



## MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday, April 6, 2020**

**3:09 p.m.**

**VIA Videoconference**

Present: Mayor van den Broek  
Councillor Albrecht  
Councillor James  
Councillor Martin  
Councillor Pachal  
Councillor Storteboom  
Councillor Wallace (3:23pm)

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  
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer  
P. Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer

### **1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a. Adoption of the April 6, 2020 Regular Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom

SECONDED BY Councillor James

THAT the April 6, 2020 agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

### **2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

- a. Special Meeting Minutes from March 23, 2020

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom

SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the minutes of the special meeting held on March 23, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- b. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2020

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht  
SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on March 9, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – April 27, 2020 - 3pm  
Regular Council Meeting – May 11, 2020 - 3pm

**4. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Motions/Notices of Motion

1. Stability for the Strata Insurance Market in BC - Councillor Albrecht

Councillor Albrecht spoke to his proposed motion advising the recent and sudden spike in insurance rates for strata buildings has become unreasonable and requires government intervention by changes to provincial legislation to mitigate the financial burden on strata owners. He further outlined the reform proposals of the Insurance Brokers Association of BC (IBABC) to provide stability to the strata insurance market in BC as follows:

- including a \$50,000 cap on upper loss assessments. The cap would be for deductible assessment and non-insured loss assessment that would help owners access adequate, affordable insurance products to protect their residences from “potentially unmanageable financial loss.
- changing to the standard definition of a strata unit that would ensure the basic components of a condo, walls, ceilings, drywall, sub-floor, basic electrical and plumbing, are covered by strata insurance whereas any finished items like carpets, countertops, plumbing fixtures, appliances and upgrades would be the owner's responsibility to maintain and insure.

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht  
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT City of Langley write to Premier John Horgan and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Selina Robinson to urge them to take immediate action to consider the two reform proposals put forward by the Insurance Brokers Association of BC (IBABC) to provide stability for the strata insurance market in BC and protect millions of strata owners by mitigating insurance market cycles.

CARRIED

b. Correspondence

1. Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce

Request for Council to reconsider 2020 increase to the Industrial/Commercial Property Tax

Council considered the correspondence from the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce dated March 19, 2020 requesting Council reconsider the 2020 increase to the industrial/commercial property tax and referred the matter to staff for review and consideration.

2. Canadian Federation of Independent Business

Request for Tax / Utility Payment Relief for Small Businesses and Non-Profits

Council considered the correspondence from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business received March 19, 2020 requesting tax / utility payment relief for small businesses and non-profits and referred the matter to staff for review and consideration.

In response to questions from Council, Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer advised that:

- the Canadian Federation of Independent Business's request refers to deferment of the City's water and sewer billings;
- it would be the intention of staff to hold a special workshop with Council to look at various options prior to bringing a report back to Council for consideration;
- staff would look into the logistics of holding the special workshop on City premises with appropriate physical distancing to permit Council and staff to be in the same room.

c. New Business

1. MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED MEETING

Councillor Wallace entered the meeting at 3:23 pm.

MOVED BY Councillor James  
SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT the Council Meeting immediately following this meeting be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered relates to items which comply with the following closed meeting criteria specified in Section 90 of the Community Charter:

(1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;

(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

CARRIED

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal  
SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:30pm.

CARRIED

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Signed:

MAYOR

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Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER