safety.

Councillor Rule left the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

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Council:

- Would like staff to arrange a site tour of the intended Central Okanagan Bypass from Spall Road to UBC-O and the Hollywood Road Extension as soon as possible.

City Manager:

- Commented that it is important to look at the long-term needs of the City as it relates to transportation.

Staff:

- Confirmed that transportation planning is being done in consort with development planning.

Council:

- Mayor Shepherd expressed a concern Policy 7.5.5 of the Draft OCP Policies related to Transportation handout and she feels that staff need to envision that the rail corridor could be very active.

Staff:

- Advised that staff will be using this data in order to create the next 20-year Servicing Plan. The data will also be used for DCC park acquisitions.
- Advised that a complete report on all the matters that affect OCP/Transportation will be forwarded to Council for consideration later this year.

3. TERMINATION

The special meeting was declared terminated at 4:24 p.m..

Certified Correct:

Mayor

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Deputy City Clerk