



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 7, 2025
3:30 pm
Council Chambers, Langley City Hall
20399 Douglas Crescent

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Pachal acknowledged 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 April 7, 2025 special meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. MOTIONS

a. Metro Vancouver Board Appointment

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Councillor Paul Albrecht be appointed to the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors for 2025.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the foregoing motion be replaced with the following:

THAT a member of Council be appointed to the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors for 2025 selected by a nomination and vote by ballot.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillors Albrecht and James

Nominations for appointment to the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors for 2025 were put forward for. The following Councillors accepted their nominations:

Councillor Albrecht

Councillor Mack

The meeting recessed at 3:34 pm and reconvened at 3:37 pm.

The vote on the nomination for appointment to the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors for 2025 was taken by ballot, with the results read as follows:

Councillor Albrecht – 5 votes

Councillor Mack – 2 votes

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Councillor Paul Albrecht be appointed to the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors for 2025.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED staff responded to a question from a Council member regarding the reason an appointment to the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors for 2025 was required at this time.

Discussion ensued regarding the merits of the motion.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillors Mack and White

4. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council commence Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

a. BC Chapter, Canadian Medical Cannabis Partners

Joy Davies

Don Borchardt

Dr. Ira Price

Langley Cannabis Substitution Project

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation on their proposed Cannabis Substitution Pilot Project, providing information on the following:

- Reducing opioid harms with cannabis;
- Background and rationale;
- Impacts of opioid addiction;
- Cannabis Substitution research findings;
- Volunteer-run programs;
- Legislative authority;
- Unknowns;
- Proposal for a Pilot Project:
 - Goals: Reduce death and harm due to illicit opiate use and obtain quality data on the effectiveness of cannabis substitution.
 - Components: Medically supervised, including education and addiction counseling.
 - Request: Council is asked to authorize city staff to work with CMCP to develop detailed objectives, design, and estimated cost for the pilot.
- Acknowledgments.

Delegation members responded to questions from Committee members regarding various aspects of the proposed pilot project.

It was RECOMMENDED

THAT as part of the 2025 strategic planning session, that Council consider directing staff to investigate the feasibility of a pilot cannabis substitution program.

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF COMMITTEE

5. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - RISE AND REPORT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED

6. RATIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT as part of the 2025 strategic planning session, that Council consider directing staff to investigate the feasibility of a pilot cannabis substitution program.

CARRIED

7. 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:

90(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;

(f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment;

(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;

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

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:23 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER