

Regular Meeting – A.M.

February 14, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Kelowna was held in the Knox Mountain Meeting Room, 1435 Water Street, Kelowna, B.C., on Monday February 14, 2011.

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

Council members absent: Councillor Angela Reid-Nagy.

Staff members in attendance were: City Manager, Ron Mattiussi; City Clerk, Stephen Fleming; General Manager, Community Sustainability, Jim Paterson*; Manager, Real Estate Services, Jordan Hettinga*; Director, Policy & Planning, Signe Bagh*; Planner Specialist, Pat McCormick*; Project Manager, Integrated Systems, Mark Watt*; Manager, Park & Public Space Projects, Andrew Gibbs*; Corporate Communications Coordinator, Kari O'Rourke*; Manager, Property Management, Ron Forbes*; Property Officer, Graham Hood*; and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

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

3. REPORTS

3.1 Planner Specialist, dated February 9, 2011, re: Downtown Plan Review Update

General Manager, Community Sustainability:

- Advised that there is a misconception in the media that the Bernard Avenue Revitalization Project has been put on hold. Confirmed that the project will be moving forward and provided an update regarding the timeline. Advised that implementation of the project is scheduled for 2012.
- Will ensure that there is a press release from the City setting out the timeline for the Bernard Avenue Revitalization Project.
- Advised that the Downtown Parking Management Plan will be brought forward for Council's consideration within the next few months.

Moved by Councillor Rule/Seconded by Councillor Stack

R142/11/02/14 THAT Council hears from the Executive Director of the Downtown Kelowna Association.

Carried

Peggy Athans, Executive Director, Downtown Kelowna Association

- Advised that there was an Executive Meeting held on Wednesday and a Downtown Revitalization Meeting held on Friday of last week with respect to the Bernard Avenue Revitalization Project.
- Provided an update on the Downtown Kelowna Association's position and next steps regarding the Bernard Avenue Revitalization Project and parking in the downtown.

Councillor Craig joined the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

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Staff:

- Expressed a concern that the property owners may not be receiving all of the relevant information regarding parking considerations in the downtown area.
- Gave a presentation regarding the Downtown Plan.
- Believes that Highway 97 serves as a significant barrier for the boundary of the downtown.
- Confirmed that the downtown boundaries presented by staff do not match the boundaries of the Downtown Kelowna Association.
- Advised that all of the charrette information will be updated on a regular basis and will be available on the City's website.
- It is expected that the charrette will create a Downtown Master Plan that:
 - o is based on sustainability principles;
 - o has the support of the community; and
 - o will be the basis for a feasible implementation strategy.
- It is expected that the implementation strategy will be completed by December 2011.
- Advised that a meeting will be held with Council in order to determine Council's goals and outcomes for the Downtown Plan.

Council:

- Directed staff to add the British Columbia Real Estate Board and Tourism Kelowna to the Downtown Plan stakeholders list.

City Manager:

- Commented on the boundary delineation for the downtown area.
- Commented on the charrette process and how the proposed charrette will be different from the ones previously conducted by the City.

Moved by Councillor Hodge/Seconded by Councillor Hobson

R143/11/02/14 THAT Council receives, for information, the Report from the Planner Specialist, Urban Design dated February 9, 2011, with respect to the Downtown Plan Review Update;

AND THAT Council directs staff to continue with the timeline for implementation of the Downtown Plan Consultation Plan as outlined in the Report of the Planner Specialist, Urban Design dated February 9, 2011;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council regarding a further review of the list of key and secondary stakeholders to be engaged in the consultation process.

Carried

3.2 Director, Regional Services, dated February 8, 2011, re: Streetcar/Trolley Bus Evaluation

Moved by Councillor Hodge/Seconded by Councillor Craig

R144/11/02/14 THAT Council receive, for information, the Report of the Director, Regional Services dated February 8, 2011 with respect to Streetcar/Trolley Bus Evaluation;

AND THAT Council defers consideration of staff's recommendation contained in the Report of the Director, Regional Services dated February 8, 2011 to the February 21, 2011 Council Meeting.

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3.3 Mayor Shepherd, re: Official Community Plan Open House - Rutland

Moved by Councillor Hodge/Seconded by Councillor Hobson

R145/11/02/14 THAT Council directs staff to hold a public open house regarding the draft 2030 Official Community Plan on Monday, February 21, 2011 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Rutland Centennial Hall.

Carried

4. ISSUES ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

4.1 Mayor Shepherd, re: Central Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy Review

Moved by Councillor Hodge/Seconded by Councillor Hobson

R146/11/02/14 THAT Council receives, for information, the February 1, 2011 letter from the Regional District of Central Okanagan with respect to the Central Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy Review.

Carried

4.2 Councillor Rule, re: Edible Landscaping

Councillor Rule:

- Expressed a concern that the Report to Council regarding the edible landscaping may have been incomplete as there is a community group that is willing to take care of the area.

Council:

- Suggested that the community group be asked to submit their proposal in writing to Council for possible consideration.

4.3 Mayor Shepherd, re: School District No. 23 - School Site Acquisition Charge

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Hodge

R147/11/02/14 THAT Council directs staff to bring forward a Draft Resolution indicating Council's support for the School District's proposed School Site Acquisition Charge and that the only outstanding item that needs to be addressed is reimbursement of the costs of administering the charge.

Carried

4.4 Mayor Shepherd, re: Special Meeting with Okanagan Indian Band and District of Lake Country - Proposed Okanagan Correctional Facility

Mayor Shepherd:

- Advised that the proposed site within the City's boundaries requires extensive consultation with the neighbouring Indian Band and the Province is concerned that the consultation process will not be complete in time to meet the timeline for construction of the correctional facility.
- Confirmed that the special meeting will focus on the facts and is scheduled for Monday, February 28, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Ramada Inn.

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City Manager:

- Believes that there are a lot of outstanding issues with the Provincial Government that impacts the Okanagan Indian Band and the District of Lake Country.

5. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Hodge

R148/11/02/14 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1) (a) and (g) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Position Appointments; and
- Litigation.

Carried

6. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 11:48 a.m.

The meeting was declared terminated at 12:03 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

SLH/tt

City Clerk