



## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday, December 11, 2023**  
**3:00 pm**  
**Council Chambers, Langley City Hall**  
**20399 Douglas Crescent**

**Present:** Mayor Pachal  
Councillor Albrecht  
Councillor James  
Councillor Mack  
Councillor Solyom (3:32 pm)  
Councillor Wallace

**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  
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer  
D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services  
D. Pollock, Acting Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment

### **1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the December 11, 2023 special meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

### 3. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council commence Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

Recessed at 3:01 pm and reconvened at 3:03 pm.

- a. Community Organization Information Session - Building a collaborative relationship with the Filipino community

Kristina Corpin-Moser, Project Director for Filipino BC advised that her organization is meeting with all levels of government to introduce their community, build relationships and advocate for better resourcing of the Filipino community by all levels of government.

Ms. Corpin-Moser provided a PowerPoint presentation to Council on Filipino BC's Strategic Plan, providing information on the following:

- Filipino BC:
  - strives to unite diverse groups and individuals, fostering a vibrant Filipino and broader community in British Columbia. Committed to unity and inclusivity, our non-profit empowers individuals, celebrates diversity, and contributes to a harmonious and thriving social and cultural tapestry. By Filipinos, For Everyone.
  - Focused Work Areas:
    - 01. Education and Information
    - 02. Community Advocacy
    - 03. Cultural Programming and' Social Service Delivery
- Mission and Vision
  - Cultural Background
  - Demographic Profile
  - Why do we need a Centre?
  - Facilities & Programs
- Filipino BC's Governance Structure:
  - Board of Directors (consists of 21 board members)
    - Responsibilities
  - Filipino Community Foundation:
    - Responsibilities
  - Advisory Committee:
    - Responsibilities
  - Community Organization Committee:
    - Responsibilities
  - Community Partnerships
  - Charitable Organization
  - Social Enterprise
- Operations & Programming

- Our Team
  - Current Team and Future Team (2024)
  - Responsibility
  - Programming:
    - Tsmis YVR
    - Mabuhay
    - Kusina
    - Lapu Lapu Day
    - Kapwa
    - Palengke
    - Kwentuhan
    - Kaalam
  - Existing Programming:
    - Bayani
    - Kusina
- Public Engagement Strategy
  - Purpose
  - Phases of Engagement
  - Engagement Timeline
- Project Scope & Objectives

Councillor Solyom entered the meeting.

- Engagement Goal & Promises
  - Phase 1 Sharing Information, Understanding community values & needs
  - Phase 2 Feedback on engagement results and proposed building programming for the cultural centre
  - Phase 3 Feedback on Schematic Design
- Findings & Asks
  1. A comprehensive review of funding models to better support equity-seeking groups. In particular for operational vs. project-based funding.
  2. Ongoing outreach to the community in ways which are shown to engage effectively, including suitable translations of government materials in Filipino; especially for issues related to anti-racism or race-based data collection
  3. Proactive steps to address the backlog of temporary foreign workers and those with open work permits. As well as funding to help communities address service gaps in the interim.
  4. Meaningful effort toward the creation of a racist incident hotline which is multilingual and culturally informed. (provincial government ask)
  5. A commitment to the inclusion and active
  6. recruitment of Filipino community members

- 7. for committees and policies related to justice,
- 8. equity, diversity & inclusion and BIPOC
- 9. populations.
- Suitable translations of government materials
- Have seat at table on discussions on anti racism.

In response to questions from Council members, Ms. Corpin-Moser advised that:

- she believes that the Filipino population ranks as 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in terms of visible minority population in Langley;
- her organization has identified some preferred locations for a cultural centre;
- their regional service strategy is a hub and spoke model.

Ms. Corpin-Moser advised that next year will be the 75th anniversary of Filipino Independence Day.

Council provided suggestions as to how the City and Filipino BC can work together:

- the organization could get involved in City committees;
- staff could look at what the City could do better in terms of diversity;
- partner on events (ex. hold Filipino Independence Day event, have Filipino BC participate in Heritage Committee event, Community Day);
- connect with the Langley Immigration Partnership organization.

#### **4. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - RISE AND REPORT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED

#### **5. RATIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff contact Filipino BC with respect to connections with Community day, the Heritage Committee, and the Langley Local Immigration Partnership.

CARRIED

**6. MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED MEETING**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Council Meeting immediately following this meeting be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered relates to items which comply with the following closed meeting criteria specified in Section 90 of the Community Charter:

(1) (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;

(1) (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;

(1) (m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting;

(2) (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

CARRIED

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:50 pm.

CARRIED

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Signed:

MAYOR

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Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER