MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 24, 2020
7:00 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. Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services C. Johannsen, Director of Development Services D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services G. Flack, Deputy Director of Corporate Services K. Kenney, Corporate Officer

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adoption of the February 24, 2020 Regular Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor James
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT the February 24, 2020 agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2020

MOVED BY Councillor James
SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 10, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

b. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2020

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on February 10, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – March 9, 2020
Regular Council Meeting – March 23, 2020

b. Pink Shirt Day - February 26, 2020

Mayor van den Broek reminded everyone that Wednesday February 26, 2020 is Pink Shirt Day, and advised that since its beginning in 2007, Pink Shirt Day has become a powerful international movement which inspires individuals around the world to stand up against bullying, sending a strong message that we will not tolerate that type of behavior. She noted that this year's theme, "Lift Each Other Up", is an important message of acceptance and non-judgement and encouraged everyone to wear pink on Wednesday.

c. Discover Langley City

Councillor Albrecht

Administration

The marketing intern has been working on updating the Hungry and Attractions Guide. Both guides have been fully distributed so we are in need of updated printed guides to hand out to consumers in 2020.

Marketing

Social media continues to be our most effective form of communicating with consumers. We have been working on posting seasonally specific content that highlights experiences that can be found in the City. Instagram and Facebook continue to grow every month, with Facebook having a post reach of 50,081 in the last 28 days.

Our Digital Marketing Strategy continues to be effective in raising the profile of the City as a destination, by sharing fun quips to pop into people's attention while searching the internet. We will be sharing those results on a quarterly basis.

We are entering our second year with West Coast Food, the cooperative marketing campaign with Metro Vancouver partners. The budget for 2020 is projected at $145,000, plus a contribution from Translink to promote dining along the SkyTrain and B-Line routes.

These funds will be used on a variety of campaigns to promote dining experiences in the Metro Vancouver area including articles, social media, contests, video and newsletters.

Discover Langley City was invited to Farm Country Brewery to work on a collaboration brew with the DLBA and KPU which should come to life in a month or so and we look forward to the DLC logo on the cans!

In response to a question from a Council member, Councillor Albrecht advised that, with respect to the West Coast Food marketing campaign, the budget of $145,000 is inclusive of a number of participating communities' and TransLink's contributions.

d. Recreation Update

Kim Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services provided an update on events for March:

Special Events

- Spring Break Day Camp – Ages 5-12 – March 16-20 and March 23-27

Programs

- Spring & Summer 2020 Recreation Guide available March 5
- Cookie Monster Preschool – Registration opens Monday February 24
- Tai Chi Yang Style – Ages 18+ years – March 4 to April 8 – Timms Community Centre
- Teen Pump – Ages 13 to 16 years –March 8 to 22 - Timms Community Centre
- Wellness Workshop – Wellness Talk and Mobility Device Check – March 17 - Timms Community Centre

4. BYLAWS

a. Bylaw 3120 - Financial Plan 2020-2024

Final reading of a bylaw to adopt the Financial Plan for 2020 - 2024

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor James

THAT the bylaw cited as "Financial Plan 2020 – 2024 Bylaw, 2020, No. 3120" be read a final time.

CARRIED

b. Property Acquisition and Infrastructure Loan Authorization Bylaw 2020, No. 3112 and Process for Seeking Approval of the Electors

Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer spoke to the report dated February 13, 2020 entitled Property Acquisition and Infrastructure Loan Authorization Bylaw 2020, No. 3112 and Process for Seeking Approval of the Electors which provides information on the purpose of Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3112 and the proposed process for seeking approval of the electors for the bylaw.

Kelly Kenney, Corporate Officer provided a presentation on the Alternative Approval Process and timeline.

1. Bylaw 3112 - Property Acquisition and Infrastructure Loan Authorization Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to authorize the borrowing up to $50 million, the estimated cost to make strategic land acquisitions, parks and trails improvements, infrastructure upgrades, and undertake City/recreation facilities expansion/enhancement capital projects

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the bylaw cited as the “Property Acquisition and Infrastructure Upgrades Loan Authorization Bylaw 2020, No. 3112” be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the “Property Acquisition and Infrastructure Upgrades Loan Authorization Bylaw 2020, No. 3112” be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the “Property Acquisition and Infrastructure Upgrades Loan Authorization Bylaw 2020, No. 3112” be read a third time.

CARRIED

2. Submission of Loan Authorization Bylaw to Inspector of Municipalities

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor James

THAT City Council direct the Corporate Officer to submit Property Acquisition and Infrastructure Upgrades Loan Authorization Bylaw 2020, No. 3112 to the Ministry of Community Services for review and approval by the Inspector of Municipalities.

CARRIED

3. Alternative Approval Process

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT following approval of the Property Acquisition and Infrastructure Upgrades Loan Authorization Bylaw 2020, No. 3112 by the Inspector of Municipalities, approval of the electors be sought through the Alternative Approval Process in relation to the loan authorization bylaw.

CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT the Alternative Approval Process Elector Response Form be approved.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to a question from a Council member, staff confirmed that there is space on the form for multiple signatures.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor James
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the advertisement for the Alternative Approval Process be approved.

CARRIED

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Crime Prevention Task Group - Motions from January 29, 2020 Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Mayor van den Broek

THAT the City explore a partnership with Stepping Stone Community Services and the RCMP to work on a video story featuring people who are experiencing homelessness and include an education piece from the RCMP about prolific offenders.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to the a question from a Council member, Councillor Pachal, Chair of the Crime Prevention Task Group advised that there are no financial implications in relation to this proposal.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT City Council donate a three-month Timms Community Centre recreation pass for use as an incentive prize when recruiting volunteers to go door to door during the Crime Prevention Task Group's 2020 "Know Your Neighbour" campaign.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to a question from a Council member, Councillor Pachal, Chair of the Crime Prevention Task Group advised that last year an electronic device was awarded to a volunteer who participated in that year's "Know Your Neighbour" campaign and the year before that a Timms Community Centre pass was awarded.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

Councillors Albrecht and Martin opposed

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. 2020 Community Grant Awards

MOVED BY Councillor James
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT City Council endorse the recommendation of the Community Grant Committee to award community grants totalling $123,364.55 to the following organizations:

Bard in the Valley	$ 12,242.40
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Langley	$ 3,000.00
Boys and Girls Club of Langley	$ 3,500.00
Brookswood Secondary Dry Grad	$ 500.00
Canadian Chilli and BBQ Society	$ 10,000.00
Children of the Street Society – PLEA	$ 1,000.00
Codependents Anonymous 12 Step Group	$ 1,223.75
DLBA – Arts Alive Festival and Events	$ 10,500.00
Dutch Liberation 2020 Canadian Society	$ 2,500.00
Encompass – Best Babies	$ 4,570.00
Fibromyalgia Well Spring Foundation	$ 500.00
Fraser Region Community Justice Initiatives (CJI)	$ 2,000.00
HD Stafford Middle School	$ 3,000.00
Human Dignity Coalition - Langley	$ 2,500.00
Inclusion Langley – Langley Pride	$ 2,500.00
KidsSport Langley	$ 2,500.00
KPU International Music Festival Society	$ 5,500.00
Langley 4H District Council	$ 150.00
Langley Amateur Radio Association	$ 262.50
Langley Animal Protection Society	$ 5,000.00
Langley Care Foundation – Langley Lodge	$ 2,500.00
Langley Children’s Committee – The Next	$ 1,200.00

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Langley Community Services Society	$ 2,500.00
Langley Field Naturalists	$ 1,500.00
Langley Flippers Swim Club	$ 2,856.00
Langley Food Bank	$ 3,500.00
Langley Fundamental Dry Grad	$ 500.00
Langley Lawn Bowling Club	$ 2,300.00
Langley Literacy Association	$ 2,500.00
Langley Meals on Wheels	$ 3,216.75
Langley Pos-Abilities Society	$ 1,231.90
Langley Scholarship Committee	$ 4,500.00
Langley Secondary School Dry Grad Committee	$ 500.00
Langley Senior Resources Society	$ 15,000.00
Langley Writer's Guild	$ 500.00
Lower Fraser Valley Aboriginal Society	$ 750.00
Parkinson Society BC Langley Chapter	$ 236.25
Pitch in Canada	$ 425.00
RibFest Langley – Rotary Club	$ 2,500.00
Soroptimist International of the Langleys	$ 200.00
Youth Parliament	$ 2,000.00
	$ 123,364.55

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to a question from a Council member, staff confirmed that all grant recipients are required to provide a receipt to the City outlining how the grant funds were spent.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

b. 2020 UBCM Resolution - Varied Taxation Rate for the Residential Class

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT City Council endorse the following resolution for submission to the 2020 Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) Conference for consideration of endorsement and subsequent submission to the 2020 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention for consideration of endorsement:

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia through the BC Assessment Act – Prescribed Classes of Property Regulation B.C. Reg. 438/81 specifies that there is one assessment class for all types of residential properties and the Community Charter outlines that a municipal bylaw to establish the property value taxes each year under section 197 (3) specifies there is a single rate for each property class;

AND WHEREAS the assessed value of the multi-family strata units and single family housing appreciates at vastly different rates, leading to large fluctuations and tax rate swings year-to-year between these housing types;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia amend the BC Assessment Act and the Community Charter to allow the residential class to be split into two distinct residential classes so that a different rate may be applied to each type of residential property to allow for better tax planning, and a more consistent application of property tax changes for all residents no matter their housing type.

CARRIED

c. 2020 UBCM Resolution - Cannabis Retail Tax Revenue Sharing

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT City Council endorse the following resolution for submission to the 2020 Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) Conference for consideration of endorsement and subsequent submission to the 2020 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention for consideration of endorsement:

CARRIED

d. Downtown Revitalization Grant Application

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

1. THAT a grant application be submitted under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for the Downtown Revitalization project, Fraser Hwy and Douglas Crescent between 204 Street and 206 Street, and;
2. That Council support the project and agrees to commit to the City's share of $2,651,307 of the project.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to a question from a Council member, staff advised that there was no advantage to implementing Phase 2 of the project prior to Phase 1 as no additional parking would be created by the Phase 2 works.

CARRIED

7. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Motions/Notices of Motion

b. Correspondence

1. Bruce Downing - Langley City Resident

Request that Council consider designating Grade Crescent a "Heritage Road"

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT the request from Mr. Bruce Downing to designate Grade Crescent a "Heritage Road" be referred to staff to investigate and report back on the financial implications of this proposal.

CARRIED

2. City of Port Moody

Requesting Council to support the creation of a National Pharmacare Program for Canadians

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the request from the Mayor of the City of Port Moody that the City of Langley support Port Moody's call to the Federal Government to work with the provinces and territories to develop and implement a Universal Public National Pharmacare program be referred to staff to investigate and report back to Council on any implications to the City in supporting the call for this program.

CARRIED

3. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Response letter to City's request to modernize the Motor Vehicle Act

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT the Council of the City of Langley send correspondence to the Honourable Claire Trevena, MLA, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, thanking her for her reply to the City's correspondence requesting modernization of the Motor Vehicle Act and requesting she inform the Council of the City of Langley when the second phase of the Ministry's pilot projects to support active transportation and better protection of other road users is open for submission from interested municipalities.

CARRIED

c. New Business

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:46pm.

CARRIED

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Signed:

MAYOR

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Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER