



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 13, 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
 - S. Kennedy, Fire Chief
 - D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services
 - R. Beddow, Deputy Director of Development Services and Economic Development
 - H. Gill, Manager of Engineering Services
 - D. Selvage, Manager of Community Safety
 - B. Zeller, Manager of Human Resources
 - 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 June 13, 2022 Regular Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the June 13, 2022 agenda be amended by adding “Additional Funding Request for Community Day Event” to the agenda as Item 9.a.4.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the June 13, 2022 agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A Committee of the Whole meeting provides Council the opportunity to hear input from the public and allows Council a greater opportunity to speak to and debate specific agenda items.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council commence the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

a. 2021 Annual Report

Mr. Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer presented the 2021 Annual Report advising that:

- the Annual Report provides progress on the performance of the City with respect to established objectives and measures from 2020 to 2021 in accordance with requirements of the Community Charter;
- despite the pandemic, staff demonstrated resiliency in order to accomplish many of the goals and objectives established by Council.

Mayor van den Broek asked if any correspondence had been received with respect to the 2021 Annual Report. The Corporate Officer advised that no correspondence had been received.

Mayor van den Broek invited members of the public in attendance to provide comments or questions on the 2021 Annual Report.

There were no speakers.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council rise and report.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes from May 30, 2022
- b. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from May 30, 2022

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- May 30, 2022 Regular Meeting
- May 30, 2022 Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- a. 2021 Annual Report

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the 2021 Annual Report be approved.

CARRIED

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

- a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – June 27, 2022

Regular Council Meeting – July 11, 2022

- 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:

- Events for everyone in person, live, on-demand
- Return to In-Person Programming
- Financial Literacy Programs for Teens – June 25
- Spider Man Trivia Event – June 14
- Community Day Event – June 18
- National Indigenous Peoples Day June 21 - Reading Lists
- Summer Reading Club 2022 – Starts June 21

6. BYLAWS

- a. Bylaw 3218 - Automated Vote Counting System Authorization and Procedure Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to authorize an automated vote counting system and procedure.

Kelly Kenney, Corporate Officer advised that a new bylaw was being proposed, which would rescind the previous bylaw, in order to include provisions for mail ballot voting and to reflect current terminology and procedures with respect to the use of vote counting units for local government elections.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Automated Vote Counting System Authorization and Procedure Bylaw, 2022, No. 3218" be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Automated Vote Counting System Authorization and Procedure Bylaw, 2022, No. 3218" be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Automated Vote Counting System Authorization and Procedure Bylaw, 2022, No. 3218" be read a third time.

CARRIED

- b. Bylaw 3223 - Mail Ballot Voting Procedures Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to establish mail ballot voting procedures and time limits with respect to general local elections

Kelly Kenney, Corporate Officer advised that the Election & Assent Voting Procedure Bylaw, which was recently amended, authorizes the Corporate Officer to establish time limits and procedures in relation to voting by mail ballot. Accordingly, this bylaw is brought forward for that purpose.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Mail Ballot Voting Procedures Bylaw 2022, No. 3223" be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Mail Ballot Voting Procedures Bylaw 2022, No. 3223" be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Mail Ballot Voting Procedures Bylaw 2022, No. 3223" be read a third time.

CARRIED

c. Bylaw 3222 - Sign Bylaw Amendment

Final reading of a bylaw to amend the Sign Bylaw with respect to placement and size of Political Signs

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "City of Langley Sign Bylaw, 1996, No. 2125, Amendment No. 7, 2022, No. 3222" be read a final time.

CARRIED

Opposed: Mayor van den Broek and Councillor Martin

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Crime Prevention Committee Recommendation

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT, if required, Council authorize the purchase of T-Shirts for the "Block Walk" Program in the amount of \$300.00.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, in response to questions from Council members, Councillor Pachal, Chair of the Crime Prevention Committee advised that:

- this initiative is open to all;
- it involves walking around your neighbourhood wearing one of the highly visible "Block Walk" T-Shirts in order to talk to your neighbours and get to know one another and to share information about the Crime Prevention Committee;
- this is a Committee volunteer initiative, so RCMP volunteers will not be attending.

Councillor Albrecht, Co-Chair of the Crime Prevention Committee and part of the sub-working group that developed this initiative, further advised that the intent of this initiative is to generate interest in one's own neighbourhood, to expand the Block Watch Program, provide an opportunity to get some exercise and get to know one's neighbourhood better.

Councillor Wallace, Chair of the Community Day Committee, further advised that the Crime Prevention Committee will have a table at the upcoming Community Day event where people can get more information on the work of the Crime Prevention Committee and this initiative.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. 2021 Strategic Community Investment Fund – Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing

Darrin, Leite, Director of Corporate Services spoke to his report dated June 3, 2022.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the City of Langley acknowledge the receipt of \$534,333 from the Provincial Government to help fund the salary of three RCMP officers from the traffic fine revenue received in 2021.

CARRIED

- b. 2023 RCMP Approval in Principle

Darrin, Leite, Director of Corporate Services spoke to his report dated June 3, 2022.

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

- the City has a contract strength of 51.35 RCMP members, but due to sharing with the Township of Langley, the City is actually paying for 54 RCMP members;
- staff can ask the Officer in Charge to provide information on the number of members who are on leave that would impact those numbers;
- the total detachment membership is 210 in total; however, there are a number of vacancies at this time due to delays in training caused by the pandemic.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council authorize a letter of approval in principle be sent to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General to increase the detachment strength by 6 members to 57.35 members and increase the 100% RCMP budget by \$1,278,985 for a RCMP total budget cap of \$13,856,240.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the foregoing motion be deferred until Council has met with the Officer in Charge of the Langley RCMP detachment to discuss and ask questions about the proposed City's 2023 RCMP budget.

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

- the City has asked the Superintendent to provide a business case for the six additional members that he will present to Council in the fall when Council begins the 2023 budget deliberation process;
- the purpose of this resolution is for federal government purposes;
- the City has a requirement to respond to the federal government on this matter by June 15th, a delay in the City's response may jeopardize the City receiving the 10% from the federal government for the City's budget;
- this request is coming to Council at this time due to the federal government having an April to March 31st fiscal year.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

Opposed: Mayor van den Broek, Councillors Martin and Storteboom

c. 2022 Council Remuneration & Statement of Financial Information

Darrin, Leite, Director of Corporate Services spoke to the Deputy Director of Corporate Services report dated June 7, 2022.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

1. THAT the Report on Council Remuneration and Expenses as required by Section 168 of the Community Charter be adopted.
2. THAT the Statement of Financial Information as required by the Financial Information Act be adopted.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to questions from a Council member, Mr. Leite advised that:

- the Council expenditure amounts listed are for the year 2021;
- although most conferences were held virtually during that year so there were no travel costs, there were still registration costs;
- staff can provide a breakdown of Council member expenses and whether UBCM covers the cost for board members to attend board meetings.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

d. Asset Management Program Status Update

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the Asset Management Program Status Update report for information.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

In response to questions from Council members, Hirod Gill, Manager of Engineering Services advised that:

- before proceeding staff will need to do parallel checks of the data collected in order to verify the results and confirm that infrastructure does need to be replaced;
- staff have drafted RFPs for various watermains in the event that the additional checks and balances confirm that they need to be replaced;
- once the verification of the results has been completed staff will be ready to put in budget requests for 2023;
- the \$50,000 grant came from the FCM.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

e. Metro 2050 – Regional Growth Strategy Acceptance

Carl Johannesen, Director of Development Services spoke to the staff report dated June 6, 2022.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

1. THAT the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy, titled Metro 2050 (“Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022”), be received for information;
2. THAT the proposed *Metro 2050* Regional Growth Strategy (“Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022”) be accepted, as presented, pursuant to section 436 of the *Local Government Act*; and
3. THAT staff be directed to forward the Council resolution of acceptance of *Metro 2050* Regional Growth Strategy (“Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022”) to Metro Vancouver Regional District.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED staff responded to a question from a Council member, advising that the new exemption in the RGS to allow residential development on Employment lands in urban centres located within 200 m of a rapid transit station, which the City expressed opposition to as the City's OCP does not support residential uses in industrial areas with the exception of caretaker units, was being presented only as an option, not a requirement, and the City is not obliged to approve multi-family uses in industrial areas.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

9. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Motions/Notices of Motion

1. Tree Protection During Redevelopment – Councillor Pachal

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Staff consider utilizing the Metro Vancouver Tree Regulations Toolkit when developing the Urban Forest Management Plan

THAT Staff include, as part of the Urban Forest Management Plan, policy recommendations that support retaining as much of the existing tree canopy as practically possible on private property during redevelopment with a focus on the Urban Residential and Suburban Residential land-use areas of Langley City

THAT Staff include, as part of the Urban Forest Management Plan, policy recommendations that support growing the tree canopy on private property in the Industrial, Service Commercial, and Mixed-Employment land-use areas of Langley City.

CARRIED

2. Addition to Council Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor van den Broek introduced and spoke to her motion.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Staff investigate the addition of a word or a phrase from each Nation's language to be included in the acknowledgement statement read at the beginning of each Council meeting to ensure that their languages live on.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, Mayor van den Broek advised that this topic came up in initial discussions Council had with the Kwantlen First Nation with respect to developing appropriate protocols for the City of Langley to use in conducting City business that respect the traditions of the four First Nations, at which time Kwantlen members requested that when making the land acknowledgment statement at the beginning of Council meetings in Council Chambers, that a word or phrase in their language be included to ensure their language is never forgotten.

Council discussion ensued regarding considerations in implementing the recommendation.

It was noted by Councillor James that in speaking to some individuals, her understanding was that there is a phrase that is recognized by all four nations which she could pass onto staff for their reference.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

3. Addition of Flag Poles at City Hall

Mayor van den Broek introduced and spoke to her motion.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Staff investigate the addition of flagpoles at City Hall representing the Katzie, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo and Matsqui nations; and the addition of a Community Flagpole.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, Mayor van den Broek advised that currently, in order to fly a flag in recognition of a community event, the City flag flying in front of City Hall must be taken down by staff and replaced with the community event's flag, then put back up again after the community event; therefore it is suggested that a separate new community flagpole be provided.

Mayor van den Broek further advised that providing individual flagpoles to fly each of the four First Nations' flags was suggested to the Mayor by one of the First Nations, who further indicated that if flagpoles were not feasible, perhaps there could be something else to represent each community.

In response to a question from a Council member, Ms. van den Broek advised that the City had contacted the Kwantlen First Nation earlier in the year to set up an in-person meeting with Council, but at that time, due to COVID concerns, they indicated they weren't comfortable meeting in person; however, staff can reach out to them again to determine if and when they would feel comfortable meeting in person.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was
CARRIED

4. Additional Funding Request for Community Day Event

Councillor Wallace introduced and spoke to her motion.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council allocate \$12,000 from the Enterprise Fund to pay for extra expenses related to the Community Day event for the following:

- New WorkSafe requirements pertaining to road closer procedures;
- Increased costs for rentals - children activities, tables, fencing;
- Entertainment.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, in response to a question from a Council member, Kim Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services advised that almost half the money requested would be used for traffic control which would include flaggers; \$4500 would be used for entertainment, and the remainder used to cover the increased costs for rental of various items. She

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was
CARRIED

b. Correspondence

c. New Business

1. Public Release of motion from May 30, 2022 Closed Meeting:

“THAT Council appoint the following individuals to the Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Committee for the remainder of the 2022 term:

1. Sandra Reams, voting member representing seniors.
2. Susan Magnusson, voting member representing the Langley Performing Arts Community.
3. Mandy Marten, voting member from the community-at-large.
4. Hanna Bennett, voting member representing heritage.”

2. 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) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

(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

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:15pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER