



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 23, 2026

3:00 pm

Council Chambers, Langley City Hall
20399 Douglas Crescent

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

Staff Present:

R. Beddow, Deputy Director of Development Services
A. Chang, Director of Financial Services
W. Dupley, Economic Advisor
K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services
R. Hull, Deputy Fire Chief
C. Johannsen, Director of Development Services
P. Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer
D. Pollock, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment
B. Zeller, Manager of Human Resources

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 February 23, 2026 special meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

3. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council commence the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

a. Year in Review - Economic Development

Wendy Dupley, Economic Development Advisor

It was MOVED

THAT Council receive the presentation titled "Year in Review - Economic Development" from the Economic Development Advisor, for information.

The Economic Development Advisor provided a PowerPoint presentation titled "Year in Review - Economic Development" to update Council on the status of program goals, action items and focus areas, noting that the Business Resource guide is online and interactive and the Data Hub was launched.

b. Agri-Foodtech in the Metro Vancouver Region

Jacque Griffiths, President, Invest Vancouver

Gregory Freeman, Senior Economist, Invest Vancouver

It was MOVED

THAT Council receive the presentation titled "Agri-foodtech in the Metro Vancouver Region" from Invest Vancouver, for information.

Ms. Griffiths provided a PowerPoint presentation titled "Agri-foodtech in the Metro Vancouver Region" to Council providing information about the work of Invest Vancouver and how they attract global investment in the region to boost the regional economy and deliver prosperity for the region's residents.

Mr. Freeman shared information with Council about attracting expert-oriented foreign investment to the region. He highlighted Metro Vancouver's strengths in agri-foodtech innovation. He reviewed agri-foodtech investment activity noting that the goal is to keep the interests of international investors in the region.

The presenters 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.

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5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following recommendations from the Committee of the Whole be ratified:

THAT Council receive the presentation titled "Year in Review - Economic Development" from the Economic Development Advisor, for information.

THAT Council receive the presentation titled "Agri-foodtech in the Metro Vancouver Region" from Invest Vancouver, for information.

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6. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:00pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER