



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday, May 11, 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
R. Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment
K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services
C. Johannsen, Director of Development Services
S. Kennedy, Acting Fire Chief
D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services
G. Flack, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer

Mayor van den Broek expressed condolences to the friends, families and colleagues of the six members of the Canadian Armed Forces who lost their lives in the service of their country during a helicopter training mission off the coast of Greece. She also expressed condolences to those who have lost loved ones to the COVID-19 virus. She advised that it's been 8 weeks since the provincial state of emergency was issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and thanked the community for helping to flatten the curve, and all essential and frontline workers and City staff for continuing to care for us.

She further advised that under the direction of the Provincial Health Officer, BC will be moving forward with the BC restart plan, moving from current phase 1 to phase 2 in Mid May, although we won't be back to normal, this will be our new normal and we need to move forward safely and slowly so as not to jeopardize the work we have already done. She encouraged residents to visit the City's webpage for COVID-19 related information and current updates.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. Adoption of the May 11, 2020 Regular Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace

SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the May 11, 2020 agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED BY Councillor James

SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT Council commence the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

- a. Bylaw 3127 - 2020 - 2024 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw

Darrin Leite, Director of Corporate Services advised that the original 2020-2024 Financial Plan was adopted in February this year and had proposed an increase of \$1,949,070 to bridge the financial gap for 2020 which equated to an overall property tax increase of 6.67%.

Subsequently, in response to the current economic challenges faced by city residents, businesses and property owners due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Council has decided to take measures to mitigate the taxation impact outlined in the Financial Plan to ease the financial pressures on taxpayers.

These measures include:

- deferring borrowing of \$10 million in 2020, which was part of the Nexus of Community Plan, to 2021;
- deferring some new staffing position to future years;
- reducing our contribution to the capital works reserve for infrastructure renewal;
- increasing building permit revenue projection;
- reducing some staff training costs;

These proposed amendments to the Financial Plan will reduce the funding increase for 2020 from \$1,949,070 to \$535,550 equating to a reduction in the overall tax increase from 6.67% to 1.83%.

Mr. Leite noted that the 1.83% tax increase does not include utility rate increases. When the utility rates are included the combined average rates are as follows:

Average Single Family Dwelling – 2.44%
Average Multi-Family Dwelling – 2.41%
Business/Light Industrial – 2.01%/2.14% respectively

There are also provincial funding changes to the School Tax which will also benefit the business class and light industrial class properties.

He further advised that the closure of Cascades Casino due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, as a result, the Capital Improvement Plan has been re-drafted to reduce the anticipated Casino proceeds to be received in 2020 from \$7.2 million to \$3.6 million. This change in funding has necessitated the deferral of future capital projects but the current 2020 capital plan can continue as originally planned.

The Mayor asked if any correspondence had been received with respect to Bylaw No. 3127.

The Corporate Officer advised that one piece of correspondence had been received and had been circulated to Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom
SECONDED BY Councillor James

THAT Council rise and report.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2020

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace
SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 27, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- b. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2020

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on April 20, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- a. Bylaw 3127 - 2020-2024 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw

Third and final reading of a bylaw to amend the 2020 - 2024 Financial Plan Bylaw

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Financial Plan 2020 - 2024 Bylaw, 2020, No. 3120, Amendment No. 1 Bylaw, No. 3127" be read a third time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Financial Plan 2020 - 2024 Bylaw, 2020, No. 3120, Amendment No. 1 Bylaw, No. 3127" be read a final time.

CARRIED

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

- a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – May 25, 2020 at 3pm
Regular Council Meeting – June 15, 2020 at 3pm

- b. Engineering Update

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

- drainage rock pit installation (48 Ave.)
- boulevard cleaning – medians
- annual water main flushing
- new bike rack at Douglas spray park
- ball diamond preparations
- parkour trampoline replacement
- playground closures
- one way signage at Brydon Lagoon
- Fraser Hwy. median refurbishment
- memorial trees at Brydon Lagoon for Rhys Griffiths
- Brydon Park trail and off-leash dog park
- signs of life at new Douglas Park community garden
- new garbage cans installed in trail network
- new railing installed in Pleasantdale Creek Trail
- Rotary Park community garden complete

Mr. Bomhof provided further information on other projects currently being worked on:

- elimination of water main pipe twinning (207 St., Douglas Crescent to 53A Ave.)
- Logan Creek culvert replacements (at Langley Bypass) work to begin in August during Fisheries window. Two lanes of traffic to be closed
- Uplands dog off-leash park – drainage improvements and entrance improvements
- Sendall Gardens – Lower Creek area beautification and replace fountain area
- culvert cleaning and inspection
- sanitary sewer repairs identified through CCTV inspection program
- traffic signal replacement at 200 St. and Logan Ave. (coordination with CP Rail)
- traffic signal upgrades (Replacement of 5-6 controllers)
- Michaud Greenway Concept Plan
- Glover Rd. cycling lanes and city entrance enhancements

In response to questions from Council members, staff advised that:

- The Logan Creek culvert replacements project to be undertaken in August is the project for which signage has been posted on the bypass to give drivers and commuters advance warning of the need to make alternate arrangements.
- There is no formal whistle cessation agreement between CP Rail and the City for the 200 St. and Logan railway crossing; however, a railway safety audit was completed for that crossing 15 years ago, the result of which is that CP Rail has an operating procedure for that crossing to have whistling cessation in the evening hours and whistling allowed during daylight hours;
- The paving on 203 Street is complete; however, there may be some intersection work completed during the evening hours over the next two weeks at Logan and Fraser Highway
- Coordinating clean-up of accumulation of increased garbage on the streets can be a complex issue in the downtown area as it requires coordination with businesses who have privately owned garbage bins. If there are specific areas of concern, staff should be advised and they will investigate;
- It may be a discussion for Council as to whether to reconfigure Lynnwood Park with tree plantings to facilitate more passive use of the park
- staff plan to add approximately a half dozen more beds in the community garden where there is extra space currently.

- Staff can provide the schedule of upcoming Culvert cleaning to Council;
- The City has a 10 year contract for the black advertising garbage cans in the downtown area which is currently in its 3rd year so there are no immediate plans to replace them with the downtown realm standard cans; however, staff can document this for future Council Blue Sky session;
- Council member encouraged to forward email to staff advising of locations in riparian areas where trash needs to be cleaned up; there is potential to utilize the Green Team;
- Council member encouraged to forward email to staff with suggestions for directional signage to address certain areas of the Nicomekl trail system where social distancing is proving difficult;
- Parks staff have not been told to remove the painted rocks in city parks;
- Staff believe there may be some community garden plots still available at Rotary Park; LEPS is responsible for coordinating requests;
- Staff will post COVID-19 safety information at trailheads.

c. 58th Annual Langley Walk - Mayor Val van den Broek

The 58th Annual Langley Walk is going virtual! And although the event is different this year due to COVID-19, participation is easier than ever! All you have to do is go for a 5k walk or run out in our wonderful community, or on your treadmill, or just around your home. You can do it alone, or do it with your family. You can do it all in one go or over several days. Just remember to physically distance and stay safe!

The first 1000 participants to email events@langleycity.ca, including your contact information and participant list if you walked with the family, will be mailed a badge to add to your collection.

And feel free to send your pics as you cross the virtual finish line!!

So get out there and walk, have fun, stay healthy - any time now through Sunday, May 31st!

6. BYLAWS

a. Bylaw No. 3122 - Tax Rate Bylaw

Final reading of a bylaw to levy property value taxes for municipal purposes for the year 2020

MOVED BY Councillor James
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the bylaw cited as the "2020 Tax Rates Bylaw, 2020, No. 3122" be read a final time.

CARRIED

b. Bylaw 3128 - Tax Penalty Addition Bylaw Amendment

Final reading of a bylaw to amend the Tax Penalty Addition Bylaw

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Tax Penalty Addition Bylaw, 1983, No. 1267, Amendment No. 3, Bylaw No. 3128" be read a final time.

CARRIED

c. Bylaw 3125 - Zoning Amendment and Development Permit No. DP 01-20

First and second 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 Pachal

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

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

CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. Bylaw 3125 - Waiver of Public Hearing for Rezoning Application RZ01-20
Carl Johannsen, Director of Development Services provided an overview of his report dated May 6, 2020

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

1. THAT the report dated May 6, 2020 entitled Waiver of Public Hearing for Rezoning and Development Permit Application RZ01-20/DP01-20 be received for information; and
2. THAT the Public Hearing for Rezoning and Development Permit Application RZ01-20 (Bylaw 3125)/DP01-20 be waived, according to the Local Government Act.

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

- staff are investigating how to conduct Public Hearings electronically;
- the public will be advised of the waiver of this Public Hearing and the reason for its waiver through advertisements in the local newspaper, delivery of notices to affected properties within 100m of the subject properties and posting of the notice in rental buildings within 100m of the subject property.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

8. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Motions/Notices of Motion

1. Notice of Motion - Councillor Wallace

WHEREAS the consumption of single use plastics and styrofoam have increased considerably during the COVID-19 pandemic; perpetuating long term impacts on the environment. This will continue with the ongoing restrictions pertaining to the food and beverage industry.

WHEREAS subsidizing biodegradable and/or eco-friendly take out containers and bags for the food and beverage industry within Langley City would provide support for businesses to transition within our municipality during the restart phase of the pandemic and serve as a lasting benefit to the environment locally and globally.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Langley City Council drafts a letter to the provincial and federal governments asking for the subsidization of biodegradable and/or eco-friendly packaging for the food and beverage industry in Langley City.

2. Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Election to the Board of Directors – Mayor Val van den Broek

MOVED BY Councillor James

SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interest of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction;

WHEREAS FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the prestige required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Langley endorse Mayor Val van den Broek to stand for election on FCM's Board of Directors for the period starting September 2020 and ending July 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the City's Travel and Expense Policy, the City assumes all costs associated with Mayor Val van den Broek attending FCM's Board of Directors meetings.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, in response to questions from Council, Mayor van den Broek advised that:

- as currently everything is being conducted virtually, there will be no cost to the City associated with her serving on the FCM Board;
- she will be able to serve on the board with her other workload;
- she will continue to provide updates on board happenings to Council under the Mayor's Report.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

b. Correspondence

1. Health Canada

Response to Langley City's request to the Minister of Health for support for a universal public national pharmacare program

2. Child Find British Columbia

May 25, 2020 - National Missing Children's Month and Missing Children's Day

3. HUB Langley

Request for reallocation of road space during the COVID-19 pandemic

Rick Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment advised that staff do not recommend implementing temporary road reallocations on Fraser Highway on the one way or on the westbound lane on Logan Avenue as the provincial guidelines suggest that it should only be done during daytime hours (7:00am to 7:00pm) which would require installing and removing the delineation associated with that. Additionally, closing the Fraser One Way to vehicular traffic for bike traffic only may create concerns for the local businesses in the area. He further advised that traffic volume reductions in that area have increased safety for cyclists in that area. If Council wished these comments could form the basis of a response to Hub Langley.

In response to a question from a Council member, staff confirmed that the province issued guidelines should municipalities wish to consider reallocation of road space for cycling, it is not an order of the Provincial Health Officer.

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal

SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the correspondence from Hub Langley be referred to staff for response.

CARRIED

c. New Business

1. Motion to hold a Closed Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Wallace

SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

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:

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;

(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;

(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

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY Councillor James

SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:26pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER