



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 11, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Langley City Hall
20399 Douglas Crescent

- Present: Mayor van den Broek
Councillor Albrecht
Councillor Martin
Councillor Pachal
Councillor Storteboom
Councillor Wallace
- Absent: Councillor James
- Staff Present: F. Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment
D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services
G. Flack, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
R. Beddow, Deputy Director of Development Services and Economic Development
P. Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a. Adoption of the February 11, 2019 Regular Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Martin

THAT the February 11, 2019 agenda be adopted as circulated

CARRIED

2. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2019

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 28, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- b. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2019

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on January 21, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. Bylaw 3097 - Discharge Land Use Contract No. 46-78

Third reading of a bylaw to authorize the discharge of Land Use Contract No. 46-78 from the property located at 5139 209A Street

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the bylaw cited as "Discharge of Land Use Contract No. 46-78 Bylaw, 2019, No. 3097" be read a third time.

CARRIED

4. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – February 25, 2019
Regular Council Meeting – March 11, 2019

- b. Library Happenings - Councillor Martin

We are all about love and families at the City of Langley Library in February! Enjoy our regular slate of fun activities with your family, along with a few special events tailor made for connecting with your loved ones.

Valentine's Day Storytime and Crafts – Thurs. Feb. 14, 10:30–11:30 am
Enjoy a special Valentine themed storytime and then have fun as a family making a variety of crafts together.

Family Board Game Day - Friday, February 15, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Family Day Weekend! Unplug and reconnect with your family and friends by playing board games together. Choose one of the many games provided by the library or bring your favourites to enjoy!

Family Photo Booth - Saturday, February 16, 10:30 am – 4:00 pm

Our photo booth is the perfect way to create fun and everlasting memories with the whole family. Use the library's green screen technology to transport your family to your dream vacation destination.

The library is also hosting some informational programs to help you navigate the harder times you may experience in your family, including caring for a loved one with dementia, or going through separation or divorce.

Family Caregiver series - Tuesday, February 19, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Join us for the last session of our series for family members who are caring for a person with dementia. Learn about dementia, practical coping strategies, and early planning. Please call 604-449-5000 to register. Presented by the Alzheimer Society British Columbia.

Separation and Divorce Mediation – Thurs., Feb 28, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Separation and divorce is a time of significant stress, vulnerability, and change – even if your situation is amicable. Spend an evening with professional mediators to learn, ask questions, and gain an understanding of what is involved in a separation.

Please note that all FVRL locations will be closed on Sunday, February 17 and Monday, February 18 for the Family Day holiday.

Councillor Martin advised Council that at the January 23rd Fraser Valley Regional Library board meeting, she was elected to serve as the Chair of the Board. Council members congratulated her on the appointment.

Councillor Wallace noted that there are many great Recreation events taking place in the coming weeks and encouraged residents to take part in the many events and programs offered.

c. Engineering Update

Rick Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment provided an update on departmental activities including: paving, boulevard maintenance, tree trimming, wire theft deterrent installations, and Duncan Way sidewalk construction. He further noted that the engineering department played a large role in the implementation of traffic control services during the 2 day Rogers Hometown Hockey event and advised that 12 new bike racks have been ordered for placement in the downtown core.

The Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment shared some positive feedback received from a resident near 46A Avenue and 208th Street with regard to the new sidewalks and curbs on 46A between 206th Street and 208th Street. Users of that road are very happy with the improvements and commended the City for the good work.

Councillor Storteboom thanked the engineering department for the great job being done to keep the City streets clear during the recent snow events.

Councillor Pachal noted that he was glad to see the sidewalk construction on Duncan Way complete and looks forward to transit lane improvements.

5. **BYLAWS**

a. Bylaw 3099 - 2019-2023 Financial Plan Bylaw

First and second reading of a bylaw to adopt the Financial Plan for 2019 - 2023

The Mayor invited Darrin Leite, Director of Corporate Services to present the financial plan bylaw.

The Director of Corporate Services provided an overview of the Capital Improvement Plan, the operating budget, the tax rate effect and the next steps.

Details included:

- large projects included in the Capital Improvement Plan;
- transfers to reserves;
- infrastructure funding;
- renewal projects;
- operating budget; and
- cost drivers

He advised that many projects are funded through casino proceeds and that without that funding the taxation revenue would have had to increase 18% since 2005 to complete those projects.

Council members received a lot of public feedback during the 2018 election campaign which identified the following priorities: public safety; homelessness, parks, boulevards and trails; infrastructure renewal and recreational opportunities. It was also noted that Council has recently adopted a new vision for the future outlined in the Nexus of Community Plan. The financial plan was developed to address these priority areas.

He reviewed the net expenditure increase and the tax revenue increase needed to close the gap between the two, explaining that municipalities must have a balanced budget and cannot carry a deficit. He provided a detailed explanation of the cost drivers; revenue increases, and the expenditure increases noting that City Council has control over 62% of the budget, while the rest is taxation from other government agencies not directly controlled by the City. For example, school taxes, Translink and Metro Vancouver.

The overall tax increase is proposed at 6.98%. He explained that the City must apply one tax rate to all residential properties and the difference between the average increase for single family homes and strata dwellings is due to the difference in increased assessment value. Multifamily dwelling assessments increased 25%, which is 7% higher than single family dwelling assessments. This causes a difference in the tax effect to the respective types of housing.

The public is invited to attend an Open House, which is an opportunity to learn more details about the budget. It will be held on Wednesday, February 20 from 6pm-7:30pm at Langley City Hall. There is also an opportunity for the public to provide input to Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, February 25th at 7pm.

Councillor Albrecht inquired how the public is being advised about the open house and public input opportunity. The Director of Corporate Services advised that the information is on our website and has been/will be published in the Langley Advance on February 7, 14 and 21st.

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

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

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

CARRIED

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. Out of Province Conference Request, 2019 CAMA and FCM Conferences

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be approved to attend the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators Annual Conference and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference in Quebec City, Quebec from May 26 to May 30, 2019 and from May 30 to June 2, 2019 respectively.

CARRIED

7. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Motions/Notices of Motion
- b. Correspondence
 - 1. Heritage BC
February 18 - 24, 2019 - Heritage Week
- c. New Business

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal

SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:03 pm

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER