



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 11, 2023

4:30 pm

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

Present:

Mayor Pachal
Councillor Albrecht (5:36 pm)
Councillor James
Councillor Mack
Councillor Solyom
Councillor Wallace
Councillor White

Staff Present

F. Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer
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
D. Pollock, Acting Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer
S. Paulson, Communications Officer

Mayor Pachal began by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is on the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the September 11, 2023 Special meeting agenda be adopted as amended to add the following items to agenda:

2.c. Team Building at UBCM

2.d. Meeting Format Changes

CARRIED

2. COMMENCE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council commence Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

- a. Community Organization Information Session - Langley Community Services Society (LCSS)

The following staff from LCSS were in attendance:

Sanjeev Nand, Executive Director

Mary Tanielian, Director of Settlement and Employment Services

Greg Davis, Director of Child, Youth and Family Services

Laura Kendel, Manager of Substance Use

Lia Margueratt, Manager of Community Counselling and Family Success

LCSS staff made a PowerPoint presentation, providing information on the following:

- Langley Community Services Society (LCSS):
 - Mission:
 - United, we empower and inspire individuals and families to enhance their lives and build inclusive, healthy communities
 - Vision:
 - Enriching Lives
 - Values
 - Inclusion, Diversity & Community
 - Integrity, Respect

- Dedication, Excellence
 - Collaboration, Partnership
- Governance Structure:
 - Policy Governance Model
- Strategic Directions:
 - Build Community Relationships
 - Strengthen Services
 - Strengthen Our Workforce
 - Strengthen Infrastructure
 - Ensure Financial Sustainability and Growth
- Showed Organization Chart;
- LCSS is a non-profit organization, incorporated in 1971 with 52 years of experience delivering programs and services to the Langley communities;
- Serves over 9,000 individuals, couples and families on an annual basis;
- Main sources of funding: Provincial and Federal, and Fraser Health Authority;
- Operates in accordance with the BC Societies Act with 9 volunteer Board of Directors;
- Accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA) since 2014;
- Child and family services:
 - Family Place Resource Program:
 - is a free drop-in program for caregivers and children ages birth to six years old;
 - Child Care Resources & Referral Program:
 - offers support to the Langley Communities for parents who are seeking child care and for child care providers;
 - Support for child care providers:
 - support visits and consultation
 - resource & equipment lending libraries
 - workshops to enhance the quality of child care
 - referrals to families
 - networking opportunities;
 - Support to families:
 - referrals to Child Care in their area;
 - information & support on selecting appropriate child care;
 - assistance with the Affordable Child Care Benefits

- family support through training workshops and handouts;
- Community counselling:
 - free counselling for Langley residents with children 10 years and under
- Family Success Program
 - offers family therapy to families struggling with child protection concerns or family functioning challenges; LCSS also offers family therapy to families that are at high risk of experiencing a decline in family functioning;
- Family Connections Program:
 - provides in-home counselling, support, and advocacy to families with a focus on reducing risk factors and keeping children safe;
- Parent outreach & education:
 - no charge confidential in-home or on-site support, education and counselling to parents of children up to 14 years of age;
 - six workshops annually; topics include - Children with Anxiety, Stages of Child Development, and Parent Child Relationships;
- Supportive Visitation Program;
- Substance Use Services:
 - Free confidential services for adults, youth, children, and seniors residing in the Langley's;
- Intensive Case Management:
 - engaging and establishing therapeutic relationships and providing client centered/individualized services with individuals who meet the ICMT criteria;
- Employment Services:
 - under IRCC, provides career /vocational sessions, career Assessments, employment plans and referral and help youth to develop a range of skills in order to participate in the current and future labour market;
 - Skills to Success Program;
 - Education Assistant (EA) PBLMT,
 - Structured Cabling (SC) PBLMT,
- Settlement & Integration Services:
 - Women's Program;
 - Seniors' Program;
 - Mentorship and Volunteerism;

- Early Learning Program;
- Early Years Refugee Program Healthcare;
- Bond to Literacy;
- Poverty Law Advocacy Program;
- Resilience BC;
- Langley Local Immigration Partnership;
- LCSS partnerships with other organizations;
- LCSS community events.

In response to questions from Council members, attendees advised that:

- the creation of a daycare subsidy has not helped the daycare program as there aren't enough early childhood educators or child care centres; there is a two to three year waiting list for before and after school daycare spots; although the province is working to provide more daycares, it is expensive to lease space;
- they are wanting to expand their facility to provide more counselling office space so they could train more interns and be able to see more clients; however, building costs are exorbitant
- the Intimate Violence program for men is a new program that just started and is open to anyone who is a Langley resident; as the province pays for the course, provincial referrals to the program take priority; currently there are 15 individuals taking the course, five of which were ministry referrals;
- the 100 person waiting list to get counselling includes only the individuals who have been screened by staff; there are at least 30 individuals staff need to call back to get screened; another position is needed to supervise interns; funding for this program hasn't changed in over 20 years; this program is severely underfunded by the province; have been advocating for more funding; the program has trained over 700 clinicians

b. Closed Meeting Procedures

Kelly Kenney, Corporate Officer provided a PowerPoint presentation on Closed Meeting Procedures, providing information on the following:

- What are the rules?
- Determining what matters should be discussed in a closed meeting
- Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act considerations
- What are potential consequences of not following the rules?

- Best practices.

In response to a question from a Council member, Ms. Kenney advised that under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, there is a maximum length of time information may be publicly withheld under Section 12(3)(b) (substance of deliberations of a meeting held in the absence of the public).

Councillor Albrecht entered the meeting.

c. Team Building at UBCM

Mayor Pachal canvassed Council as to who would be attending the upcoming UBCM Convention and suggested attendees meet up for a lunch or dinner together during the conference.

d. Meeting Format Changes

Mayor Pachal noted that use of Committee of the Whole and a Consent Agenda are intended to ensure transparency of decision making and to increase efficiency of Council meetings.

In response to questions from members of Council, Mayor Pachal advised that:

- Council may not speak to an item on the Consent Agenda unless it is removed from the Consent Agenda;
- in order to remove an item from the Consent Agenda, a Council member must make a request to the Presiding Member to remove the item prior to the motion being made to adopt the recommendations listed in the Consent Agenda.

In response to a question from a member of Council, Ms. Kenney advised that public notice of Special Meetings of Committee of the Whole will be posted on the door outside the Council Chambers, on the City's website, and on the public notice posting board on the first floor of City Hall and that members of the public may attend; however, meetings will not be livestreamed.

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - RISE AND REPORT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED

4. RATIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 5:47 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER