

Special MeetingMarch 28, 2012

A Special Meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole of the Municipal Council of the City of Kelowna was held in Knox Mountain Meeting Room, City Hall, 1435 Water Street, Kelowna, B.C., on Wednesday, March 28, 2012.

City of Kelowna Council members in attendance: Mayor Walter Gray, Councillors Gail Given, Mohini Singh\*, Luke Stack and Gerry Zimmermann.

City of Kelowna Council members absent: Councillors Colin Basran, Andre Blanleil, Maxine DeHart and Robert Hobson.

District of West Kelowna Council members in attendance: Mayor Doug Findlater, Councillors Rick De Jong, David Knowles, Gord Milsom, Duane Ophus, Bryden Winsby and Carol Zanon.

City of Kelowna Staff members in attendance were: City Manager, Ron Mattiussi; and City Clerk, Stephen Fleming.

District of West Kelowna Staff members in attendance were: Chief Administrative Officer, Jason Johnson.

(\* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the special meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

Opening remarks by the Mayors of the City of Kelowna and District of West Kelowna were given and introductions were conducted by the Council members in attendance.

3. DISTRICT OF WEST KELOWNA DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Regional and Intermunicipal Services - General Discussion

District of West Kelowna Council:

- Mayor Findlater provided an overview of the municipality and highlighted future priorities and directions that the District of West Kelowna is looking at moving towards.
- Advised that economic development is at the top of the priority list and that the need to expand and diversify the tax base is well recognized.
- Spoke to the District's views regarding regional and inter-municipal services and how best such services may be delivered.
- Additional comments regarding regional parks, economic development and RDCO administrative overhead costs were provided by Councillor Ophus.

City of Kelowna Council:

- Mayor Gray made comments regarding the interim RDCO CAO position.

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A quorum for the City of Kelowna Council was lost when Councillor Singh left the meeting at 9:58 a.m. A quorum for the District of West Kelowna Council remained.

The City of Kelowna Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting ended at 9:59 a.m. with the loss of a City of Kelowna Council quorum.

Further discussions were held between the City of Kelowna and the District of West Kelowna's elected officials with respect to the following topics:

1. Okanagan Basin Water Board;
2. Economic Development Commission;
3. Delivery of regional services, ability to withdraw from existing regional services, best practices when creating new or expanding existing regional services and Board weighted voting for services.
4. Westside Gravel Pit;
5. Transit: BC Transit governance, funding allocations for transit, City rationalizations for transit routing and scheduling decisions and District of West Kelowna transit priorities;
6. Provincial review of BC Transit to be discussed in greater detail at the next Inter-Municipal Meeting between the Mayors and CAO's of Kelowna, West Kelowna, Penticton and Vernon.

Andrew Florence, resident from the Mission area of the City of Kelowna was permitted to speak. Mr. Florence made comments on his experience with riding transit in the City since the schedule change that came into effect on March 25, 2012. Mr. Florence discussed his concern with City staff (Manager, Regional Programs) during the transit event held at the Mission Recreation Park on Monday, March 26, 2012. The City Manager agreed to meet with Mr. Florence.

The discussions between the City of Kelowna and the District of West Kelowna Councils ended at 10:57 a.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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