



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 15, 2020

3:00 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
- D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services
- G. Flack, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
- R. Beddow, Deputy Director of Development Services
- H. Gill, Manager of Engineering
- D. Selvage, Manager of Community Safety
- K. Tamondong, Recreation Supervisor
- K. Kenney, Corporate Officer

Mayor van den Broek congratulated City of Langley's graduating class of 2020.

The Mayor advised that Langley City Council recognizes the reality of racism, as evidenced by recent incidents of race-based violence and discrimination that have taken place in BC and the United States, and so calls upon each Langley citizen to be part of the change needed to make a better, more equitable and inclusive society.

Council members took the #DifferentTogether pledge in response to the Honourable Janet Austen, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia's invitation to all British Columbians to take the #DifferentTogether pledge to uphold the Canadian values of diversity and inclusion and to oppose racism and hate in all its forms.

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a. Adoption of the June 15, 2020 Regular Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor James

SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the June 15, 2020 agenda be adopted as circulated

CARRIED

2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A Committee of the Whole meeting provides Council the opportunity to hear input from the public and allows Council a greater opportunity to speak to and debate specific agenda items.

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT Council commence the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

a. Bylaw 3129 - Financial Plan 2019-2023 Bylaw Amendment

Darrin Leite, Director of Corporate Services advised that at the last Council meeting the Financial Statements for 2019 were presented and the purpose of this Financial Plan amendment is to authorize the expenditures reflected in the 2019 Financial Statements.

Mayor van den Broek asked if any correspondence had been received regarding Bylaw No. 3129. The Corporate Officer advised that no correspondence had been received.

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes from May 25, 2020

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor James

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 25, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- b. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from May 25, 2020

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on May 25, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

- a. Bylaw 3129 - Financial Plan 2019-2023 Bylaw Amendment

Final reading of a bylaw to amend the 2019-2023 Financial Plan Bylaw

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

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

CARRIED

5. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – June 29, 2020
Regular Council Meeting – July 13, 2020

- b. Library Happenings - Councillor Martin

FVRL Express – Click, Pick, Go

FVRL Express – Click, Pick, Go is a new contactless service that offers customers a physically distanced way to pick up library holds and return items at all 25 locations, including the City of Langley Library. FVRL Express is also available to customers who have signed up for an FVRL eCard.

As of Monday, June 1, before the service launched, there were 42,977 items ready for 12,290 cardholders on the hold shelves at all 25 FVRL locations. City of Langley Library itself had 1468 items ready for pick up by 489 customers.

When the Express service was announced, placement of new holds skyrocketed across the library system. Holds placement has remained

steady, and library staff are working hard to fulfill new holds and process thousands of returned items.

Explore our universe! Summer Reading Club

Discover the great unknown this summer when you join FVRL's 2020 Summer Reading Club. There is a club for everyone! Sign up starts online on June 12. Customers can also pick up a physical reading record and stickers at the City of Langley Library Express service point.

Read. Learn. Play. at Home

FVRL is still open online! Read, learn, and play at home with our digital resources. There is something for everyone, all free with an FVRL card.

Read. Learn. Play. at Home - Storytime

Introduce children to the love of books and language with Storytime. Children and caregivers will enjoy interactive stories, songs, rhymes and more – shared by our talented librarians from across the valley. Check out our Facebook for dozens of engaging storytimes and babytimes, with new programs posted daily.

June Reading List Audio Book Month

June is audiobook month! Format fans, audiobook newbies and anyone who enjoys being read to, will find something appealing in FVRL's audiobook collections.

May 5 – July 3 in FVRL OverDrive

Moon of the Crusted Snow – Waubgeshig Rice

Check out this daring post-apocalyptic novel from a powerful rising literary voice anytime with no holds and no waiting.

c. Engineering Update

Rick Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment provided an update on departmental activities as follows:

- Boulevard maintenance – Glover Rd.
- Water-main replacement Industrial Ave.
- LED lights installed at water reservoir
- Assisted to fill Al Anderson Memorial Pool
- Brydon park trails and off-leash dog park
- Retaining wall along nature trail east of 203 St.
- Paving complete on 203 St. Fraser Hwy. to Logan Ave.
- Asset management work
- 56 Ave. landscape grass will be moved to Uplands Dog Park as part of this year's improvement project

- Grass replacement at Al Anderson Memorial Pool
- Maintenance of City Park
- Removal of sand at City Park Water Park
- Removal of tree at City Park picnic shelter
- Re-opening of City facilities
- New railing added along Pleasentdale Creek

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Bomhof advised that:

- he didn't know what had been done with the tree that had to be removed from City Park, but likely the opportunity has passed to be able to do anything with the wood;
- identification of assets in the Asset Management Plan will be very detailed; the project is currently being undertaken by existing staff and is expected to take two to three years to complete;
- the LED lighting project is 80% complete and should be completed by the end of this year;
- replacement of picnic shelters at City Park won't happen until after the September long weekend in order to allow the public to use the existing picnic shelters over the summer.

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- a. Crime Prevention Task Group - Installation of "Lock Out Auto" Crime Signs

Dave Selvage, Manager of Community Safety spoke to his report dated June 10, 2020.

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT Council suspend the recommendation of the Crime Prevention Task Group to install metal "Lock Out Auto Crime" signs around Langley.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to questions from a Council member, Mr. Selvage advised that:

- in making their recommendation to Council, staff factored in the cost and long term maintenance requirements for the metal signs;
- there wasn't the same consideration of sign pollution when the original plastic signs were erected as the intent of the project was to put up the signs to see if they made any difference and then take them back down; they were not intended to be of a permanent nature.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

b. Langley City Child Care Action Plan

Mr. Karlo Tamondong, Recreation Supervisor provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Langley City Child Care Action Plan project, advising that:

- the project was funded through a grant of \$25,000 from the Union of BC Municipalities;
- the project took one year to complete;
- there were two phases to the project:
 - Phase One – Public and Stakeholder Engagement Program – partnering with Township of Langley
 - Phase Two – Child Care Action Plan – engaging the services of City Spaces to assist with engagement activities and creation of the action plan

Mr. Tamondong highlighted the findings of the Child Care Action Plan, providing information on:

- child care coverage rates;
- child care strengths, gaps, trends;
- child care space creation;
- child care priorities and actions.

In response to a question from a member of Council, Mr. Tamondong advised that staff's approach will be to start with smaller actions and goals outlined in the plan, then engage with the School District and Fraser Health on the larger goals.

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT City Council endorse the Langley City Child Care Action Plan as part of the final report to UBCM.

CARRIED

c. Updating Traffic Calming Policy No. CO-47

Rick Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment spoke to the report dated June 15, 2020.

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the amended City of Langley Traffic Calming Policy No. CO-47 be approved.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to questions from Council, Mr. Bomhof advised that:

- City staff would define the area where the petitioner must collect signatures in support of their request to investigate traffic calming measures;
- the same process would be required to petition for removal of existing traffic calming infrastructure in an area; however, it would be surprising to receive such requests given the high level of public support received for these traffic calming initiatives prior to their installation;
- staff are looking to convert 206 Street between 53rd Avenue and Douglas Crescent from an arterial road to a collector road following completion of updates to City's Master Transportation Plan;
- if a member of the public makes a complaint about excessive speed on a certain road, staff would investigate to the level that they could or refer the complaint to the appropriate body, for example, the RCMP would be involved in enforcement. The more complaints received about an area, the more the RCMP will focus on enforcement in that area;
- in redeveloping the downtown core, traffic calming measures would be looked at by staff as they planned for new roads; this policy pertains more to existing neighbourhoods.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

Voting against Mayor van den Broek

- d. Repealing Crosswalk Policy No. EN-12

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal

SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT Council repeal Crosswalk Policy No. EN-12.

CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht

SECONDED BY Mayor van den Broek

THAT staff investigate the use of solar energy for future crosswalks and other lighting arrangements within the city limits.

CARRIED

Prior to consideration of the Item 7e. 2021 RCMP Approval in Principle, Mayor van den Broek declared a conflict of interest as she is employed by the RCMP and left the meeting at 4:41 pm.

Deputy Mayor Albrecht assumed the Chair.

e. 2021 RCMP Approval in Principle

Darrin Leite, Director of Corporate Services advised that the City adopts this approval in principle every year as the Federal Government requires the City to do this so they can do their planning for their 10% share of the RCMP costs. In 2021 there will be a small increase in the overall RCMP budget predicated on the fact that the provincial government is taking over the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team which will be billed separately by the province rather than the federal government

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT Council authorize a letter of approval in principle be sent to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General to maintain the detachment strength at 51.35 members and increase the 100% RCMP budget by \$48,566 for a RCMP total budget cap of \$11,296,752.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to questions from a Council member, Mr. Leite advised that the significant increase in the machinery equipment budget reflects the replacement of some fleet vehicles this year which the City pays for. The RCMP provides a five year financial plan to the City, so the City is aware in advance when these expenditures will be required. When the City looks at its own budget in 2021, Council will have the opportunity to review these items again which by that time will have been updated. Approval in principle of the RCMP budget at this time is required as it is well in advance of Council's budget process.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

Mayor van den Broek returned to the meeting at 4:47pm resumed the Chair.

e. Strategic Community Investment Fund - Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the City of Langley acknowledge the receipt of \$475,823 from the Provincial Government to help fund the salary of three RCMP officers from the traffic fine revenue received in 2019.

CARRIED

f. Penzer Action Park - Washroom Door Upgrade

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT Council approve allocating \$15,249 from the Enterprise Fund for the replacement and upgrading of the Penzer Park Washroom doors.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to questions from Council, staff advised that

- having no doors to the washroom was not part of the original design as the washrooms are heated; additionally staff want to be able to lock the washrooms at night to prevent camping out in the washrooms;
- a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) review was undertaken when the original design for the washroom was completed and there is lighting at the facility;
- staff have investigated installation of surveillance cameras but due to the inherent privacy issues associated with surveillance cameras, best policy is to try all other reasonable means to address the issue before resorting to cameras.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

8. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Motions/Notices of Motion

1. James Douglas and the Black Community in British Columbia -
Councillor

Councillor Nathan Pachal

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal

SECONDED BY Mayor van den Broek

WHEREAS James Douglas was the first Governor of the Colony of British Columbia; and

WHEREAS Langley was the first capital of the Colony of British Columbia; and

WHEREAS Douglas Park is named after James Douglas; and

WHEREAS James Douglas' father was Scottish and his mother was a "free woman of colour"; and

WHEREAS James Douglas successfully encouraged people from the Black community in the US to immigrate to British Columbia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Langley City staff work with the BC Black History Awareness Society and the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations to erect a plaque and/or interpretive sign in Douglas Park, themed about James Douglas and the Black community in British Columbia, to be unveiled during Black History month in 2021; and

FURTHER THAT staff prepare a report to Council that includes the cost and content of the plaque and/or interpretive sign for approval by Council.

CARRIED

b. New Business

1. MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED MEETING

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom

SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

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:

(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht

SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT the meeting adjourn at 5:02 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER