



## MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 18, 2024

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  
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  
D. Pollock, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment

### 1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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.

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

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the March 18, 2024 regular agenda be adopted as amended by adding the following items to the agenda:

6.c. Green Shirt Day – April 7, 2024

6.d. Staff Recognition

**CARRIED**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following items be approved:

a. Adoption of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting Minutes from March 4, 2024

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 4, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

2. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from March 4, 2024

THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on March 4, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

b. Bylaws

1. Bylaw 3270 - Development Application Procedures Bylaw

Final reading of a bylaw to establish procedures to amend the Official Community Plan, Zoning Bylaw or a Land Use Contract and to issue a permit under Part 14 of the Local Government Act.

THAT the bylaw cited as "Development Application Procedures Bylaw, 2024, No. 3270" be read a final time.

c. Correspondence

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

1. Provincial Response to 2023 UBCM Resolution Submission  
Varied Taxation Rate for Residential (Class 1) Properties.

CARRIED

**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

*See Consent Agenda*

## 5. **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHTS**

### a. Artist Recognition - Spring Banner

Kim Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture & Community Services  
Sichen Grace Chen, Artist

- Kim Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture & Community Services provided a presentation on this year's chosen artist for the City's spring street banner, providing information as follows:
- explained the call to artists for the Spring Street Banner Program between November 2023 and January 2024 had the following criteria:
- looking for a dynamic art piece that speaks to the vibrancy of our diverse and multicultural community in the Spring;
- the artwork should be vivid and vibrant with bold colours and a design that stands out when viewed from a distance;
- artwork should have relevance to the character and charm of Langley City and the work that is being done to support active healthy lifestyles through arts, culture, recreation;
- thanked the fifteen talented artists who submitted their work;
- advised that, while the committee was challenged in the decision-making process, ultimately, it was a submission by Grace Chen that caught their attention;
- Grace is a local artist who has experience in design, illustration, and teaching; she has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in illustration with honours, with a concentration in literary arts and studies from Rhode Island School of Design, Grace; she shares her knowledge locally as an instructor with the Langley Arts Council and the Art Village Visual Arts School.

Ms. Chen explained the concept for her design and her artwork for the two banners, advising that:

- her focus was on colour as she loves colour and really wanted to portray that in the two banners, blue is such a good colour to bring ease to anyone, even newcomers and long term residents of the city.
- there are a lot of flowers in the design which are reminiscent of the ones that bloom in the spring time and they are also symbolic of growth, personal connections, and new beginnings and this is a way to portray her hopes for the future of Langley City;
- she is involved in the arts, and culture, and recreation fields she wanted to show how interwoven, multicultural and abundant these activities in the city are, so there are flowers interweaving with music notes and art supplies such as an easel and paint brush;

- she also wanted to show again her unique voice as an artist; because she loves using both natural and celestial imagery, there are stars and a sun to give a very vibrant feeling to the community.
- the design of the other banner reflect the City's excellent promotion of healthy and active lifestyles;
- there are so many parks and so many activities that "bloom" during the spring which is why she has included a cityscape and more flowers, as well as a bike and rollerblades; one thing she has noticed about Langley City is the inclusion of numerous bike lanes, which is one of the things she loves about the city.
- the words Langley City have been hand lettered on the banners to create a homey and welcoming feel;
- overall her goal was to give a sense of the community right away at first glance to newcomers; she has lived in Langley for about ten years, whenever someone arrives in the city they have a sense of home right away. What she really wanted to portray a sense of home, vibrancy, and belonging.

Mayor and Council presented Ms. Chen with two full sized banners displaying her artwork.

## 6. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

### a. Upcoming Regular Meetings

April 8, 2024  
April 29, 2024

### b. Council Advisory Bodies Update

Councillor James, Council Liaison on the Community Council for the Gateway of Hope, advised that:

- Gateway of Hope was concerned that they were going to lose their thrift store in Aldergrove; however they have successfully secured it for another year;
- they are in the process of a redoing their kitchen right now, which has unfortunately prevented them from serving food; therefore they have been working closely with other community organizations, restaurants, and businesses to fill the gap, but have not been successful thus far, but has resulted in a small impact to other organizations that provide that service; they intend to have the kitchen up and running in two weeks;
- they had a very successful kettle program and golf tournament last year, and so are hoping for the same level of support this year;

- they just completed their Coldest Night of the Year Walk which exceeded their fundraising expectations.

Councillor Albrecht, Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Committee, advised that:

- the committee is in the process of planning the City's Earth Day event taking place on Saturday, April 20, 2024, which will include a number of activities at Douglas Park;
- the Langley Environmental Partners Society (LEPS) is hosting an on-line rain barrel preorder sale, the deadline for which is March 24, 2024 with order pick up April 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at 7400 224 Street, Langley; cost per barrel is \$75 and more information can be found on LEPS' website;

Councillor Wallace, Co-Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Committee, advised that:

- the committee will be hosting their second annual Earth Day Upcycle Challenge, this year's theme being 'Create Treasure from Waste'; members of the community are invited to take part in the upcycle challenge at Douglas Park:
  - products classified as upcycled must be at least 90% re-used materials, original, and have a purpose (ex. furniture, clothing, jewellery, art pieces, and garden features)
  - participants may bring their creations to the park between 9:00 and 10:00 am on the 20<sup>th</sup> to be judged and there will be prizes.

Councillor Albrecht, Chair of the Crime Prevention Committee, advised that the committee is providing a free bike valet service for those riding their bikes to the Earth Day Event on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

c. Acknowledgement of Green Shirt Day – April 7, 2024

Mayor Pachal acknowledged The Canadian Transplant Association's Green Shirt Day – April 7, 2024

d. Recognition of Francis Cheung's 30 years of service to local government from the International City/Country Management Association (ICMA)

Mayor Pachal presented Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer with a plaque from the International City/Country Management Association (ICMA) acknowledging his 30 years of service to local government.

**7. BYLAWS**

*see Consent Agenda also*

a. Bylaw 3267 - Public Notice Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to provide for alternative means of providing notice to the public as permitted under Section 94.2 of the Community Charter.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "Public Notice Bylaw, 2024, No. 3267" be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

b. Bylaw 3268 - Council Procedure Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to align with the new Public Notice Bylaw and to reflect current best practices for meeting procedures

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "Council Procedure Bylaw, 2024, No. 3268" be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. 2024 Crime Prevention Committee Work Plan

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Crime Prevention Committee 2024 Annual Work Plan.

CARRIED

**9. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Motions/Notices of Motion

1. Motion - Call for a Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza and Call to End Canada's Complicity in Both the Ongoing Genocide in Gaza and in the Occupation of Palestine as a Whole

- Councillor Wallace

It was MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS as of March 7th, 2024, 1139 Israelis have been killed and 8730 injured and 30,800 Palestinians have been killed (70% of whom are women and children) and 72,298 injured in the ongoing genocide in Gaza;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian government exports tens of millions of dollars of arms to Israel annually (\$26 million worth from Oct-Dec 2023 alone) which have contributed to the killing and injuring of countless innocent Palestinian lives and destruction of basic infrastructure in both Gaza and the West Bank both before and during this genocide;

AND WHEREAS Canada has been hesitant to accept in full the International Court of Justice's ruling that Israel is plausibly committing genocide thereby giving protection to Israel at the international level;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Langley write a letter to the Prime Minister urging the Canadian government to:

- Call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza;
- Stop all trade in military goods and technology with Israel;
- Support South Africa's case against Israel at the International Court of Justice regarding Israel's violations of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;
- Ensure Canadians trapped in Gaza can reach safety in Canada and lift the arbitrary cap of 1,000 temporary resident visa applications;
- Provide humanitarian and financial aid to Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank;
- Support the prosecution of all crime and violations of international law committed in the region;

- Advocate for an end to the decades-long occupation of Palestinian territories;
- Officially recognize the State of Palestine;
- Acknowledge that multiple human rights organizations have determined that Israel is practicing apartheid. These organizations include Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and B'Tselem;
- End Canada's support for US/UK bombings of Yemen for their support of Palestine.

CARRIED

*(See below for reconsidered vote on this motion in response to a Point of Order)*

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

*see Consent Agenda also*

- a. Metro 2050 Type 2 Proposed Amendment City of Maple Ridge (Yennadon Lands)

Metro Vancouver

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from Metro Vancouver dated March 1, 2024 regarding Metro 2050 Type 2 Proposed Amendment City of Maple Ridge (Yennadon Lands) be referred to staff to draft a letter of response for approval by Council and subsequent submission to the Metro Vancouver Board.

CARRIED

Mayor White raised a Point of Order that he had abstained from the vote on Item 9.a.1 and wished to be recorded as such.

Mayor Pachal advised that, under provincial legislation, abstentions are not permitted in the voting process.

Councillor White advised that he wished there to be a correction to indicate that he voted against the motion.

Following receipt of parliamentary advice from the Corporate Officer, Mayor Pachal called for reconsideration of the resolution under Item 9.a.1.



It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**

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CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor White

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:29 pm.

CARRIED

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Signed:

MAYOR

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Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER