



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 12, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Langley City Hall
20399 Douglas Crescent

- Present: Mayor Pachal
Councillor Albrecht
Councillor James (via videoconference)
Councillor Solyom
Councillor Wallace
Councillor White
- Absent: Councillor Mack
- 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
D. Pollock, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment
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 January 12, 2026 regular agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 3.b.1 Coastal First Nations - Tanker Ban and North Coast pipeline Sierra Club BC was removed from the Consent Agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following items be approved:

- a. Adoption of Minutes
 1. Regular Meeting Minutes from December 8, 2025
THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 8, 2025 be adopted as circulated.
 2. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2025
THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on December 15, 2025 be adopted as circulated.
 3. Special Meeting Minutes from December 1, 8 and 15, 2025
THAT the minutes of the special meetings held on December 1, 8 and 15, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

See Consent Agenda

5. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

- a. Upcoming Regular Meetings
 - January 26, 2026
 - February 9, 2026
- b. Council Advisory Bodies Update

6. BYLAWS

- a. Bylaw 3321 - Tree Protection and Management Bylaw

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive the presentation titled "Tree Protection and Management Bylaw" for information.

CARRIED

1. Bylaw 3321 - Tree Protection and Management Bylaw

Third reading of a bylaw to establish a Tree Protection and Management Bylaw.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "Tree Protection and Management Bylaw, 2025, No. 3321" be read a third time.

CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. Amended Community Grants Policy CO-51

Report dated: January 6, 2025

From: Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the amended Council Policy CO-51 Community Grants be approved.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the policy be amended by removing Section 4)a)ii.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the policy be amended by removing Section 4)b)iii.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the policy be amended by removing Section 4)d)ii.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the sections be renumbered accordingly.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

a. Motions/Notices of Motion

1. Motion: Improved Transparency In Financial Reporting - Councillor Leith White

It was MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS transparency in municipal financial reporting is essential to maintaining public trust and effective governance;

WHEREAS year-end surpluses have been significantly influenced by payroll savings resulting from unfilled staffing positions in recent years;

WHEREAS clear communication regarding the sources (operational & capital savings) and management of surpluses will strengthen both internal and public accountability;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct staff to provide a mechanism for clarifying, within the City's financial reporting, the role of staffing vacancies as a generator of year-end surpluses, to ensure that Council, staff, and the public fully understand how these surpluses arise and are managed.

CARRIED

2. Draft Letter - Delivering Better Outcomes for People with Complex Needs

Mayor Pachal

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the draft letter "Delivering Better Outcomes for People with Complex Needs" dated January 5, 2026, be approved by Council and sent to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, and that a copy be sent to the Minister of Health, the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, MLA Jody Toor, Langley-Willowbrook, and Superintendent Harm Dosange, Langley RCMP.

CARRIED

b. Correspondence

1. Coastal First Nations - Tanker Ban and North Coast pipeline

Sierra Club BC

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from the Sierra Club BC received December 4, 2025 regarding "Coastal First Nations - Tanker Ban and North Coast pipeline" be received for information.

CARRIED

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

See Consent Agenda

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:37 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER