



City of Kelowna Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, November 25, 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, Luke Stack and Gerry Zimmermann

Council Members Absent: Councillors Robert Hobson and Mohini Singh

Staff Present: City Manager, Ron Mattiussi; City Clerk, Stephen Fleming; and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. Call to Order

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved By Councillor DeHart/Seconded By Councillor Zimmermann

R736/13/11/25 THAT the Minutes of the Regular AM Meeting of November 18, 2103 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: City Facility Funding Requests

Mayor Gray:

- Advised that he had an inquiry regarding the use of Kelowna Community Theatre for a Philippines Fundraising event and inquired as to the City's policy.

City Manager:

- Advised that there is a Council Policy in place that is adjudicated through the Active Living & Culture Division.

Council:

- Important to remember the reasons behind the policy being implemented.
- Let staff evaluate the request and provide the appropriate response.

3.1.2 Mayor Gray, re: National Health and Fitness Day 2014

Mayor Gray:

- Advised that the Honourable Nancy Greene Raine introduced a Bill in the Senate, "An Act to establish a national day to promote health and fitness for all Canadians". The Bill designates the first Saturday in June as "National Health and Fitness Day".
- The objective of the day is to increase participation by Canadians in fitness and sports activities contributing to their own health and well-being.
- Advised that the new connection for the 'rails with trails' project is estimated to be ready to open around the first weekend in June 2014.
- Inquired if Council would like to participate in the initiative, and if so, suggested writing a letter to Senator Greene Raine advising of Kelowna's support and inviting Senator Greene Raine to come to Kelowna to celebrate National Health and Fitness Day 2014.

City Manager:

- Advised that staff is working on "Active by Nature" promotional information to make the 'rails with trails' and other off-road bike routes better known.

Moved By Councillor Blanleil/Seconded By Councillor Zimmermann

R737/13/11/25 THAT Council authorizes the Mayor, on behalf of Council, to write a letter to The Honourable Nancy Greene Raine advising that the City of Kelowna would like to support the National Health and Fitness Day initiative.

Carried

3.1.3 Mayor Gray, re: Gas Tax Funding

Mayor Gray:

- Provided an update to Council.

3.1.4 Mayor Gray, re: Medical Marijuana

Mayor Gray:

- Advised that staff are planning on bring forward a Report for Council's consideration at next week's Council Meeting regarding medical marijuana.

3.1.5 Mayor Gray, re: RCMP Detachment

Mayor Gray:

- Noted that the original RCMP Detachment was constructed in 1952. The City's population has grown nine-fold since that time.

3.1.6 Councillor Stack, re: Rojem Road

Councillor Stack:

- Advised that he has received a request to have the City of Kelowna take over Rojem Road from private status to public road classification.

City Manager:

- Will have staff investigate the request and report back to Council with the process and costs of maintaining the roadway.

3.1.7 Councillor Stack, re: Possible Rat Infestation

Councillor Stack:

- Advised that he was approached by a member of the public regarding the extent of a rat infestation within the City.

City Clerk:

- Advised that discussions have been held with Interior Health Authority and that a public education approach has been taken to date.

Councillor Zimmermann:

- Inquired as to the number of complaints regarding deer within the City limits.

City Clerk:

- Advised that the City receives numerous complaints about deer and that the complainants are directed to the BC Conservation Office.

City Manager:

- Will have staff review the complaints received with respect to a potential rat infestation within the City, and the number of complaints regarding deer, and report back to Council with implications and options.

3.1.8 Mayor Gray, re: Baby Friendly Initiative

Mayor Gray:

- Advised that a request has been made regarding UBC-O and Interior Health's Baby Friendly Initiative and provided background information.
- UBC-O Nursing Students have met with the Mayor and various Councillors regarding the public health benefits to breastfeeding.

City Manager:

- Provided details regarding his discussion with the nursing students and advised that the City of Kelowna's facilities are already baby friendly.

Council:

- Agreed that the City already accommodates breastfeeding and has for some time.
- Satisfied with how the City Manager has dealt with the issue.

4. Resolution Closing the Meeting to the Public

Moved By Councillor Stack/Seconded By Councillor Basran

R738/13/11/25 THAT this meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 90(1) (a), (e) and (f) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Position Appointment;
- Acquisition, Disposition, or Expropriation, of Land or Improvements; and
- Law Enforcement.

Carried

5. Adjourn to Closed Session

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 11:19 a.m.

The meeting was terminated at 12:03 p.m.

Mayor

/slh

City Clerk