



## **MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, May 25, 2020  
3:28 p.m.  
Remote Video / Teleconference**

**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  
S. Kennedy, Deputy Fire Chief  
D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services  
G. Flack, Deputy Director of Corporate Services  
A. Metalnikov, Assistant Planner  
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer

Mayor van den Broek expressed condolences to families, residents, caregivers, and staff at Langley Lodge where, to date, twenty residents have passed away due to COVID-19.

She also expressed condolences to the Snowbirds team who recently lost Captain Jen Casey in a tragic accident during the Snowbirds' mission to salute Canadians doing their part to fight the spread of COVID-19.

As the province heads into Phase 2 of the BC Restart Plan, she thanked our citizens for staying strong and kind during this difficult time, for being there for each other while keeping our community safe as per the directives of our Provincial Health Officer. She advised that the City has put extensive thought into how to reopen the City's various facilities, working under the directives of the PHO and within the guidelines of WorkSafe BC. She noted that the City has been able to reopen bike parks, tennis courts, community gardens, and some other outdoor amenities so far, and will continue to look for ways to move forward safely.

She further advised that property tax notices will be sent out this week and, while residents are encouraged to pay through the City's online system, beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Corporate Services Department at City Hall will open for property tax purposes only.

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a. Adoption of the May 25, 2020 Regular Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom  
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the May 25, 2020 agenda be adopted as amended to add "Physical Distancing on Sidewalks" under Section 8 New and Unfinished Business.

CARRIED

**2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2020

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace  
SECONDED BY Councillor James

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 11, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- b. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2020

MOVED BY Councillor James  
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on April 20, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. DELEGATIONS**

- a. City of Langley Audit Report

Mr. Darrin Leite, Director of Corporate Services presented highlights of the 2019 Consolidated Financial Statements.

In response to a question from a Council member, staff advised that actual replacement cost of City assets is not reflected in the Financial Statements, rather, that information would be captured in an asset management plan which is being developed.

Kristine Simpson, CPA, CA, Partner, BDO Canada LLP spoke to the Audit Report and Audit process.

In response to questions from a Council member, Mr. Leite advised that:

- implementation of the two new PSAS standards for Asset Retirement Obligations and Revenue will take place in 2022;
- the City has the Future Police Cost Reserve to cover the \$775,000 in additional policing costs due in 2032, resulting from the recent settlement of three disputes between the province and Public Safety Canada; staff will continue to monitor funds in the reserve until that time;
- staff will be looking at applying for a grant available through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to assist in developing the City's asset management plan.

1. Admin Report - 2019 Consolidated Financial Statements

MOVED BY Councillor James

SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT City Council approve the 2019 Consolidated Financial Statements.

CARRIED

4. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – June 15, 2020

Regular Council Meeting – June 29, 2020

b. Recreation Update

Kim Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services provided an update on recreation activities:

- Funtastic Adventures Day Camp June 29 – September 4 – ages 5-12
- Online Events Community Engagement
- Youth Programs at Douglas Park – beginning June 1
- Body Sculpt video
- Boot Camp Fitness video
- Cardio Combo video
- Gentle Fit videos

c. Discover Langley City - Councillor Albrecht

As the pandemic continues, staff at the DLC are working hard to stay informed, and to keep stakeholders informed on research and planning for recovery. Industry organizations have been very proactive in providing DLC with updates and resources on a regular basis. These include:

#### Virtual Meetings:

- DestinationBC weekly Zoom meeting with Industry Updates
- Destination Think Tourism Marketing During Crisis
- Vancouver, Coast & Mountains Regional DMO Meeting
- Tourism Industry Association of BC meeting and daily briefing
- Go2HR Meeting
- Fraser Valley Destination Development meeting

We have been in constant communication with its partners to keep an inventory of who is open and what services they are able to provide. We were encouraged to hear that most of our accommodation providers were able to stay open and fairly busy with construction crew guests. They have adapted their services to limit contact by implementing cleaning protocols, not offering breakfast buffets, and closing swimming pools. Social distancing has also been implemented. Research has identified that travellers are most wanting reassurance that businesses have best practices in place to keep everyone safe.

Financially, we expect a 65% reduction in our budget for 2020, and that many of our accommodation providers will take advantage of the tax deferral until September. We have been prudent with our financials and feel that DLC can weather this storm by continuing to be conservative with our spending.

Our Marketing Intern was hired on contract which ended on May 1st. We will not replace that role in the foreseeable future. Instead, we have replaced that role with a social media coordinator, who posts interesting and timely information on our channels. This is not an easy position considering the travel ban and stay at home order, so we have been focusing on the campaign from Destination BC of #ExploreBC...Later. This involves posting images of our parks and historic attributes. The response from the public has been really encouraging.

Our MRDT year-end reporting has been completed and is awaiting year end financials to submit to the Province. This is a requirement of the program and ensures that we follow our approved tactical plan, allows us to reflect on key learnings from those programs as well as acknowledge the results of our efforts.

We have paused all our marketing campaigns since travel restrictions were put in place. This includes our work with the digital marketing agency and our google advertising. Social Media is the only marketing we are still participating in, with awareness and feel good campaign, rather than selling Langley City as a destination at this time.

Our intern worked on creating stories and itineraries that will be used once travel restrictions are lifted. These stories reflect optimism and ideas to

explore the City while still being safe. Some of these stories will also be appropriate for distribution to travel media.

We have updated our Event Hosting Sponsorship Package to better reflect the services we offer and to require better reporting of marketing efforts by those who have been approved for funding. Event organizers who have an overnight component are encouraged to apply for support from DLC.

We compiled a list of restaurants that are providing take out and delivery options that was circulated via social media to much appreciation from our followers who still want to support local restaurants.

In response to a question from a Council member, Councillor Albrecht advised that every local community is unique and has its own challenges and opportunities which requires a locally made plan for proceeding with tourism activities. DLC has an implementation strategy and is currently looking at best practices and procedures to ensure the public and businesses are safe.

## 5. **BYLAWS**

- a. Bylaw 3125 - Zoning Amendment and Development Permit No. DP 01-20

Third reading of a bylaw to rezone properties located at 5326, 5334, 5340, 5360 – 200 Street and 5321, 5331, 5341, 5361 – 200A Street to accommodate a 4-storey, 92-unit rental apartment development

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom  
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the bylaw cited as "Zoning Bylaw 1996, No. 2100 Amendment No. 167, 2020, No. 3125" be read a third time.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED Councillor Storteboom, Chair of the Advisory Design Panel advised that the panel was in favour of the application with some recommendations.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

- b. Bylaw 3129 - 2019-2023 Financial Plan Bylaw Amendment No. 2  
First, second and third reading of a bylaw to amend the 2019-2023 Financial Plan Bylaw

MOVED BY Councillor Martin  
SECONDED BY Councillor James

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Financial Plan 2019 – 2023 Bylaw, 2019, No. 3099, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw, 3129" be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Financial Plan 2019 – 2023 Bylaw, 2019, No. 3099, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw, 3129" be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Financial Plan 2019 – 2023 Bylaw, 2019, No. 3099, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw, 3129" be read a third time.

CARRIED

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Crime Prevention Task Group - Lock Out Auto Theft Signage

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal  
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT Council direct staff to investigate installing metal "Lock Out Auto Crime" signs around the intersection of 201A Street and Michaud Crescent.

In response to a question from a Council member, staff advised that they can provide any stats available before the plastic signs were stolen, to determine whether theft from auto decreased after the signs were put up.

In response to questions from Council, Councillor Pachal advised that:

- the previous plastic signs were attached to various objects; however, the signs were made of inexpensive plastic so were easy to remove;
- it's not known why ICBC stopped making metal signs; however, the committee is requesting ICBC share in the cost to produce these metal signs.

With approval of the mover, a friendly amendment was made to the motion to read as follows:

"THAT Council direct staff to investigate installing metal "Lock Out Auto Crime" signs around Langley city."

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

CARRIED

Councillor Martin opposed

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal  
SECONDED BY Mayor van den Broek

THAT Council direct staff to explore the possibility of cost sharing with ICBC.

CARRIED

- b. Economic Development Task Group - Langley City Economic Restart Action Plan

Councillor James, Chair of the Economic Development Task Group spoke to the Task Group's report dated May 22, 2020.

MOVED BY Councillor James  
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT City Council approve the recommendation from Economic Development Task Group to endorse the Langley City Economic Restart Action Plan.

CARRIED

Councillor James advised that implementation of some of the action items in the plan were in process. Staff presented an information and resources document and webpage designed to help businesses go through Phase 2 of the restart plan, which is one of the action items that has recently been completed.

## **7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- a. Conducting Electronic Public Hearings Under Ministerial Order M139

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal  
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT public hearings be held electronically as required as authorized under Ministerial Order M139 and in accordance with Section 465(3) of *The Local Government Act*.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, in response to a question from a Council member, staff clarified that the expenditure of \$5,000 for a one year subscription for Zoom Video Conferencing was required to allow Council, committee and other City meetings to be conducted by video conference. The \$80 monthly subscription fee for Zoom Webinar would be required to conduct electronic Public Hearings.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

**8. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Motions/Notices of Motion

1. Sustainable Packaging for the Food and Beverage Industry

Councillor Wallace

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace

SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the following resolution be forwarded to the appropriate provincial Minister and federal Minister with copies to City of Langley MPs and MLA:

WHEREAS the consumption of single use plastics and Styrofoam has increased considerably during the COVID-19 pandemic; perpetuating long term impacts on the environment. This will continue with the ongoing restrictions pertaining to the food and beverage industry;

WHEREAS subsidizing biodegradable and/or eco-friendly take out containers and bags for the food and beverage industry within Langley City would provide support for businesses to transition within our municipality during the restart phase of the pandemic and serve as a lasting benefit to the environment locally and globally;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Langley City Council requests the provincial and federal governments to provide a subsidy for biodegradable and/or eco-friendly packaging for the food and beverage industry.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to a question from a Council member, staff advised that if the City were to bring in a bylaw to ban Styrofoam containers it would likely be subject to legal challenge similar to what happened when the City of Victoria passed a bylaw banning plastic bags.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED



2. Social Distancing for Sidewalks – Councillor Pachal

Councillor Pachal advised that he wished to seek clarity from Fraser Health on whether individuals are required to keep 2m distance from one another when passing on a sidewalk, expressing concern that due to sidewalks only being between 1.5 to 1.8 m wide, many people are stepping out onto the roadway to achieve 2m distance from others passing them on the sidewalk, thereby creating risk of injury.

Staff advised that after having spoken to Fraser Health about the need for clarity on this issue that staff is recommending correspondence be sent to Fraser Health formally requesting clarification on this issue.

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal  
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

WHEREAS Dr. Bonnie Henry stated that "if you are passing someone on a sidewalk where you cannot keep 2 metres apart, and you walk by them 'very quickly,' the risk of spreading COVID-19 is negligible"; and

WHEREAS a standard sidewalk is around 1.5 metres wide making it impossible to keep 2 metres apart; and

WHEREAS many people are walking in general vehicle travel lanes to maintain a 2-metre distance from other people, increasing the risk of personal injury;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT council direct Mayor van den Broek to send a letter on behalf of council requesting that Fraser Health provide official public guidance for people who are passing others while using a sidewalk.

CARRIED

b. Correspondence

1. City of Port Moody

Support for the post-COVID recovery as an opportunity to "upgrade" our society by eliminating homelessness

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom  
SECONDED BY Mayor van den Broek

WHEREAS our society has been plagued by homelessness and a lack of support systems for those affected by addictions and mental illness for generations;

AND WHEREAS the state of homelessness in our region has only worsened over the course of decades and throughout multiple Provincial and Federal Governments;

AND WHEREAS an inevitable economic rebuild is a good opportunity to make positive upgrades to our society;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Council considers a return to the "normal" state of homelessness in our region, province, and nation after the COVID emergency fundamentally unacceptable;

AND THAT Council call on the Government of Canada, the Government of BC, and the Metro Vancouver Regional District to use the post-COVID recovery as an opportunity to "upgrade" our society by eliminating homelessness;

AND THAT Council supports a return to large-scale supportive housing arrangements for those afflicted by mental illness, such as a revived facility at Riverview.

CARRIED

2. The Alliance of Beverage Licensees (ABLE BC)

Request for "flexible, innovative, and expedited patio permitting"

MOVED BY Councillor Martin  
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the request from the Alliance of Beverage Licensees for flexible innovative and expedited patio permitting be referred to staff to report back on implementing this initiative.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, Councillor James, representing the Downtown Langley Business Association (DLBA), advised that the DLBA, Langley Chamber of Commerce, and City

staff are currently working on a letter of intent that will be sent to all restaurants and food or beverage establishments in Langley city to gauge the level of interest in expanding their patio space.

Carl Johannsen, Director of Development Services advised that staff are currently working on a framework to enable patio expansion for interested businesses looking to expand on the public right of way or City sidewalk through the use of highway use permits and sidewalk use agreements which can be implemented quickly based on the response from businesses. He further advised that last week the provincial Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch came up with some new temporary policies that are in effect until October 31, 2020. Restaurants that have food primary liquor licenses will have the ability to reallocate their occupant load to outdoor patios through an online application process and receive an updated license from the branch.

In response to questions from Council, staff advised that:

- the City does not have the authority to extend operation hours for establishments; the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch stipulates those hours;
- the City's timeline for allowing expansion of outdoor patios will align with provincial requirements.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

3. Langley's Breweries & Restaurants

Request for a flexible and efficient system to allow the extension of outdoor seating areas

The Mayor noted this issue had already been dealt with.

4. District of Saanich

Support "Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy" Initiative

Council received the correspondence for information.

5. Response Letter from the Minister of Finance

Langley City Council Seeking Support to Stabilize the Strata Insurance Market in BC

c. New Business

1. Release of Motion from May 11, 2020 Closed Meeting of Council

***Appointment to the Environmental Task Group***

THAT Ellen Hall be appointed to the City's Environmental Task Group for the current term, expiring December 31, 2020 as a voting Community Member at Large.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace  
SECONDED BY Councillor James

THAT the meeting adjourn at 5:04 pm.

**CARRIED**

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Signed:

MAYOR

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Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER