

Memo



Date: June 7, 2011
File: 0115-10
To: City Manager
From: R. Cleveland, Director, Infrastructure Planning
Subject: 2011 Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) Awards of Excellence
Parkland Acquisition Guidelines

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Director, Infrastructure Planning dated June 6, 2011 with respect to the 2011 Planning Institute of British Columbia Award of Excellence for the City of Kelowna's Parkland Acquisition Guidelines.

Purpose:

To present an award recognizing the City of Kelowna to Mayor and Council.

Background:

The Planning Institute of BC (PIBC), at its annual conference in Nanaimo on June 2, 2011, conferred an Award of Excellence, Honourable Mention, on the City of Kelowna for "Excellence in Planning Practices" for its "Parkland Acquisition Guidelines." The criteria for the award are provided in their website (see www.pibc.bc.ca/content/awards-categories-criteria) follows:

"Excellence in Planning Practice: This category recognizes the efforts of planners to turn policy into reality, whether it is taking design guidelines to craft a new urban space or using community partnerships to secure funding for much needed projects. This category may also recognize the written and published documents and audio-visual materials intended to fully engage the public in worthwhile planning programs and projects. It also recognizes new directions for the profession and may include innovative project management or planning processes. This is the category where the rubber meets the road. How did you create that fascinating mixed-use development or how did you tell the story in the multi-ethnic neighbourhood so all could understand?"

In the fall of 2009 Infrastructure Planning engaged the firm of Juliet Anderton Consulting Inc. to help staff from various city departments, (including Finance, Recreation & Culture, Land Use Management, Civic Operations, Development Services, Real Estate and Building Services, Policy and Planning, and the Fire Department), prepare a reference document that describes, both in text and graphics, criteria currently followed in the selection of new parkland in both developing neighbourhoods and mature areas of Kelowna, and best management practices in terms of park site servicing requirements. Information contained in these guidelines is easily transferable and could be tailored to meet the needs of other communities in British Columbia. Ms. Anderton was also named in the award.

On January 24, 2011 City Council endorsed the Parkland Acquisition Guidelines as part of Council Policy No. 303.

The Parkland Acquisition Guidelines at a Glance is available on the city website
<http://www.kelowna.ca/CM/Page3172.aspx>

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Existing Policy:

The Multiple Bottom Line Framework (MBL) of the Sustainable Infrastructure Policy #352 acknowledges that communities that remain resilient in managing and adapting to modern challenges have well-developed creative capacities. One measure of creativity is peer recognition for innovation and excellence. The MBL for sustainable infrastructure targets two (2) peer awards annually. This PIBC award is one of two awarded to the City in 2011, which includes:

1. 2011 Planning Institute of British Columbia Awards of Excellence for the City of Kelowna's "Parkland Acquisition Guidelines", and the
2. 2011 Canadian Society of Landscape Architects National Awards, Regional Honour for the City of Kelowna's Stuart Park, Phase 1

The target for design awards in 2011 has been achieved.

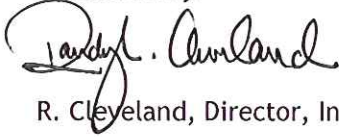
Personnel Implications:

The award was presented to Terry Barton, Manager of Parks & Public Places. Barbara Davidson, Parks Planner, was the Project Manager for the project. During the PIBC conference, Mr. Barton also presented the City's "Linear Park Master Plan" which won a Canadian Society of Landscape Architects award in 2010.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Alternate Recommendation:
Community & Media Relations Comments:
External Agency/Public Comments:
Financial/Budgetary Considerations:
Internal Circulation:
Legal/Statutory Authority:
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Submitted by:



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Approved for inclusion:



J. Paterson, General Manager, Community Sustainability

Attachment - 2011 Planning Institute of British Columbia Awards of Excellence

cc: Director, Civic Operations
Director, Community & Media Relations
Director, Design & Construction Services
Director, Development Services
Director, Financial Services
Director, Land Use Management
Director, Policy & Planning
Director, Real Estate and Building Services
Director, Recreation & Cultural Services
Fire Chief, Kelowna Fire Department



Award of Excellence

EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING PRACTICE

HONOURABLE MENTION

This award of excellence in planning is conferred on

CITY OF KELOWNA

in association with

ANDERTON CONSULTING INC.

In recognition of the

PARKLAND ACQUISITION GUIDELINES

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Awards Jury Chair

JUNE 2ND, 2011

Date

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PIBC AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Parkland Acquisition Guidelines, Policy #303

Council, 2011.06.13

