

Regular Meeting - A.M.

July 23, 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 July 23rd, 2012.

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

Staff members in attendance were: City Manager, Ron Mattiussi; Deputy City Clerk, Karen Needham; General Manager, Community Sustainability, Jim Paterson*; Director, Land Use Management, Shelley Gambacort*; Manager, Urban Land Use, Danielle Noble*; Director, Policy & Planning, Signe Bach*; Planner, Lauren Sanbrooks*; Community Planning Manager, Theresa Eichler*; and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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Moved by Councillor Zimmermann/Seconded by Councillor Hobson

R675/12/07/23 THAT the Minutes of the Regular A.M. Meeting of July 9, 2012 be confirmed as circulated.

Carried

3. ISSUES ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

3.1 Mayor Gray, re: Issues Arising from Correspondence

Mayor Gray:

- Advised that Graham Hood won the GranFondo Community Challenge on behalf of the City of Kelowna.
- Provided Council with an overview of the meeting with the Solicitor General, Shirley Bond, and staff.
- Advised that the organizer of the Pride Event on August 18, 2012 is inquiring how many members of Council will be attending the event.

Council:

- Had a brief discussion regarding the proposed slo-pitch game with Westbank First Nations. As it is Council's understanding that Chief Louie is away in July, it was suggested that the slo-pitch game be rescheduled to sometime in August.

3.2 City Manager, re: WestJet - New Service Announcement to Los Angeles

City Manager:

- Advised that WestJet has just announced that it will be offering a direct flight from Kelowna to Los Angeles commencing in November 2012 and that is it WestJet's intention to operate the flight once a week from November to April.

3.3 Councillor Basran, re: Subway Restaurant on Queensway Avenue

Councillor Basran:

- Advised that the owner of the Subway restaurant on Queensway Avenue is concerned with the number of people requesting the use of washroom facilities due to its proximity to the Queensway Bus loop.

City Manager:

- Advised that the portable washrooms located on the Queensway Bus loop site are for the bus drivers only.

Council:

- Requested that staff erect way finding signage at the Queensway Bus loop indicating that there are public washrooms available at City Hall, the Kelowna Museum and Stuart Park.
- Requested that staff provide an update regarding any future plans for public washroom facilities at the Queensway Bus loop.

3.4 City Manager, re: Flag Policy

City Manager:

- Provided an overview of City's current Flag Policy and advised that staff is considering changes to the Policy.

Council:

- Requested that staff bring forward the proposed Policy changes in the fall of 2012.

4. REPORTS4.1 Manager, Community Planning and Planner, dated July 9, 2012, re: Housing Workshop - Housing Agreements

Staff:

- Displayed a PowerPoint Presentation with respect to Housing Agreements.
- Advised that there is a concern around the administration and effectiveness of the "Ownership" Housing Agreements. They are costly for both the application and City to administer and are not a significant contributor to affordable housing.
- Advised that there are further concerns about the administrative capacity of the City to manage "Ownership" Housing Agreements, particularly enforcement of the affordability requirements. The market has shifted considerably and there are options for people in the \$66,000.00 income levels without the City getting involved.
- Believe that to achieve the intent of "Special Needs" Housing Agreements, changes to the Zoning Bylaw would help regulate these uses more effectively.
- Advised that Housing Agreements for non-market housing might not be needed for housing aided by the Province and subject to BC Housing Agreements, Memorandums of Understanding or on City land and subject to a lease agreement.
- Advised that Housing Agreements for "purpose-built rental" housing are needed to provide incentives for this kind of development. There are several developers/builders wanting to proceed with rental housing developments, however they need to know they will have the support of the City.
- Responded to questions from Council.

City Manager:

- Believes that the City's Housing Agreement Policy needs to be revisited.

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R676/12/07/23 THAT staff report back to Council with recommendations to discontinue the use of ownership Housing Agreements;

AND THAT staff report back to Council with respect to Housing Agreements relative to purpose-built rental housing, including estimates of how much purpose-built rental housing the City can anticipate in the next year or so.

Carried5. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLICMoved by Councillor Stack/Seconded by Councillor DeHart

R677/12/07/23 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1) (a), (c), (e), (g), (j) and (k) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Position Appointment;
- Labour Relations;
- Acquisition, Disposition, or Expropriation of Land or Improvements;
- Potential Litigation;
- Third Party Information;
- Provision of a Municipal Service;

Carried6. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:06 a.m.

The meeting was declared terminated at 12:14 p.m.

Certified Correct:

 Mayor

SLH/dd

 Deputy City Clerk