



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 11, 2021

3:05 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
D. Selvage, Manager of Community Safety

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. Adoption of the January 11, 2021 Regular Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the January 11, 2021 agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2020

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 14, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – January 25, 2021

Regular Council Meeting – February 8, 2021

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:

- The Wrap-a-read Program delivered a new book to over 1600 children for Christmas;
- Sunshine lamps, which provide light therapy, are now part of the Playground at FVRL, and are available for loan free with an FVRL card;
- Creative writing session to be hosted by author Jasmin Kaur;
- Mother Goose Program, presented in partnership with Fraser Valley Child Development Centre, helps young children ages 0-4 learn speech and language skills and encourages social and emotional development;
- Lists of FVRL's most popular music CDs, DVDs and adult books;
- Log into Canadian Newsstream for historical editions of major BC newspapers;
- January Reading List: Lists of fairy tales, myths, and classic stories for all ages.

4. BYLAWS

a. Bylaw 3148 - Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Rates Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to amend the Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Rates

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw, 2003, No. 2494, Amendment No. 19, Bylaw No. 3148" be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw, 2003, No. 2494, Amendment No. 19, Bylaw No. 3148" be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw, 2003, No. 2494, Amendment No. 19, Bylaw No. 3148" be read a third time.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to a question from a Council member, staff advised that the purpose of the bylaw amendments to the Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Rates Bylaw, the

Waterworks Regulation Bylaw, and the Solid Waste Bylaw is to set the rates for these City services for the current year.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

b. Bylaw 3149 - Waterworks Regulation Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to amend the Waterworks Regulation Bylaw

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Waterworks Regulation Bylaw, 2004, No. 2550, Amendment No. 23, Bylaw No. 3149" be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Waterworks Regulation Bylaw, 2004, No. 2550, Amendment No. 23, Bylaw No. 3149" be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Waterworks Regulation Bylaw, 2004, No. 2550, Amendment No. 23, Bylaw No. 3149" be read a third time.

CARRIED

c. Bylaw 3150 - Solid Waste Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to amend the Solid Waste Bylaw

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Solid Waste Bylaw, 2016, No. 2991, Amendment No. 4, Bylaw No. 3150" be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Solid Waste Bylaw, 2016, No. 2991, Amendment No. 4, Bylaw No. 3150" be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Solid Waste Bylaw, 2016, No. 2991, Amendment No. 4, Bylaw No. 3150" be read a third time.

CARRIED

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. 2020 Annual Reports for City Committees

Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer spoke to his report dated December 11, 2020.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the 2020 Annual Reports for the following City Committees be received for information:

- Community Day Committee
- Youth Committee
- Magic of Christmas Parade Committee

CARRIED

b. 206A St. Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Grant Application

Rick Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment spoke to his report dated January 11, 2021.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

1. THAT a grant application be submitted under the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) for the 206A Street Pedestrian Bridge Project, and
2. THAT Council support the project and agrees to finance the project at a cost of \$400,000 until the costs can be recovered through the grant program.

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

- staff won't proceed with the work until the City receives the grant which will cover 100% of the construction costs;
- the project is expected to proceed in the next month or two;
- staff don't know why a suspension bridge design was chosen for the current bridge; however, the new bridge will not be a suspension bridge as it would be too costly.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

6. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Motions/Notices of Motion

1. Declaring a Climate Emergency - Councillor Wallace

Notice of Motion provided at the December 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

It was MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS Climate change is an existential crisis, and municipalities are at the forefront of addressing it; and

WHEREAS The earth is currently on track to warm by more than 3 degrees Celsius; and

WHEREAS An October 8, 2018 report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) finds that it is necessary to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, rather than 2 degrees as previously understood, and that doing so “would require rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society,” and that we have until 2030 to undertake these changes; and

WHEREAS The IPCC report puts the benchmark for greenhouse gas reduction targets for corporate and community-wide emissions at 45% by 2030, 65% by 2040 and 100% by 2050; and

WHEREAS The British Columbia government declared a provincial state of emergency in 2018 over record-setting wildfires; and

WHEREAS Local governments world wide are taking action to avoid the worst impacts of climate change and calling on senior levels of government for an urgent emergency response; and

WHEREAS Youth all over the world are forming alliances in addressing and taking action in problem solving in recognizing that every person deserves the right to a healthy environment...clean water, air and soil; and

WHEREAS Sustainability teens presented a delegation to Langley City Council back in April of 2019 with a list of concerns and

suggestions in the much-needed response to the climate crisis and the need for a Just Recovery for all; and

WHEREAS Understanding the Indigenous Rights: Commit to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Full; and

WHEREAS The need to return to Indigenous Stewardship and the natural world in respecting the place in which we reside is on the unceded traditional territories Matsqui Kwantlen, Katzie and Semiahmoo First Nations; and

WHEREAS Sustainability teens met with Metro Vancouver Action Committee and in a statement, stated... The climate crisis affects everyone especially youth, we will be the ones facing the worst impacts of climate change and that looms over us every day. Because of this we demand that the committee do everything in their power to:

A) declare a climate emergency and B) adjust their emissions reductions targets to 65% by 2030 and 100% by 2040;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recognize that climate change constitutes an emergency in the City of Langley; and

THAT Council direct staff to report back on how the City can;

1. Update existing City plans with new targets as per the IPCC report.
2. Add new actions that would help reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions beyond the scope of the City's current targets.
3. Incorporate into the city's climate targets and actions the need to achieve net zero carbon emissions before 2050 and net negative carbon emissions in the second half of the century.
4. Have a balanced approach in biodiversity, sustainability and stewardship and integrate a framework of climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience in consideration of all future developments and infrastructure projects within the City Of Langley.
5. Facilitate intergenerational community engagement surrounding

a just transition to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the scale that is required, with the focus on vulnerable members of society who will be most impacted by climate change and intersecting inequity; ensure these people are front and center in building long term solutions.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

It was moved and seconded

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by replacing the following clauses of the motion:

“THAT Council direct staff to report back on how the City can;
1. Update existing City plans with new targets as per the IPCC report.

2. Add new actions that would help reduce GHG emissions beyond the scope of the City's current targets.

3. Incorporate into the city's climate targets and actions the need to achieve net zero carbon emissions before 2050 and net negative carbon emissions in the second half of the century.

4. Have a balanced approach in biodiversity, sustainability and stewardship and integrate a framework of climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience in consideration of all future developments and infrastructure projects within the City Of Langley.

5. Facilitate intergenerational community engagement surrounding a just transition to reduce GHG emissions at the scale that is required, with the focus on vulnerable members of society who will be most impacted by climate change and intersecting inequity; ensure these people are front and center in building long term solutions.”

With the following clauses:

“THAT Council direct staff to report back on:

1. What is the City currently doing/done to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions; and
2. What plans are currently in the process of implementation to further reduce the City's greenhouse gas emissions to meet the Region's climate action targets; and

3. What potential next steps can the City take to:
 - a.) Achieve net-zero carbon emissions before 2050 with a balanced approach for today and future generations
 - b.) Update the current Sustainability Framework to incorporate current best practices on climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience, and to incorporate principles of biodiversity, sustainability and stewardship to guide future developments and infrastructure projects within Langley City; and
4. What are the City required resources, funding and timelines to implement the current plans, provide any updates, and the potential next steps to achieve the identified targets; and
5. Ensure that all orders of government are notified of Langley City's commitment to achieving the GHG emissions targets identified in the Metro Region and the IPCC report."

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

It was moved and seconded

THAT the amendment be amended by adding the following as Item 6:

The City of Langley Environmental Task Group facilitate intergenerational community engagement surrounding a just transition to reduce GHG emissions at the scale that is required, with the focus on vulnerable members of society who will be most impacted by climate change and intersecting inequity; ensure these people are front and center in building long term solutions.

CARRIED

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED ON THE AMENDMENT AS AMENDED and it was

CARRIED

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED ON THE MOTION AS AMENDED and it was

CARRIED

The motion now reads in its entirety:

“WHEREAS Climate change is an existential crisis, and municipalities are at the forefront of addressing it; and

WHEREAS The earth is currently on track to warm by more than 3 degrees Celsius; and

WHEREAS An October 8, 2018 report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) finds that it is necessary to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, rather than 2 degrees as previously understood, and that doing so “would require rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society,” and that we have until 2030 to undertake these changes; and

WHEREAS The IPCC report puts the benchmark for greenhouse gas reduction targets for corporate and community-wide emissions at 45% by 2030, 65% by 2040 and 100% by 2050; and

*WHEREAS The British Columbia government declared a provincial state of emergency in 2018 over record-setting wildfires; and
WHEREAS Local governments world wide are taking action to avoid the worst impacts of climate change and calling on senior levels of government for an urgent emergency response; and*

WHEREAS Youth all over the world are forming alliances in addressing and taking action in problem solving in recognizing that every person deserves the right to a healthy environment...clean water, air and soil; and

WHEREAS Sustainability teens presented a delegation to Langley City Council back in April of 2019 with a list of concerns and suggestions in the much-needed response to the climate crisis and the need for a Just Recovery for all; and

WHEREAS Understanding the Indigenous Rights: Commit to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Full; and

WHEREAS The need to return to Indigenous Stewardship and the natural world in respecting the place in which we reside is on the unceded traditional territories Matsqui Kwantlen, Katzie and Semiahmoo First Nations; and

WHEREAS Sustainability teens met with Metro Vancouver Action Committee and in a statement, stated... The climate crisis affects everyone especially youth, we will be the ones facing the worst impacts of climate change and that looms over us ever day. Because of this we demand that the committee do everything in their power to:
A) declare a climate emergency and B) adjust their emissions reductions targets to 65% by 2030 and 100% by 2040;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recognize that climate change constitutes an emergency in the City of Langley;
and

THAT Council direct staff to report back on:

1. *What is the City currently doing/done to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions; and*
2. *What plans are currently in the process of implementation to further reduce the City's greenhouse gas emissions to meet the Region's climate action targets; and*
3. *What potential next steps can the City take to:*
 - a.) *Achieve net-zero carbon emissions before 2050 with a balanced approach for today and future generations*
 - b.) *Update the current Sustainability Framework to incorporate current best practices on climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience, and to incorporate principles of biodiversity, sustainability and stewardship to guide future developments and infrastructure projects within Langley City; and*
4. *What are the City required resources, funding and timelines to implement the current plans, provide any updates, and the potential next steps to achieve the identified targets;*
5. *Ensure that all orders of government are notified of Langley City's commitment to achieving the GHG emissions targets identified in the Metro Region and the IPCC report; and*
6. *The City of Langley Environmental Task Group facilitate intergenerational community engagement surrounding a just transition to reduce GHG emissions at the scale that is required, with the focus on vulnerable members of society who will be most impacted by climate change and intersecting inequity; ensure these people are front and center in building long term solutions."*

b. Correspondence

1. City of Kamloops

Overdose Crisis and Call for Overdose Action Plan

It was moved and seconded

THAT the correspondence from the City of Kamloops be referred to staff to draft an appropriate resolution with respect to the overdose crisis and call for overdose action plan for consideration by Council.

CARRIED

2. Tamara Jansen, MP Langley City/Cloverdale

Response Letter regarding a Statement Made in the Media -
"Langley City is becoming a ghost town"

It was moved and seconded

THAT the correspondence from Tamara Jansen, MP Langley City/Cloverdale dated December 17, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded

THAT staff write a letter to MP Tamara Jansen requesting she provide a letter addressed to Mayor and Council clarifying what she meant by her comment that Langley City is becoming a ghost town.

Councillor Martin left the meeting at 4:18 pm due to technical difficulties and did not return to the meeting.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

It was moved and seconded

THAT consideration of the foregoing motion be deferred to the January 25, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

c. New Business

1. MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED MEETING

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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:

(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

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:21 pm.

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER