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September 22, 2020

Mr. Stephen Thatcher
Assistant Commissioner
Lower Mainland District Commander
RCMP "E" Division
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Dear Asst. Comm. Thatcher:

Re: Mayor's Gala Discovery Review

At the Regular Council Meeting of September 14, 2020, City Council considered the attached Report to Council, dated March 13, 2020, from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the Mayor's Gala Discovery Review. After deliberation, City Council passed the following motion:

1. *THAT Council receive the Interim Report: Mayor's Gala Discovery Review dated March 10, 2020 from Paul Gill for information.*
2. *THAT Council endorse recommended actions 1, 2, and 3 as outlined in the Summary section of the March 13, 2020 report from the Chief Administrative Officer.*
3. *THAT Council direct staff to carry out a more detailed cost analysis to determine the salary and benefits costs and which accounts were charged to for those RCMP members that worked the four-hour overtime shift to cover the cost to purchase two tickets to the gala.*
4. *THAT Council direct staff to conduct an internal review of all City staff costs incurred to support the Mayor's Gala.*
5. *THAT recommended actions 4 and 5 in the Summary Section of the March 13, 2020 report from the Chief Administrative Officer be dealt with at a later date after the detailed cost analysis is completed.*

The City has considered retaining an independent civilian consultant to carry out the detailed cost analysis as referenced in #3 of the motion. However, it is our understanding that an independent civilian consultant working for the City may face challenges in accessing certain relevant internal information. Furthermore, it is our understanding that the overtime issue is central to the internal investigation that is currently being conducted by the RCMP on the Mayor's Gala. As the City pays for our proportionate share of salary and benefits for the RCMP Langley Detachment, it is

reasonable for the RCMP to provide detailed accounting for all costs incurred by the RCMP Langley Detachment.

For the reasons stated above, the City is formally requesting that the RCMP provide the detailed cost analysis, as referenced in #3 of the motion, from the RCMP's internal investigation on the Mayor's Gala to the City.

If you have any further inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me at fcheung@langleycity.ca or 604-514-2805.

Yours truly,
CITY OF LANGLEY



Francis Cheung, P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer

cc: Mayor and Councillors
Darrin Leite, Director of Corporate Services

Attachment: Report to Council, Mayor's Gala Discovery Review, dated March 13, 2020

