



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 29, 2025

4:00 pm

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
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.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the agenda be amended by removing Item 3.b. from the agenda as the delegation is unable to attend.

CARRIED

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

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A Committee of the Whole meeting provides Council a greater opportunity to speak to and debate specific agenda items.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council commence Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

a. Battered Women's Support Services - #DesignedWithSurvivors Campaign

Shelby Johnson, Campaign Coordinator, Battered Women's Support Services, presenting via video conference, provided information to Council on services provided by her organization with the goal to ending gender based violence, their partnerships with several Langley community support groups, and municipalities' role in supporting survivors of gender based violence, preventing violence, and advancing public safety.

She made the following requests to City of Langley:

- Declare gender based violence a public safety priority;
- Establish a local gender based violence task force with key stakeholders;
- Assign a city hall lead, ensure cross department accountability for prevention;
- Integrate risk assessments tools for police and first responders;
- Track and report the costs of gender based violence.

Ms. Johnson responded to questions from Council members.

b. 100 More Homes – Collective Impact

Naomi Woodland, Director, Community Impact & Investment - United Way BC / Southern Interior, gave a PowerPoint presentation to Council on the United Way's role in supporting the 100 More Homes Penticton collective that works collaboratively to build a system of housing and supports to prevent and address homelessness in Penticton, and provided information on the structure of the 100 More Homes Steering Committee and development of the collaborative model used to develop solutions to homelessness issues, citing the 2024/2025 Temporary Winter Shelter Model as a recent example.

It was MOVED to recommend to Council:

THAT staff can present back to Council regarding the funding requirement to support a United Way Collective Impact Table in Langley with the understanding that Council endorses the concept of the Collective Impact Table, as presented by United Way. In particular with its ability to support us in our EWR service delivery.

Discussion ensued regarding wording of a proposed amendment to this recommendation.

A Committee member raised a point of order that the full wording of the proposed amendment hadn't yet been articulated to the Committee for consideration before further amendments to the motion were being proposed. The point of order was sustained by the Chair.

It was further MOVED

THAT the following clause be added to the recommended motion:

THAT Council endorse the creation of a dedicated staff position to support the Collective Impact Table initiative and that the position be included in the 2026 financial plan.

Further amendments to the recommended motion were proposed and agreed to by the mover of the original motion which resulted in the following recommended motion:

THAT staff can present back to Council regarding the funding requirement to support a United Way Collective Impact Table in Langley.

THAT Council endorses the concept of the Collective Impact Table, as presented by United Way. In particular with its ability to support us in our EWR service delivery.

THAT Council endorse the creation of a dedicated staff position as part of the financial plan to support the Collective Impact Table initiative and the position be considered as part of the 2026 financial plan.

A further amendment to the recommended motion was made which resulted in the final wording of the recommended motion as follows:

THAT staff can present back to Council regarding the funding requirement to support a United Way Collective Impact Table in Langley.

THAT Council endorses the concept of the Collective Impact Table, as presented by United Way. In particular with its ability to support us in our EWR service delivery.

THAT Council would consider endorsing the creation of a dedicated staff position as part of the financial plan to support the Collective Impact Table initiative and the position be considered as part of the 2026 financial plan.

d. BC Hydro - Capital Investment Plans for Langley City

Andy Darby, Director, Distribution and substation Asset Planning Team, and Sabrina Locicero, Manger, Community Relations provided a PowerPoint presentation to Council with information on BC Hydro's plan for growth, security, and sustainability and highlighting a significant substation expansion project in the city.

The delegation responded to questions from Council members.

e. Curbside Green Waste Collection Update

Rachel Ollenberg, Manager of Engineering Services gave a verbal update to Council on the status of the Curbside Green Waste Collection service, providing information on service levels, update required to current list of residents, and anticipated yard waste pilot project.

Staff responded to questions from Council.

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 staff can present back to Council regarding the funding requirement to support a United Way Collective Impact Table in Langley.

THAT Council endorses the concept of the Collective Impact Table, as presented by United Way. In particular with its ability to support us in our EWR service delivery.

THAT Council would consider endorsing the creation of a dedicated staff position as part of the financial plan to support the Collective Impact Table initiative and the position be considered as part of the 2026 financial plan.

In response to a request from the Chair to have each clause of the motion considered and voted on separately, a Council member raised a point of order that it was their understanding a motion of Council was required to divide the question. The Chair sought advice from the Corporate Officer who advised that separation of the question for voting purposes was permitted upon request and further clarifying that the motion as a whole first needed to be moved and seconded before requesting division of the question. Further procedural questions were raised.

The meeting was recessed at 5:56 pm to allow staff to refer to the Procedure Bylaw; the meeting reconvened at 5:59 pm.

The Corporate Officer advised the Chair that, while there was no reference to this specific procedure in the Procedure Bylaw; it was staff's understanding that Robert's Rules of Order permitted a member to request a vote be taken separately on one or more clauses contained in a question that was under consideration. Further confirmation on this point was requested by the Council member who raised the point of order. In response, the Chair advised that separate votes on the clauses in the motion currently under consideration may not actually be required. Council proceeded to consider the motion as a whole.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the forgoing motion be amended by replacing the words, "funding requirement" with the words, "requirements and need".

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the forgoing main motion be further amended by replacing the words, "Council endorses the concept of the Collective Impact Table, as presented by United Way" with the words, "Council consider endorsing the concept of a Collective Impact Table, as presented by United Way, after receiving a report from staff on the first recommendation."

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor Solyom

The motion now reads in its entirety as follows:

"THAT staff can present back to Council regarding the requirements and need to support a United Way Collective Impact Table in Langley.

THAT Council consider endorsing the concept of a Collective Impact Table, as presented by United Way, after receiving a report from staff on the first recommendation. In particular with its ability to support us in our EWR service delivery.

THAT Council would consider endorsing the creation of a dedicated staff position as part of the financial plan to support the Collective Impact Table initiative and the position be considered as part of the 2026 financial plan."

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 (c) labour relations or other employee relations;

(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;

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

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 6:09 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER