



## City of Kelowna Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 30, 2013  
 Location: Knox Mountain Meeting Room (#4A)  
 City Hall, 1435 Water Street

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

Council Members Absent: Councillor Mohini Singh

Staff Present: City Manager, Ron Mattiussi; Deputy City Manager, Paul Macklem; City Clerk, Stephen Fleming; Divisional Director, Corporate & Protective Services, Rob Mayne\*; and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning.

(\*denotes partial attendance)

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved By Councillor Given/Seconded By Councillor DeHart

R620/13/09/30 THAT the Minutes of the Regular AM Meeting of September 23, 2013 be confirmed as circulated.

Carried

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

3.1. Mayor Gray, re: Issues Arising from Correspondence

### 3.1.1 Mayor Gray, re: Health Canada and the New Medicinal Grow-op Regulations

Mayor Gray:

- Noted that there was a one (1) hour session at the recent UBCM Convention that provided information regarding the proposed new initiative by Health Canada with respect to medicinal marijuana grow-ops.

City Clerk:

- Provided background information regarding the proposed new initiative by Health Canada.
- Provided information regarding what the City of Kelowna is proposing to coincide with the new initiative.
- Advised that a request has been made to Health Canada to obtain information on how many legal grow-ops are currently within the City of Kelowna's boundary.
- Advised that a Report to Council will be forthcoming by the end of October.
- Advised that the City of Kelowna is one of four municipalities that are required to have a 'Farm Bylaw', which the City currently does not have.
- Explained the challenges associated with a 'Farm Bylaw'.
- Explained the challenges with BC Assessment.
- Advised that MP Ron Cannan has been contacted and that he has agreed to assist with obtaining additional information from Health Canada.
- Clarified that Health Canada will only conduct inspections to ensure compliance with its regulations, not any of the City's regulations.
- Responded to questions from Council.

Deputy City Manager:

- Expressed a concern that the taxpayers of Kelowna could potentially subsidize medicinal marijuana grow-ops if they are allowed to be on agricultural lands and as agricultural lands have reduced property taxes.
- Responded to questions from Council.

Councillor DeHart left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

City Manager:

- Provided further comment regarding the challenges associated with medicinal marijuana grow-ops on agricultural lands.

### 3.1.2 Mayor Gray, re: Events Requesting Council Member Attendance

Mayor Gray:

- Noted various events that have requested Council Member attendance.

Councillor Basran joined the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

### 3.1.3 Mayor Gray, re: BC Community Achievement Awards

Mayor Gray:

- Inquired if Council wished to put forward a nomination for the BC Community Achievement Awards.

### 3.1.4 Mayor Gray, re: Build a Shed Fundraiser

Mayor Gray:

- Noted that the Benvoulin Church is in need of a shed for storage use and will be holding a 'Build a Shed' Fundraising Dinner on October 20, 2013.

### 3.1.5 Mayor Gray, re: Deputy Mayor Schedule

Mayor Gray:

- Noted that the current Deputy Mayor Schedule ends in November and that a new Deputy Mayor Schedule will be coming forward in the next few weeks.

## 4. Reports

### 4.1. City Clerk, Verbal Report - 2014 Council Meeting Schedule

City Clerk:

- Displayed a copy of the 'draft' 2014 Council Meeting Schedule.
- Provided an overview of the proposed dates and noted that there are no Public Hearings scheduled after a long weekend.
- Confirmed that the Election will be held on November 15, 2014 with the Inaugural Meeting on December 1, 2014.
- Advised that staff is proposing no Council Meetings between the Election and the Inaugural Meeting.
- Noted that the City's New Council Orientation has been scheduled between the Election and the Inaugural meeting.

Moved By Councillor Given/Seconded By Councillor Zimmermann

R621/13/09/30 THAT Council directs staff to remove Monday, June 30, 2014 from the 2014 Council Meeting Schedule;

AND THAT Council directs staff to add a the Pre-Budget Council Meeting for Thursday, September 18, 2014 to the 2014 Council Meeting Schedule;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to bring forward the 2014 Council Meeting Schedule to a PM Regular Meeting for consideration.

Carried

## 5. Resolution Closing the Meeting to the Public

Moved By Councillor Stack/Seconded By Councillor Zimmermann

R622/13/09/30 THAT this meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 90(1) (e) and (k) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Acquisition, Disposition, or Expropriation of Land or Improvements; and
- Provision of a Municipal Service.

Carried

## 6. Adjourn to Closed Session

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 10:52 a.m.

The meeting was terminated at 12:20 p.m.

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Mayor  
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City Clerk