



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 13, 2019

7:00 p.m.

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

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. Beddow, Deputy 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
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. Adoption of the May 13, 2019 Regular Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Martin

THAT the May 13, 2019 agenda be adopted as circulated

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes from April 29, 2019

MOVED BY Councillor James
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 29, 2019 be
adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- b. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from April 29, 2019

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on April 29, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **DELEGATIONS**

- a. 2019 Local Government Awareness Day

Thanks to Our Sponsors:

Leanne Cassap, Road Safety Coordinator, ICBC
Rob Renaud, McDonalds Franchise Owner

Mayor van den Broek explained that each year the City holds Local Government Awareness Day at City Hall to educate the youth in our community about some of the services provided by local government. This year there were 230 grades 4 and 5 students from City elementary schools.

The Mayor thanked sponsors of the event ICBC and McDonalds for their support and generous contributions, noting that Rob Renaud, McDonalds Franchise Owner, couldn't attend tonight's presentation.

The Mayor and Councillor Storteboom presented Local Government Awareness Day Recognition Certificates to sponsor representatives Leanne Cassap, ICBC and Sophie Lussier, McDonalds.

- b. Kiaro

Andrew Gordon, Senior Vice President, Strategic Partnerships and Community, Kiaro, provided information on Kiaro and its mandate as follows:

- is private cannabis retailer headquartered in British Columbia and currently operating across Western Canada;
- provides community minded, full service model, creating economic benefits for the communities it serves;
- plans to open fully compliant cannabis retail stores across Canada that will not only meet but exceed the regulations set by the federal government, provinces and municipalities including:
 - keeping cannabis out of hands of children and youth by verifying ID of every patron to ensure no minors enter the premises;

- only offering legally sourced, federally approved, and analytically tested products acquired from regulated distributors;
- removing odor concerns by only using smell proof and childproof containers which are sealed by the manufacturer and may not be opened in the retail store;
- enhancing public awareness about responsible use & safe storage;
- providing educational resources through open houses and community events;
- ensuring no smoking and no consumption occurs on site with signs posted inside and outside the store.
- legal cannabis use is growing and is expected to continue to grow;
- media reports on impaired cannabis drivers indicate it has not increased since legalization of cannabis and also evidenced by Kiaro's operation of two licensed cannabis retail stores in Saskatchewan;
- cannabis users use cannabis more responsibly in areas where regulations are present than in areas where they are not regulated and illegal dispensaries are in operation;
- of the 487 applications for legal dispensaries submitted to the province of BC, only 24 have been approved to date;
- have acquired lease in an area of the City of Langley, have full support of landlord and neighbouring businesses and is proactively engaging with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss regulated cannabis retail in the city;
- looking to work with the City to create bylaws to allow for and regulate local cannabis retailers in the city; given its experience in retail cannabis across Canada, Kiaro can assist in advising City of best practices in drafting and customizing municipal cannabis bylaws to avoid unintended challenges from certain restrictions;
- having legal cannabis retailers in the city will create jobs, enhance tourism, and introduce new revenue streams for the City;
- suggest a pilot project with the City wherein the City would provide Kiaro with a temporary use permit for a retail cannabis store in the City to showcase what they offer.

4. COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHTS

a. CLA Housing Society

Peter Fassbender, President, Board of Director, CLA Housing Society provided information on an affordable rental housing project initiated by the Christian Life Assembly as follows:

- background on Christian Life Assembly;

- background on process for proposed affordable rental housing development on church property located in the Township of Langley but bordering the City of Langley;
- 97 unit affordable rental housing for families and seniors:
 - 15 x Studios
 - 15 x 1-Bedrooms
 - 48 x 2-Bedrooms
 - 19 x 3-Bedrooms
- Is not a social housing project;
- the Society is a not-for-profit Society;
- there is a shortfall of at least 550 units of affordable rental housing in Langley, and is growing daily;
- Vacancy rate is .4 percent and growing;
- Average rate increase of 33.5% (+/- 4%) since 2015;
- 39% of renters are spending greater than 30% of their income on rent and utilities;
- 20% of renters spending greater than 50% of their income on rent and utilities;
- Types of housing:
 - 50% of units to be rented to households with incomes under the appropriate Housing Income Limits at 'rent-geared-to-income levels' (30% of gross income);
 - 30% of units to be rented at CMHC affordable market rents;
 - 20% of units for those on income assistance (including seniors on fixed incomes).
- Environmental impacts taken into consideration;
- Construction will meet BC Housing sustainable design and construction standards;
- governance, operations and human resources to be overseen by the new Society;
- residents selection process:
 - those who apply for housing must fall in to one of the three categories for which this project has been funded;
 - The society will develop intake policies / procedures based on the best practices of similar projects and other organizations. These procedures will also respect BC Housing criteria and will be administered through the society staff.
- Stakeholder engagement opportunities:
 - open houses;
 - moderated community forum;
 - online.

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

- the shepherd of the valley affordable housing project will be breaking ground very soon;
- estimated completion time for the CLA Housing Society project is at the outside 2 ½ to 3 years and at best 2 years with construction taking 18 months.

5. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting –May 27, 2019

Regular Council Meeting – June 10, 2019

b. Library Happenings - Councillor Martin

Councillor Martin introduced a FVRL produced video called Cubetto's Grand Tour.

Scratch Coding

Wednesday, May 15, 4 pm – 6 pm

Join Kids Code Jeunesse (KCJ) for a scratch coding workshop for this year's Science Odyssey to celebrate STEAM learning and raise awareness about the environment. Accessible for beginners, the introductory project will invite kids to code an animation around the theme of water. For ages 8-12, registration is required.

Shaping the Journey: Living with Dementia

Fridays, May 24 – June 21, 2 pm – 4 pm

This educational program is designed specifically for people experiencing the early symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or another dementia as well as a care-partner, family member, or friend. Explore the journey ahead in a positive and supportive environment. Five sessions will cover:

- The Brain and Dementia
- Hearing the Diagnosis
- Maintaining your General Health
- Life after Diagnosis
- Planning Ahead
- Maintaining your Spirit

Registration is required: call 604-449-5000 or email

info.southfraser@alzheimerbc.org

Butterflies of Langley

Wednesday, May 29, 7 pm – 8 pm

Peek into the colourful world of local butterflies with Al Grass. This presentation will offer information on identifying local butterflies, gardening hints, and butterfly conservation. Learn about the behaviour of these

beautiful creatures and how they can be enticed to your backyards and balconies.

CRA Tax Clinic for Seniors

Wednesday, June 5, 1 pm – 2:30 pm

This session will cover common types of income as well as tax credits and deductions for seniors (e.g. GST credit, Disability Tax Credit, Canada Caregiver Credit). It will also touch on the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, and how to avoid scams.

Tea & Tech for Seniors

Wednesday, June 5, 3 pm – 5 pm

Bring your tech devices and ask library staff your questions about how to set them up to work with the library's resources. Tea and cookies provided. Registration is required.

Virtual Reality for Seniors

Thursday, June 6, 2 pm – 4 pm

Interested in virtual reality and want to give it a try? Wearing the HTC VIVE goggles, headphones and holding motion controllers, participants will be able to try out a mix of virtual games as well as educational experiences. Registration is required.

Author Reading: Anakana Schofield

Thursday, June 6, 7 pm

Join us for a special author event with Anakana Schofield, an acclaimed Irish-Canadian writer. *Bina* has been called an unforgettable tour de force in the voice of an ordinary-extraordinary woman who has simply had enough. A work of great power, skill, and transformative empathy from a unique and astonishing writer.

Admission is free, but please registers on Eventbrite to reserve a spot.

c. Engineering Update

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

- New Lawn Sprinkling Regulations took affect May 1st;
- City Park Renewal Project Drainage Works;
- Fraser Highway One-Way Pressure Washing;
- Cross Street Banner Installed on Fraser Highway;
- Local Government Day – April 24;
- Annual Hydrant Maintenance;
- Wire Theft and Repairs;
- Sanitary Pump Station Maintenance;

- Brydon Lagoon New & Improved Fountain and Aerators;
- Earth Day Green Team Initiative.

In response to questions from Council staff advised that:

- PDFs of projects being worked on by the City will be posted to the City's website;
- staff will investigate and determine the reason for removal of some of the children's equipment at Brydon Park;
- the City spent approximately \$90,000 in 2018 on repairs due to wire theft; accordingly, staff have included reminders in the City's monthly newsletter for residents to contact the RCMP if they see any suspicious activity;
- a new pump is required for the six aerators at Brydon Lagoon.

d. The Canadian Festival of Chili & BBQ - Mayor van den Broek

The Mayor advised that the Langley City Firefighters had another successful Canadian Festival of Chilli, this year at the KPU campus. Participants camped out overnight tending to their bbqs; families had picnics on the grass and The Mayor got to judge the best steak and indicated we look forward to this again next year.

e. Memorial Stair Climb Fundraiser - Langley City Firefighter, Colby Dodd - Mayor van den Broek

The Mayor congratulated Colby Dodd, Langley City Firefighter who recently participated in the New York Memorial Stair Climb honouring all those who lost their lives on 9/11. He raised an enormous amount for a Soldiers Journey Home & climbed 80 stories at the World Trade Center in full fire gear. She indicated how proud we all are of Colby.

f. Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation - Metro Vancouver Transit Day in Ottawa - Mayor van den Broek

I recently attended the Metro Vancouver Transit Day in Ottawa with five other Mayors from the TransLink Mayors Council & TransLink staff as part of the cure congestion campaign designed to raise awareness of our platform & ask all federal parties in advance of finalizing their respective platforms to make transit a top priority & to commit to regular predictable funding.

We met with 26 MPs including:

- 2 party leaders;
- 4 ministers and 2 Parliamentary Secretaries;

- Opposition critics to Ministers of Infrastructure and Minister of Transportation;
- 20 BC MPs out of 42.

g. 2019 Langley Walk - Mayor van den Broek

The Mayor advised that almost 500 walkers participated in this year's Langley Walk, an event the City shares with the Township of Langley; she noted that the oldest person participating was 94 years old, the most walkers from a school was Coghlan Elementary and most walkers from an organization was the Division of Family Practice. She further advised that next year the City will be hosting the Langley Walk.

In response to a question from a Council member, Councillor James, who was part of the organizing committee for the Canadian Festival of Chili & BBQ provided information obtained from a debrief on the event, advising that:

- spoke to every competitor, all but one of which liked the new location for the event;
- next year will have entertainment and a beer garden;
- KPU would like to partner with other local U-Brews and cideries to have visitor parking more accessible;
- \$5 wrist band sales averaged \$1600 to \$1900 per day; Saturday they made \$2,500 and Sunday closer to \$5,000
- revenue is way up from previous year's location;
- Cascades Casino contributed \$3,000 towards the Burn fund;
- after all expenses calculated \$10,000 should be able to be contributed to the Burn Fund with funding put aside for holding the event in the future which will be at the same location.

A council member noted that the City provided a community grant to the organizers of this event.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Economic Development Task Group - Recommendation

Councillor Teri James, Chair provided information on the Economic Development Task Group's mandate and provided information on outcomes of the Task Group's first meeting held April 18, 2019 including identification of short term initiatives as follows:

Place Making - marketing and investment attraction

- Develop an Executive Summary of the Economic Development Strategy along with a branding and marketing campaign;

- Enhance the economic development website as a business attraction tool;
- Explore and develop web-based GIS capabilities to support economic development data with interactive map;
- Retain a contract retail recruiter to actively recruit destination stores to further expand and diversify the retail cluster in the City. This could be a partnership with Chamber of Commerce and DLBA;
- Retain a retail recruitment specialist to undertake a targeted investment attraction campaign to draw a desired anchor tenant to the downtown. This could be a partnership with the DLBA.

Place Building – land use, municipal services and public infrastructure

- Host UDI breakfast and luncheon, Chamber of Commerce dinner and other functions to build relationships in the local and regional area.

Creative Economy – emerging opportunities in arts, culture, education and technology

- Meet with KPU, TWU and the School District to explore the possibility of hosting an education summit on emerging opportunities in the field of arts, culture, education and technology;
- Meet with KPU to explore potential concept on an Innovation Hub. Determine what's involved in creating such a hub and engage other interested partners in bringing together a firm development concept.

MOVED BY Councillor James
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT \$50,000.00, out of the \$80,000.00 budget to implement the short-term initiatives, be allocated from the Enterprise Fund, with the remaining budget being allocated from the Economic Development operating budget.

CARRIED

Councillor Wallace opposed

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. 2018 Council Remuneration & Statement of Financial Information

MOVED BY Councillor Martin

SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

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. Request to Add Parking on 56 Avenue West of 199 Street

MOVED BY Councillor Martin

SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

1. THAT the report from the Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment regarding a request for additional parking on 56 Avenue west of 199 Street be received for information; and
2. THAT staff informs Ms. Georgia Damianos that no parking will be added for the reasons noted in the report of the Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment dated May 1, 2019.

CARRIED

- c. Mail Ballot Voting and Special Voting Opportunities for Local Government Election

MOVED BY Councillor James

SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT, prior to the 2022 City of Langley local government and school trustee elections, staff be directed to amend the Election and Assent Voting Procedures Bylaw to change the Special Voting Opportunity at the Langley Seniors Resources Society to an Additional Advance Voting Opportunity and determine the number of hours and day on which to hold the Additional Advance Voting Opportunity;

AND THAT following the 2022 City of Langley local government and school trustee elections, staff evaluate the success of this change and provide a report to Council with the results of the evaluation and recommendation on whether to continue with having an Advance Voting

Opportunity at the Langley Seniors Resources Society rather than a Special Voting Opportunity.

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

- staff believe that because the Evergreen Hall at Langley Lion housing Society is a private facility it may prevent the Special Voting Opportunity currently held there from being changed to an Advance Voting Opportunity that is open to all electors not just those who are residents of building;
- it has been recognized by way of a UBCM supported resolution that the narrow window of time to fulfill the statutory requirements for mail ballot voting make it challenging for municipalities to provide mail ballot voting, and that the decision of whether or not to offer mail ballot voting is a decision made by each municipality taking into account such factors as staff time and competing priorities;
- If the timelines for providing mail ballot voting was changed by the province it would make it more feasible for the City to offer mail ballot voting in the future.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

8. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Motions/Notices of Motion
- b. Correspondence
 1. Child Find British Columbia
National Missing Children's Month and Missing Children's Day
- c. New Business
 1. Public Release of Resolutions from April 29, 2019 Closed Meeting
 1. E-Comm Board of Directors Designates and Municipality Rotation Schedule
 2. Environmental Task Group - Member at Large Appointment

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:45 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER