

A Special Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Kelowna was held in the Parkinson Activity Centre, Main Hall, 1700 Parkinson Way, Kelowna, B.C., on Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

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: City Manager, Ron Mattiussi; City Clerk, Stephen Fleming; Strategic Initiatives Manager, Eric Carr; and Council Recording Secretary, Arlene McClelland.

Residents Associations attendance were: Black Mountain Belgo Residents Association, Julee Ann Richmond Vice President; Clifton Highlands Community Association, Tara Godwin Vice President; Glenmore Valley Community Association, Kim Dodds, President and Marlene Miller, Treasurer; Kelowna Downtown Knox Mountain Neighbourhood Association, Lisa Masini, Vice President; Kelowna South Central Association of Neighbourhood Association, Wayne Dods and Bev Kalmakoff Secretary; KLO Central Neighbourhood Association, Richard Burroughs, President; McKinley Landing Residents Association, Brad Dahl, President; Okanagan Mission Residents Association, Mark Thompson, President; Rutland Residents Association, John Huston, President.

(\* denotes partial attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the special meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Gray made introductory remarks and introductions were made.

2. CITY UPDATES

- 2.1 Service Request System
- 2.2 eSubscribe (RSS Feed)

Strategic Initiatives Manager, Eric Carr provided a power point presentation and responded to questions from Council.

3. RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

Representatives were asked to comment on the following questions:

- 3.1 What makes your Neighbourhood great?
- 3.2 What would it take to make it even better?
- 3.3 How can the Residents' Associations get involved to further enhance their area?

**Black Mountain-Belgo Residents Association**

Julee Anne Richmond, Vice President:

- Association formed in 2010 with approximately 100 Members to date.
- Rapid population growth including many children.
- Amenities should be family focussed.

- Location makes our Neighbourhood great with being close to shopping, Big White, green space and scenery. Members were surveyed for responses.
- Additional parks and trails, dog parks, sidewalks, meeting space, more recreation areas, more commercial and transit, safety measures regarding speeding would make our neighbourhood better.
- Developed good relationships with MLA's, City planning staff, developers and businesses; use of Association website and social media; focus on existing infrastructure.

### **Clifton Highlands Community Association**

Tara Godwin, Vice President:

- Association formed 18 years ago.
- Community is safe and quiet; large lots; access to parks and trails. Solid core of resident's active in association but going through a transition period with older members leaving and challenges recruiting new members.
- Road improvements; safer roads, sidewalks and lighting; more transit, new development will open up access and create through roads.
- Need to recruit new members. Records missing due to death or illness of long time members who kept the information.

### **Glenmore Valley Community Association**

Kim Dodds, President

- Sense of community; recent initiatives such as lands purchased for future recreation location and John Hindle Drive.
- Additional commercial rezonings, early interactions with developers critical for successful development into community.
- Communication with City, how to determine right person to contact at City depending upon issue or problem; encouraging that City is taking more of an initiative when communicating with Associations; City attitude towards role of Associations needs to be expanded upon.

### **Kelowna Downtown Knox Mountain Neighbourhood Association**

Lisa Masini, Vice President

- Formerly the North End Residents' Association.
- Abundant natural space; mix of building stock by type, age and land uses.
- Create a mutually beneficial relationship between Associations and Council/City; a lot of untapped potential; Associations may be used to further enhance the dissemination of information; Need to increase membership base, currently 30 Members; lack of a website.
- Pleasantville development will have significant impact on neighbourhood; dialogue between Community and BC Housing has been positive to date; could use more public access space around Sutherland Park.

City Clerk displayed Association contact information and map of Association boundaries as found on the City website.

### **Kelowna South Central Association of Neighbourhood Association**

Bev Kalmakoff, Secretary and Wayne Dods

- Read a prepared statement. Copy retained for file.
- Association formed 20 years ago. Approximately 30 Members not including KGH Neighbourhood Liaison group or FRACAS.
- Strengths and assets are the older homes in the area with many carefully restored by owners. Historical signage has been installed beside many homes and a newly created self-guided walking tour brochure has been distributed.
- Preservation, promotion and protection of the areas historical significance.

- Continued commitment of Council and City staff to protect the historical areas in respect to rezoning applications and future developments.
- KGH Development continues to have a negative impact on the neighbourhood. Insufficient Bylaw Officers on staff to adequately enforce parking regulations.
- Being informed of all development proposals within our area will enable us to provide both positive and negative input to the developer early in the process.

City Manager:

- KGH has become a regional hospital and it does have an impact on the neighbourhood in ways the City is not always able to control. Having good communications between all parties helps mitigate the problems.

**KLO Central Neighbourhood Association**

Richard Burroughs, President

- Provided a handout. Copy retained for file.
- The area is a multi-purpose community, live, work, play and Okanagan College; diverse and vibrant people, approximately 14,000; golden triangle location; Pandosy village by the lake.
- Requested \$1000 for website development to enhance membership communication and city communication channel to neighbourhood. Charrette requested for Pandosy Village/Cedar Park Plaza.
- Lack of Business Improvement Area (BIA) organization; lack of parking enforcement.

**McKinley Landing Residents Association**

Brad Dahl, President

- Currently 100 Members with 45 waiting to join.
- Residential neighbourhood.
- Fire safety and road safety are primary concerns. There is a lack of volunteers for McKinley firehall. Fire access road is needed; currently outside the emergency response time of 5 minutes.
- Melcor development will create access issues; more people and more traffic. Provided input to the Melcor Traffic Study but no response has been received. Uncertain if traffic study has been seen by City staff.
- Waterfront public waterfront land is being encroached upon by some property owners.
- Centralized Resident Association website is needed. On-line survey input results from Members much better than in-person meetings. When working with Melcor 13 residents participated and when the same questions were asked via an online survey 97 households participated.

**Okanagan Mission Residents Association**

Mark Thompson, President

- Gave a Powerpoint presentation. Copy retained for file.
- Association Membership is at 450.
- Relatively new housing and continuing new development; influenced by positive attributes of the lake; generally considered safe; ample green and park space; several public facilities.
- Would like completion or partial improvement of DeHart Park; completion of Lakeshore Road widening/Mission Creek bridge; additional arterial connection to the area due to summer congestion; significant speeding issue; improved transit services; two Councillors designated as liaisons; city participation in community use of Okanagan Mission Secondary expansion; longer library hours; improved park maintenance.
- Developing of a Facebook page; need to develop better relationship with city planners, MLA's, MP's and other government contacts; more social events to bring residents together; work closely with other Community Associations.

**Rutland Residents Association**

John Huston, President

- Association Membership fluctuates between 40 and 60.
- Mature established infrastructure which is a base to build upon to enhance the community; have many restaurants and parks; would like to know how to make better use of parks.
- Would like to have a stronger relationship with City with respect to long term planning; have a Councillor dedicated to the Rutland area.
- Alliance with Centennial Park Society and URBA will be beneficiary.

Councillor Blanleil departed the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Okanagan Mission Resident Association President distributed discussion paper.

Councillor Basran departed the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

4. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Council agreed to meet with Residents Associations again for feedback.

5. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Mayor

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City Clerk