

Special MeetingJuly 28, 2010

A Special Meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole of the Municipal Council of the City of Kelowna was held in the Council Chamber, 1435 Water Street, Kelowna, B.C., on Wednesday, July 28, 2010.

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

Council members absent: Councillor Andre Blanleil.

Staff members in attendance were: Acting City Manager, Paul Macklem; Deputy City Clerk, Karen Needham; and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shepherd called the special meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

(Note: Each Resident Association will be given 10 minutes to present their top 3 priorities.)

3.1 Black Mountain-Belgo Residents Association

Julee Attwood, on behalf of the proposed Black Mountain-Belgo Residents Association:

- Advised that she is in the process of forming the proposed Residents Association and are currently gathering interested residents, applying to become a non-profit society and are developing a website to be a vehicle of communication for the area residents.
- The purpose of the society will be to:
 - o act as an entity to have ongoing dialogue with residents around community priorities;
 - o communicate community priorities with the City of Kelowna and other agencies; and
 - o support the development of community assets and infrastructure that increase neighbourhood resources and services, as well as neighbourhood interaction, social support, and communication.
- The Association's top 3 priorities are:
 - o Development of the Association's website:
 - The community lacks a central communication "hub" and with limited nearby amenities, there are few opportunities in which residents can meet or find out what's happening in the community;
 - o Community Gathering:
 - A gathering is anticipated to take place in October 2010 at Black Mountain Elementary School. The primary purpose of the meeting is to present an overview of the area, solicit membership and gather information about what the residents feel are their top priorities for the neighbourhood.
 - o Community Needs Assessment:
 - A survey will be developed and paper copies distributed and collected at the Community Gathering. The main goal of the survey will be to gather residents' perspectives on their priorities which will guide the Association's direction and plans for 2011.

3.2 Glenmore Valley Community Association

Kim Dodds, on behalf of Glenmore Valley Community Association:

- Advised that he has been the present of the Association for the past 3 years and that the members meet on a monthly basis.
- The Association's top 3 priorities are:
 - o Valley Road North/Sevensmith Corridor:
 - The corridor is situated between the downtown area and UBC-O and is very attractive for UBC-O staff and students as a place of residence due to the proximity of the University. With UBC-O in an expansion phase, the amount of traffic funnelled through this corridor has increased well beyond the design capacity of the roadways. The lack of sewerage for the Valley Road North Sevensmith area means that the increased population is overloading the capacity of the ground's ability to absorb the sewage. The effluent runoff finds its way to the east branch of Brandt's Creek and ultimately into Okanagan Lake. These and other considerations require that the Valley Road North Sevensmith area be included in the draft Official Community Plan so that expansion does not get too far ahead of City facilities.
 - o Road Safety Issues:
 - A lack of enforcement in Glenmore is causing many problems for the citizens. The lack of adequate traffic enforcement has led to excessive speed, excessive noise and a general lack of safety and consideration of other users of the roads, crosswalks and sidewalks.
 - There are too many heavy vehicles using non-truck routes on a daily basis.
 - There are poor sight lines at intersections due to twisted road layouts or shrubbery. Would like to see a traffic circle established at the intersection of Valley Road and Summit Drive.
 - o Lack of Commercial Facilities:
 - A lack of commercial services in the Glenmore area means that most residents have to travel to other areas of Kelowna to shop and receive medical/dental care. Zoning changes in order to allow mixed-use and create more commercial areas are required.
 - Would like to have a community centre.

3.3 KLO Central Neighbourhood Association

Denton Powles, on behalf of KLO Central Neighbourhood Association:

- The Association's top 3 priorities are:
 - o Pandosy/Lakeshore Area
 - There is a real need to have a development plan for this area as the corridor will be targeted by a variety of developers, with a variety of uses, given the prime value of the location and the inability to develop downtown. The Pandosy/Lakeshore Area at present is viewed as being under developed and without a plan, will become the victim of hodgepodge developments.
 - A development freeze should be put in place until all plans are finalized to ensure consistency.
 - Lakeshore Road should be 4 lanes from the new bridge to Pandosy Street and the road construction expedited.
 - o Multi-use Corridors:
 - The current situation is dangerous for pedestrians and jeopardizes the lives of the young people in this area. The Abbott Street corridor should be rushed to completion as there are several dangerous intersections where accidents are a high risk.
 - Believe that a multi-use corridor should be constructed behind Balmoral Estates and Raymer Village. This corridor would connect

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- Burtch Road to KLO. This would temporarily lessen the need for sidewalks along Byrns Road and Benvoulin.
- Parks:
 - There isn't a park in the Mission Spring subdivision at Casorso Road and Gordon Drive and one is desperately needed in the neighbourhood. The proposed park on Casorso behind the apartment at Gordon Drive and Casorso Road should be developed as soon as possible.
 - Would like to see Guisachan Heritage Park expanded.
 - Would like to see Munson Pond turned into a park at the first opportunity. It is close to Mountain View Village, which is a facility that caters to the young disabled population and it would be important that this park be accessible for people in power wheelchairs.
 - Would appreciate developers and City Council seeking the Association's input before new construction is started in the area.

3.4 McKinley Landing Residents Association

Eric Heffernan, on behalf of McKinley Landing Residents Association:

- Complimented the City on the 4-laning of Glenmore Road and the decision to sell the Tutt property to UBC-O.
- The Association's top 3 priorities are:
 - Bike Paths & Linear Parks:
 - There are a number of residents that ride to and from the downtown on a daily basis and the Association feels that there is a need for an extension of bike paths and linear parks to the area.
 - Public Open Space:
 - Many families in the area would like to see an area put aside where they can kick a soccer ball, hit a baseball or play a game of tennis, instead of driving 10km or more in order to do so. The residents would like to see an area developed similar to what is located on Dilworth Mountain and would be willing to contribute to the development of such a site.
 - Request that City planners look closely at land being offered in future developments so that suitable areas can be put aside for a Dilworth-type park and linear trail.
 - Beach Access:
 - There are approximately 7 beach accesses in the area and many have big informative signs, but only 2 are usable. While the sign may say "Beach Access", most have no beach and no access.
 - Encroachment is also becoming a problem in these areas and encourages the City to work with the residents to develop some of the better sites so lake access is maintained as the area grows.

3.5 North End Residents Association

Cherie Hanson, on behalf of North End Residents Association:

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- The Association's top 3 priorities are:
 - Health Concerns:
 - The Tolko plan gives off lots of "black" icky soot that is hard to get off cars and exteriors of homes.
 - The users of houseboats are going to the washroom directly into the water as there are no discharge zones along the foreshore of Okanagan Lake. Sutherland Bay should be a designated "no discharge zone".

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- The cement plant in the area is also a major concern as there has been a report published about the pollutants that occur in cement plants.
- Hells Angels:
 - The presence of Hells Angels' and related activity in the North End. Concern for health and safety.
- Heritage Conservation:
 - The residents are encouraged that the heritage conservation of this area is being moved forward; however they would like the beautiful heritage trees in the area preserved as it would appear that they are being cut down on a weekly basis.

3.6 Okanagan Mission Residents Association

Ron Hallick, on behalf of Okanagan Mission Residents Association:

- The Association's top 3 priorities are:
 - Public Art:
 - An artist has constructed a bronze statue of Father Pandosy and the Association would like the statue placed in the new park located at Dehart Road and Gordon Drive.
 - Mission Primary School Site (Anne McClymont Elementary School):
 - It is believed that this is a central, heritage site within the City. It is their understanding that the School Board was considering selling the property and the area residents are opposed to such a sale.
 - Expansion of Lakeshore Road
 - It is the view of the Association that Lakeshore Road should not be 4-laned. The residents would like to see the traffic flow improved by improving the road in some other fashion.
- The area residents are interested in maintaining the "community identity" of the area as the Okanagan Mission was the first official community in the Okanagan Valley.

3.7 Rutland Residents Association

Mary-Ann Graham, on behalf of Rutland Residents Association:

- The Association's top 3 priorities are:
 - Transportation Issues:
 - The completion of the Reid's Corner intersection as the intersection is very dangerous.
 - Rutland Road and Springfield Road are being used incorrectly as truck routes and the residents would like better enforcement of those roads.
 - The residents are concerned about the rate of speed that vehicles travel while on Springfield Road.
 - Would like to see more speed enforcement on Springfield Road.
 - The Rutland Road/Highway 33 intersection is a major concern and four corners need to be developed. As there are currently no left-hand turns allowed from Springfield Road onto Highway 33 and Highway 33 onto Springfield Road, this will further increase the volume of traffic at the intersection at Rutland Road and Highway 33.
 - Concerned about transit not going through as originally planned.
 - Excited about the Houghton Road corridor, but people are concerned about the future plans for the area as the sidewalks and bike lanes are piecemealed together.
 - Development of the Town Centre:
 - The lack of sidewalks and the poor condition of the existing ones make it difficult for people in wheelchairs and mom's pushing strollers to use them.

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- Better Communication between the Association and the City:
 - The last meetings with the Mayor and the Resident Associations were over 3 years ago and there hasn't been any follow from that meeting, which is disappointing.
 - Would like to be notified of any potential development in the area so that the Association would have an opportunity to provide comment.

3.8 Kelowna South-Central Association of Neighbourhoods

Debby Helf, on behalf of Kelowna South-Central Association of Neighbourhoods:

- The Association's top 3 priorities are:
 - Traffic:
 - Would like to see traffic calming on neighbourhood streets made a priority. Traffic calming solutions such as speed pumps, pedestrian nodes, activated signals, paving-stone crosswalks and small roundabouts are some suggestions that the Association would like Council and City staff to consider.
 - Protection of Character Homes:
 - The Association strongly supports the Character Areas and Design Guidelines in the new Official Community Plan.
 - Would like the City to develop a policy to encourage people seeking demolition permits in Character Areas to offer the homes for sale to be moved or have "demolition sales" to allow for public purchase of items for salvage.
 - Improve Consultation with Neighbourhood Associations:
 - The Association suggests that Council direct the Planning Department to consistently give rezoning applicants the contact information for the relevant Neighbourhood Associations and request that applicants communicate with the Association in advance of the Advisory Planning Commission meeting or the appropriate City Council meeting.

3.9 Clifton Highlands Community Association

Roger Gale, on behalf of Clifton Highlands Community Association:

- The Association's top 3 priorities are:
 - Blasting & Jack Hammering:
 - The area residents have been voicing their concerns to City Council for the past 19 years and asked that a Good Neighbour Bylaw be adopted.
 - Blair Pond Park:
 - Would like a crosswalk established for the area as well as washroom facilities.
 - Enforcement of City Bylaws on Developers:
 - Concerned about the fact that developer often post signs on telephone polls providing directions to their various developments.
 - The Association feels that the show homes in the Wilden area are creating parking lots on residential properties.

Council:

- Suggested that each Resident Association should ensure that the contact information the City has is current.

Deputy City Clerk:

- Read the January 11, 2010 Council Resolution with respect to Blasting Regulations.

Acting City Manager:

- Addressed how staff would approach the traffic calming suggestions.

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- Addressed how the City deals with parkland and advised that the City charges Park DCC's in order to develop parks.
- Addressed the idea of additional enforcement of traffic speeds.

Deputy City Clerk:

- Advised that Policy #305 provides the Guidelines for Communication and Co-operation between the City and Resident Associations.
- Advised that newspaper advertisements are placed for all Advisory Planning Commission meetings and that individual notices are not sent out.
- Addressed how public notices with respect to Public Hearing items are delivered.

Council:

- Once the Minutes are adopted, would like staff to provide the Resident Associations with a copy of them.

4. TERMINATION

The special meeting was declared terminated at 3:40 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

SLH/dd

Deputy City Clerk