



## City of Kelowna Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 11, 2013  
Time: 8:30 am  
Location: Knox Mountain Meeting Room (#4A)  
City Hall, 1435 Water Street

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

Staff Present: City Manager, Ron Mattiussi; City Clerk, Stephen Fleming; Acting General Manager, Community Sustainability, Doug Gilchrist\*; Subdivision Approving Officer, Ryan Smith\*; Director, Financial Services, Keith Grayston\*; Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning

(\* denotes partial attendance)

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved By: Councillor Hobson/Seconded By: Councillor Zimmermann

R150/13/03/11 THAT the Minutes of the Regular AM Meeting of March 4, 2013 be confirmed as circulated

Carried

### 3. Issues Arising from Correspondence & Community Concerns

#### 3.1. Mayor Gray, re: Issues Arising from Correspondence

Mayor Gray:

- Requested that the Deputy Mayor Schedule be placed on the March 18, 2013 Agenda for consideration.

### 3.1.1 Mayor Gray, re: PGA Canadian Tour

Mayor Gray:

- Provided an update to Council regarding the proposed PGA Canadian Tour.

Council:

- Discussed the merits and challenges of the City hosting a one-off event.
- Supportive that the tour may be coming to Kelowna.

### 3.1.2 Mayor Gray, re: Agricultural Land Reserve Application and the Agricultural Advisory Committee

Mayor Gray:

- Advised that he met with Rod Cook with respect to this client's ALR application that went before the Agricultural Advisory Committee in February.
- It is anticipated that the application will change prior to it coming before Council.

## 4. Reports

### 4.1. Development Process Review Project - Update

Acting General Manager, Community Sustainability:

- Provided the rationale for the Development Process Review.
- Staff has been directed to focus on the following principles:
  - o Customer Service;
  - o Innovative and creative approaches that are solutions-oriented when interacting with applicants;
  - o Reviewing policies for duplication or redundancy;
  - o Simplifying processes.

Staff:

- Provided an overview of the Development Process Review and responded to questions from Council.
- Best practices research show that the City has a number of best practices, they just need to be better supported internally.
- Believes that City-Applicant communication needs to be improved.
- Advised that recommendations will be brought forward to a future Council meeting and that it will take time to change the corporate culture.

City Manager:

- Provided comment on the Development Process.
- It was also determined that the City needs to ensure that the development community is using the online development applications tracking system.

### 4.2. NavCanada - British Columbia Assessment Authority Tax Assessment Ruling

Staff:

- Advised that NavCanada appealed tax assessments on four sites in British Columbia.
- The appeal decision favoured NavCanada and there are implications for the City even though Kelowna was not one of the four test properties.
- The appeal decision stated that NavCanada land and improvements should be treated as a nominal assessment for each.
- The appeal also noted that a legislative solution is required for these unique situations.

5. Resolution Closing the Meeting to the Public

Moved By: Councillor Stack/Seconded By: Councillor DeHart

R151/13/03/11 THAT this meeting be closed to the public to Section 90(1)(e) and (j) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Acquisition, Disposition, or Expropriation of Land or Improvements; and
- Third Party Information.

Carried

6. Adjourn to Closed Session

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 9:56 a.m.

The meeting was terminated at 4:25 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk