



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 8, 2024

3:00 pm

CKF Boardroom, 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
P. Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer
D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services
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**

RECOMMENDATION:

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the July 8, 2024 special meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

A Committee of the Whole meeting provides Council an greater opportunity to speak to and debate specific agenda items.

RECOMMENDATION:

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council commence Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

- a. Community Organization Presentation - Langley Arts Council - 30 minutes
Diane Gendron, President
Claire Sarfeld, Executive Director

Ms. Gendron, president of the Langley Arts Council (LAC) and an arts representative on the City's Arts, Recreation, Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee and the Performing Arts Task Group, introduced Claire Sarfeld, Executive Director of the Langley Arts Council.

Ms. Sarfeld reviewed the Langley Arts Council's 2023 Annual Report highlighting who they are as an organization, what they do, the board structure and representative experience each member brings, the staff compliment and that they have 60 volunteers. She reviewed the year's work, explained who their partners are and provided information about future plans.

Ms. Sarfeld provided additional information including:

- LAC supports a new performing arts and cultural centre in the City and advised that as a non-profit they may be able to access grant funding for the project. She offered to work with City staff to identify ways LAC can assist with the process.
- Requested Council's consideration of entering into an operating agreement to assist LAC to sustain their current operations.
- Without assistance LAC will need to cut services as they unexpectedly lost provincial grant funding and other funding sources are tenuous going forward, all jeopardizing their operations.
- LAC aligns with the City's strategic plan regarding the Arts.
- LAC has some sustainable income and does not solely rely on grant funding.
- Two options proposed for Council consideration regarding funding:
 - sustain current operations; or
 - expand free programming which benefits the community.
- The current partnerships and expertise that LAC has, has made it possible to exceed expectations on their existing budget, however they are now at a point of needing more financial support to continue this work.

In response to Council member questions the following information was provided:

- Requesting donations for programming instead of offering it for no cost may be a barrier to some patrons.
- Increased artist participation in Art in the Park event to 70 participants, 4 times that of last year. As a result a second event has been planned for August.
- LAC is celebrating 56 years in the community with an event that will host 56 artists.
- LAC is doing incredible work with very tight financials.
- The City asked about other ways to support LAC as well.

The following recommendation was MOVED

THAT staff consider including in the 2025 capital budget Option 2 of the Langley Arts Council's proposal to fund \$69,087.41 to support Langley Arts Council programs that in Langley City.

CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - RISE AND REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED

4. RATIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

IT WAS MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff consider for inclusion in the 2025 capital budget, Option 2 as outlined in the Langley Arts Council's Operating Agreement Request proposal for funding in the amount of \$69,087.41 to the Langley Arts Council for programs that support Langley City.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED it was noted that the City receives very good value from the LAC programs considering how much it would cost the City to offer the programs directly.

It was further noted that the City is underserved by the Province in the area of arts and culture.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and same was

CARRIED

5. MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED MEETING

RECOMMENDATION:

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)(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

6. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:45pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER