



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 3, 2023

7:06 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
C. Johannsen, Director of Development Services
S. Kennedy, Fire Chief
D. Leite, Director of Corporate 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 April 3, 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 20, 2023
- b. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2023

CARRIED

3. COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHTS

a. Langley Field Naturalists

Lilianne Fuller, Member, Langley Field Naturalists provided information about current activities:

- as this year is the 50th anniversary of the Langley Field Naturalists, they have completed a book and will be publishing it using the grant received from the City; they hope to launch the book in September 2023;
- thanked the City for its financial support;
- from grants received from the City over the years, they have been able to publish three brochures:
 - Birds in Langley, which is in its 4th printing, and is available in City recreation centres and the Library;
 - Butterflies in Langley;
 - Experience Nature (membership brochure);
- each of the brochures displays the City of Langley logo to acknowledge the financial support received from the City;
- the Experience Nature brochure is made of paper to be more environmentally friendly, whereas the other two are meant to be used as field guides.
- Lisa Dreves is the President of Langley Field Naturalists; Ms. Fuller is their Public Relations Director;
- the organization conducts nature walks throughout the community, particularly in Bryden Lagoon, as they were instrumental in making it into a jewel of the city;
- the organization's motto is To Know Nature and to Keep it Worth Knowing;
- the organization does a lot of work in conservation;
- they are pleased to note that the City is very environmentally conscious and they appreciate the City's efforts;
- welcomed the new Council members, and thanked them for their support;
- advised that the Langley Field Naturalists will be hosting the Federation of BC Naturalists AGM Conference April 4-6.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – April 17, 2023
Regular Council Meeting – May 1, 2023

b. Council Advisory Bodies Update

Councillor Wallace, Chair of the Fraser Valley Library Board, advised of two new items that have been added to the Library's "Playground" lending collection: thermal leak detectors and radon detectors.

Councillor Albrecht, Council Representative on the Metro Vancouver Board, advised that the Board went through a strategic planning session recently, the results of which will be compiled into a report that will likely be provided to the Board at the end of April or early May; some of the topics discussed included the future of the region, finances, and infrastructure.

He further advised that he is currently First Vice-President on the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA), and the LMLGA Conference is coming up in May, which he believes all Council members will be attending.

Mayor Pachal advised that the province announced they were granting \$479 million to TransLink to maintain the service in good order over the next several years. The Mayors' Council, through the Board, have signed off on the agreement, which means service levels will be maintained at, or above current levels as outlined in the 2023 investment plan. This allows the Mayors' Council to move forward with the 2024/2025 investment plan and also extends the "under 12 for free" program which allows children under 12 to ride transit for free.

He further advised that TransLink recently launched their development arm, the purpose of which is to allow TransLink to build residential or commercial rental developments on lands they own for which they don't need to provide transit service or which are on top of transit infrastructure and use a portion of the profits to help fund transit. Mayor Pachal noted that this could mean development opportunities on top of SkyTrain stations or adjacent to bus loops. He noted that this region, unlike some other Canadian regions, is fortunate not to have to implement any transit cuts.

5. BYLAWS

a. Council Code of Conduct Bylaw 3225

Kelly Kenney, Corporate Officer provided a PowerPoint presentation on development of the proposed Council Code of Conduct Bylaw, providing information on:

- the purpose of a code of conduct;
- legislative requirements;
- Council direction to prepare a code of conduct;
- prescribed principles for codes of conduct;
- sections of the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report of the Corporate Officer dated March 13, 2023 entitled Council Code of Conduct Bylaw, 2023, No. 3225 be received for information.

CARRIED

1. Bylaw 3225 - Council Code of Conduct Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to regulate the conduct of Council members.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "Council Code of Conduct Bylaw, 2023, No. 3225" be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

b. Inter-municipal Transportation Network Services Business Licence Bylaw

It was MOVED and SECONDED

1. THAT Council approve the Inter-municipal Transportation Network Services (TNS) Business Licence Agreement which adds the District of Hope, the District of Kent, and the City of Mission to the agreement.
2. THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the Intermunicipal Transportation Network Services (TNS) Business Licence Agreement.

CARRIED

1. Bylaw 3239 - Inter-municipal Transportation Network Services
Business Licence Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to enter into an Inter-municipal Transportation Network Services Business Licence Scheme

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as Inter-municipal Transportation Network Services Business Licence Bylaw, 2023, No. 3239 be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Committee 2023 Work Plan

Councillor Wallace, Chair of the Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Committee spoke to the committee report dated March 24, 2023.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage (ARCH) Committee 2023 Work Plan.

CARRIED

b. Crime Prevention Committee – Security Measures to Deter Mail Theft

Councillor Albrecht, Chair of the Crime Prevention Committee spoke to the committee report dated March 14, 2023.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct the Development Services Department to investigate the feasibility of requiring target-hardening security measures as a standard requirement, as suggested by Canada Post, to deter mail theft for new multi-family development applications.

CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. Out of Province Travel - Director of Corporate Services
- b. Out of Province Conference Request - Deputy Director of Development Services

It was MOVED and SECONDED

- 1. THAT Council approve Darrin Leite, the Director of Corporate Services, to attend the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Annual International Conference in Portland, Oregon from May 21 to 24, 2023.
- 2. THAT the Deputy Director of Development Services & Economic Development be authorized to attend the Canadian Institute of Planners National Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia from June 27-30, 2023.

CARRIED

- c. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Grant Application, EOC and Training

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT City Council support the application by the Langley City Fire Rescue Service, on behalf of the City of Langley, for a \$30,000 grant from the UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for modernizing equipment and training for the Emergency Operation Centre.

CARRIED

8. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Motions/Notices of Motion
 - 1. Request for Support of a Council Member to Continue to Serve on LMLGA Executive Board

Councillor Paul Albrecht

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council supports Councillor Paul Albrecht's nomination for re-election to the position of First Vice-President on the Executive Board of the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) for the 2023-2024 term.

CARRIED

2. Motion to Amend Previously Adopted Motion: UBCM Poverty Reduction Planning and Action Stream 2 Funding Application

Kim Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the motion passed at the March 20, 2023 Regular Council meeting which reads as follows:

“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.”

be replaced with the following motion:

“THAT Council support City 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, and City staff’s willingness to provide overall grant management.”

CARRIED

3. Amend Previously Adopted Resolution - Sustainable Canadian Municipalities Asset Management Fund

Mayor Pachal

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the resolution passed at the February 27, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, which reads as follows:

“Sustainable Canadian Municipalities Asset Management Fund

WHEREAS Canada’s infrastructure deficit is estimated to be as high as \$570B with almost 60% of the deficit within municipal jurisdictions.

WHEREAS the costs to replace and repair municipal infrastructure for critical services such as roads, arenas, bridges, drinking water, and wastewater systems are estimated to be \$141 billion, which is well beyond the financial capacity of municipalities across the country due to limited revenue generation options, and all while

costs for infrastructure renewal continue to escalate at an exponential rate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada create a sustainable and reliable municipal asset management fund, like the permanent Building Canada's Public Transit Future Fund, to increase investments in infrastructure renewal, which is essential to enhance public safety, reduce health risks, ensure economic sustainability, and lessen the financial burden on future generations to pay for the infrastructure deficit."

be replaced with the following resolution:

"Sustainable Canadian Local Governments Asset Management Fund

WHEREAS Canada's infrastructure deficit is estimated to be as high as \$570B with almost 60% of the deficit within local government jurisdictions.

WHEREAS the costs to replace and repair local government infrastructure for critical services such as roads, arenas, bridges, drinking water, and wastewater systems are estimated to be \$141 billion, which is well beyond the financial capacity of local governments across the country due to limited revenue generation options, and all while costs for infrastructure renewal continue to escalate at an exponential rate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada create a sustainable and reliable local government asset management fund, like the permanent Building Canada's Public Transit Future Fund, to increase investments in infrastructure renewal, which is essential to enhance public safety, reduce health risks, ensure economic sustainability, and lessen the financial burden on future generations to pay for the infrastructure deficit."

CARRIED

4. Sustainable Canadian Local Governments Asset Management Fund

Mayor Pachal

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for consideration at its September Board Meeting:

WHEREAS Canada's infrastructure deficit is estimated to be as high as \$570B with almost 60% of the deficit within local government jurisdictions.

WHEREAS the costs to replace and repair local government infrastructure for critical services such as roads, arenas, bridges, drinking water, and wastewater systems are estimated to be \$141 billion, which is well beyond the financial capacity of local governments across the country due to limited revenue generation options, and all while costs for infrastructure renewal continue to escalate at an exponential rate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that FCM petition the Government of Canada to create a sustainable and reliable local government asset management fund, like the permanent Building Canada's Public Transit Future Fund, to increase investments in infrastructure renewal, which is essential to enhance public safety, reduce health risks, ensure economic sustainability, and lessen the financial burden on future generations to pay for the infrastructure deficit.

CARRIED

b. Correspondence

c. New Business

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:41 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER