



**MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING
OF THE 40TH COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF LANGLEY
HELD IN CITY HALL
20399 DOUGLAS CRESCENT**

**ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022
AT 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Nathan Pachal
Councillors Albrecht, James, Mack, Solyom, Wallace and White

F. Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services/ Deputy CAO
C. Johannsen, Director of Development Services
H. Gill, Manager of Engineering
K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services
S. Kennedy, Fire Chief
B. Zeller, Manager of Human Resources
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer
P. Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer
G. Flack, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
D. Joyal, Executive Assistant
R. Rabby, Vice President, IAFF Local 3253
S. Custock, Vice President, CUPE Local 2058

Honoured Guests: Mr. Kevin Kelly, Kwantlen First Nation
The Honourable Judge J.G. Cohen, British Columbia Provincial Court
Member of Parliament John Aldag
Member of the Legislative Assembly Andrew Mercier
Inspector Steve Wade, Langley RCMP
Mr. Jeff Sim, Piper
Constable Peter Mann, RCMP Honour Guard
Constable Curt Hall, RCMP Honour Guard
Captain Dave Skidmore, Fire Rescue Service Honour Guard
Fire Fighter Cam Kaetler, Fire Rescue Service Honour Guard

The Corporate Officer welcomed everyone to the ceremony and acknowledged that the land on which we were gathered is the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations. She introduced and welcomed Mr. Kevin Kelly representing the Kwantlen First Nation.

A procession consisting of the Piper, Honour Guards and Council-Elect entered Council chambers. Council-Elect led the group singing O Canada.

WELCOME SONG

Mr. Kevin Kelly expressed his thanks to Council for Kwantlen's inclusion in the Inaugural ceremony. On behalf of his wife, Chief Marilyn Gabriel and the Kwantlen First Nation, he conveyed appreciation for the trusted friendships that have formed with many individuals from city council and staff over many years. He welcomed the new and the returning council members and wished them good health and success as they embarked on a new journey together. He provided the gift of a Welcome Song and raised his hands offering his gratitude for the time and energy they will give to lead the community to an exciting future.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The Corporate Officer called the Inaugural Meeting of the 2022 - 2026 Langley City Council to order and asked the Honorable Judge Cohen of the Provincial Court of British Columbia to administer the Oaths of Office.

MAYOR'S OATH OF OFFICE

Judge Cohen administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Nathan Pachal for a term ending in 2026.

COUNCILLORS' OATHS OF OFFICE

Judge Cohen administered the Oath of Office to the following Councillors-Elect for a term ending in 2026:

Rosemary Wallace
Delaney Mack
Paul Albrecht
Mike Solyom
Leith White
Teri James

The Councillors took their seats.

PLACING THE CHAIN OF OFFICE

Dr. Rob Bittner spoke of Mayor Pachal's love of the community and his passion for public transit, walkability, and the environment which eventually led him to seek a seat on Council to have a more direct impact on these issues. He expressed thanks to the people Mayor Pachal has worked with over the last two terms and credited them for the work they've done together to make Langley City the "Place to Be". He noted his excitement about the future and his confidence in Council's ability to achieve success together over the next four years. He thanked everyone in attendance and council for their dedication to the community and placed the Chain of Office on Mayor Pachal.

The Corporate Officer introduced the 2022-2026 City of Langley Council and turned the chairing of the meeting over to Mayor Pachal.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mayor Pachal introduced honoured guests including:

Kevin Kelly, Kwantlen First Nation

Honourable J.G. Cohen

MP John Aldag

MLA Andrew Mercier

Inspector Steve Wade, RCMP

Jeff Sims, Piper

Cst. Peter Mann, RCMP Honour Guard

Cst. Curt Hall, RCMP Honour Guard

Cpt. Dave Skidmore, Fire Service Honour Guard

Fire Fighter Cam Kaetler, Fire Service Honour Guard

He acknowledged the attendance of former council member Rudy Storteboom, City School Trustee-Elects Candy Ashdown and Tony Ward; former Mayors Ted Schaffer; Peter Fassbender and his wife Charlene, and Joe Lopushinsky. He further thanked former Mayor Val van den Broek for her service and former Councillors' Rudy Storteboom and Gayle Martin for their contributions, noting Councillor Martin served our community for 32 years.

MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Mayor Pachal delivered his Inaugural Address:

Inaugural Address
Mayor Nathan Pachal
November 7, 2022

Mayor Pachal began by acknowledging and thanking former Mayors' Schaffer, Searle and Fassbender, each having supported, encouraged, and guided him over the years. He proceeded with his inaugural address as follows:

I want to thank the new council members for putting their names forward. I know you all truly care about our community, and I know we're all eager to move forward and work toward solutions for our community. We have a lot of work to do. It's really exciting but it's also very intimidating, but Langley City residents elected a great team, so I know we're going to step up to the challenge and move the City forward in a good way. One of the main reasons why, is the diverse experiences and backgrounds of everyone here at the council table. Councillor Leith White, you bring your experience as a leader in the faith community who's worked hard to improve the lives of many over the decades. Councillor Delaney Mack, you bring your experience as a business owner and entrepreneur, and I know you're going to challenge us to think differently and creatively as we tackle these hard challenges that we must face as government. Councillor Mike Solyom, your experience as an academic and economist will help us deal with the significant financial challenges we will face in the coming decades and help us come up with a reasonable plan. Councillor Rosemary Wallace, you've ensured and will continue

to ensure that the City invests and recognizes the important role that Arts play in improving the quality of life of residents. There is a friend of mine in the audience that says, “without art, what is the point of living”. You will also make sure we are pressing forward on the climate emergency and advancing reconciliation. Councillor Paul Albrecht, your role as a leader in the union movement and your expertise in water, sewer, stormwater and other civil works will lend itself well as you will hopefully be our Metro Vancouver board representative, and we know the challenges there. I look forward to your advice on how we can repair our infrastructure. Finally, but not least, Councillor Teri James. You are the voice of the business community and will ensure that our policies are always going to be looked at through a lens of economic prosperity for both businesses and residents. Dare I say you are “Ms. Downtown Langley”. I’m looking forward to working with everybody on Council to make Langley City, the Place to Be! – Thank you.

Mayor Pachal invited each member of Council to say a few words.

COUNCILLORS’ INAUGURAL COMMENTS

Council members expressed their thanks, appreciation and support to the community, their families, the Kwantlen, Katzie, Matsqui & Semiahmoo First Nations, friends, campaign supporters, dignitaries, and all the candidates.

Mayor Pachal invited Mr. Kevin Kelly, Kwantlen First Nation to share an Honour Song. Mr. Kelly encouraged council and staff with inspiring words and personal stories before providing the gift of an Honour Song.

APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MAYORS

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the 2022/2023 Deputy Mayor rotation schedule be approved as follows:

Nov. 5 - Dec. 31, 2022: Councillor Mack

Jan.1 - Feb. 28, 2023: Councillor Wallace

Mar.1 - Apr. 30, 2023: Councillor White

May 1 - Jun. 30, 2023: Councillor James

Jul 1 - Aug. 31, 2023: Councillor Solyom

Sep 1 - Oct. 31, 2023: Councillor Albrecht

CARRIED

REGIONAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1. Metro Vancouver Board of Directors Appointment

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Councillor Paul Albrecht be appointed to the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors for 2023; and

THAT Councillor Rosemary Wallace be appointed as an alternate.

CARRIED

2. Fraser Valley Regional Library Board Appointment

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Councillor Rosemary Wallace be appointed to the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board for 2023; and

THAT Councillor Paul Albrecht be appointed as an alternate.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEETING FORMAT: Return to in-person Council meetings at 7pm

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT effective January 1, 2023, the following motion passed at the October 18, 2021 Regular Council meeting, be rescinded:

"Effective November, 2021, unless otherwise resolved by Council, Regular Council Meetings be held electronically via video conferencing technology at 3:00 pm."

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 7:52 p.m.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT this meeting now adjourn.

CARRIED

Mayor Pachal invited everyone to join Council in the CKF Boardroom for refreshments following the meeting.

MAYOR

Certified Correct:
pdk

DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER