



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 7, 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
D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services
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
H. Gill, Manager of Engineering
K. Kenney, Corporate 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 December 7, 2020 Regular Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the December 7, 2020 Regular Agenda be adopted as amended to add "Statement – Langley City Representative on Metro Vancouver Board of Directors November 2020" to the agenda.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

Mayor van den Broek advised of the procedural rule in the Council Procedure Bylaw that in order for a late item to be added to the agenda, the item must be of an urgent nature and information regarding the item must have been circulated to Council; given that the information pertaining to the item had only been circulated to Council immediately prior to the commencement of the meeting, this requirement had not been met, therefore the item should be considered at the next meeting.

Councillor Albrecht raised a point of order that the Council Procedure Bylaw does not specify a timeframe in which the information must be circulated to Council and advised that the item is of an urgent nature.

Discussion ensued as to whether Council had any concerns about adding the item to the agenda given that information about this item had only recently been received.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

Opposed - Mayor van den Broek

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the order of business on the agenda be amended to have the "Statement – Langley City Representative on Metro Vancouver Board of Directors November 2020" be the first item of business on the agenda.

CARRIED

Opposed - Mayor van den Broek

1. **STATEMENT – LANGLEY CITY REPRESENTATIVE ON METRO VANCOUVER BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOVEMBER 2020 – Councillor Albrecht**

Councillor Albrecht read a statement, in response to media reports, regarding Council's selection of the Langley City representative on the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors (the Board), providing information on:

- the Council process used to appoint the members the Board;
- past practice in appointing Council members to the Board;
- factors he took into consideration in considering who the next representative should be on the Board;
- concerns regarding release of in-camera information regarding the appointment process;
- his response to various comments made in the media regarding the appointments to the Board.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

a. Regular Meeting Minutes from November 23, 2020

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 23, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – Dec 14, 2020 (3pm - remotely)

Regular Council Meeting – January 11, 2021 Tentatively (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:

- Food for Fines December 9, 2020 – January 13, 2021 to help those in need;
- Author Heather Redmond December 10th virtual presentation on Charles Dickens's life, her A Dickens of Crime series and newest book in the series A Christmas Carol Murder;
- Staff curated holiday-themed reading lists for adults and kids;
- November statistics on Library circulation.

In response to a question from a member of Council, Councillor Martin advised that it was her understanding that the Sources Langley Food Bank was chosen to be the recipient of items donated in the Food for Fines initiative as it is recognized by the Food Banks of Lower Mainland.

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 repaving;
- concrete slabs poured for City Park picnic shelter project;
- new signs at Innes Corner Plaza and Douglas Park Square;
- pavement rehab at Fraser Hwy and 201A Ave.;
- new winter banners;
- annual watermain flushing;
- new water utility vehicle;
- drainage improvements at Penzer Park;
- service disconnect for new development;
- Christmas light displays in the city.

In response to a question from a Council member, Mr. Bomhof advised that some of the white lights in the trees at Innes Plaza and around City Hall on the south side will be kept lit throughout the year.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Langley City Nexus of Community Progress Report Ending 2020

Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer provided a PowerPoint presentation on progress to date on the Nexus of Community recommendations a, providing information on the following:

- the five timelines under which the recommendations have been sorted;
- initiatives completed in 2020;
- initiatives previously completed;
- initiatives nearing completion;
- initiatives scheduled to be undertaken in 2021.

In response to a question from a Council member, Mr. Cheung advised that work completed and underway in the Nexus Plan, and the Mayor's participation on the TransLink Mayors Council will help demonstrate to senior levels of government that we are ready for the SkyTrain line to extend to the City of Langley. Given the funding from the federal government and support from the provincial government for extension of the SkyTrain line to Langley, we are hopeful that it will be coming to the city sooner rather than later.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report of Langley City: Nexus of Community Progress Report Ending 2020 dated November 25, 2020 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Motions/Notices of Motion

1. 2021 Regular Council Meeting Schedule

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following dates be set as the dates for the Regular Meetings of Council in 2021:

January 11, 25, 2021
February 8, 22, 2021
March 8, 22, 2021
April 12, 26, 2021
May 10, 31, 2021
June 14, 28, 2021
July 12, 26, 2021
September 13, 27, 2021
October 4, 18, 2021
November 1, 22, 2021
December 6, 13, 2021

The Regular Meetings of Council will be held electronically via video conferencing technology at 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

CARRIED

b. Correspondence

1. Bill C-123 The Canada Pharmacare Act

Peter Julian, MP New Westminster-Burnaby
Jenny Kwan, MP Vancouver East
Don Davies, MP Vancouver Kingsway
New Democrat Party

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from Peter Julian, MP New Westminster-Burnaby, Jenny Kwan, MP Vancouver East, Don Davies, MP Vancouver Kingsway, New Democrat Party regarding Bill C-123 The Canada Pharmacare Act be received for information.

CARRIED

c. New Business

6. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:35 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER