

CITY OF
LANGLEY



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 11, 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
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 regular agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Before consideration of adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items b.1., b.2., and b.4. were removed.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

a. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting Minutes from July 24, 2023

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 24, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

2. Public Hearing Minutes from July 24, 2023

THAT the minutes of the public hearing held on July 24, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

3. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from July 24, 2023

THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on July 24, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

b. **CORRESPONDENCE**

THAT the following correspondence be received for Information:

3. A Municipal Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence

Battered Women's Support Services

5. Arthritis Awareness Month - September

Arthritis Society Canada

6. Rail Safety Week - Sept 18 - 24, 2023

CN Rail

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

See Consent Agenda

4. DELEGATIONS

a. Fall Banner, Call for Artists - Award Winner

Samantha Paulson, Communications Officer, explained that a staff working group developed a Street Banner Program. Under the program, each year the City rotates, spring, summer, and fall street banners to enhance the look and feel of the community and charm of downtown Langley. A call for artists was developed in spring/summer of this year which was open to emerging and established artists who could create two pieces of complementary art work.

The working group is pleased to announce that Wilson School of Design KPU 2022 graduate, Kurtis Stevenson, designed the chosen banner artwork and received a \$1,000 honorarium.

Kurtis Stevenson was in attendance and explained his concept for the banners to Council, noting that the brief from the City was to create banners that represent diversity, inclusion, and community, which he represented through an intertwined, woven system of social culture, that highlights socializing, food and beverages, harvesting, exploring, and other outdoor activities.

Mayor and Council presented Mr. Stevenson with two full sized banners displaying his artwork.

5. COUNCIL REPORTS

a. Upcoming Regular Council Meetings

September 25, 2023

October 16, 2023

b. Council Advisory Bodies Update

Mayor Pachal advised that the majority of Council members will be attending the UBCM conference the week of September 18th, which provides an opportunity for Council members to connect with other municipalities across the province, and advocating with the other municipalities for actions they would like the provincial and federal governments to take. Council members will also be meeting with several provincial ministers on specific topics of concern to City of Langley.

6. **BYLAWS**

a. Bylaw 3255 - 2023-2027 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw

First and second reading of a bylaw to amend the 2023-2027 Financial Plan (capital projects).

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "Financial Plan 2023 – 2027 Bylaw, 2023, No. 3233, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 3255" be read a first and second time.

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

- with respect to Item 6 in the bylaw – 56 Ave. 200 St. to 203 St. project, additional funds for this project were previously requested at time of award, and subsequently approved by Council, due to price escalation; further funds are now being requested for this project due to an ongoing claim with the contractor for circumstances experienced in the field as the project proceeded, that staff are still working through; the additional funds requested represent the expected maximum total claim; however, staff are working with the contractor to hopefully reduce the amount of the claim;
- with respect to Item 10 in the bylaw – Cast Iron and Watermain Replacement project, during the design phase of this project, staff determined there was a need to increase the replacement of watermains in this area, resulting in an increase in the scope of work; in the last 18 months the City has experienced significant cost increases for capital projects; the funding for this project is coming from other watermain projects that aren't proceeding;
- with respect to Item 12 in the bylaw – 46 Ave, 206A to 207 St. Storm Sewer project, which shows the same amount of funds requested as was requested previously, is not a request for additional funds, rather it represents a correction as this project was inadvertently left off the bylaw schedule of the previous bylaw approved by Council;
- with respect to Item 8 - Douglas Park Washroom project, the funding for this project represents the cheapest of three project options that were considered; additional funding is required due to anticipated increased construction costs and the need to factor in a cost escalation contingency due to the length of time it will take to complete the project; staff do not anticipate needing to use the entire budget; this project has not been tendered yet;

- it is difficult to mitigate the risk of cost escalations, as staff really can't know the true cost of a project until it goes to market.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

Darrin Leite, Director of Corporate Services advised that the Parks Department has requested an additional item for the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan that is not listed in this bylaw. Staff are requesting an additional \$80,000 be added from the machinery replacement reserve to purchase a new wood chipper which is used by Parks staff in the fall, as the current one is broken. Staff could rent the machinery over the season and then include this request in the 2024 Financial Plan, but because the 2023-2027 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw is before Council tonight, staff are seeking Council's approval to add this item as an amendment to the bylaw.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT purchase of a wood chipper, in the amount of \$80,000, funded from the Machinery Replacement Reserve, be included in Financial Plan 2023 – 2027 Bylaw, 2023, No. 3233, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 3255.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "Financial Plan 2023 – 2027 Bylaw, 2023, No. 3233, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 3255" be read a third time, as amended.

CARRIED

- b. Bylaw 3254 - Zoning Amendment No. 197 and Development Permit No. 06-23

First and second reading of a bylaw to rezone the property located at 19948 55A Avenue from RS1 Single Family Residential Zone to CD91 Comprehensive Development Zone to accommodate a 6-storey, 126-unit apartment development.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "Zoning Bylaw 1996, No. 2100 Amendment No. 197, 2023, No. 3254" be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

- c. Bylaw 3250 - Zoning Amendment No. 194 and Development Permit No. 01-23

Third reading of a bylaw to rezone the property located at 20214 & 20224 54A Avenue from RM1 Multiple Residential Low Density Zone to CD88 Comprehensive Development to accommodate a 6-storey, 75-unit apartment development.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "Zoning Bylaw 1996, No. 2100 Amendment No. 194, 2023, No. 3250" be read a third time.

BEFORE THE QUESTION CALLED

Mayor Pachal summarized the following items that Council members had asked the applicant, at the Public Hearing on this bylaw, to report back to Council on, prior to consideration of final reading of the bylaw:

- confirm units do have air conditioning;
- working with neighbouring strata on tree replacement;
- completion of traffic impact assessment;
- review of sight lines for underground parking;
- applicant to provide bike rack mounting as part of the sale.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Arts, Culture, Recreation & Heritage Committee - Heritage Railway Project
It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT Council approve moving forward with the Local Langley City Railway History Signage.
CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. Amendments to Living Wage Policy for City Employees and Contract Instructors Policy CO-75 and Living Wage Policy for Service Providers and Sub-Contractors Policy CO-76
Councillor Mack requested separation of the motions
It was MOVED and SECONDED
1. THAT City Council approve the amendments to Living Wage Policy for City Employees and Contract Instructors Policy CO-75 and Living Wage Policy for Service Providers and Sub-Contractors Policy CO-76.
CARRIED
Opposed: Councillor Mack

It was MOVED and SECONDED
2. THAT City Council direct staff to develop a Fair Wage Program for consideration and implementation commencing 2024.
CARRIED
- b. Asset Management Planning Program Grant Application
It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT City Council endorse the “UBCM 2023 Asset Management Planning Program” grant application for the City’s “Development of Asset Management Plan and Levels of Service Framework” project.
CARRIED

c. Bus Rapid Transit Corridor on 200 Street to Proposed 203 Street SkyTrain Station

Mayor Pachal provided background on the purpose of the proposed resolution, advising that:

- the Mayors' Council is coming up to its new 10 Year Vision and want to get two, three, or four Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lines built;
- as it is recognized that there needs to be a dozen or so of these lines built in the region, it is highly competitive as to which part of Metro Vancouver will get the first suite of BRT routes;
- in determining which areas should be the first to get BRT routes, TransLink and the Mayors' Council must consider such factors as affordability, and the ability to execute the project quickly;
- for various reasons, a BRT line has yet to be fully implemented in the region;
- the Mayors' Council is looking for a project that is going to be fully BRT; so is seeking the full support of Councils for BRT;
- road reallocation is required to implement BRT and some municipalities may not be willing to do this, which would remove them from the running for BRT;
- in our part of the region, 200 St. and King George Blvd. are the two routes that are in the running as to which one will get BRT first;
- in speaking with the Mayors of the Township of Langley, and Maple Ridge, there is agreement that the 200 St. corridor is important to all three municipalities;
- this motion seeks to affirm that BRT is important to this Council.

David Pollock, Acting Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment advised that there are two similar but different motions with respect to BRT for Council's consideration, advising that:

- TransLink's Transport 2050 was approved in 2022, out of which came the 10-Year Priority Plan. There's up to nine BRT identified in the region;
- TransLink is now analyzing and evaluating each of these routes which will be coming to the Mayors' Council quite soon for discussion and looking at which projects can be accomplished quickly;
- the first resolution reflects an overall perspective of BRT, and is meant to affirm Council's support for prioritizing BRT and letting TransLink know it's important to the City of Langley that the 200 St. BRT terminate at the future 203 St. SkyTrain station which will also have a transit exchange. This is reflective of the City's OCP which prioritizes transit orientated development and increased density in near the future SkyTrain station.

1. Prioritization of the 200th Street Bus Rapid Transit Corridor - Motion of Support

It was MOVED and SECONDED

1. WHEREAS TransLink and the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation unanimously endorsed the Access for Everyone Plan (also called Transport 2050: 10-Year Priorities) in 2022 to urgently expand and improve transit throughout Metro Vancouver to support record-setting population growth, housing affordability, GHG emission reduction targets and reconciliation;

2. WHEREAS the Access for Everyone Plan places a strong emphasis on quick and cost-effective, delivery of new at-grade rapid transit through nine new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridors throughout the Region;

3. WHEREAS the Access for Everyone Plan identified a new BRT line along 200 Street, terminating at the 203 Street Skytrain Station and Transit Exchange to enhance livability and transportation in the City of Langley and supports future Transit Orientated Development that is suited to rapid transit and will facilitate new housing and employment opportunities around the new SkyTrain corridor as well as the BRT;

4. WHEREAS BRT requires the allocation of road space and reconfiguring of roads for successful implementation;

5. WHEREAS Municipalities are the primary administrators of local and regional roads in the region and will be crucial partners in the successful implementation of future BRT corridors;

6. WHEREAS TransLink and the Mayors' Council are currently undertaking a prioritization exercise to determine the order in which BRT corridors will be implemented that emphasizes a 'work with the willing' approach so that first phase of BRT projects can be built quickly and to a high quality, with maximum support from municipal and other local government partners, to serve as a showcase for this type of rapid transit to the rest of the Region;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the City of Langley supports a BRT line featuring dedicated bus lanes, transit signal priority, enhanced customer amenities at stations and specialized vehicles to support fast, reliable, high-quality rapid transit to along the 200 Street BRT route terminating at the 203 Street Skytrain Station and Transit Exchange;

THAT City of Langley support for this project will include:

- Working with TransLink to finalize and sign a Bus Rapid Transit Action Plan Commitment Framework to partner with TransLink to expeditiously achieve a high quality BRT corridor;
- A commitment to deliver a BRT with near continuous exclusive transit lane along the length of the corridor, achieved primarily through reallocation of existing road space;
- Support for prioritizing transit, including willingness to reallocate space from parking, changes to property access, turn restrictions, and transit signal priority;
- Willingness to allocate, resources, and in-kind support;
- Appointing a BRT “Council champion,” a BRT internal staff lead, and dedicated staff team to support the project through all phases;
- Willingness to expedite processes, permits and approvals, and to co-lead and support public engagement;
- Aligning local plans and policies to support Transit Oriented Communities and implement supportive infrastructure including walking and cycling networks.

THAT City of Langley direct staff to work expeditiously with TransLink and coordinate with adjacent municipalities towards the planning, design and implementation of BRT within the municipality;

THAT City of Langley ask the Mayors’ Council to prioritize the 200 Street BRT route and having the 200 Street BRT terminate at the 203 Street SkyTrain Station and Transit Exchange as a Tier 1 priority BRT project, based on the municipality’s readiness to support the project.

CARRIED

2. City of Langley Staff Report: Bus Rapid Transit Corridor on 200 Street to Proposed 203 Street SkyTrain Station

It was MOVED and SECONDED

1. THAT the City of Langley supports the implementation of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) routes across the Region as identified in the Mayors Council "Transport 2050: 10 Year Priorities";
2. THAT the 200 Street BRT route should terminate at the 203 Street SkyTrain Station and Transit Exchange in the City of Langley; and
3. THAT TransLink be notified of the City of Langley's endorsement of BRT and the integration with the proposed 203 Street SkyTrain Station and Transit Exchange.

CARRIED

9. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Motions/Notices of Motion

10. CORRESPONDENCE

1. CKF Inc - Request for Letter of Support

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council issue a letter of support for CKF Inc.'s capital investment plans in the Greater Langley area.

CARRIED

2. Request for Support: Stop all advertising with Meta platforms Facebook and Instagram

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the request from Black Press Media in their correspondence dated July 13, 2023 to Mayor and Council, that the City, as a show of support for local news media, stop all advertising with Meta platforms Facebook and Instagram and divert the portion of its advertising budget spent on Meta to invest in local news media, be referred to staff for review.

CARRIED

4. Langley City Hat Project

Bruce Downing

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the letter from Bruce Downing dated July 31, 2023 regarding a suggested Langley City Hat Project be referred to the Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Committee for consideration.

CARRIED

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:53 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER