



## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 13, 2025

4:02 pm

Council Chambers, Langley City Hall  
20399 Douglas Crescent

Present: Mayor Pachal  
Councillor Albrecht  
Councillor James not in attendance  
Councillor Mack  
Councillor Solyom  
Councillor Wallace  
Councillor White

Staff Present: F. Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer  
J. Filkov, Manager of Financial Planning and Reporting  
G. Flack, Deputy Director of Corporate Services  
K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services  
C. Johannsen, Director of Development Services  
S. Kennedy, Fire Chief  
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer  
P. Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer  
D. Pollock, 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 January 13, 2025 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

a. Agri-Kids Program

Blake Venechuk, Venechuk Farms

Mr. Venechuk, representing the not-for-profit Agri-Kids Society presented a PowerPoint presentation to Council on the work of the Society, since its inception 10 years ago, including current programs offered through the Society such as the young farmers program, in school program, and annual Christmas dinner program.

Mr. Venechuk requested a letter of support from the City for use in applying for grants.

Mr. Venechuk responded to questions from Council members regarding:

- Agri-Kids Society status is not for profit, while Venechuk Farm is for profit;
- establishing a higher profile with municipalities and Metro Vancouver to increase support opportunities;
- coordinator contact for the annual Christmas dinner program;
- role of Raphael House in handling logistics for programs offered through Agri-Kids Society;
- vertical farming initiative with School District

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council issue a letter of support to the Agri-Kids Society for use in applying for grants

CARRIED

**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 the following recommendation approved by the Committee of the Whole be ratified:

THAT Council issue a letter of support to the Agri-Kids Society for use in applying for grants.

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;

(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

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

(n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2).

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

Opposed: Councillor Mack

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:38 pm.

CARRIED

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Signed:

MAYOR

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Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER