

West Kelowna News



West Kelowna Council highlights

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The following are highlights from the District of West Kelowna Council meeting Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

Okanagan Basin Water Board Update - Anna Warwick-Sears, Executive Director for the Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) provided Council with an update on recent OBWB activities. OBWB's jurisdiction includes the entire Okanagan Basin from Armstrong to Osoyoos. The Board is currently conducting a Water Supply & Demand Project for the entire basin and have partnered with many levels of government, post-secondary institutions and water associations to complete this project.

3111 Thacker Drive - Council rescinded third reading and re-read the zoning bylaw a third time as amended to rezone a property from Country Residential to Single Detached Housing located at 3111 Thacker Drive. Council proceeded with the adoption of the zoning amendment bylaw.

1049 Hudson Road - Council gave first and second readings to an Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw and a Zoning Amendment Bylaw for 1049 Hudson Road. The application is to amend the zoning from Institutional and Assembly to Single Detached Housing in order to permit the continued residential use of the property.

Secondary Suite Policy - Council provided staff with further direction on Key Policy Considerations in the development of the District of West Kelowna's Secondary Suite Policy. Council provided staff with the following direction:

- To create and include alternate life safety standards for existing suites
- To include confirmation that a property manager has been secured to manage properties where the property owner does not occupy the residence.

Staff will include Council's direction in the next draft of the secondary suite policy.

Central Okanagan Aggregate Task Force Update - Council endorsed District of West Kelowna staff participation in an Aggregate Supply and Demand Update and approved funding up to \$10,560 from Council discretionary funds for

the District's share of study. The District will participate in the study along with the City of Kelowna, District of Peachland, District of Lake Country and Regional District of Central Okanagan.

Safe Premises Bylaw-Bylaw Contraventions - Council directed staff to place a Notice of Title for a property at 2730 Guidi Road and 955 Rumney Road in West Kelowna. Both properties are in contravention of the District's Safe Premises Bylaw due to a number of health and life safety issues resulting from the presence of grow operations.

Sewer Servicing Extension Strategy - Council authorized the use of an additional \$800,000 from the District's sewer reserves for the first stage of the sewer servicing project which will reduce the local service area tax per property to \$8,400 from \$10,193.23. Council further set the local service area tax for the second stage of the sewer project at \$8,400. District staff has estimated savings in the Ranch Road phase of the sewer servicing at \$617,000.

Delegation of Authority-Tender Approval for the 2010 Sewer Servicing Strategy - Council gave three readings to a Delegation of Authority Bylaw to allow the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer to award the construction contracts to the low bidders of the pre-qualified contractors for the 2010 Sewer Servicing Strategy Program. The delegation of authority will expedite the award of construction contracts and aid in achieving the completion of the project efficiently.

Tourist Accommodation in Residential Areas - Council deferred consideration of information on Tourist Accommodation in Residential Areas and will discuss it at their next meeting. Council is welcoming comments from residents regarding this topic at info@districtofwestkelowna.com.