

Regular Meeting – A.M.

August 22, 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, August 22nd, 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, Corporate Sustainability, Paul Macklem*; General Manager, Community Sustainability, Jim Paterson*; Acting General Manager, Community Services, Joe Creron; and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning.

Guest: Member of Parliament, Kelowna-Lake Country, Ron Cannan*.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 11:18 a.m.

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

2.1 Mayor Shepherd, re: Tour of the “Conservatory” – August 25, 2011

Council:

- Mayor Shepherd and Councillors Craig, Hodge, James and Rule indicated that they would be available on August 25, 2011 and plan on attending the tour.

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor James

R812/11/08/22 THAT a Special Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of Council be held on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.;

AND THAT the August 25, 2011 Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting be held at another location other than City Hall, being 773 Glenmore Drive, Kelowna, B.C.

Carried

3. ISSUES ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

3.1 Mayor Shepherd, re: July 28, 2011 UBCM Member Release – Municipal Auditor General Update

General Manager, Corporate Sustainability:

- Gave a presentation with respect to the proposed Municipal Auditor General's Office.
- Confirmed that staff has reviewed the questions on the Municipal Auditor General Survey that was conducted by the Provincial Government.
- Advised that staff is not in favour of the creation of the Municipal Auditor General's Office and provided the rationale for staff's position.

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Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor James

R813/11/08/22 THAT Council responds to the Municipal Auditor General Survey as requested by the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development by stating that the City of Kelowna is not in favour of the creation of a Municipal Auditor General Office and that the Ministry consult with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities in determining the most effective means to address best practices in taxation policy, performance management and measurement, and fairness in funding for municipal governments from other levels of government.

Carried
Councillor Blanleil - Opposed.

4. REPORTS

4.1 City Manager, re: Proposed Council Priority Projects for potential Federal Infrastructure Funding

The Guest, Ron Cannan, MP, joined the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

City Manager:

- Identified projects for consideration for potential Federal infrastructure funding.

Member of Parliament, Kelowna-Lake Country, Ron Cannan:

- Provided an update with respect to the availability of Federal funding.
- Advised that the Federal Heritage Minister will be in Kelowna on September 12, 2011 and that a tour of the Laurel Building in on the Agenda during the Minister's visit.

Councillor Blanleil left the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Craig/Seconded by Councillor Rule

R814/11/08/22 THAT Council receives, for information, the Report from the City Manager dated August 18, 2011 regarding the proposed Council Priority Projects for potential Federal Infrastructure Funding;

AND THAT Council directs staff to add the following projects to the List of Projects:

- a) Heritage Projects - Brent's Grist Mill Building and Site Restoration;
- b) New Tourism Kelowna facility;
- c) Transportation Infrastructure Funding - Central Okanagan By-pass (Engineering work from Spall to Dilworth); and
- d) Rail line Analysis, Kelowna to Armstrong;

AND THAT Council directs staff to indicate the following projects as Council's top priorities:

- 1) Transportation Infrastructure Funding - East/West Road Extension, John Hindle Drive; and
- 2) Transportation Infrastructure Funding - Airport Way at Highway 97, Grade Separation;

AND THAT Council endorses the proposed List of Projects as outlined in the Report from the City Manager dated August 18, 2011, and amended by Council,

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as City of Kelowna priorities to be funded under potential Federal Infrastructure Programs;

AND THAT Council authorizes the Mayor to forward the List of Priorities to the local area MP for consideration, with a copy to the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce.

Carried

4.2 Mayor Shepherd, re: Meeting with Federal Minister of Sport

Mayor Shepherd:

- Advised that she had a recent meeting with the Federal Minister of Sport and thanked Mr. Cannan, MP, for bring the Minister to Kelowna.

4.3 Councillor Rule, re: Overdue Taxes as a result of the Postal Strike

Councillor Rule:

- Advised that she has received correspondence regarding overdue property taxes and the postal strike. It has come to her attention that some members of the community are upset that they now have to pay a penalty on their overdue property taxes as a result of the postal strike, even though they mailed their payment into the City before the postal strike was announced.

General Manager, Corporate Sustainability:

- Advised that local governments are required to impose a penalty on overdue property taxes. If a local government does not want impose a penalty as a result of extenuating circumstances (i.e. postal strike), then a resolution of Council is required prior to the property tax deadline.
- To the best of staff's knowledge, a similar number of late payments were received for the 2011 property taxes as was received for the 2010 property taxes.

City Manager:

- Will have staff report back to Council with the statistics for the 2011 taxes vs. the statistics for the 2010 taxes.

4.4 Mayor Shepherd, re: Organized Crime Gangs

Mayor Shepherd:

- Advised that she has organized a meeting with the various stakeholder groups for Wednesday, August 24, 2011 in order to discuss the matter of organized crime in Kelowna and what policies are currently in place in the community to try and deal with organized crime (i.e. gang clothing, motorcycles, etc.)

4.5 General Manager, Community Sustainability, re: Building on Sunset Drive

General Manager, Community Sustainability:

- Advised that Councillor Blanleil expressed a concern with respect to the City's liability as it relates to development on private property where the development has not been constructed.

City Manager:

- Will have staff report back on the City's options for dealing with development sites that have not been completed.

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4.6 Councillor Stack, re: Begley Road Speed Bump

Councillor Stack:

- Advised that he has been contacted by some of the area residents regarding their concerns over a speed bump on Begley Road.

Acting General Manager, Community Services:

- Advised that the speed bump in question was installed by the developer of the subdivision and that staff are currently conducting an analysis of the speed bump and will be bringing forward a report to Council in due course.

City Manager:

- Provided input on the process for the installation of speed bumps in neighbourhoods.

4.7 Councillor Hodge, re: On Street Parking on Kelglen Crescent

Councillor Hodge:

- Expressed a concerned with on-street parking along Kelglen Crescent.

City Clerk:

- Confirmed that there is a process residents can follow in order to restrict on-street parking in their neighbourhood.

City Manager:

- Will have staff report back on the process for restricting on-street parking in neighbourhoods.

The Guest, Ron Cannan, MP, left the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

5. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Craig/Seconded by Councillor Rule

R815/11/08/22 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1) (e) of the *Community Charter* for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Disposition of Land or Improvements.

Carried

6. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 12:41 p.m.

The meeting was declared terminated at 12:42 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

City Clerk

SLH/dd