



## MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 29, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Langley City Hall  
20399 Douglas Crescent

Present: Mayor Pachal  
Councillor Albrecht  
Councillor James (via video conference)  
Councillor Mack  
Councillor Solyom  
Councillor Wallace  
Councillor White

Staff Present: F. Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer  
G. Flack, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
A. Chang, Director of Financial Services  
K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services  
C. Johannsen, Director of Development Services  
S. Kennedy, Fire Chief  
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer  
R. Ollenberger, Manager of Engineering Services

### 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.

Mayor Pachal spoke of the purpose of the upcoming Day for Truth and Reconciliation, to honour and acknowledge survivors of the residential school system and advised of an event being held by Reconciliation Langley in the city to provide information, education, and an opportunity for reflection at a vigil.

Councillor Wallace thanked the Langley Senior Resources Society for hosting a Truth and Reconciliation Walk.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the September 29, 2025 regular agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following items be approved:

a. Adoption of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2025

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 8, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

2. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2025

THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on September 8, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

b. Correspondence

*See also Item 9) Correspondence section below*

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

1. Ice-Canada Rinks Inc - Temporary Real Ice-Skating Rinks

Brian Joy, Ice-Canada Rinks Inc.

2. Stop Child Sex Trafficking in BC

Cathy Peters, BC Anti Human Trafficking Educator, Speaker,  
Advocate

CARRIED

**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

*See Consent Agenda*

**5. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

a. Upcoming Regular Meetings

October 6, 2025

October 20, 2025

b. Council Advisory Bodies Update

Councillor Wallace provided information on the following:

- Attendance with Council colleagues at Union of BC Municipalities Conference;
- Awarding of Local Government Leadership Academy Level 3 to Councillor Albrecht

**6. BYLAWS**

a. Bylaw 3317 - Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to exempt certain lands and improvements from municipal taxation for the year 2026.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2025, No. 3317" be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

**7. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Motions/Notices of Motion

1. Fire Hydrant "No Parking" Zones – Councillors Mack & White

It was MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS faster response from the LCFRS allows for quicker containment of fires, saves lives and minimizes property damage;

AND WHEREAS wayfinding for emergency response personnel, maintenance workers, and clear identification of the 5M prohibited parking area in front of fire hydrants should be considered a part of our basic level of service;

AND WHEREAS providing clear guidance for drivers about the prohibited parking zone, due to the presence of a fire hydrant ensures that the hydrant isn't missed, or alternatively that the 5M distance isn't miscalculated;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct staff to investigate and report back on the cost to reinstate identification of fire hydrant "no parking" zones with a high visibility paint, with a special focus on non lead-based paint options;

AND THAT Council direct staff to investigate and report back on the cost and viability of installing signage in problematic locations to

offer an alternative permanent visual cue to identify the location of fire hydrants;

AND THAT Council direct staff to have this information ready for Council's consideration prior to the presentation of 1st and 2nd reading of the 2026 Financial Plan.

CARRIED

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

*Also See Consent Agenda*

### a. Request for Support to Bring HandyDart Service In-House

Correspondence dated September 9, 2025

Joe McCann, President/Business Agent, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1724

It was MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS HandyDART is a vital door-to-door transit service for seniors and people with disabilities who cannot access conventional public transit without assistance;

AND WHEREAS the current outsourced HandyDART model has resulted in long-standing issues relating to service reliability concerns, safety issues, and increased reliance on subcontracted taxi services;

AND WHEREAS the BC NDP committed to bringing HandyDART in-house during the last provincial election, and multiple municipalities across Metro Vancouver have passed resolutions in support of this transition;

AND WHEREAS in 2023, City Council became a signatory to "Save our HandyDART Coalition's open letter to the province which included a request that the TransLink Board develop and implement a plan to bring HandyDART in-house as a subsidiary of TransLink;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Langley City Council formally endorse the transition of HandyDART services to a publicly operated, in-house model under TransLink;

AND THAT Council send a letter of support to the TransLink Board of Directors and the Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety, urging the Government of BC to act on this commitment and prioritize the transition in THIS upcoming provincial budget;

AND THAT this resolution be shared with the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation and the Save Our HandyDART Coalition.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by replacing the words, “Minister of Public Safety”, with the words, “Minister of Transportation and Transit”.

CARRIED

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED on the motion, as amended, and it was

CARRIED

The motion now reads in its entirety as follows:

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- b. Metro Vancouver's Options Analysis Engagement: Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Correspondence dated September 11, 2025

Mike Hurley, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

Sarah Kirby-Yung, Chair, Zero Waste Committee, Metro Vancouver

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence dated September 11, 2025 from the Chair of the Metro Vancouver Board and the Chair of the Zero Waste Committee, Metro Vancouver regarding Metro Vancouver's Options Analysis Engagement: Solid Waste Management Plan Update be referred to staff to provide a letter of response to Metro Vancouver.

CARRIED

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:18 pm.

CARRIED

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Signed:

MAYOR

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Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER