

Regular Meeting - A.M.

October 1, 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 Monday, October 1st, 2012.

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

Council members absent: Andre Blancheil, Mohini Singh

Staff members in attendance were: Acting City Manager, Doug Gilchrist; Deputy City Clerk (& Recording Secretary), Karen Needham; General Manager Community Services, John Vos*; Acting General Manager Corporate Sustainability, Rob Mayne*; Director, Financial Services, Keith Grayston*.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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Moved by Councillor Basran/Seconded by Councillor Hobson

R863/12/10/01 THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2012 be confirmed as circulated.

Carried

3. ISSUES ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

3.1 Mayor Gray, re: Issues Arising from Correspondence

Mayor Gray:

- Provided an update on the City bid and presentation to Ironman in Tampa Florida on September 25, 2012.
- Confirmed that Kelowna has been shortlisted, along with Whistler and Huntsville, Ont, for the 2013 event.
- Councillor Basran confirmed, on behalf of Councillor Blancheil, support for the Ironman bid from the Kelowna Tourism Board.

Acting City Manager:

- Provided an update on the relocation of the Fintry Queen
- Requested the upcoming Budget Meeting be moved from October 3rd; suggested October 12 as an alternate
- Advised that the Okanagan Indian Band has requested a meeting with Council to discuss areas of common interest.

3.2 Mayor Gray, re: British Columbia Community Achievement Awards

Mayor Gray:

- Advised that nominations must be submitted by November 15, 2012.
- Confirmed that nominations may be submitted by anyone or any group (including Council if they choose), and all residents of BC are eligible.

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- 4.1 General Manager, Community Sustainability, Verbal Report, re: Extension Agreement - Fortis Pacific Holdings Inc.
To obtain Council authorization for execution

Staff:

- Updated Council on the two Electric Utility Restructuring Opportunity Public Open Houses held September 25th and 27th; commented on low public attendance overall.
- Provided information on the extension agreement - the current agreement expires on September 30, 2012
- Summarized the intent of the extension is to ensure continued services to citizens during and following the restructuring process regardless of outcome.

Moved by Councillor Zimmermann/Seconded by Councillor Given

R864/12/10/01 THAT Council authorize Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Extension Agreement between Fortis Pacific Holdings Inc. and the City of Kelowna, as presented by the General Manager, Community Sustainability, at the October 01, 2012 A.M. meeting of Council.

Carried

- 4.2 Revenue Manager, Financial Services, re: Permissive Tax Exemption Policy
To obtain Council's direction

Staff:

- Provided an overview of permissive tax exemption legislation and policy
- Confirmed recommendations that informed the current policy were made by a task force chaired by former Councillor Gran.
- Discussed changes to the exempt status for the VQA Wine Store at the Laurel Packinghouse and confirmed this was discussed with the previous director, and will be further discussed prior to bringing forward recommendations to Council.

Council:

- Commented on the long process undertaken by the task force and suggested the policy was fair, consistent and appropriate.
- Confirmed that only the portion (in square footage) of the Laurel Packinghouse facility dedicated to the sale of wine is being considered as taxable under the policy.
- Noted that the restoration of the Laurel Packinghouse was a factor in the changes to the Wine Museum sales, and should be considered with any proposed changes
- Noted that the policy was originally phased in over a number of years so those affected by changes would have time to adjust.

Moved by Councillor Given/Seconded by Councillor Dehart

R865/12/10/01 THAT Council receives the report from the Revenue Manager, dated September 26, 2012 which reviews the Permissive Tax Exemption Policy No.327;

AND THAT Council endorses Permissive Tax Exemption Policy No.327 in its current state.

Carried

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5. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Zimmermann/Seconded by Councillor Given

R866/12/10/01 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1) (e)(k) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Acquisition of Land or Improvements
- Provision of a Municipal Service

Carried

6. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:35am

The meeting was declared terminated at 12:26pm

Certified Correct:

Mayor

KLN/dd

Headham

Deputy City Clerk

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