

Regular Meeting – A.M.

October 3, 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, October 3rd, 2011.

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

Council members absent: Councillor Andre Blanleil.

Staff members in attendance were: Acting City Manager, Jim Paterson; City Clerk, Stephen Fleming; General Manager, Community Services, John Vos*; General Manager, Corporate Sustainability, Paul Macklem*; Director, Design & Construction Services, Bill Berry*; Corporate Communications Coordinator, Kari O'Rourke*; Manager, Parks & Public Places, Terry Barton*; Manager, Utilities Planning, Andrew Reeder*; and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

3. ISSUES ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

3.1 Mayor Shepherd, re: British Columbia Youth Parliament, 83rd Parliament

Mayor Shepherd:

- Provided background information regarding the British Columbia Youth Parliament.

Councillor Craig joined the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Rule/Seconded by Councillor Hodge

R951/11/10/03 THAT Council authorizes the Youth Advisory Committee to nominate two (2) youth to the British Columbia Youth Parliament to participate in the 83rd British Columbia Youth Parliament ("BCYP") in Victoria from December 27, 2011 to December 31, 2011;

AND THAT the youth who become Members of the BCYP and participate in the 83rd Youth Parliament report back to Council by March 31, 2012;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves Member fees and expenses not to exceed \$700.00 from Council Contingency for two (2) youth for this purpose.

Carried

4. REPORTS

Mayor Shepherd advised that Agenda Item No. 4.2 will be moved forward and dealt with immediately.

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4.2 Councillor James, re: Kelowna Joint Water Committee

Councillor James:

- Provided background information regarding the Kelowna Joint Water Committee and an upcoming meeting with the Province's Financial Committee to discuss water governance.
- Advised that the Kelowna Joint Water Committee would like him to be the City of Kelowna's representative at the table during the meeting with the Finance Committee.

Council:

- Discussed governance model options for the Kelowna Joint Water Committee.

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Hodge

R952/11/10/03 THAT Council authorizes Councillor Graeme James to attend the October 18, 2011 Kelowna Joint Water Committee meeting in order to deliver Council's approach to water funding.

Carried

4.1 Mayor Shepherd, re: UBCM Update

Mayor Shepherd:

- Provided an update with respect last week's UBCM Convention in Vancouver.
- Advised that the City's Wood First initiative was recognized at UBCM.
- Advised that the City of Kelowna was short-listed for the small business recognition, but ended up as runner-up to the City of Kamloops.
- Advised that she had a brief meeting with the Premier and that the following issues were discussed:
 - o RCMP contract negotiations;
 - o Municipal Auditor-General;
 - o Transit and transportation;
 - o Volunteer groups paying for criminal record checks.
- Advised that she had a brief meeting with the Attorney-General and discussed the RCMP contract negotiations.
- Advised that she had a meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Transportation and that the Head of BC Transit was also present. The issues discussed were:
 - o a potential audit of the Province's transit system;
 - o a potential valley-wide transportation model;
 - o concerns with respect to the various intersections within the City and in particular the intersections at Highway 97/Highway 33, Highway 97/Sexsmith Road and Highway 97/Airport Way.
- Advised that the Premier's speech at the Convention included:
 - o an announcement that there will be \$30 Million in funding available to the Recreation Facilities Grant Program;
 - o an announcement that the Province is moving forward with the creation of the Municipal Audit-General's Office.
- Advised that the Citizen's Committee on Policing is moving forward and that the Province is already in the process of hiring a Chair to head the Committee.
- Advised that the City of Kelowna's UBCM Resolution regarding statutory notice requirements was not adopted.
- Advised that the "Mayor's for Climate Change" are pushing to have a Province-wide workshop in 2012 on the effects of climate change.
- Advised that she attended a workshop entitled "Involving Seniors in their Community" and passed along the workshop information to the Acting City Manager.

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- Advised that the Resolution with respect to employment and assistance rates (assistance for housing and shelter) is being forwarded to the UBCM Executive so that further information can be obtained.

Councillor Rule:

- Provided a synopsis of some of the events she attended during the Convention, such as:
 - o Jobs and the economy.

Councillor Craig:

- Provided a synopsis of some of the events he attended during the Convention, such as:
 - o Jobs and the economy. There was an emphasis on job creation.

Councillor Stack:

- Provided a synopsis of some of the events he attending during the Convention, such as:
 - o Medical Marijuana;
 - o Smart Meters;
 - o David Foote's keynote speech on the "demographic trends in Canada".

Councillor Reid-Nagy:

- Provided a synopsis of some of the events she attended during the Convention, such as:
 - o Wireless smart meters;
 - o Future and new vision for agriculture.

Councillor Hobson:

- Provided a synopsis of the some of the events he attended during the Convention, such as:
 - o David Foote's keynote speech on the "demographic trends in Canada";
 - o Organized crime;
 - o School District properties and whether or not they should be owned by municipalities and the not the school districts;
 - o Urban Wildlife;
 - o Investing in municipal arts and culture.

4.3 Director, Infrastructure Planning, dated September 27, 2011, re: Bernard Avenue Construction Options

Staff:

- Introduced the City's new Manager, Utilities Planning, Andrew Reeder, and provided an overview of what projects he will be responsible for.
- Provided an update and reviewed the Bernard Avenue Construction options with Council.
- Advised that PCL Construction has been hired to provide a "second opinion" with respect to the construction options and that both staff and PCL will be looking at different forms of construction contract for the project.
- Advised that there will be an Open House on October 11, 2011 in order to obtain further input from the affected property and business owners. Staff is also considering an online option for input in case people are unable to attending the Open House.
- Staff intend on presenting the results of the Alternative Approval Process to Council on October 17, 2011.

Acting City Manager:

- Provided additional input with respect to the construction options.

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General Manager, Community Services:

- Provided comment with respect to the possibility of proceeding with construction over the winter season.

Moved by Councillor Craig/Seconded by Councillor Stack

R953/11/10/03 THAT Council receives, for information, the Report from the Director, Infrastructure Planning, dated September 27, 2011 regarding the construction options for the Bernard Avenue Revitalization project.

Carried

4.4 Mayor Shepherd, re: Housing Strategy Open House

Mayor Shepherd:

- Requested that staff display the Housing Strategy Open House information in the foyer of City Hall.

4.5 Councillor Hodge, re: Civic & Community Awards

Councillor Hodge:

- Advised that the Civic & Community Awards will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at the Kelowna Community Theatre.
- Advised that the nomination period has been extended to January 31, 2012.
- Advised that the Committee is considering amending the criteria for the "Kelowna Citizen" award to include volunteers who not do not reside within the City of Kelowna, but volunteer in the City. The Committee believes that there should be an emphasis on the "contribution to the City" rather than where someone lives.

4.6 Councillor Rule, re: Trees on Reynolds Road

Councillor Rule:

- Advised that she has been approached by some of the residents in the area requesting that the City deal with the large trees along Reynolds Road.

Moved by Councillor Rule/Seconded by Councillor James

R954/11/10/03 THAT Council directs staff to follow up with the residents of Reynolds Road regarding their concerns with the trees along the road and report back to Council with options.

Carried

5. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Hodge/Seconded by Councillor Rule

R955/11/10/03 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1) (g) and (i) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Potential Litigation;
- Legal Advice.

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6. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 11:37 a.m.

The meeting was declared terminated at 12:10 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

SLH/dd

City Clerk