



## MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 18, 2024

5:45 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  
G. Flack, Deputy Director of Corporate Services  
K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services  
C. Johannsen, Director of Development Services  
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer  
A. Marsden, Superintendent and OIC, RCMP, Langley  
D. Pollock, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment

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 March 18, 2024 agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## 2. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

### a. Crime Severity Index Conference

Councillor Paul Albrecht  
Councillor Delaney Mack

Councillor Mack and Councillor Albrecht provided an overview of the Crime Severity Index (CSI) Conference they recently attended in North Battleford Saskatchewan, providing information on the following:

- Twenty one communities expressed interest in wanting to be involved: eleven communities were represented at the conference;
- Presentations were received from:
  - Two Indigenous leaders within their communities, regarding how the CSI ranking impacts Indigenous community members;
  - Statistics Canada staff, regarding their annual Crime Severity Index report;
  - Operations Support Analyst, RCMP, “F” Division, regarding the CSI and policing;
  - A Professor from the University of Saskatchewan, regarding what the CSI is good for and what it is not good for;
- key learnings:
  - CSI data lacks context (ex. who is experiencing crime, relationship between victim and accused, whether it’s isolated to certain geographic area);
  - There are variables that discredit the ranking scale;
  - Stats Canada never intended to have municipalities ranked; against each other; the data is being misused by the media; Stats Canada is helping municipalities that are ranked in the top 10 to get ahead of the narrative;
  - The original purpose of the data was to monitor trends over time, help evaluate policy and programs, help identify social, economic, and cultural population changes in communities;
  - Ranking municipalities is like comparing apples to oranges:
    - for communities with small populations, one serious crime event can cause enormous swings in the SCI;
    - cities that serve as an economic hub for surrounding communities will have crimes committed by visitors counted against them, while only given credit for their census population;
  - The formula used to calculate the CSI was established fifteen years ago, a lot has changed so need to reevaluate how it’s used and how it’s reported out;
  - The SCI is negatively impacting Indigenous people; causing harms and trauma when the rankings are released;

- Next Steps:
  - Participating municipalities will be forming an unofficial task group and meeting electronically to establish next steps which will include setting up a meeting with the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, drafting a letter to Statistics Canada, and setting up meetings in other provinces.

In response to questions from Council members, Councillors Albrecht and Mack advised that:

- no immediate action is required of Council at this time;
- Statistics Canada staff did not indicate any specific actions they would be taking in response to the feedback they received at the conference with respect to the CSI; however, they are a month or two away from releasing some more data which will likely be reported back to the task group;
- Prince George and Fort St. John were two other BC municipalities that attended the conference;
- the names of the RCMP presenters can be provided to Supt. Marsden.

### **3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **a. Infrastructure Renewal Planning Process**

David Pollock, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the City's infrastructure renewal planning process, providing information on the following:

- Infrastructure Construction:
  - Challenge is to accommodate multiple asset types, all with differing lifecycles and in different levels of condition:
    - Preserve, or extend
    - Replace
    - Accommodate growth
    - New, significant facilities
  - Municipal capital projects
  - Private development
  - Third party (Province, Regional, 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Utilities)
- Capital Renewal Plan Development:
  - Option 1 – Toss a coin (NOT recommended)
  - Option 2 – Systematic Approach:
    - Assess current assets and needs
    - Establish goals and priorities
    - Develop budget and funding plan
    - Implement

- Municipal Projects – Ranking Criteria:
  - Council Priority
  - Critical
    - Risk to Health & Safety
    - Legislative Obligation
    - Imminent Loss of Asset
  - High
    - Deterioration or Obsolescence
    - Leverage External Funding
    - Emergent Conditions
  - Medium
    - Extend the Life of an Asset
    - Desirable New Infrastructure
    - Social, Cultural, and Aesthetic Value
    - Cost Effective to Replace or Repair it now
  - Low
    - Action Recommended in Studies / Reports
    - Promotes Inter-Municipal Cooperation
- Municipal Projects – Drivers:
  - Strategic Plan
  - Master Plans
    - Transportation
    - Water
    - Sanitary Sewer
    - Drainage
    - Parks, Recreation & Culture
  - Asset Management and Inventory
  - External Agency Initiatives or Plans
- Municipal Projects – Integration:
  - When developing a capital project scope, need to consider all assets in roadway and possibility of integration
    - Roads – curbs, sidewalks, bicycle facilities
    - Lighting
    - Water
    - Sanitary Sewer
    - Drainage
    - Trees
  - When considering scheduling of capital projects, staff will also determine if a project can be advanced, or deferred:
    - until other asset elements could be incorporated, or
    - when funding becomes available;
- Development Projects:
  - Infrastructure upgrades are identified through the rezoning or subdivision stages
  - Timelines of Development projects may vary
- Examples of Development Projects in the City

- Third Party Projects:
  - Skytrain
    - Fraser Highway - powerplant supply
    - Industrial Avenue - guideway
  - BRT
  - Third Party Utilities
    - Fraser One Way
- Capital Project Spotlight on Projects Going Forward this Year:
  - 56 Avenue – Utilities & Paving
  - Fraser One-Way: Full Road Reconstruction
  - Fraser Hwy: Water main, 201A St. to 203 St.
  - Barbour Field Backstop Replacement
  - Douglas Park: Rec. Centre Expansion & W/Rooms
  - Michaud Crescent Upgrade, 200 St. to 203 St.
  - 200 St. Culvert Replacements (at Brydon)
  - Pedestrian Bridge Replacement (206A St.)

In response to questions from Council members, Mr. Pollock advised that:

- if a developer or a utility needs to dig up a road, they are responsible for restoring the pavement; normally they will put an interim patch and at the end of the project do the final surfacing work, repaving over the whole area;
- staff's presentation will be forwarded to Council for information;
- typically the City is not responsible for the costs to install infrastructure by senior government or third-party utility companies. As an example, the City is not responsible for any infrastructure costs related to the SkyTrain propulsion powerplant project but there is an impingement on the utilization of City Right-of-Ways; however, for certain projects, such as beautification projects, the City will pay for installation of ducts and chambers while the third-party will cover the costs of installing the cabling;
- developers must consider utility and pavement upgrades right out to the centre line of the roadway when redeveloping a property;
- with respect to the Fraser Hwy. One Way utility project, most of the service connections are located off utilities on 56 Avenue or the lanes so it is expected there will be minimal impact upon the Fraser One Way as redevelopment occurs;
- staff could provide a presentation to Council on asset management at a future meeting;
- the age of the pedestrian bridge located near 206A St. can't be confirmed offhand but the City undertakes regular bridge inspections to determine if the bridge requires refurbishment or replacement;
- as part of the annual budget process, staff can include information as to the City's progress with infrastructure replacement.

**4. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Motions / Notices of Motion
- b. New Business

**5. 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;

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

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**6. ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 6:36 pm.

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MAYOR

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CORPORATE OFFICER