



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 26, 2025
3:45 pm
Council Chambers, Langley City Hall
20399 Douglas Crescent

- Present: Mayor Pachal
Councillor Albrecht
Councillor James
Councillor Mack
Councillor Wallace
Councillor White
- Staff Present: F. Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer
G. Flack, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services
C. Johannsen, Director of Development Services
P. Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer
D. Pollock, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment
- Absent: Councillor Solyom

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 26, 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. Community Spotlight - Nicomekl Enhancement Society, Salmon Hatchery

Nigel Easton, President, Nicomekl Enhancement Society (NES), provided Council with a video presentation regarding the NES Salmon Hatchery highlighting hatchery infrastructure, watercourses on site, fish gate, and fish trap. Also highlighted were hatchery activities conducted by volunteers including the collection of brook stock, egg fertilization, egg shocking and picking, fry feeding and raising, fry ponding, school programs, Coho adipose fin clipping, and assistance from Department of Fisheries and Oceans with raising and releasing Coho.

In response to questions, Council was informed that:

- hatchery Coho have their adipose fin clipped to easily be identified as a fisher can only keep a wild Coho;
- Coho are now sent to Inch Creek in Agassiz to be raised due to constant care requirements, and are released at 22g to increase their chances of survival in reaching the ocean;
- in 2025, 650 students (kindergarten through grade 5) from 16 Langley schools participated in raising and releasing salmon; and
- the NES currently has 45 volunteers who donated over 6,500 volunteer hours in 2024.

A motion was put forward to consider the Society's request for salmon signage at Pleasantdale Creek, as presented in the letter dated May 21, 2025, included in the agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council refer to staff the proposed installation and location of salmon signage at Pleasantdale Creek, and direct staff to report back on location and cost.

Mayor Pachal noted the request should be considered by the Environmental Sustainability Committee.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Main Motion be amended to refer the request to the Environmental Sustainability Committee instead of to staff.

CARRIED

THE QUESTION WAS THEN CALLED on the Main Motion as amended and it was

CARRIED

Bruce Downing, Nicomekl Enhancement Society (NES), provided Council with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the location and rationale for the NES request to install salmon signage at Pleasantdale Creek.

Council discussed opportunities to consider signage installation at multiple locations including Portage Park.

The presenter confirmed NES will send Council a list of fish release locations for the consideration of signage locations.

Council was informed that the NES are working with BC Wildlife Federation and Lafarge Canada to connect with private landowners to enhance riparian areas on private land, to protect young Coho by removing invasive plants and planting native shrubs and trees.

b. Tree Protection & Management Bylaw Update

The Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment informed Council:

- that the development of a tree inventory and tree protection and regulation bylaw are both underway;
- public engagement initiatives begin in June to understand priorities regarding the regulation of trees on public land, and trees of high significance on properties;
- the consultant provided a presentation to the Environmental Sustainability Committee last week;
- an online survey will be available for the month of June with hardcopies available at all civic facilities;
- staff will host a booth at the June 14 Community Day event;
- a public open house will be held at City Hall on June 16 and promoted through social media and print media over next few weeks; and
- public engagement results will form the basis for a bylaw to be presented to Council in the fall of 2025, and for further engagement with the Environmental Sustainability Committee and the public.

In response to questions, staff informed Council that given the bylaw will be presented to Council in the fall, and there have been no adverse impacts to date, an interim strategy to mitigate tree loss was deemed unnecessary at this time. Staff continue to monitor and will report back to Council with any concerns, as needed, and continue to work with homeowners to manage dead or diseased trees until the policy is in place.

Council suggested exploring opportunities to showcase trees to be planted on the Fraser One Way.

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

Mayor Pachal requested that Council ratify the motion considered during Committee of the Whole.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council refer to the Environmental Sustainability Committee, the request from the Nicomekl Enhancement Society, for the proposed installation and location of salmon signage at Pleasantdale Creek.

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;

(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;

(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 4:27 p.m.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER