



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 12, 2025
3:00 pm
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
R. Beddow, Deputy Director of Development Services
G. Flack, Deputy 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. Pollock, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment

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 May 12, 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.

a. TransLink – 2025 Investment Plan Presentation

Sarah Ross, Vice President Transportation Planning & Policy, provided a presentation regarding TransLink's 2025-2034 Investment Plan highlighting:

- how approved funding will be utilized;
- increases to transit fares, property taxes, the YVR AddFare, and off-street parking taxes;
- planned service expansion including bus service, bus rapid transit design, active transportation and roads, and Major Road Network; and
- future investments in Langley City including improved service routes to Gloucester, Campbell Heights, and Campbell Valley Regional Park and bus rapid transit readiness on 200th Street.

In response to questions, Council was informed that TransLink:

- will explore route expansion plans for Gloucester in the next couple of years in consultation with municipal staff and the community;
- continues to advocate for provincial safety regulations related to micro-mobility uses and pedestrians, and can support investments in active transportation to separate different users;
- shares information and resources with the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee;
- understands a desire for municipal coordination of micro-mobility pilots and related bylaws;
- is currently conducting a review of the HandyDart service and working with the HandyDart Users Advisory Committee; and
- will work with Langley City staff to explore the feasibility of extending bus rapid transit past the Willowbrook Skytrain Station.

b. Economic Development Database Demo

The Economic Development Advisor provided a remote presentation regarding the new Langley City Data HUB highlighting available datasets and their sources in the categories of economic indicators, community profile, real estate, social, maps, reports available for download. Council was informed about plans to expand Langley City workforce data.

Council suggested consideration be given to adjusting the order of the K-12 education list under the social category.

In response to questions, Council was informed that:

- data comes from a variety of sources, indicated on each page, which is automatically updated when source data is updated;
- some local data may be generated from regional datasets;
- the Social-Cultural Economic Development Advisory Committee considered various models before selecting the HUB;
- as the economic dashboard evolves and is build out, more information will generate the ticker tape at the bottom of page; and
- Key Performance Indicators will be presented on a different platform.

c. Community Organization Information Session – Downtown Langley Business Association

Teri James, Executive Director, Downtown Langley Business Association (DLBA) provided a presentation regarding what is a Business Improvement Area, funding, reporting and insurance requirements, services, examples of successful Langley events, partnerships and programs, and marketing campaigns. Council was also informed about social media reach and impact, grants and sponsorships, website development, mural program and mural walk events, Downtown Dollars Program, public communications regarding revitalization efforts, a community piano gifted by the Langley Arts Council, and Langley City's 70th anniversary celebration plans.

In response to questions, Council was informed that there are 10 picnic tables currently in the downtown area with two being accessible, and that the DLBA is working with municipal staff regarding summer events, including McBurney Plaza.

Councillor Mack declared a conflict of interest, related to Item 3.d of the agenda, as a business owner located along Fraser Highway in the construction area. Councillor Mack left the meeting at 4:48 pm.

d. Fraser Highway One-Way Project Update

David Pollock, Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment, provided an update on the Fraser Highway One-Way Project highlighting: Phase I outstanding work, upcoming construction activities for Phase II, construction activities on the west side of 206th Street, public communication efforts, and budget.

In response to questions, staff informed Council that:

- Silvea cells are a design standard requirement;
- waste containers removed as part of construction will be replaced and staff will look at additional cleaning efforts;

- staff are working to relieve impediments for businesses such as access to facilitate deliveries;
- staff are exploring future parking opportunities for sites currently under remediation; and
- hydro poles will be removed upon project completion, with one building having an individual overhead connection and remaining connections being underground.

5:04 p.m. Councillor Mack returned to the meeting.

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**

Ratification of recommendations as required.

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)(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;

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;

(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

(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]; and

(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 5:07 p.m.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER