

Regular Meeting – A.M.

July 25, 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, July 25th, 2011.

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

Staff members in attendance were: City Manager, Ron Mattiussi; City Clerk, Stephen Fleming; Director, Land Use Management, Shelley Gambacort*; Grants Manager, Lorna Gunn*; Director of Strategic Initiatives, David Graham*; GIS Technician, Darren Genge*; Director, Policy & Planning, Signe Bagh*; and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 8:26 a.m.

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

3. ISSUES ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

3.1 Mayor Shepherd, re: Benefits for Elected Officials

Mayor Shepherd:

- Provided background information with respect to the organization, SIMEA.

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Rule

R725/11/07/25 THAT Council receives, for information, the email from Rob VaterLechner of Heenan Blaikie dated June 23, 2011 with respect to Benefits for Elected Officials.

Carried

3.2 Mayor Shepherd, re: July 18, 2011 letter from the Regional District of Central Okanagan regarding Regional Relations - Code of Conduct

Mayor Shepherd:

- Advised that the Code of Conduct has been reviewed by the Regional District Board.

Councillor Hobson:

- Provided further comment with respect to the Code of Conduct.

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Rule

R726/11/07/25 THAT Council receives the Regional Relations Code of Conduct as presented by the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

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3.3 Mayor Shepherd, re: July 11, 2011 Memo from UBCM regarding Large Urban Forum 2011

Council:

- Requested that the following topics be advanced for discussion consideration at the Forum:
 - o Competing jurisdictions (lakes and rivers);
 - o Transit, including security of funding;
 - o Policing;
 - o Infrastructure funding (long-term security);
 - o Purpose-Built Rental Housing (legislative changes);
 - o Provincial Auditor/Municipal Auditor.

Council:

- Mayor Shepherd and Councillors Hobson, Craig and Stack each indicated that they plan to attend the upcoming UBCM Convention.

3.3(a) Mayor Shepherd, re: Request from the Kinsmen Club of Kelowna – Portraits of Honour Day & Use of City’s Transportable Bleachers

Mayor Shepherd:

- Provided the details of the Portraits of Honour Day and encouraged each individual Councillor to attend
- Read the letter submitted by the Kinsmen Club.

Moved by Councillor James/Seconded by Councillor Stack

R727/11/07/25 THAT Council receives, for information, the July 22, 2011 letter from the Kinsmen Club of Kelowna regarding the Portraits of Honour Day & Use of City’s Transportable Bleachers;

AND THAT Council authorizes the amount of up to \$200.00, to be paid from Council Contingency, to cover the costs related to the use of the City of Kelowna’s transportable bleachers.

Carried

Mayor Shepherd advised that Agenda Item No. 4.1 would be moved forward and dealt with immediately.

4.1 Grants Manager, Verbal Report, re: Sister Cities – Update on Activities

Staff:

- Provided an update with respect to the activities of the City of Kelowna’s Sister Cities.

Council:

- Requested that staff report back to Council, at an open Council Meeting, with respect to the resource mapping for sister city funding.

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Hodge

R728/11/07/25 THAT Council receives, for information, the verbal report from the Grants Manager dated July 25, 2011 regarding an update on the activities of the Sister Cities.

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3.4 Mayor Shepherd, re: Friendship Agreement with Guilin China

Moved by Councillor Hodge/Seconded by Councillor Hobson

R729/11/07/25 THAT Council hears from David Ellsworth regarding his proposal for a Friendship Agreement with Guilin, China.

Carried

David Ellsworth, China-North America Relations

- Has lived in Kelowna since 1971 and has always had a desire to understand and befriend China.
- Advised that he originally received a letter from former Mayor Walter Gray to pursue a sister city relationship with China.
- Provided background information with respect to his request for a Friendship Agreement with Guilin, China.
- Believes that Canada has a natural affinity and complimentary nature to China.
- Believes that it would be very easy to develop a friendship with China.
- Provided background information with respect to Robert Sun.
- To the best of his knowledge, there is no organized group in Kelowna that is presently promoting a relationship with Guilin.
- Provided details with respect to the City of Guilin.

Staff:

- Advised that staff is not aware of any community group promoting a relationship with Guilin.

Moved by Councillor Hodge/Seconded by Councillor James

R730/11/07/25 THAT Council receives, for information, the request from David Ellsworth with respect to a proposed Friendship Agreement with Guilin, China.

Carried

4. REPORTS

4.1 Grants Manager, Verbal Report, re: Sister Cities - Update on Activities

Agenda Item No. 4.1 was moved forward and dealt with immediately after Agenda Item No. 3.3.

4.1(a) Mayor Shepherd, re: Snowbird Event Sponsorship

Mayor Shepherd:

- As a result of the City's sponsorship of the Snowbird Event, there is an opportunity for Council to attend the special events being planned by the organizers.
- If any Councillor is interested in attending any of the events, they are to advise the Mayor.

4.2 Director, Policy & Planning, Verbal Report, re: Downtown Building Heights

Council:

- Had a discussion with respect to the rationale for considering this item during a morning Council meeting rather than an afternoon Council meeting.

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Staff:

- Gave a presentation with respect to Downtown Building Heights.

Council:

- Would like staff to consider the following matters when reporting back to Council:
 - o What is the future land use and zoning for the areas immediately beside the Downtown Plan geographical area?
 - o Maintain Map 4.1 – The Future Land Use Designations of the properties along the western side of Richter Street between the lane north of Bernard Avenue and Clement Avenue as Multiple Unit Residential (Medium Density);
 - o Indicate the CD Zone on the Prospera Place site with a different colour;
 - o Show the 2 tower buildings on the Prospera Place site as 12 stories rather than 26 storeys, and also indicate that there is a potential to have 0, 1 or 2 buildings on the site as well as the possibility of a convention centre; and
 - o Include pictures of existing buildings in the 3-D modeling of what would reflect the types of development Council would prefer to see in the downtown area (the pictures do not have to be from development within the City of Kelowna).
- Requested that staff report back to Council with the following information:
 - o A status report with respect to the pending development applications that have already been considered by Council (Bylaws sitting at 3rd reading and why); and
 - o A report with respect to the development applications that still require Council consideration.

5. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Stack/Seconded by Councillor Craig

R731/11/07/25 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1) (a), (c), (f) and (k) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Position Appointment;
- Employee Relations;
- Law Enforcement; and
- Proposed provision of a Municipal Service.

Carried

6. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:55 a.m.

The meeting was declared terminated at 12:40 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

City Clerk

SLH/dd