



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 18, 2019

7:00 p.m.

**Council Chambers, Langley City Hall
20399 Douglas Crescent**

Present: Mayor van den Broek
Councillor Albrecht
Councillor Martin
Councillor Pachal
Councillor Storteboom
Councillor Wallace

Absent: Councillor James

Staff Present: F. Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment
K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services
D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services
C. Johannsen, Director of Development Services
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. Adoption of the November 18, 2019 Regular Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace

SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the November 18, 2019 agenda be adopted as amended to include "Operation Red Nose" under the Mayor's Report section.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2019

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 18, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- b. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2019

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on November 4, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- c. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2019

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on November 6, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHTS

- a. Council Appreciation for Tree Planting in Hunter Park

Alex Speers, Grade 12 DW Poppy Secondary Student

Mayor van den Broek presented a gift to Alex Speers in appreciation of her planting 50 cedar sapplings in Hunter Park.

Ms. Speers advised that this was her Capstone Project, which is a requirement to graduate. The criteria of the project was to do something you are passionate about. She chose to plant trees in one of the city's parks as she is passionate about planting trees and wanted to do something that would benefit other people and which she could look back on with pride.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

- a. Upcoming Meetings
Regular Council Meeting – December 9, 2019
Regular Council Meeting – December 16, 2019
- b. Discover Langley City - Councillor Albrecht

Administration

DLC has hired a marketing intern to start the first week of November. Hannah is working towards a Bachelor of Communication with a minor in publishing and digital media. She is a blogger and an exceptional writer, and we expect that she will add great value to our team. Her priorities will be social media postings, gathering festival and event information, writing consumer and stakeholder newsletters, story starters for media and bringing more personality to the DLC website.

As part of our Municipal and Regional Destination Tax (MRDT) requirements, DLC is required to submit a detailed tactical plan for 2020. This includes an update to our 5-year business plan and our one-year tactical plan.

They have been working diligently researching and writing the plan, focusing on winter and shoulder seasons, and encouraging events with an overnight component, with our primary goal to encourage overnight stays that benefits our accommodation providers and provides for residual economic benefits to the entire community. The biggest investment in the marketing tactics is our digital media strategy which employs technology to reach the widest audience possible with compelling content.

Marketing

DLC is almost finished selling advertisement for the tear-off map. This map will show the lower mainland on one side and Langley City on the other.

Destination BC acknowledges that tear-off maps are still very popular with consumers and is a great investment to promote communities.

These maps will be distributed in hotels, service stations, consumer events, conference and sports teams, the library, and City Hall.

- c. Livable Cities Forum - Councillor Wallace

Councillor Wallace thanked her Council colleagues for affording her the opportunity to attend the Livable Cities Forum held in Victoria October 28 - 30, the purpose of which was to highlight central challenges and key opportunities for building climate resilient, healthy and equitable

communities. Councillor Wallace shared pictures taken during a portion of the forum of various urban food systems initiatives implemented by the City of Victoria including:

- Harvest for Knowledge, indigenous plant garden and Camas meadow;
- Kitchen garden installed for residents of community centre;
- Food Share Network;
- Orchard pilot project on public land embankment;
- Composting facility in Fernwood;
- Rainwater water collection;
- Mason Street urban farm;
- Aquaponics.

Councillor Wallace then read a Call to Action prepared by Mayors and Councillors who attended the forum:

"We stand together as local government leaders, acknowledging that wherever we are in Canada we are on indigenous land, expressing our highest concern at the climate crisis that the world is now facing.

As we urgently increase our efforts to reduce emissions, we must give equal and increased urgency to build resilience for the future. Wildfires, floods, heatwaves, devastating storms and rising sea levels are just some of the climate impacts already threatening our communities. Our communities are centres of culture, commerce, and innovation, yet these same strengths make us highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

As elected officials we have a unique and important role to play in building resilient and livable communities.

We are on the front lines - often the public face of a community's response to a disaster or extreme weather event. Residents and businesses alike look to us for guidance, reassurance, and a calm voice of reason in stressful situations. Building community resilience will help .to empower the community to pull together in the face of climate change and related events. At the same time, building resilience will allow us to focus on equity, inclusion, and social justice.

Since the 2017 Livable Cities Forum, we have all experienced the impacts of climate change in a very real way. Communities are declaring climate emergencies. And communities and governments around the world have received a wake-up call with the IPCC's October 2018 1.5 Report, highlighting the need for "rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society."

It is easy to get overwhelmed by the sense of urgency around these issues, but as local leaders we must use this urgency as an opportunity for

action and forward momentum, and most importantly the opportunity to come at these issues with new ways of thinking and acting together.

The steps needed to address climate change necessitate the remaking of society's systems, from energy generation to housing to transportation to education to land use. In that remaking there are powerful opportunities to create healthier, more equitable and more just communities.”

d. Recreation Update

Kim Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services provided an update on upcoming special events and programs for December as follows:

Special Events

- Breakfast with Santa – Saturday December 7, Douglas Recreation Centre
- Magic of Christmas Event – Saturday December 7:
 - Breakfast with Santa
 - Entertainment and crafts
 - Parade
 - Tree lighting and caroling
- Holiday Chaos – Saturday December 14, Timms Community Centre Gymnasium

Programs

- Winter Events Handout December 2019 to February 2020
- Winter 2020 Recreation Guide will be available November 28.

e. Langley City Spotlight Video - Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer

Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer, presented a video produced by the City of Langley showcasing Breakfast with Santa.

f. Christmas Wish Breakfast: Tuesday, November 26 - 6:30am - 9:30am, Newlands Golf & Country Club

Mayor van den Broek advised that the 3rd Annual Christmas Wish Breakfast will be held at Newlands Golf Course on Tuesday November 26th between 6:30 and 9:30 am. Everyone who donates a toy or makes a cash donation will receive a complimentary breakfast prepared by Newlands staff. There will be musicians and singers and Mr. and Mrs.

Clause. Volunteers from the City of Langley Fire Department and RCMP will also be in attendance

g. Langley Christmas Bureau - Mayor van den Broek

Mayor van den Broek advised that the Christmas Bureau located at 120-19860 Langley Bypass is now open. If you would like to apply for a hamper or to sponsor a family you can get more information on their website at langleychristmasbureau.com.

h. Operation Red Nose

Mayor van den Broek advised that Operation Red Nose is back in Langley for the Christmas season. The City is partnering with the City of the Surrey and the Langley Minor Hockey Association is hosting this service. Don't drink and drive. Go to operationrednose.com to find out how to get a safe ride home.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Environmental Task Group Report

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace

SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT mandate item four from the Environmental Task Group Terms of Reference be amended from:

"Promote landscape boulevards and environmental features on boulevards by residents, food production, bees/butterfly gardens" to

"Promote landscape and environmental features on boulevards by residents, businesses and developers, ie. food "security", bee/butterfly gardens".

CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace

SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT Council receive a presentation from Green Teams Canada.

CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT Council give funding to Green Teams of Canada to hold up to 3 events in 2020 at a cost of \$2,000 per event.

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by rewording it to read as follows:

“THAT at its upcoming budget deliberations, Council consider providing funding for Green Teams of Canada to hold up to 3 events in 2020 at a cost of \$2,000 per event.”

CARRIED

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion, as amended, was

CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT City Council extend the term of the Environmental Task Group to December 31, 2020 in order to allow the group to fulfill its mandate.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, in response to a question from a Council member, staff advised that any funding required for the task group to fulfill its mandate would require Council approval.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

6. BYLAWS

- a. Bylaw 3114 - Inter-municipal Business License Bylaw Amendment

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to amend the provisions of the Inter-Municipal Business License Bylaw (addition of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs and City of Merritt)

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Intermunicipal Business License Bylaw, 2012, Amendment No. 4 Bylaw, 2019, No. 3114" be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Intermunicipal Business License Bylaw, 2012, Amendment No. 4 Bylaw, 2019, No. 3114" be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Intermunicipal Business License Bylaw, 2012, Amendment No. 4 Bylaw, 2019, No. 3114" be read a third time.

CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. Development Application Extension Request - OCP 01-18/RZ 07-18/DP 07-18 - Rosewood Seniors Centre

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

That Council approve a six month extension in accordance with Council Policy DS-10 for the completion of development applications OCP 01-18, RZ 07-18 and DP 07-18 for the proposed 292-unit Rosewood Seniors Centre development on Old Yale Road.

CARRIED

8. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Motions/Notices of Motion

1. Consent to Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1290

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the Council of the City of Langley consents to the approval of the adoption of Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Service Amending Bylaw No. 1290, 2019 on behalf of the electors; and directs staff to notify the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board of its consent.

CARRIED

2. Fraser Valley Regional Library - Furnishing Replacement Funding Approval

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT Langley City Council approve the use of up to \$25,000 of the Fraser Valley Regional Library's Member Salary and Benefit Reserve to be used for City library furnishing replacements which was included as a project in the 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan Bylaw amendment adopted at the July 22, 2019 Council meeting.

CARRIED

b. Correspondence

1. Letter from Georgia Damianos

Request to increase the allowable hours of street parking in front of 19897 56 Avenue

In response to a question from a Council member, Rick Bomhoff, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment advised that a response has not yet been provided to Ms. Damianos's request pending the request coming to Council first. Staff further advised that a report had been submitted to Council a short time ago in response to a similar request from Ms. Damianos to add a lane for additional parking on 56 Avenue fronting her business. At that time staff had responded to her that the City would not approve that

request for a number of reasons. Staff advised they do not support granting this new request for the same reasons, those being:

- the City doesn't wish to promote parking on its arterial roads, rather, the City wants to encourage traffic to use those roads;
- it provides an effective alternative route to the 196 overpass when trains are blocking the tracks;
- the number of trains moving through the city will be increasing thereby increasing the amount of traffic that needs to be diverted and as well, new information signs will be directing drivers to choose alternative routes;
- transit changes in the downtown area also increase the need for alternative routes.

In response to a question from a Council member, staff advised that the payment of \$25,000 to the City in the 1980s by Ms. Damianos that was referenced in her correspondence was regarding payment that was required in lieu of parking fees for a different property she owned in the downtown area and was not related to her property on 56 Avenue.

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the City maintain the status quo with respect to parking along 56 Avenue;

AND THAT staff provide a written response to Ms. Damianos advising of the City's position regarding parking on 56 Avenue and clarifying the purpose of the \$25,000 paid to the City by Ms. Damianos in the 1980s.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to a statement from a Council member that there appeared to be ample parking in that area, including parking in the back of the building where Ms. Damianos's business is, staff advised that there is no access to the business from the back parking lot so customers must walk around to the front.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

2. Giving Tuesday - National Giving Day - Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Downtown Langley Business Association

- c. New Business

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:45 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER