MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 10, 2019
7:19 p.m.
Council Chambers, Langley City Hall
20399 Douglas Crescent

Present:	Mayor van den Broek Councillor Albrecht Councillor James Councillor Martin Councillor Pachal Councillor Storteboom Councillor Wallace
Staff Present:	F. Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer R. Beddow, Deputy Director of Development Services and Economic Development R. Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services R. Thompson, Fire Chief K. Kenney, Corporate Officer

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adoption of the June 10, 2019 Regular Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace
SECONDED BY Councillor Martin

THAT the June 10, 2019 agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes from May 27, 2019

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 27, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

b. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from April 29, 2019

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on April 29, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHTS

a. Bard in the Valley

Diane Gendron, Producer, Bard in the Valley thanked Council and staff for their support of the annual production in the city, advising that:

- last year they had 2800 people attend and overall 22,000 people have attended over the past nine years;
- this year's production is A Midsummer Night's Dream which is the same production put on in the first year;
- there will be 17 performances, 12 of which will be free of charge, including all 8 performances at Spirit Square;
- they are also the opening Act for the Township of Langley's Summer Festival Series with 4 performances;
- they will have 5 performances at Township 7 Winery;
- because the City doesn't charge the production for rehearsal or performance space the production can provide the performances at spirit Square free of charge;
- this is a family-oriented affordable cultural experience;
- the Township 7 Winery performances costs $20 per ticket and a percentage of Township 7's profits is shared with the production to offset its costs;

- the show director receives a small honorarium but all the other team members are volunteers, including cast and crew;
- expenses related to putting on the production include:
    - sound equipment rental
    - security
    - building materials for the set
    - fabric for costumes
    - insurance
    - truck rental
- financial support is received from City of Langley, Township of Langley, Downtown Langley Business Association, Rotary Club of Langley, Langley Advance Times, Aldergrove Rotary Club, a few generous patrons
- they also organize an annual youth theatre workshop
- for the past three years they have been bringing 1940s radio plays to life on stage.

4. DELEGATIONS

a. Request to Reconsider Secondary Suite Restriction

Andrea Baird advised that:

- she has lived at 4894 205A Street since 2012 and had no idea that she was living in an illegal suite situation;
- because of the City's owner occupancy requirement for secondary suites she is being evicted;
- she started a petition to obtain community support to request the City remove the restriction that the registered owner must reside on the property for the secondary suite;
- she has discovered that not many people are aware of this restriction and that many homeowners are renting out both top and bottom floors of their houses and residing elsewhere because it is financially lucrative; and renters that move in are unaware that they are moving their family into an illegal suite situation;
- there is a severe lack of rental availability in the city with only a .4 vacancy rate in the city and 1 in 5 people are spending half their income on housing and utilities;
- in reading the City's secondary suite report she found that only 13 surveys were returned in response to a community survey asking what conditions the community wanted with respect to secondary suites and of those 13 only 8 asked for owner occupancy;
- due to the shortage of rental housing, homeowners can request a lot from potential renters for example 2 months deposit, criminal record checks but renters don't have the security of knowing they won't be evicted due to the suite being deemed illegal;
- it is the renters who fall victim to this situation not the landlords.

Ms. Baird requested that:

- the owner occupancy condition be removed to give renters some security and so she can continue to live with her family within the same community;
- the survey be issued again given the length of time that has elapsed since the original survey was issued (13 years), the limited number of responses received from the community and the crisis around housing that has evolved since the survey was first issued;
- look for other ways to maintain neighbourhood character other than requiring owner occupied secondary suites;
- the owner occupier requirement of the bylaw not be enforced while the rental housing crisis exists or until such time as the requirement is reviewed.

In response to questions from Council, staff advised that:

- the suite Ms. Baird lives in is a legalized secondary suite but what makes it illegal is that it's not owner occupied;
- because the City received a complaint about the suite, the City had a fiduciary duty to investigate and act on the complaint;
- the City has extended the deadline for compliance by the owner from 60 days to 90 days to give Ms. Baird more time to find alternate housing;
- the City will be undertaking OCP and Zoning Bylaw reviews in the next 6 to 9 months and this requirement will be reviewed as part of those reviews to see if changes are warranted;
- The City's reasons for implementing the owner occupier requirement include:
    - having the owner occupy the house provides more eyes and ears to what's going on in the house;
    - an owner who lives in the house is likely to take more pride in maintaining the appearance of the house than an absentee landlord who may not and thus negatively impact the neighbourhood;
    - was intended to improve housing affordability for owners who could have renters as a mortgage helper.

b. Stop The Ocean Plastic (STOP)

Chloe Arneson, Josh Park, Alexandra Munday and Prabhasha Wickramaarachchi, a student research team from Walnut Grove Secondary that is working to raise awareness about micro plastic pollution, single use plastic pollution and marine debris advised that:

- while they support efforts to clean up existing plastic pollution, their goal is to stop the pollution at its source by dealing with the root causes:
  - throw-away culture
  - mass production
  - overconsumption
- the STOP team seeks to address the root problems through the implementation of education programs into schools
- this idea was initiated 7 months ago as a result of the Idea-X an branch off the Idea Summit. The focus of Idea-X this year was to find a solution to combat the single use plastic crisis;
- As an ocean research team, STOP's solution revolved around ocean plastic and what can be done to solve the issue;
- The team finished as finalists and received a joint scholarship and they hope to continue and expand as environmental activists;
- STOP's solution to the crisis is through education and accordingly, have presented to elementary school classes in Langley for the past 3 months, performing workshops and distributing lesson plans for teachers;
- At the end of each workshop they present a pledge to kids to create change for a greener world;
- They noticed while undertaking these workshops that many kids were already doing things to help the environment and the team learned that these kids care deeply about the environment.
- "With knowing comes caring and with caring comes action";
- By sharing the information with children at these workshops the team hopes to foster this caring attitude towards the environment in them and inspire them to take action;
- These youth are part of the first generation to grow up seeing the negative effects of climate change and will have to grow up worrying about whether global warming will destroy our eco-system before they reach their 30s;
- This generation of youth are also part of the hopeful generation inspired to create change;
- They believe this issue must be faced immediately and together;
- The team challenged the City to help create awareness of this issue with the public and how important it is to solve this problem and to keep the crisis in mind as the City undertakes its work.

In response to a question from a Council member, members of the STOP team advised that they could provide their lesson plans to the City for information.

c. Sustainabiliteens Vancouver

Jolina, Jaden and Avora, representing Sustainabiliteens, provided a youth perspective on the climate crisis.

Jolina advised that:

- when she was about 10 prior to becoming aware of the issue of global warming, she only had to worry about grades and friends, but after finding out about climate change it terrified her and made her think about her future and the climate crisis: the inevitability of the planet we live on being too hot for human life;
- The more she learned about climate change the more she began to realize the devastating impacts this could have on her life and every organism on earth but what really scared her was the fact that no one really seemed to care, so she wanted to scream "Nothing else matters if we don't have clean air to breathe or water to drink! How can you live your lives like nothing is happening? This is a crisis!" I don't understand why we are all not terrified for our lives and I still don't six years later.
- The frequency of impacts on her life due to climate change have only increased; however, she has not seen the reality of this crisis acknowledged in her school or her community;
- As of 2019 global emissions are still rising and it is hard for her to go through her day every day when every day of inaction puts her future at risk;
- She is not alone, so many of her generation feel confused and terrified and they are channelling these emotions into action.

Avora advised that:

- Sustainabiliteens are part of Climate Strike Canada, a national movement of young people from across Canada that have come together to demand that governments treat one of the biggest crises humanity has ever faced, which is climate change, as the emergency it is;
- Sustainabiliteens represent young people from across Metro Vancouver who, on January 16, 2019, organized an action and gave speeches to Vancouver City Council in support of the motion to declare a climate emergency which was passed unanimously;
- On March 15, 2019, as part of an international movement of 1.4 million young people across the world, they brought 2,000 students to the streets of Vancouver to demand climate justice;

- On March 3, 2019 they did the same, filling the streets with almost 3,000 students striking school to demand urgent climate action.

Jaden advised that:

- Sustainabiliteens appreciates all the environmental programs City of Langley has implemented to date which could form part of a well-developed mitigation plan that they understand so far doesn't exist.

The team members further advised that:

- Canada has historically produced emissions far above its fair share and we must be bolder than the global average;
- City of Langley should be taking drastic action which would include an accessible mitigation plan and bolder, more immediate emission reduction targets to better align with the IPCC report on the consequences of 1.5 degrees Celsius of warming which told us we need to reach global emission reductions by 2050 in order to stay below 1.5 degrees Celsius of warming and avoid a climate catastrophe.

The team requested the City of Langley adopt an emission reduction strategy of 25% by 2030 and 0% by 2040 and declare a Climate Change Emergency to demonstrate that the City of Langley recognizes the crisis we are in and wants to prioritize actions on it and asked everyone to think about the young people in their lives and whether they could say to them in 20 years that they did everything they could to secure them a safe, stable and secure future?

The team urged the City of Langley to set an example for other municipalities and become instrumental in the action needed to combat this climate crisis similar to what Swedish student Greta Thunberg did in starting the international movement of youth striking for climate change.

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the City's Environmental Protection Task Group advised they would be bringing the team's requests to the Task Group for consideration.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – June 24, 2019
Regular Council Meeting – July 8, 2019

b. Library Happenings - Councillor Martin

2019 Summer Reading Club

Dream and discover endless possibilities all summer when you join FVRL's 2019 Summer Reading Club. There is a club for everyone! Sign up starts June 12 at the City of Langley Library, and continues throughout the summer.

Father's Day Storytime and Craft
Thursday, June 13, 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Celebrate Father's Day and make a special gift for Dad in this special extended Storytime.

Friends of the Library
Tuesday, June 18, 1 pm – 2 pm

Join the Friends of the Library! This volunteer organization supports the library through advocacy, fundraising and assistance with various projects and programs.

Titles & Tea Book Club
Tuesday, June 18, 2 pm – 3 pm

Join us to discuss this month's chosen work of fiction in a casual and welcoming setting.

IELTS vs. CELPIP
Tuesday, June 25, 6 pm – 8 pm

Learn key study tips; find study material, and how to practice for these tests, which are the only approved English tests for immigration purposes. Register with SUCCESS bcsis@success.bc.ca or 236-333-3102.

Wednesday Wonders
Wednesday, June 26, 11 am – 12 pm

Adults and teens with developmental challenges and their caregivers can drop in to join library staff for songs, stories, crafts, and other entertaining activities that make Wednesdays wonderful.

Book Swap
Friday, June 28, 11 am – 2 pm

Read it? Swap it! Get your summer's supply of free books. For each gently used adult or children's book you bring, you can pick one book to swap and take home. Enjoy the fun of swapping books with others and you will be surprised with your new collection.

Imagine the Possibilities with Playdough!
Monday, July 8, 3 pm – 4:30 pm

Have fun getting your hands dirty with playdough! Learn cool techniques on how to sculpt animals and other things. Then let your imagination loose with playdough to create something different. Space is limited and registration begins June 17.

c. Engineering Update - Deferred

d. Community Day - June 15, 2019 - Councillor Wallace

Councillor Wallace, Chair of the Community Day Committee advised that, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the City's Community Day, the all ages event to be held on June 15 from 11 am to 7 pm at Douglas Park has been expanded to include:

- roaming entertainment and a free concert from Nearly Neal and the Solidarity Band;
- 24 food trucks;
- over 40 organizations providing community information and youth and children's activities;
- beer garden hosted by the Langley Elks;
- concession fundraiser and parking fundraiser in support of Douglas Park Community School.

e. Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference Recap

Mayor van den Broek, Councillor Martin & Councillor Storteboom

Mayor van den Broek:

A couple of us recently attended FCM the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Quebec City where we all went to different sessions & study tours to educate ourselves, gather valuable information and to vote on resolutions that affect our communities.

I personally attended a few such as breaking down barriers; building parity on council, the trade show, community solutions network workshop, the BC regional meeting, and did 2 study tours in relation to where public art is part of everyday life & Restoring public river access for an active and healthy city.

I'm also very honoured to have been voted onto the FCM BC Board Caucus by my fellow provincial wide colleagues and I look forward to working with them and representing for south of the Fraser.

Councillor Martin:

It was a fairly good conference. The resolution session went very well. Listening to the four federal leaders during an election year was quite

interesting. They were all fairly good, some better than others. Attended a workshop regarding partnering for festivals and quite enjoyed that. The trade show was very good, you meet a lot of people that the City has dealt with or could deal with in the future.

Councillor Storteboom:

Over four days in picturesque Quebec City, more than 2,000 municipal leaders from across Canada, came together to exchange ideas and network, to learn from experts, to hear from the leaders of the four major federal parties and to send a clear message together that: it's time to truly empower this nation's municipalities to build better lives for Canadians.

Like every FCM conference, this one provided opportunities for delegates to bring their diverse realities to discussions about some of our most pressing national issues. At this year's conference we passed seven resolutions calling for federal action on key issues, from housing affordability to a national broadband strategy. Also, showcasing FCM's trademark of mutual respect, local leaders explored ways to advance energy infrastructure in order to build better lives by strengthening local economies while protecting our environment.

Study tours included:
- Videotron Centre: Innovation in equipment acquisition;
- Preserving Heritage: Through reconversion;
- Creating community hubs at city libraries;
- Putting smart mobility to use for citizens:
    - Connecting 311 and the traffic manager;
- Energy recovery and the environment:
    - A tour of Quebec City biomethanation plant project;
- Quebec City Public Art: As part of everyday life;
- Restoring public access to the riverbank;
- Assisting people in vulnerable or crisis situations:
    - Cooperation between police and frontline workers.

The trade show component introduced attendees to hundreds of product opportunities and unique service providers to enhance local government's ability to deliver solutions and innovations in our communities.

The overarching objective for our 2019 Annual Conference was to engage all members in the coming fall federal election campaign, and the mission to modernize the municipal-federal relationship. FCM delivers value to members, funders and stakeholders as partner influencers, capacity builders and nation builders.

Political keynotes and the closing plenary can be viewed on online.

6. BYLAWS

a. Bylaw 3105 - Parks and Public Facilities Regulation Bylaw Amendment

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to amend the Parks and Public Facilities Regulation Bylaw (Rotary Centennial Park)

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor James

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Parks and Public Facilities Regulation Bylaw, 2018, No. 3048, Amendment No. 1, 2019, Bylaw No. 3105" be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Parks and Public Facilities Regulation Bylaw, 2018, No. 3048, Amendment No. 1, 2019, Bylaw No. 3105" be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Parks and Public Facilities Regulation Bylaw, 2018, No. 3048, Amendment No. 1, 2019, Bylaw No. 3105" be read a third time.

CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Fire Hall Emergency Generator Replacement

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor Martin

THAT City Council approve up to $50,000 to be allocated from the Enterprise Fund to replace the Fire Hall emergency generator.

CARRIED

b. Award of Tender T2019-011, 203 Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement

MOVED BY Councillor James
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

1. THAT Council award Tender T2019-011 203 Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement to PW Trenchless Construction Inc. based on their bid of $484,695.00 (excluding GST)
2. THAT Council authorize the Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment and the Corporate Officer to execute the contract document for the Tender 2019-011 203 Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement to PW Trenchless Construction Inc.

CARRIED

c. Award of Tender T2018-022, Logan Creek Culvert Replacement

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

1. THAT Tender T2018-022 Logan Creek Culvert Replacement is awarded to Western Watershed Designs Inc. in the amount of $1,452,717.60 (excluding GST)

2. THAT the Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment and the Corporate Officer is authorized to execute the contract document for the T2018-022 Logan Creek Culvert Replacement to Western Watershed Designs Inc.

CARRIED

8. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Motions/Notices of Motion

b. Correspondence

1. City of Victoria

Advocate for Provincial Support for Libraries

Councillor Martin, as Council's Fraser Valley Regional Library representative, provided background on the impetus for the proposed resolution put forward by City of Victoria.

This issue recently came to her attention as it was made public, having previously been kept confidential. There are 71 public library systems serving 99% of the BC population. The responsibility for the Libraries Act is held by the Ministry of Education and is executed through the Library Branch.

The current annual amount of provincial funding for public libraries is $14 million, from that $14 million, $2,240,550 is allocated to various partner organizations or library federations which provide services and support for public libraries, that leaves $11,759,450 of provincial funding to be allocated directly to libraries in BC.

This funding is allocated to public libraries on a per capita basis;

Background on the funding

In the fiscal year 2009/2010 the provincial public library funding was reduced from a total of $17.9 million to a total of $13.7 million which is a 25% reduction from 2008/2009. In 2012/2013 the public library budget sub vote was eliminated from the provincial budget. Status quo funding was amalgamated with the Minister of Education main sub vote. The government made a small increase in the annual

allocation to $14 million which was annually allocated in the years 2012 to 2019. Documents distributed at the lock-up 2016 indicated status quo which is $14 million annual funding and it would be allocated to the library sector in 2016/ 2017 and 2018/2019. Through 2019 and 2020 the public library sector has received status quo funding of $14 million annually for eight consecutive budgets.

During the 10 year period between 2009 and 2019 inflation in BC totalled 15.58 percent. If the provincial library funding high of $17.9 million per year had been maintained and the annual inflation increases had been added to that funding envelope, annual provincial funding for public libraries would now equal $20,688,820 million.

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT Council request the Mayor write to the Minister of Education, the Premier, and all local MLAs strongly advocating for the restoration of library funding to a level that reflects both inflationary cost increases since 2009 and the value of this system to the Province.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED discussion ensued regarding the need to support libraries and the services they provide.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

c. New Business

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Councillor James
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:22 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

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MAYOR

Certified Correct:

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CORPORATE OFFICER