

Regular Meeting – A.M.

May 28, 2012

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 May 28th, 2012.

Council members in attendance: Mayor Walter Gray, Councillors Colin Basran, Andre Blanleil*, Gail Given, Robert Hobson, Mohini Singh, Luke Stack and Gerry Zimmermann.

Council members absent: Councillor Maxine DeHart.

Staff members in attendance were: Acting City Manager, John Vos; City Clerk, Stephen Fleming; Director, Corporate Services, Rob Mayne*; Manager, Purchasing, Maureen Loft*; and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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Moved by Councillor Singh/Seconded by Councillor Basran

R475/12/05/28 THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 7th, 2012 be confirmed as circulated.

Carried

3. ISSUES ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

3.1 Mayor Gray, re: Issues Arising from Correspondence

3.1.1 Mayor Gray, re: FortisBC and Smart Meters

Mayor Gray:

- Advised that he will be meeting with an advocate opposed to smart meters later this week.
- Advised that some municipalities are implementing “opt in/opt out” bylaws in order to give a consumer the choice as to how they are billed. There is a higher fee structure associated with the “opt out” choice.

Acting City Manager:

- Advised that FortisBC gave the previous Council a presentation regarding Smart Meters and inquired as to whether or not the current Council would like to have FortisBC make a similar presentation.
- Provided information regarding what the District of West Kelowna is doing regarding Smart Metering.

Councillor Blanleil joined the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Council:

- Discussed the merits of whether Council should hear from FortisBC on the topic.

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Acting City Manager:

- Agreed to provide Council with a copy of the previous presentation by FortisBC.
- Agreed to report back to Council with further information regarding what FortisBC is planning with respect to Smart Metering, together with the City's electrical utility plans for Smart Metering.

3.1.2 Mayor Gray, re: Letter from the Salvation Army -New Storage Facility for the Emergency Response Vehicle

Mayor Gray:

- Advised that The Salvation Army has forwarded a letter thanking the City of Kelowna for its contribution towards the new storage facility for the Emergency Response Vehicle.
- Advised that the letter also included a request to indicate the City's contribution towards the costs of erecting the facility on the signage of the building.

Council:

- Agreed to allow the City's name on the signage and requested that staff draft a letter to The Salvation Army indicating Council's approval.

3.1.3 Mayor Gray, re: Letter from UBC-O – Research Project: Single Parents' Housing Experiences in Kelowna's Rental Housing Market

Mayor Gray:

- Advised that Amanda Jones, a Master's student at UBC-O is conducting research with respect to single parents and their rental housing experiences in the City of Kelowna.
- Advised that the research is timely and should provide interesting observations and conclusions.
- Advised that the City will receive a copy of the completed thesis.
- Advised that the researcher is looking for relevant participants for the project.

Council:

- Agreed that Mayor Gray, Councillor Stack and the City's Community Planning Manager, will participate in the research project and requested that staff advise the researcher accordingly.

3.2 Mayor Gray, re: Smoke-Free Outdoor Public Places Bylaw

City Clerk:

- Provided background information with respect to the current bylaw provisions.

Council:

- Discussed the merits of the current bylaw provisions.
- Discussed whether the bylaw should be expanded to include outdoor patios.
- Interested in the opinion of the restaurant owners association regarding how a ban on patio smoking may impact business.

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Stack

R476/12/05/28 THAT Council directs staff to solicit feedback from the Downtown Kelowna Association, the Uptown Rutland Business Association, the British Columbia Restaurant & Foodservices Association (BCFRA) and the local representative of the BCFRA with respect to how a ban on smoking on outside patios would impact businesses and report back to Council.

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3.3 Mayor Gray, re: Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medals Nominations

This item was moved to the In-Camera portion of the meeting.

3.4 City Clerk, re: Chauffeur’s Permit Appeal Hearing

City Clerk:

- Advised that Tuesday, June 12, 2012 is the preferred date for the next Chauffeur’s Permit Appeal Hearing and suggested commencing the Hearing at 4:00 pm to ensure that the start of the June 12, 2012 Public Hearing is not delayed.

Council:

- Agreed to the June 12, 2012 date.

3.5 Councillor Stack, re: Downtown Kelowna Association Letter - Response

Councillor Stack:

- Inquired if there was a response to the Downtown Kelowna Association recent letter.

Mayor Gray:

- Confirmed that there has been a response drafted and that it should be posted to Council correspondence shortly.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Director, Corporate Services and Purchasing Manager, re: Purchasing Branch & Civic Procurement

Staff:

- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Purchasing Branch and Civic Procurement.
- Discussed the objectives of staff and Council’s role in the procurement process.

Council:

- Discussed buying local and the role of elected officials.

Moved by Councillor Singh/Seconded by Councillor Hobson

R477/12/05/28 THAT Council receives, for information, the verbal presentation from the Director, Corporate Services and the Manager, Purchasing dated May 28, 2012 with respect to the Purchasing Branch and Civic Procurement.

Carried

The meeting recessed at 11:03 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:07 a.m.

5. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Stack/Seconded by Councillor Zimmermann

R478/12/05/28 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1) (a), (e), (f) and (k) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Personal Information;
- Acquisition, Disposition, or Expropriation of Land or Improvements;

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- Law Enforcement; and
- Provision of a Municipal Service.

Carried

6. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 11:08 a.m.

The meeting was declared terminated at 12:22 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

SLH/dd

City Clerk