



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 6, 2023

7:00 p.m.

**Council Chambers, Langley City Hall
20399 Douglas Crescent**

Present: Mayor Pachal
Councillor Albrecht
Councillor James
Councillor Mack
Councillor Solyom
Councillor Wallace
Councillor White

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
S. Kennedy, Fire Chief
D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services
G. Flack, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
H. Gill, Manager of Engineering Services
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer
B. Zeller, Manager of Human Resources

Mayor Pachal 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

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the March 6, 2023 regular agenda be adopted as amended to add "Freedom of the City" as Item 3.c. to the agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2023

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 27, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. MAYOR'S REPORT

- a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – March 20, 2023

Regular Council Meeting – April 3, 2023

- b. Council Advisory Bodies Update

Councillor Albrecht advised that if any Council members had questions about items contained in Metro Vancouver's publication, "Board in Brief" that is distributed monthly to Council, to feel free to raise them at a future Council meeting.

- c. Freedom of the City

Mayor Pachal advised that Freedom of the City is a special honour that a local government may bestow to honour outstanding citizens in the community and is a decision which requires unanimous support of Council members.

At the January 16, 2023 Closed Council meeting Council voted unanimously to confer the Freedom of the City on former Councillor Gayle Martin, who served thirty-two years consecutively on Council, from 1990 to 2022, making her the longest serving elected official in the history of Langley City.

Conferment of Freedom of the City on Gayle Martin will take place at the March 20, 2023 Regular Council meeting. The City will be issuing a press release regarding this special honour and detailing some of Gayle Martin's many accomplishments during her time on Council.

4. **BYLAWS**

a. Bylaw 3233 - Financial Plan 2023-2027 Bylaw

Final reading of a bylaw to adopt the Financial Plan for 2023 – 2027

A council member advised that, in light of the recently announced one-time funding from the province for municipalities, there is the opportunity to utilize this funding to reduce the \$15 million borrowing line item in the Financial Plan, which would require amending the bylaw. In order for Council to discuss amending the bylaw, third reading of the bylaw would first need to be rescinded.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT third reading of the bylaw cited as "Financial Plan 2023 – 2027 Bylaw, 2023, No. 3233" be rescinded.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to a question from a Council member, Mr. Leite advised that the interest payments on the \$15 million borrowing would total \$15,240,000 over the 20-year borrowing term, for a total repayment of \$30 million.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, and the motion was

DEFEATED

Opposed: Mayor Pachal, Councillors Albrecht, James, Solyom, and Wallace

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "Financial Plan 2023 – 2027 Bylaw, 2023, No. 3233" be read a final time.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillors Mack and White

b. Property Acquisition, Infrastructure Upgrade and Improvement Loan Authorization Bylaw 2023, No. 3234 and Alternative Approval Process

1. Bylaw 3234 - Property Acquisition, Infrastructure Upgrade and Improvement Loan Authorization Bylaw

First, second and third reading of Bylaw 3234 to authorize the borrowing of up to \$15 million for strategic land and improvement acquisitions and undertake infrastructure upgrades.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "Property Acquisition, Infrastructure Upgrade and Improvement Loan Authorization Bylaw 2023, No. 3234" be read a first, second and third time.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, in response to a question from a Council member, Ms. Kenney advised of the steps involved in the seeking elector approval for the proposed borrowing through the Alternative Approval process.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, and the motion was

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor Mack

2. Submission of Bylaw 3234, Property Acquisition, Infrastructure Upgrade and Improvement Loan Authorization Bylaw 2023, No. 3234 to the Inspector of Municipalities

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT City Council direct the Corporate Officer to submit Property Acquisition, Infrastructure Upgrade and Improvement Loan Authorization Bylaw 2023, No. 3234 to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for review and approval by the Inspector of Municipalities.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor Mack

3. Alternative Approval Process

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT following approval of the Property Acquisition, Infrastructure Upgrade and Improvement Loan Authorization Bylaw 2023, No. 3234 by the Inspector of Municipalities, approval of the electors be sought through the Alternative Approval Process in relation to the loan authorization bylaw.

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

- while approval of the Loan Authorization Bylaw (as at third reading) must first be received from the province, approval of the electors for the borrowing identified in the bylaw must then be obtained, either through the Alternative Approval Process or Assent of Electors (Referendum), otherwise the borrowing cannot proceed;
- should the motion on the floor to seek elector approval for the borrowing by way of the Alternative Approval Process fail, the only other option for seeking elector approval for the borrowing would be through Assent of the Electors (Referendum), which requires approximately the same budget and staff resources as an election.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, and the motion was

CARRIED

c. Amendments to the Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw, No. 3126

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report of the Manager of Engineering Services dated March 6, 2023 regarding "Amendments to the Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw, No. 3126" be received for information.

CARRIED

1. Bylaw 3235 - Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw Amendment

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to amend the Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw 3126.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw, No.3126, Amendment No. 1, 2023, No. 3235" be read a first, second and third time.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to questions from a Council member, Mr. Bomhof advised that EDU stands for Equivalent Development Unit. It is used by municipalities to calculate and assess the cost allocation of the municipality's infrastructure. For example, in terms of sewer capacity, for non-residential developments, an EDU is calculated for industrial or commercial developments to make it equivalent to residential units.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, and the motion was

CARRIED

5. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

a. Media Relations Policy CO-63

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT CO-63 Media Relations policy be approved; and
THAT GE-4 Media Contact Policy be repealed.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT CO-63 Media Relations policy be amended by replacing the word, "PST" with the word "PT" wherever it appears in the policy.

CARRIED

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED on the main motion as amended, and it was

CARRIED

6. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Motions/Notices of Motion
- b. Correspondence
 - 1. March is Amyloidosis Awareness Month
Canadian Amyloidosis Support Network (CASN)
- c. New Business

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:42 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER