



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 7, 2022

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
 - K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services
 - C. Johannsen, Director of Development Services
 - D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services
 - R. Thompson, Fire Chief
 - R. Beddow, Deputy Director of Development Services
 - G. Flack, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
 - H. Gill, Manager of Engineering Services
 - S. Kennedy, Deputy Fire Chief
 - D. Selvage, Manager of Community Safety
 - A. Metalnikov, Planner
 - K. Kenney, Corporate Officer
 - P. Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer

Mayor van den Broek began by acknowledging 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 February 7, 2022 Regular Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the rules be suspended to allow the addition of an item to the agenda identified as Metro 2050 without information relating to the item having been circulated to Council in advance of this meeting as required under the Council Procedure Bylaw.

CARRIED

Opposed: Mayor van den Broek

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the February 7, 2022 agenda be adopted as amended to add Metro 2050 to the agenda under New Business.

CARRIED

2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council commence the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

a. Bylaw 3194 - 2022-2026 Financial Plan Bylaw

Darrin Leite, Director of Corporate Services provided a presentation on the 2022- 2026 Financial Plan Bylaw.

The Mayor invited members of the public to provide input on the 2022-2026 Financial Plan

There were no speakers.

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

- the cost of an average single-family home in the city was identified as \$1,211,484;
- the cost of a strata property was identified as \$489,329;
- the assessed value of most strata properties went up by 18.7 percent;
- the percentage increase, had the City not been putting money away since 2017, would have been 19.8 percent.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council rise and report.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting and Public Hearing held January 24th and the Special meetings held January 25th and January 31st be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

a. Bylaw 3194 - 2022-2026 Financial Plan

Third reading, as amended, of a bylaw to adopt the Financial Plan for 2022 - 2026

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as the “Financial Plan 2022 – 2026 Bylaw, 2022, No. 3194” be read a third time, as amended.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED Council discussion ensued regarding the level of the proposed tax rate increase and the possibility of further deliberation on aspects of the Operational budget, in particular the proposed Environmental Sustainability Coordinator position.

In response to questions from a Council member, Mr. Cheung advised that:

- a consultant completed a Streetscape Container Waste and Recycling Audit last year for the City which was presented to Council, and there is a follow up audit that needs to be done in 2022;
- the audit found that solid waste was not being diverted to its proper stream, recyclables, composting were not being separated properly and some were put into the solid waste garbage stream; as the sorters themselves often don't have the resources at the other end to sort out the recyclables, they are just putting them into the waste stream.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT third reading, as amended, of Bylaw 3194 be deferred to the March 7, 2022 Regular Council meeting to allow staff to provide feedback to Council on the environmental issues they are facing on a department basis.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED Council discussion ensued with respect to the merits of having further discussion on aspects of the Operating budget, in particular the Environmental Sustainability Coordinator position.

CARRIED

Opposed: Mayor van den Broek, Councillor Pachal

In light of the deferral motion, the mover and seconder of the motion to give third reading to Bylaw 3194 agreed to withdraw their motion; accordingly, the bylaw sits at second reading.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

a. St. John Ambulance - Start Me Up BC Campaign

Ken Leggatt, Chief Operating Officer, St John Ambulance provided information on the Start Me Up BC Campaign providing information on the following:

- automated external defibrillators (AEDs) can immensely increase the survivability of a sudden cardiac arrest;
- the survival window to administer an AED is within 12 minutes after a cardiac event
- AEDs are fairly simple to use;
- St. John Ambulance has developed the Start Me Up BC Campaign to seek funding to install AED stands in communities to try to address a need in the community for ready access to AEDs;
- St. John Ambulance in collaboration with TransLink have already established a number of AED stands along the SkyTrain line from the airport to Waterfront Station;
- They believe having an AED stand installed near the Casino would be beneficial;
- AEDs that are located in malls and office buildings may not be accessible after hours which is why these AED stands are important to have in the community in areas where there are people travelling, congregating; for example transit locations and recreational areas in parks;
- A QR code that can be scanned at these stands which will provide information about CPR and AED usage;
- Nasal naloxone kits are also being installed in these stands to help respond to drug overdoses;
- First aid kits will also be installed in these stands so people are able to tend to a wound;
- St John Ambulance will work with the community to monitor the stands on a regular basis to ensure that the devices are operational and fully equipped.

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

- to date they haven't had any of their stands vandalized, but there is a cellular connection that provides a data feed which provides alerts from the device so they know that the AED is in good operating condition; when someone opens the device a picture is taken which is texted to the person monitoring the system, as well there is a button that can be pushed which will connect the individual directly to an emergency contact who can provide verbal assistance as necessary;

- there is the risk of theft of the devices and two have been stolen in the past so the stands where these two were located were relocated to a better lit location;
- three stands were requested to be installed at Crescent Beach by homeowners due to the periodic blocking of emergency vehicle access to this area due to the rail line;
- he will look into where the personal information collected by the app is stored and who has access to it. The app has been in use in Alberta for a number of years and his understanding is the information is stored locally on the phone;
- sharps boxes for needles can be provided by his organization but the collection and disposal of sharps is currently outside the scope of his organization's mandate
- naloxone being available in a nasal spray is found to be less intimidating and easier for the general public to administer than a needle;
- use of drone technology to deliver AEDs upon request is currently beyond the capability of the organization's technology.

The delegation was advised of the City's community grant program which they may wish to apply for to receive funding from the City to assist in the cost to install an AED stand in the city.

b. Action on Smoking & Health (ASH Canada)

Liam Razzell, Policy Specialist requested that the City consider updating its Smoking and Parks bylaws to expand the areas where smoking is prohibited in order to protect children and youth and spoke regarding the following:

- commended council on the steps it has taken thus far toward protecting the community from the harms of smoking and vaping and encouraged further steps to provide children and youth with first class protection from tobacco use and nicotine addiction;
- Action on Smoking & Health (ASH) was founded in 1979 and is one of Canada's leading tobacco control organizations with staff across the four western provinces;
- over the years ASH has provided local, provincial, national, and global leadership on tobacco control with an emphasis on preventing tobacco use among youth, working with other non-profits and with many regional health organizations;
- tobacco use kills 50,000 Canadians annually which represents about 20% of all deaths in Canada;
- about 1,000,000 Canadians are currently suffering from the consequences of tobacco use;

- second-hand smoke is also harmful and kills approximately 1000 Canadians annually;
- in recent years there's been an explosive rise in vaping particularly among youth - according to the last national survey, over 400,000 Canadian youth vaped in the last 30 days; a great majority of these adolescents will develop a long-term addiction;
- children and youth who vapor are at a threefold higher risk of smoking;
- modeling is an essential element of childhood development and it's a very effective learning mechanism; modelling healthy behavior to children and youth will more likely result in healthy children and youth and vice versa; the more smoking cues a child receives during their childhood the more likely they are to become smokers themselves;
- the rise in public smoking and vaping and cannabis use has the potential to renormalize smoking and reverse gains made in tobacco use especially among youth;
- outlined areas for improvement in the City's smoking bylaw to better protect individuals:
 - the bylaw omits public events that are held on non city property
 - there are designated smoking areas in parks
 - the bylaw also omits group living facilities multi unit public housing and hotel motel guestrooms (motels and hotels are also workplaces and all workers deserve to be protected from second-hand smoke);
- showed map indicating how municipalities in the Lower Mainland compare in terms of strong smoking laws; City is in the middle of the pack;
- ASH has a model smoking smokefree bylaw that can be used as a template to address all of the issues identified and can work with City staff develop a gold standard bylaw;
- Resources can be found on ASH.ca.

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

- In his experience with ASH he has found that municipalities that strengthen their smoking bylaws have not had to increase enforcement and that smoking bylaws are generally self enforcing; it is easier to enforce the bylaw if it applies to an entire park than having designated smoking areas; the goal being to eliminate loopholes to keep people, particularly children, safe;
- While ASH has presented to school boards and post secondaries across the province; however, there hasn't been a lot of uptake; so currently focusing on municipalities;
- We are not trying to stop individuals from smoking in their private residences, rather they are trying to address the grey area where the owner of a private property like a store or a mall holds a public event in their parking lot for example, accordingly, it's

recommended that a smoking bylaw prohibit smoking in places where the public is invited.

c. Moms Stop the Harm (MSTH)

Lisa Weih, member of Moms Stop the Harm (MSTH) spoke regarding the following:

- MSTH is a network of more than 3000 Canadian families impacted by substance use related harms and deaths we advocate to change failed drug policies and provide clear support to grieving families and those with loved ones who use or have used substances;
- Her daughter Renee Bedard was poisoned by the illegal toxic drug supply in January, 2020 at 29 years of age:
 - she did not take too many drugs
 - she did not die of an overdose
 - she was poisoned by drugs that were tainted, unregulated, and unsafe
 - if those drugs had been regulated by government, she would have had access to a safe supply just as we all enjoy a safe supply of alcohol
 - she was a smart, beautiful loving person with dreams and aspirations for a good life
- the pain of losing her daughter is worsened by the fact that drug-related deaths are stigmatized and overlooked, advising that police investigations and criminal charges rarely follow when someone is poisoned and dies from toxic drugs;
- news of homeless people on the downtown East side dying of fentanyl poisoning paints an inaccurate picture and only serves to deepen the stigma surrounding this crisis; the reality is that anybody from any socioeconomic class can be affected including people with problematic substance use and people who are just recreational users;
- the coroner's reports show that most people dying in BC are males between the ages of 25 and 60 most of them employed with families and they are passing away in their own homes;
- in November, 2020, MSTH asked municipalities and indigenous communities across the country for their assistance in ending the overdose and toxic drug crisis by passing a resolution asking the federal government to declare the overdose crisis and national public health emergency and to develop a pan-Canadian plan that looks at decriminalization and legal regulation of drugs;
- almost six years ago the BC government declared the opioid crisis a public health emergency and yet there has been no emergency response to this crisis;

- the death toll continues to rise and there are now seven deaths a day in BC due to the toxic drug supply;
- the federal government has yet to declare this a public health emergency despite the death of more than 23,000 Canadians between January of 2016 and March of 2021;
- the opioid crisis is no less a public health emergency than COVID and it deserves the same urgent responses to save lives in every Canadian community;
- as of November 9, 2021, 65 municipalities from Newfoundland to BC had already passed all or part of the MSTH resolution;
- last month the Township of Langley voted unanimously to pass this resolution;
- as members of MSTH they speak for their children who cannot speak for themselves and fight for the lives of those who are suffering and for the memories of those who have been lost - every life matters;
- requesting Council consider passing a resolution calling on the federal government to:
 1. Declare the overdose crisis a national public health emergency;
 2. Work with provinces to develop a comprehensive pan-Canadian plan for ending overdose and drug poisoning crisis.

Mayor van den Broek offered condolences, on behalf of Council, to Ms. Weih for the recent loss of her daughter.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council request the Federal Government to declare the overdose crisis a national public health emergency and to work with Provinces to develop a comprehensive pan-Canadian plan for ending the overdose and drug poisoning crisis.

CARRIED

6. COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHTS

a. Asian Gypsy Moth Aerial Spray Project, Spring 2022

Tim Ebata , Provincial Forest Entomologist, BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, and David Holden, Survey Biologist, Canadian Food Inspection Agency provided a presentation on the aerial spraying for the *Lymantria dispar asiatica* (AGM) moth (commonly known as the Asian Gypsy moth) that will take place near the City of Langley between April and May, providing information on the following:

- Identified the type of moth and the damage/issues it can cause if it becomes established in BC:
 - Quarantines on shipments of restricted commodities (Christmas trees, ornamentals, logs, lumber)
 - Increase in agricultural costs (Additional pesticide treatments, lost products)
 - Increase costs to timber industry (special packaging or treatments to meet regulations for export or interprovincial shipment)
 - Forest damage (tree mortality and growth loss)
 - Urban nuisance problems (ornamental damage; malodorous fecal material and dead insects; larvae in yards, on cars, and on houses, etc.)
 - Health problems (allergic skin reactions from urticaceous larval hairs, respiratory problems for some individuals)
 - Increase in pesticide use (increased use of pesticides by public agencies and private individuals to minimize all the above impacts)
 - Potential loss of or restrictions to market access for trade
- Why Langley needs to be treated for the AGM moth:
 - AGM (significant): have not had more than one AGM in one year since 1991 (\$6 million Vancouver spray program)
 - Maintenance of pest-free area. AGM is not known to be in North America
 - Flight capable females can spread much further than the non-flight moths of the same species
 - Could result in much larger treatment areas if no action is taken now;
 - Consistent with US AGM policy.
- Trapping program:
 - 2021 BC regulated moth survey results
 - 2021 BC survey moth results for Township of Langley
- There will be two treatments near to City of Langley involving frequent flyovers by the aircraft spraying the area, which may result in phone calls to the City from concerned residents;
- Public engagement to educate/ inform residents of the upcoming aerial spraying:
 - Aerial Spraying requires a Pesticide Use Permit approved by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy – there is nothing in this product that is harmful which is why it can be sprayed over urban areas
 - Permit requirements include notification of affected parties and public engagement (e.g., virtual open houses, signage, news releases, direct letter, emails, etc.)
 - Public and stakeholder feedback is encouraged
 - Outreach includes postcards sent to all addresses within and adjacent to the spray block to be mailed mid-February

- Toll-free “mothline” – current treatment schedule + voice mail option
- Web site www.gov.bc.ca/lymantriamoth
- E-mail subscription for schedule updates made on “news” page - www.gov.bc.ca/lymantria-news
- Use of Highway signs to inform commuters
- Placement of lawn signs to provide notice of pesticide use (expected to take place between 5:30 am to 8:30 am, with three applications being applied approximately 7 to 10 days apart)
- Request City provide link to their website on City’s website;
- Tips on minimizing exposure:
 - Stay informed on spray schedule
 - Stay indoors for at least a half hour after treatment
 - Close windows and doors
- Dealing with spray deposits:
 - Cover or move outdoor items if you don’t want droplets sticking to them
 - Dried droplets can be removed easily with soap, water and some light scrubbing
 - No impact on paint surfaces
 - Natural weathering will degrade droplets in a week
- Attend virtual open house- March 2 for Lower Mainland – register online;
- Website: www.gov.bc.ca/lymantriamoth
- Toll-free number: 1-866-917-5999 (can leave voice mail)
- E-mail notifications: subscribe @ www.gov.bc.ca/lymantria-news

In response to a question from a Council member, Mr. Ebata advised that the reason they are providing this presentation to the City of Langley Council when no actual spraying will take place within city boundaries is because it is likely the City will receive inquiries from its residents as to the purpose of the low flying aircraft that will be flying over the city in order to conduct the aerial spraying in the Township of Langley, and the City will be able advise residents who to contact and where they can get more information.

7. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – February 14, 2022, 3pm - virtual

Regular Council Meeting – March 7, 2022, 3pm - virtual

b. Library Happenings - Councillor Martin

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

- Family Literacy Scavenger Hunt – now through February 26
- Freedom to Read Week – check out list of banned and challenged titles
- Pirates of the Caribbean Trivia Contest - February 8 via Zoom
- A Trip Through the Animal Kingdom - February 15 via Zoom
- Enhance Your Employment Skills February 17 via Zoom
- Virtual Raptor Meet & Greet – February 25 via Zoom
- Library at Home – for Kids – February 28 via Zoom

8. **BYLAWS**

a. Bylaw 3195 - Zoning Amendment No. 184 (RZ10-21) and Development Permit No. DP 13-21

Third reading of a bylaw to rezone the properties located at 19701-19729 55A Avenue from the RS1 Single Family Residential zone and RM1 Multiple Residential Low Density to the CD81 Comprehensive Development Zone to accommodate a 6-storey, 96-unit apartment development

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as the “Zoning Bylaw 1996, No. 2100 Amendment No. 184, 2021, No. 3195” be read a third time.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, in response to concerns expressed by some Council members, Mr. Gill advised that the Engineering Inspector will work with Bylaw Enforcement Officers during construction of this building to ensure there are no violations of the street parking and working hour requirements.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. Appointment of Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer for 2022 General Local Election

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT pursuant to Section 58(1) of the Local Government Act, Kelly Kenney be appointed Chief Election Officer for the 2022 General Local Election; and

THAT Paula Kusack be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2022 General Local Election.

CARRIED

- b. Updates to Council Policy CO-66 - Council Correspondence

Kelly Kenney, Corporate Officer spoke to the staff dated February 1, 2022.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT updated Council Policy CO-66 – Council Correspondence be approved.

CARRIED

10. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Motions/Notices of Motion

Metro Vancouver 2050 – Councillor Martin

Councillor Martin advised that at the last Metro Vancouver Board Meeting the Board considered approval of Metro 2050, the draft regional growth strategy and subsequently did not approve it as there were several concerns raised by directors.

Councillor Martin further advised that, although Langley City Council did approve the regional growth strategy, Council members did have several concerns as well. Given this, Councillor Martin asked if staff wished to comment on some of the concerns raised and advise whether the City should be re-writing or re-submitting its concerns as that is what will be happening at the Metro Board.

Mr. Johannsen advised that, in response to the Metro Vancouver presentation in November and staff's report on the Metro 2050 document presented at the December 6th Council meeting, there were some minor comments from Council on the draft document, for example concerns raised about the document becoming overly prescriptive in terms of

having more policies and more land use designations; however, there was an overall sense of support for the document.

At the regional planning committee meeting in January of this year, Metro staff discussed the comments received from all member municipalities on Metro 2050.

With respect to the City of Langley's comments:

- Metro is not going to amend the number of policies or land use designations in the regional growth strategy;
- Metro is going to leave the frequent transit development areas or FTD areas as they are in the Metro 2040 plan in response to City of Langley's comment that the methodology in terms of their FTD areas was becoming confusing with too many of them;
- Metro backed off a bit from the proposal to allow residential uses in industrial mixed employment areas, which was a concern of the City, and instead have indicated it's an optional approach for cities to consider and would be limited to rental housing that would be located above ground floor industrial and in close proximity to rapid transit stations; from the City's perspective we do have well established industrial and mixed employment areas in the city but we also have a great deal of transit oriented development lands along our transit roads and near SkyTrain that can facilitate a lot of transit-oriented development over time;
- Metro didn't change any of the targets with respect to tree canopy cover - the City had mentioned that we need to have an urban forest management plan to respond to that and that is something that staff are going to be looking at doing over the next few years;
- Metro didn't change the provision with respect to an affordable housing 15% regional target – even though we had mentioned that we don't have an affordable housing strategy to guide how we would respond to that; however, there is recognition that there is an affordable housing crisis across the region; staff have been analyzing this and feel that the City will be able to get close to this target over time just based on the market rental housing that's happening in the city right now;
- Staff did not provide comment on the topic of South Campbell Heights as it is not contiguous to the city and staff wanted to focus on completion of the Official Community Plan and providing comments back on Metro 2050.

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

- Metro Vancouver has responded to municipalities' comments and will be bringing back an amended regional growth strategy Metro 2050 for consideration by the Metro Board and will then come back to all Council's for acceptance;

- with respect to the issue of affordable housing the regional growth strategy is an overarching document, each municipality is going to have to respond according to their local context:
 - provincial legislation requires each municipality to undertake a housing needs report which Council received last year; the new OCP was tailored around the findings of that report which identified the kinds of development forms and housing types and units the city needs; accordingly, the OCP will help to deliver those housing types;
 - staff will be undertaking an affordable rental policy review which will identify what's happening in the city and what kind of options we have to look at;
 - the city currently has a good supply of rental housing but needs to make sure more is put on the market and that stock is replaced over time;
 - regional land uses in regional growth strategy are binding on the municipality whereas some policies in the regional growth strategy are meant to be aspirational.

b. Correspondence

1. Circles of Support & Accountability (CoSA) Canada

Seeking support to secure permanent Federal funding for their organization

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from Circles of Support & Accountability (CoSA) Canada with respect to seeking support to secure permanent Federal funding for their organization be received for information.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 5:24 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER