



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 2, 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
D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer
F. Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor van den Broek acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. Adoption of the November 2, 2020 Regular Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT the November 2, 2020 agenda be adopted as amended to add a Notice of Motion from Councillor Storteboom under Section 7. New and Unfinished Business.

CARRIED

2. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2020

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 19, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **DELEGATIONS**

- a. World Beyond War - Request to Divest from Weapons and Fossil Fuels

Brendan Martin
Marilyn Konstapel

Mr. Brendan Martin, Langley resident and World Beyond War peace advocate, provided a PowerPoint presentation to Council on the World Beyond War organization's mandate to end all wars through non-violent means, providing information on the following:

- Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons:
 - was recently ratified
 - will come into legal force January 1, 2021
 - is binding on the 50 countries which ratified it
 - 122 countries signed it in July 2017
 - can influence the behaviour of states not party to the treaty as evidenced by other weapons prohibition treaties
- International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Mayors for Peace Cities Appeal:
 - how to endorse the appeal
 - the importance of local governments in nations that have not ratified the treaty to endorse the Mayors for Peace Cities Appeal
 - Canada has not yet ratified the treaty
 - requested that the City write to the federal government asking that they endorse the treaty without delay and also inform the media and City residents and take steps to ensure that funds administered by the City are not invested in companies that produce nuclear weapons
- Fossil Fuels/Climate Change:
 - even with Paris Accord, experts advise the temperature will rise by 4 degrees Celsius by the end of the century compared with pre-industrial levels
 - thanked City Council for its work on climate action to date

- ask Council to resolve to divest from fossil fuels and weapons
- Vancouver City Council has made great strides in this regard by endorsing the Fossil Fuels Non-proliferation treaty
- Weapons and War Preparations:
 - Canada has embarked on 20-year plan to spend over half a trillion dollars on militarism, of which \$70 billion dollars will be spent on the purchase of 15 warships, \$50 billion dollars will go to the lifecycle cost of 188 jet bombers which will destroy our climate and kill mostly poor people
 - the money spent on just 6 of these bombers could bring clean water to all indigenous people in Canada
 - these groups are vigorously opposing this spending
- Civilian War Deaths:
 - For every 2 combatants killed, 1 to 2 civilians are also killed, according to Uppsala Conflict Data Program
 - a quarter to half of all fatalities in war are civilian
- Killing Civilians:
 - excerpt from John Pilger's film The War You Don't See
- Drain on Economy:
 - Each year \$2 trillion dollars spent worldwide on militarism, more than half of which is spent by the United States
 - If the United States spent \$50 billion annually of that money it could eliminate world hunger, starvation and provide clean water

Mr. Martin requested that Langley City Council resolve to divest from weapons and fossil fuels and sign the Mayors for Peace Cities Appeal to endorse the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty.

b. National Police Federation - Potential New Surrey Police Department Impacts to Other RCMP Municipalities

Trevor Dinwoodie, Board Director and Regional Representative for BC, National Police Federation provided a PowerPoint presentation to Council on potential impacts to other RCMP municipalities with proposed new Surrey Police Department, providing information on the following:

- National Police Federation (NPR) is new RCMP Union which was certified last July, representing 20,000 RCMP members across Canada of which 7000 are in BC, of which 850 are in Surrey and 200 in Langley
- Issues with proposed new Surrey Police Department:
 - rushed, costly, and unpopular Surrey Police transition plan
 - will have to recruit from many police agencies across the region
 - only 14% of Surrey RCMP members will consider applying to the Surrey Police Service (SPS)
 - 41% of Vancouver Police Department members live in Surrey and surrounding areas, so they may transfer to the SPS, resulting in significant movement of members between police jurisdictions across the region; this may have a profound affect on policing in the Lower Mainland and issues for public safety
 - Justice Institute cannot train 800 new police officers in short time frame without significant funding from the province
 - potential for increased costs for integrated services for all Lower Mainland municipalities if Surrey pulls out of these shared services and establishes their own specialized units
 - 86% want to know the costs and feasibility study, to date the City of Surrey hasn't come out with accurate costing of what it will actually cost the taxpayers of Surrey
 - third party polling indicates 77% of Surrey residents support keeping the RCMP and 70% support a referendum on the matter
 - asking for careful review of the real costs and impacts for cities across the region.

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

- RCMP realizes it need to change; NPR has been discussing strategy about how to propose policing modernization to the Police Commissioner;
- City of Langley could advocate on behalf of the Surrey RCMP through its social and professional groups, by supporting a regional referendum on the matter and looking at its own policing service to determine how it may be affected by Surrey's change to a municipal police force.

In response to a question from a Council member, Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer advised that this issue has been discussed over the past while with the LMD District and he is aware that Surrey has been investigating costs and as well, Chief Administrative Officers and Principle Police Contacts throughout the Lower Mainland in their respective municipalities, have been keeping informed of the potential cost implications to Lower Mainland member municipalities. Additionally, the LMDM Mayors' Forum has also been discussing this issue.

Through these information channels hopefully we can be assured that member municipalities will not incur additional costs as a result of Surrey's transition to a municipal police force.

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

- the NPR had requested a meeting with the Solicitor General but to date the Solicitor General has not been willing to meet with them;
- he is the NPR representative for the Lower Mainland and there are two other representatives: Rob Fehr, who works out of Vernon and Jeff Swan, who is based on Vancouver Island;
- Council and staff may contact Mr. Dinwoodie any time to answer questions they may have.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – November 23, 2020 - 3pm (Remotely)
Regular Council Meeting – December 7, 2020 - 3pm (Remotely)

b. Library Happenings - Councillor Martin

Councillor Martin, member of the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board provided an update on recent City of Langley Library activities as follows:

- Next Big Library Read November 2-16 – Reverie, by Ryan Lasala
- Guest appearances by Library staff at partner organizations with virtual programs
- Library celebrated Earth Day with sunflower starter kits
- Take and Make craft kits provided for all ages

c. Engineering Update

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

- 62 Ave./200 St. curb and sidewalk
- New median on 203 St. between Fraser Hwy. and 56 Ave.
- New retaining wall and paved pathway to City Park from 205A St.
- New crosswalk installation at 48 Ave. at Simonds Elementary School
- New crosswalk installed on Grassley Crescent east of 201A St. at Sendall Gardens entrance
- New median installed on 208 St. at Grade Crescent
- Re-paved railway crossing on Duncan way
- Re-paved railway crossing on Production way
- New rock pit installation at 46 Ave. & 206A St.
- Sanitary flow monitoring program installation at 49 Ave near 200 St.
- Logan Creek level sensor reinstallation
- New electrical service to sequoia tree in Douglas park to facilitate seasonal lighting
- City Park picnic shelter project (three separate shelters being installed)
- Post top light pole replacements (project to be completed this month)
- Signal upgrade at 200 St. and 53 Ave.
- New trees at uplands dog park
- New tress at uplands dog park
- Rotary Centennial Park – community gardens success

In response to questions from members of Council, Mr. Bomhof advised that:

- staff will confirm whether cracked pavement on 208 St. near 45A Ave. falls within the Township of Langley boundary;
- the City has embarked on LED replacement program for streetlights which should reduce the number of streetlights with burned out bulbs in future;
- staff will find out if the washroom outside entrance to Al Anderson Pool is open year-round;
- the left turn lane in the new median on 208 St. is standard width; turn lanes are definitely narrower than travel lanes;
- staff will confirm that signage has been put up in City Park to advise the public of the picnic shelter project taking place there.

5. BYLAWS

- a. Bylaw 3141 - 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to amend the Financial Plan for 2020 – 2024

Darrin Leite, Director of Corporate Services advised that this amendment to the 2020 Financial Plan amends nine projects in the City’s Capital Improvement Plan including added expenditures related to the City’s COVID-19 response.

In response to questions from a Council member, staff advised that urban forest management planning will be included in the 2023 budget as there currently isn’t funding for this project due to the loss of casino proceeds; in the interim, the draft OCP and Development Permit Guidelines will provide for greening of open spaces, street frontages and surface parking lots.

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT the bylaw cited as the “Financial Plan 2020 – 2024 Bylaw, 2020, No. 3120, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw, 3141” be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the “Financial Plan 2020 – 2024 Bylaw, 2020, No. 3120, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw, 3141” be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the “Financial Plan 2020 – 2024 Bylaw, 2020, No. 3120, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw, 3141” be read a third time.

CARRIED

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. Extension of Term – Task Groups

MOVED BY Councillor James
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT City Council extend the term of the following task groups to December 31, 2021:

- Arts and Culture Task Group
- Crime Prevention Task Group
- Economic Development Task Group
- Environmental Task Group
- Performing Arts and Cultural Centre Task Group

CARRIED

b. Council Policy CO-74 - Minute-taking Standards for Open and Closed Meetings

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

1. THAT Council Policy CO-10 – Council Minutes be repealed.
2. THAT Council Policy CO-74 - Minute-taking Standards for Open and Closed Meetings be approved.

CARRIED

c. Feasibility of Solar Powered Traffic Control Equipment

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT Council receive staff's report on the "Feasibility of Solar Powered Traffic Control Equipment" for information.

CARRIED

d. Crosswalk on 208 Street at 45A Avenue – Project Cost Update

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor Martin

1. THAT Council receive the staff report dated November 2, 2020 for information; and
2. THAT the implementation of a crosswalk on 208 Street at 45A Avenue not proceed at this time.

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by replacing recommendation 2. with the following:

"THAT the implementation of a crosswalk on 208 Street at 45A Avenue proceed using funding from the 2020 Traffic Calming budget to cover the additional \$37,199 required to construct the crosswalk at this location."

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED Councillor Pachal provided the rationale for the proposed amending motion:

- identified through his own survey that this is a significant priority for parents of PAC at Uplands Elementary School;

- will reduce walk time;
- will fill gap in City's pedestrian network.

Council discussion ensued regarding:

- whether there is potential liability by putting crosswalk in area which has a slope;
- creation of connection to trail system;
- concerns with excessive speed of cars in the area;
- whether crosswalk will increase walkability in that area;
- whether crosswalk would reduce traffic speed in the area;
- fact that there are other crosswalks in the area;
- whether there are potential site obstructions in that area;
- whether there is actual need for crosswalk at that location;

In response to a question from a Council member, Mr. Bomhof advised that no other traffic calming measures had been factored into the crosswalk other than overhead flashers as the proposed design is acceptable for this type of crossing. The cost to add a refuge area would be between \$50,000 to \$100,000 more.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED ON THE AMENDMENT and the motion was

CARRIED

A Council member requested separation of the motion for voting purposes.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED ON the following:

THAT Council receive the staff report dated November 2, 2020 for information.

CARRIED

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED on the following:

THAT the implementation of a crosswalk on 208 Street at 45A Avenue proceed using funding from the 2020 Traffic Calming budget to cover the additional \$37,199 required to construct the crosswalk at this location.

CARRIED

Opposed Councillors Martin and Storteboom

7. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Motions/Notices of Motion

1. Speed “flasher” signs along the 208th Street corridor – Councillor Pachal

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Mayor van den Broek

WHEREAS speeding is an on-going concern for residents along the 208th Street corridor;

WHEREAS police enforcement results in a short-term reduction in speeding at specific locations as police must be physically present at these locations;

WHEREAS speed cameras at intersections provide a long-term reduction in speeding at specific locations as they are always present;

WHEREAS Langley City has speed “flasher” signs which can record speeds at the 208th Causeway and 208th Street Hill;

WHEREAS speed cameras are installed and managed by the provincial government and its agencies; and

WHEREAS the provincial government and its agencies need evidence that speeding or crashes are significant issues along specific corridors before considering installing speed cameras at intersections:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Langley City staff activate the speed recording feature of the speed “flasher” signs along the 208th Street corridor; and

THAT Langley City staff present back to Council a report that shows the minimum, maximum, and 85th percentile speed for vehicles at the 208th Street corridor “flasher” sign locations over the data recording period.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to questions from Council members, Mr. Bomhof advised that:

- there would be no additional cost, only minor staff time to download the data from the reader board;

- staff will collect the data from all speed reader boards in the City and will report the findings to Council.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

2. Notice of Motion - Mayors for Peace Appeal - Langley City Resolution to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons – Councillor Storteboom

Because the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) is a landmark global agreement calling for national and local governments to abandon nuclear weapons of war;

Because the TPNW global agreement was adopted in 2017, and the Nobel Peace Prize Committee has acknowledged this initiative as providing the best pathway towards a world without nuclear weapons;

Because nuclear weapons threaten every nation's security and would cause catastrophic humanitarian and environmental harm;

Because cities are the main targets of nuclear weapons, municipalities have a special responsibility to their constituents to speak out against any role for nuclear weapons in national security doctrines;

Because municipal governments form a close and active link with their constituents and local social movements;

Because a national awareness is needed to advance the standard determined by the TPNW against nuclear weapon states and their military alliances with countries that have nuclear weapons;

Because the time has come to end decades of deadlock in disarmament and moving the world towards the elimination of nuclear weapons;

Because there is no winner in an exchange of nuclear weapons;

BE IT RESOLVED that Langley City support the Mayors For Peace Appeal and send a letter to the Government of Canada to break the unacceptable status quo regarding a tolerant nuclear weapons policy by taking decisive steps toward the global elimination of nuclear weapons of war.

- b. Correspondence
 - 1. Fung Loy Kok Cultivating Institute of Taoism
November 7, 2020 - Taoist Tai Chi Arts 50th Anniversary Day
 - 2. Province of BC - Response to City Request for Emergency Funding
 - 3. City of Richmond
Proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Expansion Project

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor James

That correspondence items 1,2, and 3 be received.

CARRIED

- c. New Business

- 1. MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED MEETING

MOVED BY Councillor James
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

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom
SECONDED BY Councillor James

THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:40 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER