

Regular Meeting – A.M.

September 19, 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, September 19th, 2011.

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

Council members absent: Councillor Kevin Craig.

Staff members in attendance were: City Manager, Ron Mattiussi; City Clerk, Stephen Fleming; General Manager, Community Services, John Vos*; General Manager, Corporate Sustainability, Paul Macklem*; General Manager, Community Sustainability, Jim Paterson*; Director, Communications, Carla Stephens*; Corporate Communications Coordinator, Kari O'Rourke*; Manager, Cultural Services, Sandra Kochan*; Director, Recreation & Cultural Services, Jim Gabriel*; Director, Financial Services, Keith Grayston*; and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning.

Guest: Consultant, Shift Consulting, Michelle Gurney*.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

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

3. ISSUES ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

3.1 Mayor Shepherd, re: Bill C-615

Moved by Councillor Hodge/Seconded by Councillor Reid-Nagy

R914/11/09/19 THAT Council authorizes the Mayor to write a letter, on behalf of Council, to the Prime Minister, with a copy to MP Ron Cannan and MP Olivia Chow, indicating that Kelowna City Council supports a National Transit Strategy, as supported by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Canadian Urban Transit Association.

Carried

3.2 Mayor Shepherd, re: September 8, 2011 UBCM Member Release - British Columbia: RCMP Contract Management Committee

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Rule

R915/11/09/19 THAT Council supports the Mayor and Director, Financial Services as the local government representatives for the City of Kelowna interested in being considered for an appointment as a member of the British Columbia/Local Government RCMP Contract Management Committee.

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3.3 Mayor Shepherd, re: British Columbia Achievement Foundation

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Hodge

R916/11/09/19 THAT Council receives, for information, the August 25, 2011 letter from the British Columbia Achievement Foundation with respect to the 9th Annual British Columbia Community Achievement Awards.

Carried

4. REPORTS

4.1 City Clerk, Verbal Report, re: Update – Interior Health Authority

City Clerk:

- Provided an update with respect to the Interior Health Authority meeting that was held on September 13, 2011 concerning the construction around the hospital.
- Advised that the main topics of discussion were:
 - o Noise – Construction noise and mechanical systems;
 - o Smoking – KGH employees and patients smoking on City and private properties and not on the KGH site.
 - o Communication – Concerns regarding the lack of communication by Graham Construction and IHA/KGH staff with the immediate neighbourhood.
 - o Parking – Regulations and enforcement.
- Advised that the Real Estate & Building Services Department are considering a parking strategy that could be implemented in the hospital area and will be coming to Council with a report in due course.

Councillor Stack:

- Expressed a concern that the neighbourhood is very upset and frustrated with what is going on at KGH.

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Hodge

R917/11/09/19 THAT Council receives, for information, the verbal report from the City Clerk dated September 19, 2011 regarding the September 13, 2011 Interior Health Authority meeting with respect to the construction at the Kelowna General Hospital site.

Carried

4.2 Director, Communications, Verbal Report, re: Communications Strategy for Bernard Avenue Construction Management

The Guest, Michelle Gurney, joined the meeting at 8:53 a.m.

Staff:

- Introduced the consultant and the presentation.

Michelle Gurney, Consultant, Shift Consulting:

- Had a discussion with Council with respect to various construction communication issues regarding the Bernard Avenue Revitalization project.

Council:

- Would like to establish a single telephone number that the public can use if they have any concerns regarding the project.
- Would like an update regarding the communication consultations with the Downtown Kelowna Association and the affected business owners.

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- Would like staff to report at an open, afternoon, Council Meeting with respect to the process for the project once the alternative approval process has been completed.
- Would like staff to consider splitting the tender contract for the project so that each block can be worked on simultaneously.

City Manager:

- Will provide Council with the timeline and scope of the project (i.e. Will there be any upgrades to any underground infrastructure [fiber optics] during the construction phase?)

The Guest, Michelle Gurney, left the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 9:41 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:46 a.m.

- 4.3 Manager, Cultural Services, dated September 14, 2011, re: Materials for Workshop with Council regarding Arts, Culture & Heritage Grants

Staff:

- Gave a presentation with respect to the Arts, Culture & Heritage Grants.

Moved by Councillor Stack/Seconded by Councillor Reid-Nagy

R918/11/09/19 THAT Council directs staff to report to Council, on an annual basis, with a recap of the previous year's successful grant applications and an introduction of the current year's grant application process.

Carried

- 4.4 Councillor Hodge, re: Pesticide Application on City Hall Property

Councillor Hodge:

- Expressed a concern that City staff was using pesticide on the area outside of City Hall by the staff parking lot.

City Manager:

- Will report back to Council with respect to staff's rationale regarding when and why pesticides are considered for use on City-owned property.

5. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Stack/Seconded by Councillor Hodge

R919/11/09/19 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1) (f), (i), (j) and (k) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Law Enforcement;
- Legal Advice;
- Third Party Information;
- Provision of a Municipal Service.

Carried

6. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:40 a.m.

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

Certified Correct:

Mayor

City Clerk

SLH/dd