

Special MeetingApril 18, 2011

A Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Kelowna was held in the Knox Mountain Meeting Room, at City Hall, 1435 Water Street, Kelowna, B.C., on Monday, April 18th, 2011.

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

City of Kelowna Council members absent: Kevin Craig.

City of Kelowna staff members in attendance were: City Manager, Ron Mattiussi; City Clerk, Stephen Fleming, Urban Land Use Planner, Luke Turri; and Council Recording Secretary, Arlene McClelland.

Guests:

R.C.M.P.: Constable Mike Dunn

Checkmate Cabs: Marilyn Whiltshire (Owner/Director); Amy Wiltshire (Manager)

Star Taxi: Jatinder Dhwari

Kelowna Cabs: Pargat Singh Bhardher (President); Amarjit Singh

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shepherd called the special meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

2. Councillor James is requested to check the minutes of the meeting.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE LIQUOR REVIEW POLICY REPORT

3.1 Taxi Cabs

Staff recommend continuing Council support for options to increase taxi cab service during late night hours, particularly on weekends.

3.2 Taxi Stands

Staff recommend that taxi stand locations continue to be reviewed to ensure optimal location, with continued cooperation between taxi cab companies, the RCMP and the City.

Staff:

- Provided a brief introduction.

Star Taxi Representative joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Constable Mike Dunn joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Council:

- Suggested seeking input from a Limo representative as well.
- Inquired how taxi companies are managing and if there are any other issues.

Discussion:

- The President of Kelowna Cabs advised that the Taxi Stands at Water and Leon are too small noting only 3 vehicles are able to park. This is a dangerous spot for drivers and vehicles. Representatives from Checkmate and Star Taxi agreed.

Councillor Blanleil entered the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

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- The President of Kelowna Cabs suggested blocking off Leon Avenue to parking after 9:00 p.m. and to have a longer taxi stand and permit taxis to park only. Another suggestion that would assist with the bar flush is to have varied closing times of bars.
- For safety reasons the speed zone should be reduced to 20 km/h to 30 km/h maximum during these hours with the use of rumble strips or speed bumps on Leon and Lawrence Avenue.
- Cst. Dunn advised that the RCMP is working closely with Taxis, Limos, Restaurant and Bar Association and City staff on this matter. The RCMP is suggesting a marshalling area similar to the Airport's situation to provide taxis/limos a specific area while waiting for rides. Placement of taxi stands to be closer to the bars.

4. TERMINATION

The meeting was declared terminated at 9:59 a.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

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City Clerk