



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 25, 2022

3:00 p.m.

Remote Video / Teleconference

- Present:
- Mayor van den Broek
 - Councillor Albrecht
 - Councillor James
 - Councillor Martin
 - Councillor Pachal (3:02 pm)
 - 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
 - D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services
 - R. Beddow, Deputy Director of Development Services
 - H. Gill, Manager of Engineering
 - D. Selvage, Manager of Community Safety
 - B. Zeller, Manager of Human Resources
 - 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 April 25, 2022 Regular Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the April 25, 2022 agenda be adopted as circulated

CARRIED

Councillor Pachal entered the meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes from April 4, 2022
- b. Public Hearing Minutes from April 4, 2022
- c. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from March 28 and March 30, 2022

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- regular meeting held on April 4, 2022;
- Public Hearing held on April 4, 2022;
- special (pre-closed) meeting held on March 28 & March 30, 2022

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

- a. Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job - April 28, 2022

Wendy Cook, delegate of the Westminster & District Labour Council and member of the Langley Teachers Association of the BCTF Union made a presentation to Council regarding the Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job, providing information as follows:

- this year marks the third day of mourning since the beginning of the COVID pandemic;
- in the past many thought that safety in the workplace only involved machinery, vehicles, or perhaps chemicals; with the focus being on such things as protective footwear, goggles, and fall protection;
- the labour movement made hard fought gains on improvements to legislation such as the Westray Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada and to ensure workers had appropriate coverage and compensation under WorkSafe BC;
- last year's focus for the Day of Mourning presentations made via Zoom was on sharing and emphasizing the importance of pandemic precautions that were keeping frontline workers safe (masks, handwashing, physical distancing, vaccinations);
- good health is not just physical, it is mental and emotional;
- safety is not about tools and gear, but about attitudes, awareness, workplace culture, sharing responsibilities; and commitment;
- going forward normal cannot include preventable injuries and deaths at work;

- the Federation's purpose in recognizing the Day of Mourning has been two-fold:
 - to remember workers killed and injured on the job; and
 - to rededicate ourselves to preventing future injuries through education;
- this year a third priority has been added that speaks to this widespread understanding of health and safety and which echoes the campaign of the Canadian Labour Congress: Work Shouldn't Hurt;
- three years ago the International Labour Organization (ILO) agreed it would recognize occupational health and safety as a fundamental right at work, but it was never implemented; in the time since, the pandemic has exposed the lack of protection for workers; approximately 8.1 million people world-wide have died as a result of their work and many more now live with life altering injuries and illnesses;
- The campaign Work Shouldn't Hurt calls on the Canadian government to take a leadership role internationally to get the ILO convention on workplace safety as a fundamental right passed this year;
- during the pandemic we saw workers having to fight for access to protective equipment, for COVID safe practices at work, paid sick leave, and respect for their right to be health and safe at work; it is hoped that by making safety at work a fundamental right, workers will not be burdened by these fights in the future;
- throughout the pandemic, workers in every industry and sector of the economy proved that they were willing and able to respond to keep our communities, safe, keep them supplied, and keep them going, to do what was necessary to get them to where we are now; we don't think that recognizing workers should be safe at work and protected from preventable injuries and death is too much to ask in return;
- there can be no economic argument that stands against the lives and the health of working people and the impacts on their families
- as working people we view the right to be safe at work as an important freedom of association and the elimination of forced labour, child labour, and discrimination in employment;
- we ask for your support to call on senior levels of government to take the lead on making the right to a safe workplace the standard both here and around the world;
- as elected local leaders join us in calling on employers in our community to take responsibility for assessing and eradicating hazards in their workplaces and in their supply chains;
- workers stand ready to participate in prevention through workplace health and safety committees;

- leadership is key when it comes to health and safety in the workplace; strong leadership can set the example and ensure everyone is working together; this is especially important for younger workers who are at higher risk of injury in the workplace as they are often unaware of their rights, like the right to refuse unsafe work, and may not feel able to speak up when they have concerns and questions;
- your awareness and education are keys to ensure safer, healthier workplaces.

Ms. Cook invited Council members to join the Labour Council at an in-person observation of the Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job on Thursday April 28th at 11:00 a.m. in Westminster Pier Park in New Westminster.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – May 9, 2022
Regular Council Meeting – May 30, 2022

b. Recreation Update

Kim Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services provided information on upcoming programs and events as follows:

- 60th Annual Langley Walk – May 1, 2022
- Light up the City (stage at Douglas Park Spirit Square to be lit up):
 - Cystic Fibrosis – May 1, 2022 Lit with Blue and Green Lights
 - Lyme Disease – May 3, 2022 Lit with Green Lights
- Call to Young Artists for Youth Week – Grades 6-12
- Walk-Fit
- Youth Week May 1 – 7, 2022 – Grades 6-12
- Art in the Park – May 7, 2022
- Tri-it Athlon – June 12, 2022 – Ages 5 years and older
- Community Day at Douglas Park – June 18, 2022
- Get Up & Go Workout – May 16 – June 20
- Live 5-2-1-0 Playbox
- Health Living Bag, \$6.00 per bag
- Gymnasium Sports at Timms
- Roaming Rascals – Ages 0-5 (parent participation)
- Al Anderson Memorial Pool opens May 13, 2022

c. Discover Langley City

Councillor Albrecht provided an update on activities for April, providing information regarding:

- Tourism Roundtable with Minister for Rural Economic Development hosted by MP John Aldag, Langley regarding development of a regional tourism plan,
- Hotel Feasibility/Market Feasibility Study
- MRDT Renewal

5. **BYLAWS**

a. Bylaw 3215 - 2022 Tax Rate Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to levy property value taxes for municipal purposes for the year 2022

Darrin Leite, Director of Corporate Services advised that the 2022 Rate Bylaw reflects the Financial Plan adopted by Council in March and current property tax assessment information from BC Assessment Authority.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as the “2022 Tax Rates Bylaw, 2022 No. 3215” be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the “2022 Tax Rates Bylaw, 2022 No. 3215” be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the “2022 Tax Rates Bylaw, 2022 No. 3215” be read a third time.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to a question from a Council member, Mr. Leite confirmed that the Tax Rate Bylaw matches up Council’s approved Financial Plan with BC Assessment’s current property valuations.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

b. Bylaw 3217 - 2022-2026 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to amend the 2022-2026 Financial Plan

Darrin Leite, Director of Corporate Services advised that the purpose of the amendment was to amend the Capital Improvement Plan to reflect the receipt of various grants so that various projects can now proceed and to reflect additional work projects to be accomplished and tenders for various works that came back higher than anticipated.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Financial Plan 2022 – 2026 Bylaw, 2022, No. 3194, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw, 3217" be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Financial Plan 2022 – 2026 Bylaw, 2022, No. 3194, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw, 3217" be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Financial Plan 2022 – 2026 Bylaw, 2022, No. 3194, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw, 3217" be read a third time.

CARRIED

c. Bylaw 3205 - Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 187 and Development Permit No. 14-21

Third 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

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 third time.

CARRIED

d. Bylaw 3165 - Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 174 and Development Permit No. 08-20

Final reading of a bylaw to rezone the property located at 5609 201A Street to accommodate at 5-storey, 62-unit apartment development

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Zoning Bylaw 1996, No. 2100 Amendment No. 174, 2021, No. 3165" be read a final time.

CARRIED

1. Development Permit No. 08-20 Approval

Carl Johannsen, Director of Development Services advised that the applicant had proposed a minor update to the outdoor amenity area; however staff have learned that synthetic grass is being proposed for a bocce ball court; accordingly, staff will be working with the applicant to look at a natural grass alternative, or the area will revert back to the original paver stone treatment.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Development Permit Application No. 08-20 for a 5-storey, 62-unit apartment development at 5609 201A Street be approved.

CARRIED

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Crime Prevention Committee - 2022 Annual Work Plan

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Crime Prevention Committee 2022 Annual Work Plan.

CARRIED

b. Environmental Sustainability Committee - 2022 Annual Work Plan

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Environmental Sustainability Committees 2022 work plan as follows:

- Plan and implement Annual Earth Day Event.
- Review single use product bans for possible City bylaw.
- Discuss and develop environmental recognition programs for individuals and businesses.
- Educational Sustainability Messaging: develop a poster campaign for environmental sustainability such as single use plastics, dog waste and 2022 as the Year of the Garden.
- Research and discuss tree preservation ideas with the goal towards supporting the city to move towards tree protection and managing its urban forest.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED the Chair and Co-Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Committee responded to questions from Council members, advising that:

- with respect to the workplan item “Review single use product bans for possible City bylaw”:
 - it’s not the Committee’s intent to implement a bylaw right away, but rather to take an educational approach with businesses first;
 - there are a number of Langley businesses that are already changing their business model in recognition of the eventuality of a provincial plastics ban;
 - there has been some initial discussion with the Downtown Langley Business Association about undertaking an inventory of businesses and their current level of plastic use and developing educational tools and strategies with respect to helping businesses move away from use of plastics; but is not something that can or would be implemented overnight;
 - the City’s biggest employer CKF is changing the type of packaging it uses as part of its ongoing sustainability goals;
 - as part of environmental sustainability is supporting local businesses to reduce their carbon footprint; it would be beneficial if businesses and industries could support each other and tap into environmentally sustainable initiatives of industries, such as CKF.

Councillor Wallace, Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Committee thanked the environmental partners and committee members who supported the recent Earth Day event.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. Meeting Format for Council Meetings, Committee and Task Group Meetings, and Public Hearings

Kelly Kenney, Corporate Officer spoke to the staff report dated April 7, 2022.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

1. THAT the following resolution passed at the September 28, 2020 Regular Council Meeting be rescinded:

“Hold Committee/Task Group/Board of Variance Meetings electronically until such time as the City has implemented technology to permit combined in-person/electronic participation by Committee/Task Group members and members of the public.”

2. THAT, subject to compliance with the City of Langley COVID-19 Vaccination Policy and any current Public Health Orders, City Committees/Task Groups and the Board of Variance be permitted to conduct their meetings electronically or in-person until such time as the City has implemented technology to permit combined in-person/electronic participation by Committee/Task Group/Board members and members of the public.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to a question from a Council member, Ms. Kenney confirmed that the intent of the motion was to rescind Council’s previous motion which only permitted committees/task groups and board to meet electronically and to pass a new motion permitting these groups to choose whether to meet in person or electronically.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

8. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Motions/Notices of Motion
- b. Correspondence
1. May is CF Awareness Month 2022
Cystic Fibrosis Canada

c. New Business

It was MOVED and SECONDED

1. Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting

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) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;

(1) (d) the security of the property of the municipality;

(1) (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;

(1) (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;

(1) (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;

(2) (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

CARRIED

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:51pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER