



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 5, 2018

7:00 p.m.

**Council Chambers, Langley City Hall
20399 Douglas Crescent**

Council Present:

Mayor Schaffer
Councillor Arnold
Councillor Albrecht
Councillor Martin
Councillor Pachal
Councillor Storteboom
Councillor van den Broek

Staff Present:

F. Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Beddow, Acting Director of Development Services and
Economic Development
R. Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment
K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community
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 5, 2018 Regular Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht

SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT the February 5, 2018 agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

a. Bylaw 3051 - 2018-2022 Financial Plan Bylaw

Darrin Leite, Director of Corporate Services, provided an overview of the 2018-2022 Financial Plan, highlighting information with respect to:

- Capital Improvement Plan
- Operating Budget
- Tax Rate Effect

The Mayor invited members of the public to provide comments or questions on the Financial Plan Bylaw.

Warner Smith 4655, 204A Street:

- expressed his opinion that this meeting was not sufficiently advertised to residents;
- expressed concern that retired seniors will soon not be able to afford to live in their own homes due to inflated property values, inflation and rising taxes;
- indicated young adults cannot afford homes so are staying at home longer;
- suggested Council needs to cut back on spending and redirect funds to where they are needed instead of asking for additional funds;
- indicated that, although a significant amount of the budget is spent on policing enforcement, he didn't see RCMP members out on the street catching speeders and suggested they should be concentrating more on enforcement;
- suggested Council needs a plan for long-time residents to keep taxes at a manageable level.

Howard Searle, 4690 204 Street:

- advised his assessment was considerably higher than the average single family home assessment value indicated in the Director of Corporate Services' presentation;
- indicated City of Langley has a responsibility to seniors and retired residents to keep its budget within cost of living increases as it is becoming unaffordable when taxes rise each year and land values have increased so much.
- indicated that he didn't think it was equitable that single family home owners pay more for municipal services than multi-family

home-owners because he doesn't use more police or ambulance services than other citizens;

- asked Council to keep budget within cost of living increase annually.

Barbara Cunningham, 4601 203A Street:

- expressed concern that, as a senior, she has seen her taxes go up substantially and she lives as a single person and is trying to keep her home;
- suggested that the City's re-branding on trucks was not a necessary expense and asked Council to re-examine the budget to remove any projects that aren't really necessary in order to reduce the budget and help seniors out.

Murray Johnson, 20410 46 Avenue:

- asked if the RCMP has advised Council what the municipality will be getting as a result of the increased RCMP budget;
- expressed frustration with the homeless issue in the City;
- suggested some beautification projects in the City and bike lanes were not necessary or too elaborate and could have been done more simply at less cost;
- expressed concern that in a couple of years he may not be able to afford to stay in his home.

The Mayor called for further comments from the public. There were no further speakers.

Mayor Schaeffer provide the following comments:

- The City is looking ahead to what up and coming generations will need in terms of housing, modes of transportation, job opportunities in the future;
- Land values are increasing here as they are in the rest of the Lower Mainland;
- There is a mix of housing stock in the city, including rental and subsidized housing;
- The city is a livable community with a range of services and amenities;
- Every community is vying for businesses and light industry. Light Industries are moving out of larger cities in the Lower Mainland, to the Fraser Valley. The City wants to ensure there is housing for these workers;
- Council spent many hours looking through this year's budget and asked staff to cut where they could and have done so in past years as well;
- The City of Langley is still debt free; and is not into borrowing.

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes from January 29, 2018

MOVED BY Councillor van den Broek
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 29, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- b. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from January 29, 2018

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on January 29, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- c. Public Hearing Meeting Minutes from January 29, 2018

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT the Public Hearing Meeting minutes from January 29, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

a. Bylaw 3051

Third reading of a bylaw to adopt the Financial Plan for 2018 - 2022.

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom

SECONDED BY Councillor van den Broek

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Financial Plan 2018 - 2022 Bylaw, 2018, No. 3051" be read a third time.

CARRIED

5. COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHTS

a. Intensive Case Management Team (ICMT)

Sanjeev Nand, Executive Director, Langley Community Services Society
Corinne Blasius, Program Manager, Langley ICMT

Mr. Nand provided information on the Intensive Case Management Team as follows:

- History;
- ICM program overview;
- ICM target population;

Ms. Blasius provided information on:

- Goals of the ICMT;
- Statistics on community referrals, gender distribution, age at referral, clients with previous mental health treatment;
- Housing support;
- Case studies on two individuals assisted by the ICMT.

The presenters responded to questions from Council members, advising that:

- If the trend in referrals continues, it is likely there will be a need for more supportive care subsidized housing so Langley Community Services Society will be in communication with Fraser Health and BC Housing to keep them informed;
- Those individuals who are ineligible for the program are referred to Langley Mental Health Services;
- The ICMT has education/training contacts in the community to connect clients with should they express that as a need;

- Discussions with respect to conversion of the Quality Inn into supportive housing for the homeless are still ongoing; ICMT is supposed to be housed at the Quality Inn once it is converted;
- It is unclear whether the province has jurisdiction over local government to proceed with the project if the Township of Langley declines to provide the required zoning for the site.

Council members expressed their appreciation and support for the program.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – February 19, 2018
Regular Council Meeting – March 5, 2018

b. Metro Vancouver Update - Councillor Storteboom

I'm happy to advise Council that Climate 2050 is being proposed to be an overarching climate action strategy for Metro Vancouver in order to encourage the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to climate impacts through education and by sharing best practices with member jurisdictions.

Also, Metro Vancouver is looking at ways to reduce odour emissions across the region, following an increasing number of complaints from the public about unpleasant odours coming from a variety of sources. Information about the consultation process and providing public input can be found at the Metro Vancouver website. Recommendations for managing odorous air contaminants will be accepted until March 31, 2018.

The South Surrey Interceptor is getting an upgrade. This is a pipe built in the early 1970s to collect and convey sewage from communities south of the Fraser to the Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant. Significant growth has necessitated adding a second pipe, about 10 kilometres long, beside the existing sewer pipe to increase the amount of wastewater that the system can carry.

At tonight's meeting we will be voting to amend the parks service area by removing Abbotsford as a participant in the regional park-function. In my opinion, this can be considered to be a housekeeping matter as Abbotsford is located in the Fraser Valley Regional District. A 2/3 majority approval from member jurisdictions will forward the Bylaw to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

In closing, please let me congratulate Councillor Martin for being appointed to the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Committee as well as continuing with the Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee and as Alternate Director at the Board.

c. Engineering Update

Rick Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment

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

Completed projects

- New water service – Michaud Park Community garden site
- New frost sensors installed 200 St. at 44 Ave and 5700 block 198 St.
- 50th Ave. traffic calming – curb bulges in front of Conder Park
- New sanitary sewer manhole at 20200 Block 56 Ave.

Current projects

- Penzer Park Washroom
- Spray park expansion at City Park
- 48 Ave. Sewer Replacement near 210 St.
- Culvert Re-lining – Fraser Highway under rail tracks at Production Way
- Langley Bypass Culvert Replacement
- Concept development – Fraser Highway 203 St. to 206 St.
- Booster Pump Station Decommissioning (on 200 St)
- SCADA System Upgrades
- Michaud Park Community Garden

Staff responded to questions and comments from members of Council, advising that:

- Smart City technologies is part of the program, not a pilot project and will allow City to deploy limited resources more effectively;
- Frost sensors are remote;
- Staff will determine how many garden plots will be on Michaud and advise Council;
- Staff will be monitoring the impact of the traffic calming measures installed between 201A Street and 201 Street;
- There is a greenway plan for Michaud Cres., so staff will be reviewing putting in narrowing of street, depending on budget approval, in 2019 or 2020;
- Staff can obtain data on speeds of traffic travelling east/west on 201A;
- Staff will recommend to the RCMP to set up speed watch in the area.

d. Recreation Update

Kim Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture & Community Services

Kim Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture & Community Services provided an update on upcoming special events and programs for February as follows:

Special Events

- Youth Adventure Club activities
- Cookie Monster Pre-school
- Family Day
- Coldest Night of the Year Winter Walk
- MEC Langley City 5k/10k Runs

Programs

- Youth Drop-in Sports (grades 7-12)
- Jam Night (grades 7-12)
- Youth Night & Teen Time (grades 7-12)
- Adapted Boccia
- Home Alone Program
- Parent and Tot Drop-ins
- After 3 (grades 6-8)
- Bootcamp – Indoor
- Zumba Plus
- 55+ Circuit
- Feel the Rhythm
- Power Yoga

Staff responded to questions and comments from members of Council, advising that:

- Highlights of statistics on Timms Community Centre usage can be brought forward for Council's information;
- On-line registration is available 24/7 on the City's website
- This will be the second year for MEC Langley City 5k/10k Runs in the city;
- Feel the Rhythm program is more of a fitness program rather than a dance class.

e. Passing of Rhys Griffiths

Mayor Schaffer expressed Council's sadness at hearing of the passing of long-time resident and volunteer Rhys Griffiths.

7. BYLAWS

a. Bylaw 3045 - Road Closure Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to close and remove the dedication of a portion of highway adjacent to 199A Street dedicated by Plan 33088.

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Arnold

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Road Closure Bylaw No. 3045, 2018" be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Road Closure Bylaw No. 3045, 2018" be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Road Closure Bylaw No. 3045, 2018" be read a third time.

CARRIED

8. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Motions/Notices of Motion

b. Correspondence

1. Metro Vancouver

Resolution to approve consent to Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Service Amendment Bylaw, No. 1255

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT Langley City Council approve adoption of *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Service Amending Bylaw No. 1255, 2017* by providing consent on behalf of the electors.

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2. Canadian Cancer Society

Permission to conduct Door-to-Door Canvassing from April 1 - April 30, 2018

MOVED BY Councillor van den Broek
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the Canadian Cancer Society be permitted to conduct door-to-door canvassing from April 1 to April 30, 2018.

CARRIED

3. TNI Network

Permission to conduct Door-to-Door Canvassing for 3 weeks per client, in 2018 for the following:

- World Vision
- Red Cross
- BC Children's Hospital
- World Wildlife Fund

MOVED BY Councillor van den Broek
SECONDED BY Councillor Arnold

THAT TNI Network be authorized to conduct door-to-door canvassing on behalf of World Vision, Red Cross, BC Children's Hospital and World Wildlife Fund up to (3) three weeks per organization, per calendar year in 2018.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

Staff responded to a question from Councillor Storteboom advising that staff would review the Request to Conduct Door-to-Door Canvassing Policy to determine if the policy pertains to religious groups that proselytize door to door for their particular faith.

Councillor Martin noted that some for-profit companies solicit door-to-door which is not permitted.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and same was

CARRIED

c. New Business

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor van den Broek

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:44 pm.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER