



## MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 27, 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
  - D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services
  - K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services
  - P. Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer
  - G. Flack, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
  - H. Gill, Manager of Engineering Services
  - C. Johannsen, Director of Development Services
  - S. Kennedy, Deputy Fire Chief

Mayor van den Broek acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations.

The Mayor expressed concern and sent best wishes to those affected by the two recent fires that have occurred in the City. She expressed thanks to the City's fire department and all the agencies that assisted, including the Township of Langley and City of Surrey fire departments, RCMP, BCAS, BC Hydro, City staff and the Emergency Response team and volunteers. Our community has stepped up in many ways to help those affected.

Mayor van den Broek reminded residents to continue keeping COVID-19 protocols top of mind, to keep our residents safe. For information on COVID-19 please visit [www.langleycity.ca](http://www.langleycity.ca).

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

- a. Adoption of the July 27, 2020 Regular Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom

SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the July 27, 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 Wallace  
SECONDED BY Councillor James

THAT Council commence the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

### **a. 2019 City of Langley Annual Report**

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the 2019 Annual Report noting that the report is submitted in accordance with section 98 and 99 of the Community Charter. It provides a progress report of the performance of the City with respect to established objectives and measures from 2019. With direction from City Council we have successfully achieved the performance goals and objectives as set out in the 2019 Annual Report. Fiscal responsibility and accountability are in a strong position.

The Mayor asked if any correspondence had been received in relation to the 2019 Annual Report. The Deputy Corporate Officer advised that no correspondence had been received.

Council expressed thanks and commended staff for a job well done.

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom  
SECONDED BY Councillor James

THAT Council rise and report.

CARRIED

## **3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

### **a. Regular Meeting Minutes from July 13, 2020**

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom  
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 13, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- b. Public Hearing Minutes from July 20, 2020

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom  
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing held on July 20, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

- a. 2019 City of Langley Annual Report

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht  
SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT the 2019 Annual Report be approved.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED it was noted that under the current circumstances related to the pandemic, it is very positive that the City can provide an annual report that instills confidence in our economic recovery and provides leadership to the community going forward.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and same was

CARRIED

#### 5. **DELEGATION**

- a. RCMP Quarterly Update  
Supt. Murray Power, Office in Charge, Langley RCMP

The Superintendent acknowledged the great work of the City's fire department in responding to the fire last week and ensuring everyone's safe evacuation during the emergency.

Superintendent Power review the RCMP quarterly report crime statistics noting a downward trend. There were no glaring concerns and no major files to report. He did note that they have not yet identified the male found in the Nicomekl river on June 7. They are using media to share his tattoos in hopes that someone will recognize them. They continue to search the missing persons database hoping for a connection.

The Superintendent noted that he joined Mayor van den Broek for a walk downtown to touch base with local shop owners and residents. They learned that the overall consensus among businesses in the downtown

area is that the homelessness situation has improved since the onset of COVID. Contributing factors include the opening of the Creek Stone Supportive Housing facility and the temporary housing provided by the province to house homeless individuals during the pandemic. He has seen a direct effect on the community and it is positive. He felt that housing people is the first step toward a solution, and the next is mental health and addiction support for these individuals.

The current social unrest and public pressure on police officers continues. Langley officers are confident in what they do and are feeling okay in general. They recognize that they are being videotaped all the time and have become accustomed to it. They are operating with the best of intention and there hasn't been any negative feedback from the public to date. The Langley RCMP will continue to do their best and he encouraged Council to advise him if there are any shortcomings.

There was general discussion about the following:

- homeless that are being housed in the local hotels
  - the duration of the funding
  - what will happen when the funding ends
- The overall community supports housing the homeless
- The OIC supports a partnership with the City to advocate for continued funding/housing for the homeless

There was consensus that the City, RCMP, and DLBA collaborate on a letter to the province advocating for continued housing for those individuals in temporary housing due to the pandemic. Collective input may have influence.

Staff noted that further discussion can be had with Council to formulate points and write a letter. From there a request can be made for a meeting with the Minister responsible for Housing and BC Housing.

Discussion continued about the following:

- encouraging the public to continue to social distance (RCMP & City Bylaw department)
- homeless congregating in large groups
- traffic enforcement (speed and noise complaints) at Grade Crescent and 203 Street. RCMP will consider targeting the area.

## **6. MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **a. Upcoming Meetings**

Regular Council Meeting – September 14, 2020 - 3pm

Regular Council Meeting – September 28, 2020 - 3pm

b. Recreation Update  
Kim Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services

The Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services provided an update of the July 2020 recreation activities including:

- Funtastic Adventures Day Camps from Jun 29 – Sept. 4
- Indoor fitness group classes (spin, gentle fit, power yoga, bootcamp, Zumba and more)
- Public swimming and length swimming at Al Anderson Memorial Pool
- Weight room, 90 minutes sessions
- Youth programs, outdoors at Douglas Park, July 2 to August 28
- Pop Up Play, outdoor family fun at local parks this summer
- Aquatic fitness
- Park ambassadors out on the trains and in parks connecting with the public and promoting City parks and programs.

Some programs require advance registration and have reduced capacity due to COVID-19 protocol. Call 604-514-2865 or go online [www.langleycity.ca](http://www.langleycity.ca) to register.

It was noted that the DLBA 'Pick Up Picnics' program utilizes pre-stuffed goody bags for patrons. Any leftover bags will be donated to the City for the park ambassadors to hand out in parks.

In response to an inquiry about the reopening of the Timms Community Centre walking track, Ms. Hilton advised that staff are looking at how to open the track while maintaining social distancing measures. Staff will present something to Council in the fall.

c. Discover Langley City - Councillor Albrecht  
Councillor Albrecht provided the following update:

**COVID-19** is being effectively monitored, controlled and treated in British Columbia and Canada. The Public Health Agency of Canada is actively monitoring the situation and working with the World Health Organization and other international partners. We know that COVID-19 remains top of mind for many travelers.

Discover Langley City is working closely with key industry partners including the hotel community, Destination British Columbia, the Tourism Industry Association and Destination Canada as the situation evolves.

Discover Langley City is committed to working with our industry partners to ensure we all work together to welcome locals and neighbours to Langley City in a safe and mindful way, to ensure the long-term health of our community and our industry.

It was noted that the tourism industry is the single biggest economic driver in BC despite all our natural resources. It is a very important aspect of our economic recovery.

### **Canada Summer Jobs - Marketing Coordinator**

Discover Langley City was successful in obtaining a Canada Summer Jobs grant in the amount of \$9,800. This allowed us to hire a marketing coordinator for 16 weeks. The Canadian Government has been extremely helpful in recognizing the need of the tourism industry from the effects of COVID. We were successful also because we were able to show that we have a safe working environment that considers COVID precautions. Emma Brooks is a second year Marketing Management student from BCIT. Specializing in communications. Emma is eager and excited to reach out to our stakeholders and continue to build our tourism community in Langley City.

### **Stakeholder Update**

We have connected with our tourism stakeholders with an update that outlines our marketing efforts via an email consisting of our activities and upcoming marketing plans on their behalf. This email was well received with a 56% open rate.

### **Marketing**

We are slowly and thoughtfully starting up our marketing tactics for summer and fall. Our main focus is encouraging people to be a tourist in their town, and to develop and promote the safest possible visit to Langley City for visitors and residents. We are taking our inspiration from Tourism Yukon and this line:

***Why walk your block for the millionth time, when you can walk ours for the first?***

### **Social Media**

Consumers have a very critical response to perceived unthoughtful or unsafe messaging on social media, which means we have to be very cautious in what we post. We have been fortunate to build relationships online and connect with user generated content that mainly focuses on beautiful images from our parks and trails and has been extremely well received. Our audience is growing and there has been genuine interactions with our followers.

Now that we are in phase 3 and people are encouraged to expand their travel destinations, we look forward to tempting them with images of activities and restaurants. We look to our channels to inspire consumers with ideas on how they can spend time in Langley and encourage them to

make it a multi-day visit to utilize our hotels. The overnight stays are going to be key to the economic recovery for our hotels, so this is crucial marketing efforts for our stakeholders and DLC.

### **Discover Guide Vol. 3**

The Discover Guide is getting a summer refresh. These guides list all our fabulous attractions and should give our visitors an easy resource to help plan activities while visiting the City and hopefully encourage them to stay for multiple days and experience everything we have to offer. These guides will be delivered to key locations around the City, all accommodations providers, and available for download from our website.

### **Langley Road Rally**

Our marketing plan includes developing and encouraging new tourism experiences. With this in mind, we have partnered with Tourism Langley to create a Langley Road Rally. This professionally designed experience will map out a route that features must see outdoor spaces, shops and restaurants and encourages people to experience Langley in a safe and fun way.

### **BC Ale Trail**

We are excited to be partnering with the BC Ale Trail - the definitive online resource for those interested in exploring the extraordinary world of BC craft beer. This is a well known and popular program that is a consortium of community DMO's working with the BC Ale Trail to access matching funds from Destination BC to assist in marketing efforts.

Langley City is joining the Fraser Valley Ale Trail and will be featuring Farm country Brewing, KPU Brew Lab and Craft Beer focused businesses in Langley City.

### **Events Calendar**

We continue our summer tradition of sending our consumers a list of events. Obviously, this is challenging this year as so many have been cancelled, but much thanks to Langley City for the consistent programming that gives us quality content to share. Our July newsletter was opened by 43% of recipients.

These listings are also available on the DLC website.

### **Hello BC Listings**

Destination BC operates [www.hellobc.com](http://www.hellobc.com) as the consumer website for travel to British Columbia. We are working with DBC and our stakeholders to ensure that they are represented on the site. In order to be listed, a business must have claimed their Trip Advisor listing and verified their business on Google. We will be contacting all our stakeholders and

offering to assist them in this process so that we can be fully represented online.

For more further details please visit [www.discoverylangleycity.ca](http://www.discoverylangleycity.ca)

## 7. **BYLAWS**

### a. Bylaw 3130 - Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Third and final reading of a bylaw to amend the Zoning Bylaw to update and add new commercial use definitions and separation distances between certain commercial uses.

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom

SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the bylaw cited as the “Zoning Bylaw 1996, No. 2100 Amendment No. 168, 2020, No. 3130” be read a third time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the “Zoning Bylaw 1996, No. 2100 Amendment No. 168, 2020, No. 3130” be read a final time.

CARRIED

### b. Bylaw 3123 - Discharge of Land Use Contract No. 11-78

Final reading of a bylaw to authorize the discharge of Land Use Contract No. 11-78 from the property located at 19671 – 50A Avenue.

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht

SECONDED BY Councillor James

THAT the bylaw cited as the “Discharge of Land Use Contract No. 11-78 Bylaw, 2020, No. 3123” be read a final time.

CARRIED

### c. Bylaw 3124 - Discharge of Land Use Contract No. 22-72

Final reading of a bylaw to authorize the discharge of Land Use Contract No. 22-72 from the property located at 19986 – 50A Avenue.

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom

SECONDED BY Councillor James

THAT the bylaw cited as the “Discharge of Land Use Contract No. 22-72 Bylaw, 2020, No. 3124” be read a final time.

CARRIED



d. Bylaw 3125 - Zoning Amendment & Development Permit No. 01-20

Final 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 Wallace

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

CARRIED

1. Development Permit No. 01-20

5326, 5334, 5340, 5360 – 200 Street and 5321, 5331, 5341, 5361 – 200A Street

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace  
SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT Development Permit Application DP 01-20 located at 5326, 5334, 5340, 5360 – 200 Street; 5321, 5331, 5341, 5361 – 200A Street to accommodate a 4-storey, 92 unit rental apartment development be approved subject to execution of a Development Servicing Agreement in compliance with the conditions outlined in the Advisory Design Panel staff report.

CARRIED

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Arts & Culture Task Group - City Park Sculpture

The Mayor invited Councillor Albrecht to speak to the report.

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht  
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT City Council approve moving forward with the creation and installation of the Laara German sculpture: upright 12 note pipe xylophone.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED it was noted that the task group is excited to support a three dimensional art piece that has a musical component in the City.

A member of council noted concern about the location and the possible complaints that may arise due undesirables playing the xylophone after hours.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and same was

CARRIED

Mayor van den Broek opposed.

- b. Arts & Culture Task Group - Linwood Park Washrooms Mural Call

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht

SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT Council approve moving forward with the mural submission by artist Judy Pohl for installation on the washroom at Linwood Park.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED it was noted that the mural depicts the transition from the old interurban rail to the potential new Skytrain. It was further noted that the location, at Linwood Park, is appropriate as the interurban corridor was located there. It is another indicator that the City is ready and excited for SkyTrain.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and same was

CARRIED

## 9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. 2019 Council Remuneration and Statement of Financial Information

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom

SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

1. THAT the Report on Council Remuneration and Expenses as required by Section 168 of the Community Charter be adopted.
2. THAT the Statement of Financial Information as required by the Financial Information Act be adopted.

CARRIED

- b. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Replacement Purchase

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom

SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT Council authorize the purchase for the scheduled replacement of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) based on the tendered price of \$407,996.38.

CARRIED

c. Tender Award - T2020-018 2020 Road Rehabilitation - Various Locations

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom

SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

1. THAT Council award the Tender T2020-018, 2020 Road Rehabilitation – Various Locations to Lafarge Canada Inc. based on the tendered amount of \$516,827.00 (excluding GST).
2. THAT Council Authorize the Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment and the Corporate Officer to execute the contract document for the T2020-018, 2020 Road Rehabilitation – Various Locations to Lafarge Canada Inc.

CARRIED

**10. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Motions/Notices of Motion

1. Request for Emergency Operating Funding from Other Orders of Government

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht

SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

WHEREAS local governments are on the front lines of some of the most difficult challenges facing Canada; and

WHEREAS local government revenues are collapsing and unanticipated costs are soaring; and

WHEREAS without financial assistance local governments may be forced to cut vital local services our residents and community rely upon; and

WHEREAS public transportation makes our communities more livable, affordable, accessible and fights climate change;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal and Provincial governments be requested to provide emergency operating funding (Safe Restart Program) to protect vital local services including public transportation, protective services, emergency services, public health and social services.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED Councillor Albrecht noted that there are concerns and pressure on schools, libraries, childcare centres, long term care facilities, and mental health supports due to COVID. There is a need to continue to lobby the provincial and

federal government to assist municipalities by providing operating funds. Taxation and casino revenues will be reduced going forward and Langley, and all communities in BC, are facing the same challenges.

Councillor Storteboom noted that since the time of the Notice of Motion, on July 16<sup>th</sup>, the Prime Minister announced \$19 billion for these types of initiatives for municipal organizations, and transit, through the Safe Restart Program. He suggested that Council pursue funding from the Safe Restart Program specifically in the motion.

Councillor Albrecht agreed and there was consensus to include the Safe Restart Program in the motion specifically.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and same was

CARRIED

b. Correspondence

1. Clean Energy BC  
Bill 17 Proposed Amendment to Clean Energy Act

There was discussion about support to move toward clean energy in general, however it was noted that Clean Energy BC is a lobbyist group that is represented by large multi-national corporations and has an interest in ensuring contracts with BC Hydro, with exorbitant rates, be maintained.

There was agreement to consider supporting renewable energy, but not as proposed in the correspondence.

Councillor Pachal and Wallace agreed to construct a motion to present to Council for consideration in September.

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom  
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

c. New Business

1. MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED MEETING

MOVED BY Councillor James  
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

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:

(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;

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;

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

(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

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom  
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:16pm

CARRIED

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Signed:

MAYOR

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Certified Correct:

DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER