



## MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 20, 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  
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer  
P. Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer

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 20, 2023 regular agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following minutes be adopted as circulated:

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes from March 6, 2023
- b. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2023

CARRIED

## 3. **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHTS**

- a. Conferment of the Freedom of the City to Former Councillor Gayle Martin

Mayor Nathan Pachal read out the following resolution which was adopted unanimously at the January 16, 2023 closed council meeting and subsequently approved for public release:

*“WHEREAS Gayle Martin has served on Langley City Council for 32 consecutive years from 1990 to 2022, longer than anyone else in the history of Langley City Council, and sat on countless internal and external committees, task groups, boards, and working groups over this period;*

*AND WHEREAS Gayle Martin has been an avid volunteer in the community. She was a founding member and past president of Soroptimist International of the Langleys. She held many roles with the board of directors of the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce including serving two years as president. She is a committed volunteer at the Gateway of Hope where she is also a member of the community council. She has volunteered for St. Joe’s soup kitchen and Critter Care Wildlife Society;*

*AND WHEREAS Gayle Martin played an instrumental role in numerous community-building projects during her tenure that were transformative for Langley City, some of notable achievements include the Downtown Langley Master Plan and public realm project, Sendall Gardens upgrading, City Park upgrading, Innes Plaza Renewal project, Casino/Convention Centre/Hotel development, 204th Street Overpass project, Langley City Fire Hall No. 1 construction, Douglas Park Spirit Square project, Al Anderson Memorial Pool Expansion project, new cenotaph at Douglas Park, McBurney Plaza Renewal project, Timms Community Expansion project, creation of the Langley City: Nexus of Community visioning document, and approved countless numbers of development applications that created homes for many and brought economic prosperity to the community;*

*AND WHEREAS Gayle Martin served on the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors representing Langley City for 29 years and played a pivotal role in shaping the region;*

*AND WHEREAS Gayle Martin served on the Lower Mainland Local Government Association Board of Directors for many years and served as the President during 1994-1995 term, representing local governments' interests dealing with Federal and Provincial jurisdiction and to come together, share their experiences and take a united position on policy-making;*

*AND WHEREAS Gayle Martin served on the Fraser Valley Regional Library (FVRL) Board of Directors for 16 consecutive years and served as the Vice Chair for two years and Chair for four years. As Chair, she was instrumental in leading FVRL through the pandemic, as well as in the advocacy work for provincial funding at the UBCM conferences;*

*AND WHEREAS Gayle Martin, with her knowledge, expertise, and historical knowledge, has mentored, guided and provided invaluable advice to many incumbent and new members of Council;*

*AND WHEREAS Gayle Martin met with various Ministers and officials at senior levels of government over the decades lobbying for the implementation of initiatives, programs and projects with supportive funding that would ultimately benefit Langley City and its residents as well as various community groups and the people that these groups served;*

*AND WHEREAS Gayle Martin held fast to her belief in fiscal responsibility to the residents and business owners of the community over three decades, by ensuring that taxation increases were kept at reasonable and acceptable levels;*

*AND WHEREAS Freedom of the City is the highest honour that a city can bestow upon an individual;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in appreciation and gratitude of her dedication in serving others, Langley City Council, confers the Freedom of the City of Langley on Gayle Martin."*

Mayor Pachal presented Gayle Martin with a Freedom of the City framed certificate. Upon receiving the certificate, Ms. Martin provided the following comments:

- thanked Langley City Council and City staff for this unexpected honour;
- when she first ran for Council, she was a single parent of a 6-year old, and her mother, who would have been 98 years old today, supported her every step of the way;

- believes each member of Council knows how important the support of their family is, and that they couldn't do this job without that support;
- her brother John, who was in attendance, and who lived with her for a time, also helped with babysitting, which she appreciated very much;
- her son, who she is so proud of, together with her daughter-in-law and her two grandchildren, who were all in attendance, provided support to her over the past several years;
- to her many friends who were in attendance, she expressed appreciation and thanks for their support along the way;
- she recognized City staff for the support she has received over the years;
- in closing, she expressed her appreciation again for this honour.

A glass plaque and gift card were also presented to mark the occasion.

Mayor Pachal advised that Gayle Martin is only the 6<sup>th</sup> individual upon whom the City has conferred Freedom of the City.

b. HUB Cycling Award Presentation to the City of Langley for the Glover Road Protected Bike Lane

Jeff Leigh, President, representing HUB Cycling, advised that:

- Hub Cycling is a charitable, not for profit that has been getting more people cycling more often for the past 24, almost 25 years;
- They have achieved this by:
  - action – advocacy of volunteers, including volunteers in Langley,
  - education programs such as streetwise cycling, everyone rides,
  - events, such as bike to school week, go by bike week;
- noted that research shows that, though there is large segment of the population that is interested in trying cycling the number one reason given for not trying it is safety concerns around cars;
- each year the HUB Bike Awards celebrates communities across Metro Vancouver who champion improvements to their infrastructure so cyclists feel safe.

Mr. Leigh presented a HUB Bike Award to the City for its Glover Road Bike Lanes project, which added protected bike lanes along Glover Road from Fraser Highway to the Langley City boundary near the Langley Bypass.

Mayor Pachal advised that this project was made possible by TransLink, which funded 75% of the cost of the project, as part of its plans to build active transportation infrastructure in the vicinity of major transit corridors that is safe for all ages and abilities. He further advised that the City will be receiving an additional \$3 million in funding from TransLink between 2024 and 2026 for other active transportation projects in the City.

c. TransLink's 10-Year Priorities: The City of Langley

Kevin Quinn, CEO, TransLink thanked Hub Cycling for its partnership in providing events and programs and in recognizing the work that municipalities are doing with respect to cycling infrastructure all around Metro Vancouver.

Mr. Quinn provided a PowerPoint presentation on TransLink's 10-Year Priorities, advising that:

- firstly TransLink recognizes that in planning and managing the region's transportation system it has a role to play in supporting reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples;
- TransLink's two broad areas of focus are:
  - Providing a reliable service and accessible infrastructure;
  - Laying the groundwork for its ambitious long-range plans;
- our region is welcoming 50,000 new residents every year;
- by 2050, there will be 1.2 million new residents to this region;
- Other challenges include the climate crisis, the affordability crisis, and increasing congestion, all which TransLink needs to do something about;
- TransLink is making plans and taking action on the future of how we move in this region;
- last year TransLink developed numerous plans:
  - Transport 2050: 10-Year Priorities for TransLink;
  - TransLink Climate Action Strategy;
  - TransLink Climate Action Plan;
  - Regional Transportation Strategy;
  - TransLink's 2022-2027 Customer Experience Action Plan;
  - 2022 Investment Plan;
- 10-Year Priorities is an ambitious \$21 billion blueprint that outlines which of the investments in Transport 2050 that TransLink will focus on delivering over the first decade;
- three of the key objectives are:
  - Convenient, Reliable, Safe & Comfortable Transit:
    - includes doubling bus service in the region;
    - as population South of the Fraser is growing the fastest, will continue to expand bus service South of

- the Fraser; there is 12% more bus service today South of the Fraser than there was pre-pandemic;
  - increase SeaBus and SkyTrain service;
  - increasing HandyDART service to 24-hour service;
  - improvements to passenger safety and comfort at transit stops, stations, and exchanges;
  - launching two new rapid bus lines: Langley-Haney Place and Langley-White Rock;
  - launching Express bus service: Newton-Langley (via Hwy. 10);
  - study – connections to the Fraser Valley;
- Reliable and Fast Transit Network:
  - Over the next 10 years, TransLink proposes to build 170 km of rapid transit in our region, including:
    - up to nine Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridors, including BRT from Langley to Haney Place;
    - Burnaby Mountain Gondola;
    - Millennium Line UBC Extension;
    - business case studies for other rapid transit extensions;
- People-First Streets & Walking, Biking, and Rolling:
  - a transformation to more people-first streets where active transport is the most convenient choice for short trips;
  - Walking, Biking, & Rolling Infrastructure:
    - complete up to 75% (450 km) of the 2050 Major Bikeway Network, and bikeway networks in all Urban Centres;
    - complete up to 66% of the 2050 walkway network;
    - install new bike lockers, bike parkades, and counters;
    - Upgrade the BC Parkway;
- Surrey-Langley SkyTrain will be a fundamental transformation for South of the Fraser;
  - completion of this project is expected by late 2028;
  - TransLink has started preparing to enhance regional active transportation networks to and from SkyTrain stations;
- TransLink is looking to create intentionally designed transit orientated development to create complete communities where people can live, work, and play, all within a short distance of transit;
- in order to support transit-orientated development, TransLink is launching its Real Estate Development Program which enables TransLink to build residential, commercial, and mixed-use developments on TransLink-owned properties, which will generate

new long-term revenue which will be reinvested into the region's transportation system;

- TransLink is committed to making active transportation in Metro Vancouver comfortable, safe, and convenient for everyone;
- last year alone, TransLink provided \$130 million for 107 infrastructure projects across the region with many related to cycling infrastructure, including the Glover Rd. protected bike lane project, as cycling is one of the fastest ways of getting around, especially in urban areas;
- through TransLink's Municipal Cost Share Program, City of Langley has completed a number of projects;
- in 2022, TransLink contributed almost \$1 million to municipal cost share projects in the City of Langley for cycling enhancements and Fraser Hwy. upgrades;
- the regional cycling network will connect with Langley City through greenways and the major bikeway network.

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

a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – April 3, 2023

Regular Council Meeting – April 17, 2023

b. Council Advisory Bodies Update

#### 5. **BYLAWS**

a. Bylaw 3235 - Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw Amendment

Final 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 final time.

**CARRIED**

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

a. Proposed Latecomer Policy CO-82

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Policy CO-82 – Latecomer Policy be approved.

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

- staff could look into including a minimum administration fee in the City's Fees and Charges Bylaw for administering this program;
- there is no cost to taxpayers for this program;
- in the past, most of the developments had minor infrastructure costs; however these costs have increased considerably over time, and currently, it is up to the developer if they want to proceed to pay the costs, if they don't, then it would lead to project delays;
- this policy will create a new administrative component that the City will need to oversee for the next 15 years but it is seen as an equitable way to ensure required infrastructure is built.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

b. Public Notice of Failure to File Campaign Financial Disclosure Statement

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report of the Chief Election Officer dated March 13, 2023, regarding public notice of Cherise Okeymow's failure to file her campaign financial disclosure statement and pay the required late filing fee of \$500, be received for information.

CARRIED

c. UBCM Poverty Reduction Planning and Action Stream 2 Funding Application

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council support staff's grant application to the UBCM Poverty Reduction Planning and Action Stream 2 Funding to support the ongoing work of the Poverty Reduction Task Group to begin implementation of the Living Well in Langley, A Poverty Reduction Strategy.

CARRIED

**7. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Motions/Notices of Motion
- b. Correspondence
- c. New Business

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED  
THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:33pm.

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Signed:

MAYOR

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Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER