

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT Office of the Chief Administrative Officer For the June 18, 2019 COW Meeting

DATE:

June 12, 2019

TO:

Mayor and Council

FROM:

Jim Zaffino Chief Administrative Officer

RE:

June 27th, 2019 Town Hall Meeting

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

THAT Council direct staff to arrange a Town Hall meeting to provide West Kelowna residents and business owners the opportunity to share concerns or possible solutions related to crime, vagrancy, open drug use and other unsavoury behaviour where there is a negative impact on the downtown core and surrounding neighbourhoods, and;

THAT Council direct staff to hire a facilitator for the Town Hall meeting, and;

THAT Council limit its role at this meeting to listening and only seek clarification through the facilitator, and;

THAT Council limit speaking time to no more than two minutes per person, except for invited speakers, and;

THAT Council direct the Town Hall meeting take place at the Westbank Lions Community Centre on Thursday, June 27, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and;

THAT Council direct staff to provide a report outlining the comments and suggestions received at the town hall meeting for consideration at a future Council meeting.

BACKGROUND:

Concerns have been expressed by the public and businesses regarding issues related to crime, vagrancy, open drug use, and other unsavoury behaviour that is having a negative impact on the community, particularly in Westbank Centre.

The objective of the Town Hall meeting is to allow residents and business owners the opportunity to express their concerns and provide possible solutions for Council's consideration.

To ensure that the meeting is constructive, respectful and that speakers respect the allotted maximum time to speak, staff is recommending a facilitator be used.

It is recommended that the role of Council in this meeting be limited to receiving information and that Council only seek clarification through the facilitator if needed.

ALTERNATE MOTION:

THAT Council direct staff to arrange a Town Hall meeting to provide West Kelowna residents and business owners the opportunity to share concerns or possible solutions related to crime, vagrancy, open drug use and other unsavoury behaviour where there is a negative impact on the downtown core and surrounding neighbourhoods, and;

THAT Council direct that the Mayor act as the facilitator, and;

THAT Council limit its role at this meeting to listening and only seek clarification through the facilitator, and;

THAT Council limit speaking time to no more than four minutes per person, except for invited speakers, and;

THAT Council direct the Town Hall meeting take place at the Westbank Lions Community Centre on Thursday, June 27, 2019 from 6 to 9 p.m., and;

THAT Council direct staff to provide a report outlining the comments and suggestions received at the town hall meet for consideration at a future Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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