



## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 2, 2024

4:01 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  
G. Flack, Deputy Director of Corporate Services  
D. Beno, Manager of Strategic Initiatives & Social Planning  
K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services  
C. Johannsen, Director of Development Services  
P. Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer  
D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services  
R. Ollenberger, Manager of Engineering Services

### 1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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 2, 2024 Special meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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

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

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council commence Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

- a. Langley Youth and Family Services (LYFS) Program  
Dave Lige, Lead Counsellor

Mr. Lige, Program Director explained that LYFS serves as early intervention for at risk youth in Langley. They work alongside with and take referrals from the RCMP. This service is provided free of charge to clients and is funded by the City and Township of Langley.

The team consists of five registered clinical counsellors and they have practicum students working with them as well. Mr. Lige reviewed statistics for the last three years noting that the number of clients has steadily increased over that time. They are projecting further increases in 2024 as they continue to expand their reach. To reach kids in need of service they work directly with some City schools and have great working relationships with principles and teachers who help identify the kids most in need. He noted that school counsellors deal with different challenges than LYFS counsellors, who focus on more serious issues. He invited council members to tour their office and sit with them at a Wednesday morning team meeting to get a live experience.

He advised that their mandate is to support the RCMP. He provided more information including the following:

- They do accept Ministry referrals however RCMP referrals are prioritized over Ministry referrals as is their mandate.
- Transportation is the biggest barrier to accessing services, which is why they go into the community (schools). Some counsellors work weekends to help alleviate the access barriers.
- Families new to Canada often need services and face language barriers.
- Funding for translation services would be helpful.
- Services are strictly confidential, no one other than family members and the RCMP would know if a child is receiving service.
- When LYFS is working within a school a teacher or school counsellor would go to get the child from the classroom for counselling to help maintain the child's privacy.
- There was a suggestion to consider working with children before/after school to further protect privacy.
- The RCMP school liaison team is very connected to the district schools, which is unique. The Langley team is amazing and have built very strong relations in the school community.

Council thanks Mr. Lige for providing this valuable service to the community.

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

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report.

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) (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;

(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;

(l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report];

(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 4:33pm.

**CARRIED**

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Signed:

MAYOR

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Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER