

Regular Meeting – A.M.

March 28, 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, March 28th, 2011.

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

Council members absent: Councillors Andre Blanleil and Kevin Craig.

Staff members in attendance were: City Manager, Ron Mattiussi; Deputy City Clerk, Karen Needham; General Manager, Community Services, John Vos*; General Manager, Corporate Sustainability, Paul Macklem*; Director, Community & Media Relations, Carla Stephens*; Director, Real Estate & Building Services, Doug Gilchrist*; Director, Financial Services, Keith Grayston*; Manager, Strategic Land Development, Derek Edstrom*; and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning.

Guests: Consolidated Management Consultants Ltd., Consultant, David Craig*; RCMP, Inspector Rick Flewelling*; and RCMP, Inspector Cal Demerais*.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m.

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

3. ISSUES ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

3.1 Mayor Shepherd, re: Medical Marijuana Dispensary

Mayor Shepherd:

- Expressed a concern that there is now a Federal election and that if Council agrees to forward a letter to the Federal Government, it should wait until after the election.

Council:

- Does not support the direction of the letter from the City of Langley and the Township of Langley.

Moved by Councillor Stack/Seconded by Councillor Hodge

R300/11/03/28 THAT Council authorized the Mayor, on behalf of Council, to write a letter to the Federal Government, Health Canada and the RCMP, once the Federal election is over, requesting that they work with dealer established licensees, and other interested parties, to find solutions to the health and safety issues that growing medicinal marijuana creates in municipalities.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Reid-Nagy/Seconded by Councillor Hodge

R301/11/03/28 THAT Council directs staff to clarify the process followed by the RCMP to identify potential licensed medicinal marijuana grow operations when undertaking investigations related to grow-ops.

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3.2 Mayor Shepherd, re: Federal Election Priorities

Mayor Shepherd:

- Reviewed the list of priorities as submitted by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to the Federal Government.

Councillor Hobson joined the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Council:

- Agreed that, in addition to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities priority list, the City of Kelowna has the following list of priorities:
 - o Green Economy - Climate Change;
 - o Strong/Responsible Fiscal Budgeting;
 - o Heritage Funding Support;
 - o Rail Transportation;
 - o Child Care and Children's Health.

3.3 Mayor Shepherd, re: March 21, 2011 letter from the Urban Development Institute, Okanagan Chapter – Development Cost Charges

Mayor Shepherd:

- Advised that a letter has been received from the Urban Development Institute requesting the Council consider reducing the City's Development Cost Charges.

City Manager:

- Advised that the Director, Financial Services has already addressed the request for a reduction in the City's Development Cost Charges in a report to Council in 2010.
- Advised that the Development Cost Charges were reduced by 7% a few years ago.

Moved by Councillor Hodge/Seconded by Councillor Stack

R302/11/03/28 THAT Council directs staff to report back to Council on the history of the City's Development Cost Charges from inception to present;

AND THAT the report back to Council includes a civil construction costs analysis comparative to other municipalities.

Carried

3.4 Mayor Shepherd, re: Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) Conference and Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference

Mayor Shepherd:

- Advised that most of Council has indicated attendance/non-attendance at the SILGA Convention.

Council:

- Confirmed that Councillor Hobson is the only member attending the FCM Convention.

3.5 Mayor Shepherd, re: 27th Anniversary Aviation and Awards Dinner – 883 (Kelowna) RCAF Wing of the Air Force Association of Canada

Mayor Shepherd:

- Advised that Council representation has been requested at the Awards Dinner which is being held on Friday, April 1st at 6:00 pm.

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3.6 Mayor Shepherd, re: Sculpture Donation (Centuria)

Moved by Councillor Hodge/Seconded by Councillor Stack

R303/11/03/28 THAT Council directs staff to report back to Council with respect to the process used by the Public Art Committee to determine whether or not the donation of the public art sculpture, originally planned for the Centuria development, should be accepted by the City.

Carried

3.7 Mayor Shepherd, re: Meeting with Caitlin Etherington

Mayor Shepherd:

- Advised that Ms. Etherington is employed by IHA and deals directly with the “Living Wage” and inquired if Council would like to invite Ms. Etherington to make a presentation to Council.

Moved by Councillor Rule/Seconded by Councillor Stack

R304/11/03/28 THAT Council directs staff to invite Caitlin Etherington from the Interior Health Authority to make a presentation to Council with respect to the “living wage”;

AND THAT Council directs staff to advise the Housing Committee and the Women’s & Community Advisory Committee of the date of the presentation should representatives of the Committees wish to hear the presentation.

Carried

3.8 Councillor Reid-Nagy, re: Sikh Community Festival - April 9, 2011

Councillor Reid-Nagy:

- Advised that she has been invited to participate in the Sikh Community Festival parade on April 9th and inquired if other members of Council were also invited to participate.

Mayor Shepherd:

- Advised that her office received a letter from the Sikh Community regarding the April 9th Festival.

3.9 City Manager, re: Mountain Bike Skills Park

City Manager:

- Confirmed that the Mountain Bike Skills Park is still closed for the season, but that staff is working with the President of the Club regarding the unauthorized use of the park by the public.

3.10 City Manager, re: Portable Signage

Moved by Councillor Hodge/Seconded by Councillor Rule

R305/11/03/28 THAT Council directs staff to forward a letter to all of the local radio stations and media outlets explaining the rules and regulations with respect to the City’s Sign Bylaw as it relates to off-site advertising.

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The Guest, Consultant, David Craig, joined the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

4. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Hodge/Seconded by Councillor Rule

R306/11/03/28 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1) (f), (j) and (k) of the *Community Charter* for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Law Enforcement;
- Third Party Negotiations; and
- Provision of a Municipal Service.

Carried

5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:41 a.m.

The meeting was declared terminated at 12:33 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

SLH/dd

Deputy City Clerk