



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 17, 2023

7:03 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
H. Gill, Manager of Engineering Services
K. Kenney, 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 April 17, 2023 regular agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2023
- b. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2023

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Regular and Special (Pre-Closed) Meetings held April 3, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

- a. Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job - April 28

Wendy Cook, BCTF Representative on the New Westminster & District Labour Council, made a presentation to Council regarding the upcoming Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job, providing information as follows:

- Each year the New Westminster & District Labour Council provides presentations to 14 municipalities and 7 school boards within their region to seek their support, and recognition of April 28 as the Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job;
- Workplace health and safety is everyone's responsibility;
- The Canadian Labour Congress's (CLC) 2023 theme is Know Your Rights; Use the Tools, Defend our Wins;
- In 2021, over 1000 people in Canada died as a result of their work;
- Too many people lose their lives to occupational diseases; and those numbers are just the tip of the iceberg because they include only those fatalities accepted by the Workers Compensation system;
- In cases of workplace exposure to toxic chemicals or materials, like asbestos, effects only become apparent, months, years, or decades later;
- On September 22, 2022, the first asbestos memorial in North America was officially dedicated by the BC Labour Heritage Centre; the memorial honours the thousands of victims who have died or been impacted by asbestos exposure;
- Labour leaders, government leaders, workers, family and friends gathered for the unveiling of Magic and Lethal, a metal artwork that is activated by the wind and evokes a visual connection to the lungs and bronchial airways of the human body;

- The memorial, which is located by the Vancouver Convention Centre, is the place where workers, who, for decades, without protective equipment, loaded asbestos into ships for export;
- Workers aren't disposable, which is why the CLC says it fights for the living;
- We owe it to the families who have lost their loved ones to preventable workplace fatalities, injuries, and illnesses to do better for today's workers;
- Know your Rights:
 - There is no better prevention measure than a well-trained, empowered, health and safety committee;
 - Education is key, and especially true for young workers who may not know their rights or may not feel able to speak up;
 - While the average age of injured workers in BC in 2021 was 42 years, WorkSafe statistics show that young people are seriously injured at some of the highest rates of all workers; these injuries can impact young workers for the rest of their lives
- Use the Tools:
 - refers to legislation, regulation, education, equipment and more; however, the most powerful health and safety tool is knowledge;
 - Education and information empowers all workers to stand up for their rights at work;
 - investing in proactive prevention measures will ensure workers can return home to their loved ones at the end of the day free from work-related illness and injuries;
- Accountability is critical when it comes to health and safety at work;
- As workers we hold each other accountable, reporting issues and dangers as soon as they arise and actively participating in joint health and safety committees;
- We call on employers to invest in meaningful prevention measures, offer robust, ongoing training, identify workplace hazards and develop an action plan for addressing them, and ensure worker participation in developing and monitoring the systems that will make workspaces safer;
- Governments are also accountable and have a role to play in ensuring health and safety in our workplaces
- We call on federal and provincial governments to hire and train more health and safety officers and inspectors, enforce the laws we have, including legislated occupational health and safety requirements and the Westray Law; and include mental health as a specific component of occupation health and safety in Canada Labour Code;
- Here in BC, unions have made hard fought gains in ensuring appropriate WorkSafe BC coverage, some examples include:

- in 2018, the provincial government introduced presumptive coverage for mental health disorders,
- in 2019, coverage was expanded to include more categories of work under the presumptive clause when a worker from an eligible occupation, such as a first responder, receives a formal diagnosis of PTSD or another mental health disorder as a result of a work-related traumatic event or events, it is easier to advance a Workers Compensation claim;
- Presumptive coverage for firefighters has been expanded to include 20 occupational diseases including the addition of ovarian and cervical cancers, which represents an important milestone for equity in workplace health and safety;
- Defend our Wins
 - Refers to improvements like those referenced above that workers have gained over long years of lobbying all levels of government and sharing heartbreaking stories of preventable loss, trauma, and suffering;
 - When it comes to workplace health and safety, we cannot take any backward steps; workplace injuries, illnesses and fatalities are preventable and must never be seen as just part of the job;
- Last year's Canadian Labour Congress campaign "Work Shouldn't Hurt" called upon the federal government to take a leadership role internationally by ratifying the International Labour Organization (ILO) Convention 190, which aims to eliminate violence and harassment at work; am pleased to report it has passed and early this year Canada became the 25th country in the world to ratify the convention which provides a common framework for action and a unique opportunity to shape a future of work based on social justice.

Ms. Cook invited Council members to join the Labour Council at an in-person observation of the Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job on Friday, April 28th at 11:00 a.m. in Westminster Pier Park in New Westminster.

Mayor Pachal thanked Ms. Cook for her delegation and advised that, while Council does not pass proclamations as a matter of policy, Council will be holding a ceremony on April 28th for the Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job at the flagpole outside City Hall.

Council then observed a minute of silence in observance of workers killed and injured on the job.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – May 1, 2023

Regular Council Meeting – May 8, 2023

b. Council Advisory Bodies Update

Mayor Pachal, as Metro Vancouver Regional District's representative on the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA), advised that this year's conference and AGM has the highest number of registrants and sponsors ever.

5. BYLAWS

a. Bylaw 3225 - Council Code of Conduct Bylaw

Final 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 final time.

CARRIED

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

Final 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 final time.

CARRIED

c. Bylaw 3240 - 2023 Tax Rate Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to Levy property value taxes for municipal purposes for the year 2023

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "2023 Tax Rates Bylaw, 2023 No. 3240" be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

d. Amendments to Floodplain Elevation Bylaw No.2768

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the report from the Manager of Engineering Services dated April 17, 2023 regarding amendments to Floodplain Elevation Bylaw, No. 2768 be received for information.

CARRIED

1. Bylaw 3232 - Floodplain Elevation Bylaw Amendment

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to reduce exposure to risk for new development by reducing the potential for damage to structures and property due to flooding

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "Floodplain Elevation Bylaw, No. 2768, Amendment No. 1, 2023, No. 3232" be read a first, second and third time.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, in response to a question from a Council member, Mr. Gill advised that, as setback distance requirements are established by provincial legislation, the bylaw will not affect set back requirements for environmentally sensitive areas for new developments; however, with respect to the size of the floodplain, as a result of new, more accurate information and updated surveying, there are some changes to the floodplain; noting that in some areas it is more and in some areas it is less.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

e. New Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Regulations Bylaw, No. 3210

It was MOVED and SECONDED

a) THAT the report of the Manager of Engineering Services dated April 17, 2023 regarding:

- a) The proposed new Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Regulations Bylaw, 2023, No. 3210;
- b) The proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2010, No. 2837; and
- c) The proposed amendments to the City's Municipal Ticket Information System Bylaw, 2011, No. 2846

be received for information.

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

- water from City water parks currently drains into the sewer system; to capture the water to recycle it would require the installation of a water filtering system which would be quite expensive;
- staff can determine the cost of implementing such a water filtering system for the City's waterparks as compared to letting the water from them run into the sewer system.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

1. Bylaw 3210 - Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Regulation Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to regulate the use of sanitary sewers and storm sewers in the City of Langley and to establish terms and conditions under which the services may be given

2. Bylaw 3214 - Fees and Charges Bylaw Amendment

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw to set sanitary sewer usage fees

3. Bylaw 3212 - Municipal Ticket Information System Bylaw Amendment

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to amend fees in the Municipal Ticket Information System bylaw related to sanitary sewer and storm sewer regulations

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Regulation Bylaw, No. 3210" be read a first, second and third time.

THAT the bylaw cited as "Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2010, Bylaw No. 2837, Amendment No. 33, 2023, No. 3214" be read a first, second and third time.

THAT the bylaw cited as "Municipal Ticket Information System Bylaw, 2011, No. 2846, Amendment No. 19, 2023, No. 3212" be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Crime Prevention Committee – 2023 Annual Work Plan

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Crime Prevention Committee 2023 Annual Work Plan.

CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. Approval of E-Comm Board of Directors Designates for Years 2023-2027

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approves the Township of Langley's chosen representative, Councillor Barb Martens as a designate for election to the E-Comm Board of Directors for each of the Board's yearly terms between 2023-2027.

THAT Council approves the City of Surrey's chosen representative as a designate for election to the E-Comm Board of Directors for each of the Board's yearly terms between 2023-2027.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED Councillor Albrecht expressed concern that the Township of Langley's chosen representative could have a conflict of interest in serving on the E-Comm Board if she is still a police officer.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

b. Consumption of Liquor in Parks and Public Facilities

It was MOVED and SECONDED

1. THAT Council bring forward an amendment bylaw to the Parks and Public Facilities Regulations Bylaw, 2018, No. 3048 as follows:
 - a. Amend s. 11 vii. – consume or have in their possession any Liquor or Controlled Substance in a Park or Public Facility unless the Liquor or Controlled Substance is consumed or possessed pursuant to and in compliance with a license issued under the Liquor Control and Licensing Act S.B.C 2015, c. 19 or the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, S.C. 1996, c. 19, except under Part 3 – General Regulations, Consumption of Liquor at Selected Parks and Public Facilities;
 - b. Add subsection Consumption of Liquor at Selected Parks and Public Facilities under Part 3 – General Regulations:
 21. Consumption of liquor is permitted every Thursday to Saturday from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm, and every Sunday from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm from June 1st to October 31st each year at the following locations:
 - McBurney Plaza;
 - Designated area in Douglas Park; and
 - Picnic shelters at City Park.
2. THAT, upon adoption of the amendment bylaw, City Council allocate \$1,500.00 from the Enterprise Fund to prepare signage to notify the public of the liquor consumption area and permitted consumption hours.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor Wallace

c. Repeal of Council Policy CO-13 – Ethical Standards of Conduct for Elected Officials

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council Policy CO-13 – Ethical Standards of Conduct for Elected Officials be repealed.

CARRIED

8. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Motions/Notices of Motion

1. Prioritizing Municipal Input in Future RCMP Contract Policing Decisions
Mayor Pachal

It was MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS, The Government of Canada has made the decision in Budget 2023 to make municipalities responsible for all retroactive costs stemming from the latest RCMP collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, These extraordinary one-time costs, which in some jurisdictions amount to millions of dollars, will cause significant hardship for communities and residents across the country, and were negotiated without meaningful consultation or a seat at the table for the municipalities responsible for paying the bill; and

WHEREAS, Municipal governments are already paying a growing share of policing costs, but unlike other orders of government, cannot run deficits to spread out the impact of these extraordinary one-time sums, and have limited revenue tools; and

WHEREAS, Local governments will now be forced to make difficult decisions that will impact residents, such as cutting essential services, reducing policing levels, raising property taxes significantly, and/or cancelling work on local infrastructure, at a time when Canadians' concerns about community safety and the cost of living are already rising; and

WHEREAS, Going forward, it is critical that municipalities be proactively engaged in any forthcoming processes related to contract policing to prevent this occurring again;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Langley joins the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the federal government to commit to ensuring that local governments are meaningfully consulted, fully informed, and at the table on issues related to policing costs given the municipal role in keeping our communities safe;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Langley conveys this support in writing to local Members of Parliament.

CARRIED

- b. Correspondence
- c. New Business

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting procedural rules be suspended to allow the addition of a new item to the agenda - "Earth Day Event".

CARRIED

1. Earth Day Event – Councillor Wallace

Councillor Wallace advised of the upcoming Earth Day event taking place at Douglas Park on April 22 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm advising that:

- in partnership with Langley Environmental Partnerships, the City will be holding an upcycling challenge, and thanked the City's Recreation Department and the Downtown Langley Business Association for their support of the event;
- there will also be environmental groups, container gardens, and other workshops happening that day.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:37 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER