



**City of Kelowna  
Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes**

Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021  
Location: Council Chamber  
City Hall, 1435 Water Street

Members Present Mayor Colin Basran, Councillors Maxine DeHart, Ryan Donn, Gail Given, Brad Sieben, Mohini Singh, Luke Stack and Loyal Wooldridge

Members Participating Remotely Councillor Charlie Hodge

Staff Present City Manager, Doug Gilchrist; City Clerk, Stephen Fleming; Deputy City Clerk, Laura Bentley\*; Divisional Director, Financial Services, Genelle Davidson; Financial Planning Manager, Kevin Hughes; Accountant, Nicole Unruh; General Manager\*; Divisional Directors\*, Directors\*, Department Managers\*, Managers\* and Supervisors\* of the Civic Operations Division, Infrastructure Division, Corporate & Protective Services Division, Corporate Strategic Services Division, Active Living & Culture Division, Partnership & Investments Division, Planning & Development Services Division, Financial Services Division, Kelowna International Airport and Office of the City Clerk

\* Denotes partial attendance

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Basran called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered today on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the syilx/Okanagan people.

In accordance with the most recent Provincial Health Officer Order regarding face coverings, a mask or face covering must be worn in the gallery of Council Chambers except when presenting to Council. As an open meeting, a live audio-video feed is being broadcast and recorded on kelowna.ca.

## 2. Budget Discussion Schedule

### 2.1 Opening Comments

The City Manager made opening comments, followed by the playing of the "[Imagine Kelowna - Next Steps](#)" video.

### 2.2 2022 Financial Plan - Preliminary Volume

Note: - Page numbers referenced in the resolutions are from the 2022 Financial Plan Preliminary - Volume 1 book. The term "star" in the resolutions should be read as "to defer". A "P1" item is included in the Preliminary Budget, while a "P2" item is not included.

## 3. Capital Program

### 3.1 Airport - Operating and Capital Requests

There were no amendments to the Airport Operating and Capital Program budgets as presented.

### 3.2 Fire - Operating and Capital Requests

Moved By Councillor Given/Seconded By Councillor Hodge

B01/09/12/21 THAT Council amend the priority for the Long-term Staffing and Capital Investment item on page 284 from "P2" to "P1" with no increase to taxation in 2022

Carried

Moved By Councillor Wooldridge/Seconded By Councillor Stack

B02/09/12/21 THAT Council insert the Fire Dispatch Contract Renewal item after page 284 and change the item priority from "Late" to "P1" with no increase to taxation in 2022

Carried

### 3.3 Information Services Capital & Corporate Strategic Services Operating

There were no amendments to the Information Services Capital and Corporate Strategic Services Operating Program budgets as presented.

### 3.4 Real Estate & Parking

There were no amendments to the Real Estate & Parking Capital Program budget as presented.

### 3.5 Building

There were no amendments to the Building Capital Program budget as presented.

### 3.6 Parks

There were no amendments to the Parks Capital Program budget as presented.

### 3.7 Vehicle & Mobile Equipment

There were no amendments to the Vehicle & Mobile Equipment Capital Program budget as presented.

### 3.8 Transportation

There were no amendments to the Transportation Capital Program budget as presented.

### 3.9 Water

There were no amendments to the Water Capital Program budget as presented.

### 3.10 Wastewater

There were no amendments to the Wastewater Capital Program budget as presented.

### 3.11 Solid Waste

There were no amendments to the Solid Waste Capital Program budget as presented.

### 3.12 Storm Drainage

There were no amendments to the Storm Drainage Capital Program budget as presented.

Following discussion on the "Mill Creek Flood" item on page 438, Council adopted the following resolution:

Moved By Councillor Donn/Seconded By Councillor Wooldridge

B03/09/12/21 THAT Council direct staff to provide an update on the Mill Creek Flood Protection project.

Carried

## 4. Operating Program

### 4.1 Infrastructure

Moved By Councillor Sieben/Seconded By Councillor Wooldridge

B04/09/12/21 THAT Council star the Bicycle Map and Wayfinding Program P2 item on page 208 for further discussion later in the meeting.

Carried

Moved By Councillor Sieben/Seconded By Councillor Hodge

B05/09/12/21 THAT Council star the Green Infrastructure Storm Analysis P2 item on page 209 for further discussion later in the meeting.

Carried  
Councillor Stack - Opposed

### 4.2 Water Utility

There were no amendments to the Water Utility Operating Program budget as presented.

### 4.3 Wastewater Utility

There were no amendments to the Wastewater Utility Operating Program budget as presented.

The meeting recessed at 10:51 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:16 a.m.

### 4.4 City Administration

There were no amendments to the City Administration Operating Program budget as presented.

### 4.5 City Clerk

There were no amendments to the City Clerk Operating Program budget as presented.

#### 4.6 Planning & Development Services

Councillor Stack declared a conflict of interest on the Affordable Housing Land Acquisition Strategy Fund item on page 152 as his employer applies for affordable housing grants from time-to-time and left the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Moved By Councillor Wooldridge/Seconded By Councillor Singh

**B06/09/12/21** THAT Council star the Affordable Housing Land Acquisition Strategy Fund P2 item on page 152 for further discussion later in the meeting.

**Carried**

Councillor Stack rejoined the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

#### 4.7 Partnerships & Investments

There were no amendments to the Partnerships & Investments Operating Program budget as presented.

#### 4.8 Active Living & Culture

There were no amendments to the Active Living & Culture Operating Program budget as presented.

Following a discussion on the Meet Me on Bernard item on page 236, the City Manager confirmed staff will continue to provide Council with "Meet Me on Bernard" updates.

#### 4.9 Corporate & Protective Services -Corporate Services

Moved By Councillor Hodge/Seconded By Councillor Singh

**B07/09/12/21** THAT Council star the Recovery Coordinator Position P2 item on page 256 for further discussion later in the meeting.

**Defeated**

Councillors DeHart, Donn, Given, Sieben, Stack and Wooldridge - Opposed

There were no amendments to the Corporate & Protective Services – Corporate Services Operating Program budget as presented.

#### 4.10 Corporate & Protective Services - Community Safety

Moved By Councillor Sieben/Seconded By Councillor Donn

**B08/09/12/21** THAT Council star the Disclosure Coordinators (2) Positions P2 item on page 273 for further discussion later in the meeting.

**Carried**

Moved By Councillor Sieben/Seconded By Councillor Hodge

**B09/09/12/21** THAT Council star the RCMP General Duty Constable – 2 Members P2 item on page 274 for further discussion later in the meeting.

**Carried**

Mayor Basran and Councillors Given and Stack - Opposed

Moved By Councillor Given/Seconded By Councillor Donn

**B10/09/12/21** THAT Council star the Digital Extraction Technician Position P2 item on page 275 for further discussion later in the meeting.

Carried  
Mayor Basran and Councillors Singh and Stack - Opposed

#### 4.11 Financial Services

Moved By Councillor Hodge/Seconded By Councillor Stack

B11/09/12/21 THAT Council star the Accountant Position – Accounting Operations P2 item on page 312 for further discussion later in the meeting.

Carried

#### 4.12 Debt & Other

There were no amendments to the Debt & Other Operating Program budget as presented.

Staff confirmed the starred items, if each were added to the Provisional Budget, would result in a tax increase of 3.75%.

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 12:52 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 1:41 p.m.

### 5. Wrap-Up & Discussion

Council made no change to the starred Digital Extraction Technician Position P2 item on page 275 and it remains a P2 item.

Moved By Councillor DeHart/Seconded By Councillor Wooldridge

B12/11/12/12 THAT Council amend the priority of the Bicycle Map and Wayfinding Program item on page 208 from "P2" to "P1" with an increase on taxation in 2022 of \$15,000.

Carried

Moved By Councillor Sieben/Seconded By Councillor Singh

B13/10/12/12 THAT Council amend the priority of the Green Infrastructure Storm Analysis item on page 209 from "P2" to "P1" with an increase on taxation in 2022 of \$30,000.

Defeated

Mayor Basran and Councillors DeHart, Given, Stack and Wooldridge - Opposed

Councillor Stack declared a conflict of interest on the Affordable Housing Land Acquisition Strategy Fund item on page 152 as his employer applies for affordable housing grants from time-to-time and left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Wooldridge/Seconded By Councillor Donn

B14/09/12/21 THAT Council amend the priority of the Affordable Housing Land Acquisition Strategy Fund item on page 152 from "P2" to "P1" with an increase on taxation in 2022 of \$75,000.

Carried

Councillor Stack rejoined the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Mayor Basran recommended that Council add one Disclosure Coordinator position and one RCMP – General Duty position to the Provisional Budget

Moved By Councillor Donn/Seconded By Councillor Singh

**B15/10/12/12** THAT Council amend the priority of the Disclosure Coordinators (2) Positions item on page 273 from "P2" to "P1" .

AND THAT Council reduce the number of positions from two to one, with an increase on taxation in 2022 of \$40,000.

**Carried**

Moved By Councillor Sieben/Seconded By Councillor Donn

**B16/10/12/12** THAT Council amend the priority of the RCMP General Duty Constables – 2 Members item on page 274 from "P2" to "P1".

AND THAT Council reduce the number of positions from two to one, with an increase on taxation in 2022 of \$56,250.

**Carried**

Against Councillors Singh, Stack and Wooldridge

Moved By Councillor Stack/Seconded By Councillor DeHart

**B17/10/12/12** THAT Council amend the priority of the Accountant Position – Accounting Operations item on page 312 from "P2" to "P1" with an increase on taxation in 2022 of \$48,300.

**Carried**

Staff confirmed the revised net property owner impact for future budget years 2023 and 2024 is estimated at 5.21% and 4.76% respectively.

Moved By Councillor Stack/Seconded By Councillor Donn

**B18/10/12/21** THAT the 2022 Financial Plan, Preliminary – Volume 1, as amended by Council, and resulting in a 3.64% tax increase, be approved subject to Final Budget considerations.

**Carried**

## 6. Termination

The meeting ended at 2:42 p.m.

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Mayor Basran

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City Clerk