



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 8, 2019

7:18 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 July 8, 2019 Regular Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor James

THAT Council waive the 24 hour notice requirement to allow a revised version of Bylaw No. 3106 to be considered.

CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor James

THAT the July 8, 2019 agenda be adopted as amended to replace the version of Bylaw 3107 that's in the agenda package with the revised version that has been circulated on-table.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- a. Public Hearing Minutes from June 10, 2019

MOVED BY Councillor James
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the minutes of the public hearing held on June 10, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- b. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from June 24, 2019

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on June 24, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- c. Regular Meeting Minutes from June 24, 2019

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 24, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

- a. Randy Caine

Retail Cannabis Sales in Langley City

Speaking on behalf of Randy Caine, Delanie Mack, COO and co-owner of Hempy's Gifts and Novelties, spoke regarding the topic of retail cannabis access in the city as follows:

- the failings of past drug policies and their social costs have been acknowledged by the federal government in introducing cannabis legislation;
- the Federal Minister of Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction stated the reasons for putting in a regulatory framework around cannabis were to keep cannabis out of the hands of youth and profits out of the hands of criminals;
- despite reasons provided by City staff as to why the City has not allowed retail sales of cannabis in the city to date, i.e. taking a wait

and see approach, waiting for new legislation regarding edibles, waiting to see what the provincial and federal governments come up with or for legislation to be solidified, fail to understand why the City is not moving forward in support of the federal government's legislation given that the federal and provincial governments have established clear legislation, licensing procedures and a distribution model and strategies for the retail sale of cannabis;

- the City's statement that it is waiting for provincial funding in order to be able to check up on four plant legal grows is unlawful and irrelevant to legal access;
- there is no accountability for City's lack of action; over the 8 months the City's inaction has moved profits into the pockets of criminals and cannabis into youths' lungs;
- asking Council to be leaders in the community and to educate themselves and others and properly lead;
- pertinent statistics:
 - October 15, 2018 survey – 70% of Canadians support cannabis legalization, leaving only 30% in opposition;
 - February 2, 2019, Stats Canada identified average of 15.3% Canadians smoke cannabis;
 - June 26, 2019, United Nations 2019 World Drug Report found BC cannabis usage higher than the average across the country at 25%; which means of approximately 26,000 population in City of Langley, 6500 people are being denied legal retail access;
 - June 3, 2019, CTV found that despite being viewed as suitable candidates by the provincially operated Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, only 10% of referred license applications were approved by local municipalities
- given these statistics, a wait and see approach is not acceptable and demand action now.

Mr. Caine's legal counsel Pamela Smith Gander addressed Council and spoke regarding the following:

- advised she was asked by Mr. Caine to address Council;
- the safety of the community and our youth depends on having a safe, regulated source of cannabis in the community, otherwise there is no way to eliminate organized crime from being the source in the community who will provide cannabis to anyone, young or old;
- essentially a vote to prohibit the retail sale of cannabis in the city is a vote to preserve the presence of organized crime in this sector;
- taking a wait and see approach has the appearance of being a ploy to avoid taking responsibility to provide leadership in this area; there are numerous other jurisdictions who developed appropriate legislation in this area so there is no need to reinvent the wheel;

- only having access to cannabis through mail order doesn't work for everyone, those who don't have online access or a credit card, or are concerned about security and having things delivered to their address;
- because cannabis was illegal for so long it will take some time for people to get used to it being legal like when alcohol was illegal during prohibition then became legal;
- adults are capable of consuming legal substances in a responsible manner;
- Council members may have strong feelings about this but can't let personal feelings get in the way of what their duty is to the community;
- people won't stop using cannabis just because safe, regulated infrastructure is not in place in the city, nor will they travel long distances to other communities that have such infrastructure to obtain it; they will just get it from illegal sources in their community;
- urge Council to provide leadership on this issue;
- Mr. Caine asked her to pass along a concern he had about an appearance of bias on the part of some councillors and asked that Councillors James and Storteboom consider recusing themselves from this.

In response to a question from a Council member as to how many members of Council had said to him that they support organized crime, Mr. Caine advised that by Council's inaction, all Council members are supporting organized crime.

Ms. Mack addressed Council advising that many federal and provincial groups have found there to be a correlation between denying legal access and support of the black market.

Mayor van den Broek advised that she has been doing as much research as she can on this issue including touring a cannabis growing facility in Oregon and two cannabis retail outlets in Quebec and that she intends to initiate a Mayor's Task Force on this issue with representation from the community and all levels of government.

b. Bruce Downing

Grade Crescent Sidewalk Improvement Request

Bruce Downing, made a presentation to Council regarding concerns with the state of the paved walkway, unpaved pathway and the crosswalk along Grade Crescent between 201 and 203 Streets as follows:

- he is representing concerned residents, parents, students and people with disabilities;
- concerned about safety;
- concerned about grade crescent upgrades;

- he recently moved to the City and lives on Grade Crescent;
- due to the issues navigating the walkway, pathway and crosswalk, he canvassed his neighbours to see what they could do to address the issues as it has been an ongoing issue for the past 25 years;
- paved walkway issues:
 - very uneven, falling hazard
 - strollers, wheelchairs, skateboards can't navigate portions of the walkway
 - buckling of pavement
 - narrow walkway
- propose solution is to have the walkway repaved;
- unpaved gravel pathway issues:
 - goes down in a dip, limits visibility by cars
 - uneven
 - overgrowth of vegetation onto path
 - hard to navigate during rainy season or winter
- proposed solution is to have the pathway paved; it is the only pathway in the area that is not paved;
- cross walk issues:
 - not well lit;
 - people speeding in the area;
 - stop sign near crosswalk very difficult to see
 - paint on walkway is faded;
- proposed solution is to have traffic calming infrastructure installed (not speed bumps) on Grade Crescent;
- spoke with City engineering staff; City only has a certain budget for upgrades;
- proposed solutions to obtain additional funding for upgrades:
 - wrote to Schoolboard notifying them of dangerous path, walkway and crosswalk and that it is a student safety issue and requested funding to address issue in conjunction with the City of Langley;
 - wrote to TransLink notifying them of lack of access to transit in the area by those with mobility issues due to the state of the walkway and requested funding to address issue in conjunction with City of Langley;
 - have met with City of Langley's MLA on the issues.
- requested that action be taken now as they are safety issues.

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT City staff investigate the cost of implementing interim traffic calming measures, interim repairs and measures and cross walk safety improvements between 203 Street and 200 Street along Grade Crescent in time for the 2020 budget cycle or sooner if possible.

CARRIED

Staff advised that Mr. Downing and the neighbours were advised that the City does have plans to replace a section of the sidewalk soon and although the City will not be able to fix all the deficiencies identified by Mr. Downing at the current time, it will be significantly better than what it is now.

The pathways between streets are not currently in the budget to be upgraded so would be part of a future review.

In response to a question from a Council member Mr. Downing advised he had not heard back from the School board to date on his request.

Nancy Fryer 20111 Grade Crescent, one of the concerned residents, addressed Council and requested that the crosswalk be re-painted now as it would help make it more visible.

Staff advised that they do have plans to reinstate that crosswalk within the next few weeks, but cautioned that crosswalks can provide a false sense of security for pedestrians as studies have shown that crashes and accidents go down in areas where a crosswalk is removed as people are more aware when crossing.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – July 22, 2019

Regular Council Meeting – September 16, 2019

The Mayor advised that no Regular Council Meetings are scheduled in the month of August.

b. Library Happenings - Councillor Martin

Imagine the Possibilities

Dream and discover endless possibilities all summer when you join FVRL's 2019 Summer Reading Club. There is a club for everyone! Sign up continues throughout the summer.

Foreign Workers' Rights

Thursday, July 11, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Learn about your rights and responsibilities as a foreign worker in BC. Topics include vacation/sick/overtime pay, safe workplaces, what to do if you experience unfair treatment, and more. Register with SUCCESS bcsis@success.bc.ca or 236-333-3102.

The Great Gordini

Saturday, July 13, 2:00 – 2:45 pm

Join the Great Gordini and his assistant Otto the Skunky Munky for a show filled with magic tricks, wacky fun, and a lot of opportunities to participate.

Tiffany Stone

Saturday, July 20, 2:00 – 2:45 pm

Join poet Tiffany Stone for poems and rhymes about flaming flamingos, baaaaad animals and rainbow coloured clothes. There will be rhythm and rhyme and plenty of time for everyone to participate in the fun with words.

Imagine the Possibilities Puppet Show

Wednesday, July 24, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Join the rollicking fun as Webster McRibbit sets out on a hilarious quest to become a prince. He has some surprising and unexpected adventures before realizing the joyfulness of just being himself.

Lazy Crafternoon

Wednesday, July 31, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Imagine the possibilities! Join us for an afternoon of cool DIYs for all levels of skill and creativity. *Intended for children ages 10-14. **Space is limited and registration begins July 17.***

Karima Essa

Saturday, August 10, 2:00 – 2:45 pm

Be a Bollywood star! Experience the magic and joy of dance and storytelling as Karima Essa performs Bollywood dance and teaches some traditional moves!

The Well Worn Trail

Friday, August 16, 11:00 – 11:45 am

Great blue herons, otters, snowy owls – discover fascinating facts about Canadian animals and their habitats. Well-Worn Trail storytellers, Rob and Lillian, use puppetry, songs, and story to kindle the wonder of nature in children of all ages.

Pyjama Storytime

Wednesday, August 21, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Dream your wildest dreams and imagine the possibilities! Put on your PJs and say goodnight with this special Extended Storytime. Join us for stories, songs and bedtime-themed crafts. Kids are encouraged to wear their pyjamas and bring their favourite stuffed animal.

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 is currently in stage 1;
- City Park Renewal Progress;
- Rotary Centennial Park – Ball Diamond Cleanup;
- Refurbished Douglas Park Tennis/Pickleball Courts;
- New Bicycle Racks installed around Downtown;
- Annual Catchbasin Cleaning program;
- 48 Avenue Storm Sewer Replacement, West of 198C Street;
- Pipe Condition Assessments;
- Repainting of City of Langley Crest at Fraser Hwy. & Glover Rd.;
- Fire Hydrant Inspections.

Other Projects Underway:

- Brydon Park – Phase 1 Improvements – Trails and Off-Leash Dog Park in Forested area;
- 203 Street, Fraser Hwy. to Logan Avenue, Sewer replacement project (trenchless technology);
- Michaud Greenway Conceptual Design ;
- Glover Road Protected Cycling Lane Preliminary Design, Fraser Hwy to Langley Bypass;
- Grade Crescent Conceptual Design;
- Transit Priority Project.

d. 2019 Air & Waste Management Association Conference - Mayor van den Broek

Mayor van den Broek advised she recently attended the Winds of Change Conference in Quebec City as part of her role on Metro Vancouver's Climate Action Committee. Some of the topics discussed included:

- the future of electric vehicles;
- cannabis retail and odour control;
- renewable energy.

She further advised that she would be providing a report back to Metro Vancouver's Climate Action Committee on what she learned at the conference.

5. BYLAWS

a. Bylaw 3107 - Financial Plan Amendment

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to amend the Financial Plan Bylaw

MOVED BY Councillor James

SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Financial Plan 2019 – 2023 Bylaw, 2019, No. 3099, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw, 3107" be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Financial Plan 2019 – 2023 Bylaw, 2019, No. 3099, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw, 3107" be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Financial Plan 2019 – 2023 Bylaw, 2019, No. 3099, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw, 3107" be read a third time.

CARRIED

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Crime Prevention Task Group Recommendations

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal

SECONDED BY Mayor van den Broek

THAT Council direct staff to investigate signage and location options to educate the public to remove all belongings from vehicles and to lock vehicle doors in areas where there is high occurrences of theft from auto.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED Councillor Pachal, Chair of the Crime Prevention Task Group, responded to questions from Council, advising that:

- there are no financial implications to implementing these recommendations; however, as some staff time will be required, they are being brought forward for Council's approval;
- the Task Force will provide ICBC with suggestions for key locations to put the educational signage;
- the Task Force will provide a report back to Council on the results of these initiatives.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was
CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Mayor van den Broek

THAT Council direct staff to incorporate "Theft from Auto" crime prevention tips into routine social media messaging.

CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Mayor van den Broek

THAT Council direct the City's communication staff to work with the RCMP's communication staff to cross promote crime prevention initiatives related to 'theft from auto' crimes.

CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Expanding Investment Opportunities

MOVED BY Councillor James
SECONDED BY Councillor Martin

THAT Council send a letter of support to the City of Burnaby for Burnaby's UBCM resolution to request the Ministry of Finance to amend the Community Charter to provide municipalities with the ability to obtain improved returns through asset class diversification, which in return can reduce tax implications and funding costs associated with capital funding, while also reducing investment risk.

CARRIED

b. Bank Signing Officers

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT Kelly Kenney, Corporate Officer, be appointed as a signing officer of the City's bank accounts.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED staff responded to a question from a Council member, advising that adding this signing officer would bring the total signing officers for the City to four.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

c. Council Policy CO-68 - Requests for Letters of Support

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT Council Policy CO-68 – Requests for Letters of Support be approved.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED it was

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by adding:

“with the addition of the following wording under Section 3:

‘Copies of letters of support issued by the Mayor will be circulated to Council for information in Council’s weekly Correspondence Package.’”

CARRIED

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion, as amended, was

CARRIED

The motion now reads in its entirety:

“THAT Council Policy CO-68 – Requests for Letters of Support be approved with the addition of the following wording under Section 3:

‘Copies of letters of support issued by the Mayor will be circulated to Council for information in Council’s weekly Correspondence Package.’”

d. Transit Priority Improvements in Langley

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

1. THAT the following transit priority improvements be approved in the City of Langley:
 - A. A dedicated Business Access and Transit (BAT) lane be added:
 - i. Northbound on 203 Street, Fraser Hwy to Logan Avenue
 - ii. Eastbound on Logan Avenue, 203 Street to Glover Road
 - iii. Westbound on Fraser Hwy, 203 Street to 200 Street;
 - B. Removal of 6 parking spaces on north side of Fraser Hwy (west of 203 Street) to allow for the BAT lane; and
 - C. Changing traffic signal timing in several intersections along Fraser Highway corridor to allow for optimal traffic operations under the proposed transit priority Measures;
2. THAT staff coordinate with TransLink to finalize the design; and
3. THAT the Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment and the Corporate Officer are authorized to enter into a project implementation agreement with TransLink to implement the transit priority Improvement project at the City of Langley.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED staff responded to a question from a Council member, advising that letters were forwarded to all businesses in the areas that would be impacted, a public information meeting was held and discussions were held with various businesses.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

8. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Motions/Notices of Motion
 1. Closed Resolutions For Release to Public
- b. Correspondence
- c. New Business

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Councillor James
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:15 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER