



## MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 21, 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  
R. Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment  
C. Johannsen, Director of Development Services  
D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services  
G. Flack Deputy Director of Corporate Services  
S. Kennedy, Deputy Fire Chief  
H. Gill, Manager of Engineering  
K. Tamondong, Recreation Supervisor  
A. Metalnikov, Planning Assistant II  
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 March 21, 2022 Regular Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the March 21, 2022 agenda be adopted as circulated

CARRIED

## 2. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2022
- b. Special (Pre-Closed) Meetings held February 28, and March 14, 2022
- c. Public Hearing held March 7, 2022

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**

THAT the Minutes of the following meetings be adopted as circulated:

- a. Regular Meeting held March 7, 2022
- b. Special (Pre-Closed) Meetings held February 28, and March 14, 2022
- c. Public Hearing held March 7, 2022

**CARRIED**

## 3. **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

- a. RCMP Quarterly Report

Superintendent Adrian Marsden, OIC, Langley RCMP introduced Sergeant Suman Minhas, NCOi/c of the Langley Detachment Strike Force Unit, and Corporal Rob Roffel, Langley Detachment Strike Force Unit

Ms. Evans provided a PowerPoint presentation on statistics on violent crime and property crime in the city for the period January – March 15, 2022 as compared to the same period last year.

Sgt. Minhas spoke regarding his background and current role on the RCMP's Strike Force Unit and Cpl. Roffel provided information on the Violence Suppression Project, the objective of which was to mitigate, disrupt and suppress violence in Langley through proactive and high visibility enforcement.

In response to questions from a Council member, delegation members advised that:

- the reporting period was only to March 15<sup>th</sup> instead of the end of the month due to scheduling of this update to Council;
- the RCMP will again be providing bike patrols in the city over the summer.

Superintendent Marsden spoke to the RCMP's recently finalized 4-year Strategic Plan that was developed in consultation with consultant Christine Vandebek, who was also in attendance at the meeting.

Superintendent Marsden provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Strategic Plan, providing information on the following:

- strategic planning process
- Langley RCMP Detachment Units:
  - Frontline Policing
  - Investigative services
  - Community Safety
  - Support Team
  - Traffic Unit
  - Volunteers
- What guides us
- Our mission
- BC RCMP Vision
- RCMP Core Values
- Our Changing Context:
  - Langley is planning ahead for its growth and gradual urbanization
  - Langley is growing in its diversity competency
  - Mental health challenges and homelessness are on the rise
  - The role of police is evolving
- Langley Centred Goals:
  - Collaborate with partners to support persons experiencing homelessness and mental health issues;
  - Strengthen our capacity to respond to Langley's growth and diversity
  - Calibrate our visibility to maintain a sense of safety in Langley neighbourhoods & public spaces
  - Plan with cross-jurisdictional public safety partners.

In response to questions from Council members, Superintendent Marsden advised that:

- he estimates the RCMP spend approximately 10% of their time dealing with homelessness issues in the city; Community Police Officers do walkthroughs of the downtown every day and respond to issues raised by the business community;
- it has been a challenge trying to hire enough psychologists to come in to debrief RCMP officers who have responded to major traumatic events and incidents in the line of duty; to help fill this gap a new training program has been developed so that officers are able to provide this debriefing support in-house to other officers; four of his members in the detachment have taken the training; wellness was brought up as a key issue by members during the strategic planning process; management is very focused on both physical

and mental health, looking at various initiatives to build morale and teamwork;

- the new in-house debrief training will not replace the peer-to-peer counselling program that is currently in place;
- he will include updates in upcoming quarterly reports on their progress in relation to measures identified to measure achievement of goals identified in the strategic plan;
- there are regular discussions at the executive level regarding the importance of getting individuals from diverse communities engaged in leadership roles within the RCMP;
- as a step to building more trust with immigrant communities he is participating, at the invitation of the Mayor, with the Langley Local Immigration Partnership; additionally he would like the detachment to continue to provide opportunities for newly arrived immigrants to meet and talk with RCMP members;
- this presentation could be made to the City's Crime Prevention Committee for information;
- the RCMP would be willing to participate at in-person townhall meetings when they are allowed;
- he will be speaking at the Chamber of Commerce dinner on May 17 to provide information on criminal activities geared towards businesses that they should be aware of.

#### **4. MAYOR'S REPORT**

##### a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – April 4, 2022  
Regular Council Meeting – April 25, 2022

##### b. Recreation Update

Karlo Tamondong, Recreation Supervisor, provided information on upcoming programs and events for March as follows:

- 5-2-1-0 Playbox
- Healthy Living Bag
- Seasons of Life – Langley Arts Council
- Prenatal Yoga
- Chair Yoga
- Active Start Sports – Ages 2-5
- Call to Young Arts – Grades 6-12
- Fundamental Sports – Ages 6-12
- Gymnasium Sports
- Learn to Train – Grades 6-12
- Light up the City - March 26, 2022 – Epilepsy Awareness
- Perform on Youth Week – Grades 6-12

- Roaming Rascals – Ages 0-5
- Timms Kitchen – Grades 6-12
- Spring 2022 Program Registration is now open

c. Discover Langley City

Councillor Albrecht provided an update on Discover Langley City's activities for March, providing information regarding:

- resumption of marketing activities due to lifting of Pandemic restrictions;
- advertisement in Edible Vancouver Magazine to promote International Taste Bud Tour;
- Consumer Newsletter

5. **BYLAWS**

a. Bylaw 3208 - Consumption of Liquor in Parks and Public Facilities

First, second, and third reading of a bylaw to designate certain parks and public facilities over which the City has jurisdiction as places where liquor may be consumed responsibly

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Consumption of Liquor in Parks and Public Facilities Bylaw, 2022, No. 3208" be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Consumption of Liquor in Parks and Public Facilities Bylaw, 2022, No. 3208" be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Consumption of Liquor in Parks and Public Facilities Bylaw, 2022, No. 3208" be read a third time.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to a question from a Council member, Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer advised that a public survey will again be conducted to gauge public opinion on this program, the results of which will be reported back to Council. Council may amend the bylaw to address any issues identified or discontinue the program.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor Wallace

b. Bylaw 3209 - Drinking Water Conservation Plan Bylaw Amendment

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to amend the City's Drinking Water Conservation Bylaw to reflect updates to the Metro Vancouver Drinking Water Conservation Plan

Hirod Gill, Manager of Engineering advised of the corrected version of the bylaw that was circulated to Council after publication of the agenda and advised that the amendments would align the City's Drinking Water Conservation Plan Bylaw with Metro Vancouver's new water restrictions as follows:

- reducing the number of days per week permitted for watering in Stage 1 from two days to one and shortening the duration allowed for watering on that day; and
- prohibiting watering in Stage 2.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Drinking Water Conservation Plan, 2017, No. 3037, Amendment No. 1, 2022, No. 3209" be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Drinking Water Conservation Plan, 2017, No. 3037, Amendment No. 1, 2022, No. 3209" be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Drinking Water Conservation Plan, 2017, No. 3037, Amendment No. 1, 2022, No. 3209" be read a third time.

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

- Metro Vancouver has been using its social media since November to advise the public of the changes to the watering schedule and City of Langley intends to use social media as well and can also use newspaper advertising to notify Langley residents of the watering schedule changes;
- the intent of the changes is to get the public to water outside of peak water consumption hours.

In response to further questions from Council members:

- Rick Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment advised that Metro Vancouver's Mayor's Council approved the watering schedule changes to Metro Vancouver Drinking Water Conservation Plan and accordingly, each participating municipality is amending its bylaw to align with Metro Vancouver's updated Drinking Water Conservation Plan;
- Darrin Leite, Director of Corporate Services advised that information about the watering schedule change could be included with the property tax notice mail outs.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

- c. Bylaw 3205 - Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 187 (RZ 11-21) and Development Permit DP 14-21

First and second reading of a bylaw to rezone the properties located at 5494-5508 Brydon Crescent & 19890 55A Avenue from RS1 Single Family Residential zone to the CD83 Comprehensive Development Zone to accommodate a 6-storey, 92-unit apartment development

Carl Johannsen, Director of Development Services provided an overview of the purpose of the bylaw as follows:

- The rezoning and development permit application were reviewed by City's Advisory Design Panel and the applicant incorporated the Panel's recommendations into their drawings including :
  - updating the façade and fencing colours;
  - painting and treating the parkade walls along the southside of the parkade;
  - planting additional trees and landscaping on the surface parking deck specifically at the southeast corner and south edge to improve privacy and lessen heat island effects;
  - relocating accessible parking spaces in the underground parkade to be close to the elevator;
  - adding lighting over covered parking spaces;
- the design of the building maximizes the setback distance from recently completed townhouse developments to the south and the east with at least an 8-metre set back on the south side and approximately a 16-metre set back from the southeast corner (City's standard set back for side yards is 6 metres);
- proposed residential parking variances with respect to using slightly lower studio and one bedroom parking rates, which is consistent with what is being contemplated by the new Zoning bylaw process and also similar to recent application further west on 55A Ave.;
- proposed higher percentage of small car parking spaces and a shorter accessible space length both of which are consistent with what is being contemplated with the new Zoning Bylaw and are supportable by staff.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Zoning Bylaw 1996, No. 2100 Amendment No. 187, 2022, No. 3205" be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Zoning Bylaw 1996, No. 2100 Amendment No. 187, 2022, No. 3205" be read a second time.

CARRIED

- d. Bylaw 3204 - Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 186 (RZ 15-21) and Development Permit DP 15-21

Third reading of a bylaw to rezone the properties located at 20032 & 20038 56 Avenue from RS1 Single Family Residential zone to the CD82 Comprehensive Development Zone to accommodate a 6-storey, 49-unit apartment development

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as the “Zoning Bylaw 1996, No. 2100 Amendment No. 186, 2022, No. 3204” be read a third time.

CARRIED

- e. Bylaw 3194 - 2022-2026 Financial Plan

Final reading of a bylaw to adopt the 2022-2026 Financial Plan

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED Council discussion ensued regarding:

- inclusion of new staff positions, in particular, the Environmental Sustainability Coordinator position, in this year’s budget;
- impact of RCMP retro pay on the budget;
- impact of having only one residential assessment category for municipalities to calculate property taxes for single-family and multi-family dwellings;
- impact of tax increase on residents;
- options for tax relief for residents;
- potential tasks for the Environmental Sustainability Coordinator position.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

Opposed: Mayor van den Broek, Councillors Storteboom and Martin

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Environmental Sustainability Committee - Earth Day Event - April 23, 2022

Councillor Wallace spoke to the Environmental Sustainability Committee's report dated March 14, 2022.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approves the request from the Environmental Sustainability Committee for \$2,000 from the Enterprise Fund to support the City's coordinated Earth Day and Pitch-In event on April 23, 2022, for purchasing plants, planting supplies, prizes and advertising.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to questions from Council members, Councillor Wallace advised that:

- a digital version of the poster advertising Earth Day can be provided to Discover Langley City for posting on its website;
- Metro Vancouver is not involved in this year's Earth Day event; they can be invited to partner with the City next year for this event;
- this event will tie in with Year of the Garden.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

a. 2022 Community Grants

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT City Council award community grants totalling \$113,058.19 to the following organizations:

Bard in the Valley	\$ 15,948.19
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Langley	\$ 4,000.00
Blacklock Elementary School	\$ 5,000.00
Boys and Girls Club of Langley	\$ 3,335.00
Children of the Street Society – PLEA Community Services	\$ 1,000.00
DLBA – Arts Alive Festival	\$ 12,000.00
Fibromyalgia Well Spring Foundation	\$ 200.00
Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Awards	\$ 1,000.00

HD Stafford Middle School PAC	\$ 1,500.00
Langley 4H District Council	\$ 150.00
Langley Animal Protection Society	\$ 5,000.00
Langley Arts Council	\$ 2,500.00
Langley Care Foundation – Langley Lodge	\$ 5,000.00
Langley Field Naturalists	\$ 5,000.00
Langley Heritage Society	\$ 6,200.00
Langley Lawn Bowling Club	\$ 2,300.00
Langley Literacy Association	\$ 2,500.00
Langley Pos-Abilities Society	\$ 4,000.00
Langley Rotary Clubs – RibFest Langley	\$ 5,000.00
Langley Scholarship Committee	\$ 4,500.00
Langley Senior Resources Society	\$ 15,000.00
Langley Ukulele Association	\$ 2,500.00
Pitch-In Canada	\$ 425.00
Raphael Family Support Centre	\$ 2,500.00
Vancouver Youth Arts – Formerly KPU International Music Fest	\$ 5,500.00
Youth Parliament	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 113,058.19</b>

CARRIED

- b. Council Policy CO-71 – Asset Management Policy Update

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT proposed amendments to Council Policy CO-71 – Asset Management Policy be approved.

CARRIED

**8. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Motions/Notices of Motion
- b. Correspondence
- 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) (c) labour relations or other employee relations;

(f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment.

CARRIED

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:43pm.

CARRIED

---

Signed:

MAYOR

---

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER