



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 13, 2026

7:00 p.m.

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:
- 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
 - S. Kennedy, Fire Chief
 - P. Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer
 - D. Pollock, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment
 - A. Chang, Director of Financial Services
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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 April 13, 2026 regular agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following item(s) be approved:

- a. Adoption of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting Minutes from March 23, 2026
THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 23, 2026 be adopted as circulated.
 2. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2026
THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on April 7, 2026 be adopted as circulated.
 3. Special Meeting Minutes from March 23, 2026
THAT the minutes of the special meeting held on March 23, 2026 be adopted as circulated.
- b. Bylaws
1. Bylaw 3337 - Fees & Charges Bylaw Amendment No. 40
(Development Permit and Development Variance Permit Application Fees)

Final reading of a bylaw to update fees and charges related to planning, land and development.

THAT the bylaw cited as "Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2010, No. 2837, Amendment No. 40, 2026, No. 3337" be read a final time.
- c. Correspondence
- THAT the following correspondence be received for information:
1. "Lights Off, Light a Candle" – April 22, 2026 - Participate in the One Earth Together Canada Campaign

Ritika Thakur, Founder, One Earth Together Canada
 2. Canada Day Drumming – Showcasing Canada's Cultural Diversity/Unity

Richard K. Wong, National Chair, Canada Day Drumming

CARRIED

4. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

See Consent Agenda

5. **DELEGATIONS**

- a. Day of Mourning, April 28, 2026
Wendy Cook, New Westminster & District Labour Council

Ms. Cook provided a verbal presentation sharing that WorkSafe health and safety is everyone's responsibility. She sought Council and community support to acknowledge the workers lost in 2025.

She requested that Council declare April 28th as the official "Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job", observe one minute of silence in the Council Chambers at the evening Council meeting on April 27th, and encourage staff to observe one minute of silence at 11:00 a.m. on April 28th.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council grant an additional five minutes to Ms. Cook to complete her delegation.

CARRIED

Ms. Cook agreed to provide additional educational material to the City related to support for psychological health in the workplace, at a council member's request.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

- a. Upcoming Regular Meetings
April 27, 2026
May 11, 2026

- b. Council Advisory Bodies Update

The Environmental Sustainability Committee Chair and Co-Chair invited the public to the Earth Day event taking place on Saturday, April 25 at Douglas Park. Langley Environmental Partners Society is a valued community partner and host of this event.

7. BYLAWS

- a. Bylaw 3338 - Community Standards Bylaw Amendment

First, second and third reading a bylaw to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to the use of public places, premises and the protection and enhancement of the well-being of the community.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "Community Standards Bylaw, 2018, No. 3075, Amendment No. 2, 2026, No. 3338" be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

b. Bylaw 3320 - Affordable Housing Reserve Fund Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to adopt the City of Langley Affordable Housing Fund Bylaw, 2025, No. 3320.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "City of Langley Affordable Housing Reserve Fund Bylaw, 2026, No. 3320" be read a first, second and third time.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED Council discussion ensued.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

c. Bylaw 3335 - Development Application Procedures Bylaw

Final reading of a bylaw to establish procedures to amend the Official Community Plan or Zoning Bylaw and to issue a permit under Part 14 of the Local Government Act.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "Development Application Procedures Bylaw, 2026, No. 3335" be read a final time.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED Council discussion ensued.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor Mack

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Grant Application

Report dated: April 13, 2026
From: Fire Chief

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT City Council support the application by the Langley City Emergency Program on behalf of the City of Langley for a \$40,000.00 grant from Community Emergency Preparedness Fund to engage a qualified external consultant to develop and support the implementation of a comprehensive emergency notification plan for the Alertable emergency notification system.

CARRIED

- b. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Emergency Operations Centres Equipment and Training Grant Application

Report dated: April 13, 2026

From: Fire Chief

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT City Council support the application by the Langley City Emergency Program on behalf of the City of Langley for a \$29,800.00 grant from the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for purchase of equipment, supplies and training for the Emergency Operation Centre.

CARRIED

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Motions/Notices of Motion

- 1. Taking action for mental health / MICR Unit Pilot - Councillor Wallace

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to work with the Langley RCMP to develop a budget to fund a Mobile Integrated Crisis Response unit pilot program for a period of one year, which would include one regular RCMP member, one specialty equipped police cruiser, and one psychiatric nurse.

THAT Council direct staff to develop an evaluation criteria to measure the outcomes of the one-year Mobile Integrated Crisis Response unit pilot program, to be endorsed by council.

THAT Council direct staff to work with the Township of Langley to optionally co-fund the Mobile Integrated Crisis Response unit pilot program for a period of one year.

THAT Council affirms that the Mobile Integrated Crisis Response unit shall respond to calls in both Langley City and the Township of Langley.

THAT staff present a one-year Mobile Integrated Crisis Response unit pilot program proposal to Council for consideration during the upcoming fall budget cycle.

THAT if a one-year Mobile Integrated Crisis Response unit pilot program is funded, staff present an outcome report to council based on the one-year Mobile Integrated Crisis Response unit pilot program evaluation criteria endorsed by council, within six months of the conclusion of the pilot program.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED Council discussion ensued and staff responded to questions from Council members.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

2. Langley's Long-Term Beds - Councillor White

It was MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS in September 2024, the Province of British Columbia announced a commitment to fund 300 new long term care beds on the Langley Memorial Hospital campus, with an estimated cost of \$240–\$450 million and a planned opening by 2030;

AND WHEREAS long term care waitlists in British Columbia now exceed 7,000 people, average wait times have increased by more than 200% over the past 6 years, and approximately 5,900 patients waited in hospital beds last year for long- term care placement, at a cost of \$1,200 per day compared to \$294 per day for a long term care bed, placing significant strain on the acute care system;

AND WHEREAS Langley is among the fastest growing communities in British Columbia, with a rapidly aging population, with Langley Memorial Hospital currently operating with only 200 long term care beds, and an accelerating pace of shortfall of beds, which is wholly insufficient to meet the current and projected demand;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia's 2026 Budget reduced provincial health capital funding by \$4 billion, and has paused or delayed the construction of seven scheduled long term care projects across the province and not provided subsequent release of information on the budget allocation, confirmed project timeline for the announced 300- bed commitment at Langley Memorial Hospital;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Langley City Council direct the Mayor to draft and send a formal letter on behalf of Langley City Council requesting a clear, written, and publicly accountable response within 30 days on the following:

1. The current status of the provincial commitment to deliver 300 new long-term care beds on the Langley Memorial Hospital campus;
2. Whether a business plan has been completed and approved by the Ministry of Health and Fraser Health Authority;
3. A confirmed project timeline with milestones, including a projected construction start date and opening date;

to the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health,

copied to:

The Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance

The Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure

Jody Bal-Toor, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Langley - Willowbrook

CARRIED

3. Reducing Local Street Speed Limits - Councillor White

The motion was Moved and Seconded at the October 20, 2025 Regular Council meeting however was deferred until after adoption of the Transport 2050 Plan.

It is on the floor for debate:

WHEREAS reducing vehicle speeds from 50 km/h to 30 km/h improves stopping distance and reaction time, significantly lowering the risk of collisions and the severity of injuries; and

WHEREAS lower speed limits on local streets enhance public safety, reduce noise and emissions, and while encouraging walking, cycling, and other active travel — support healthier, more connected, and livable neighbourhoods, consistent with the City of Langley's Transportation 2050 Master Plan; and

WHEREAS over 60 municipalities in British Columbia have adopted or are considering 30 km/h limits for residential streets, and recent surveys show strong public support (≈ 66%) for lower speed limits, including among Metro Vancouver residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Council direct City of Langley staff to prepare a report exploring the reduction of local street speed limits, providing Council with sufficient information and context to make a well-informed decision.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the motion be amended by striking and replacing the 'THEREFORE' clause with the following:

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that council direct staff to include a capital item in the 2027 budget for council's consideration to develop a slow streets program as recommended in section 4.2 'Priority Policy and Planning Actions' from the Langley City Transportation 2050, Langley City's transportation plan."

A Council member raised a Point of Order that the proposed amendment substantially changed the intent of the main motion.

The Chair stated it was a valid amendment and did not sustain the point of order.

The point of order was not appealed.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED on the amendment Council discussion ensued, and staff responded to questions of Council.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED on the amendment, and it was

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor Mack

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED on the main motion, as amended, Council discussion ensued, and staff responded to questions of Council.

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

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillors Mack and Solyom

The motion now reads in its entirety as follows:

WHEREAS reducing vehicle speeds from 50 km/h to 30 km/h improves stopping distance and reaction time, significantly lowering the risk of collisions and the severity of injuries; and

WHEREAS lower speed limits on local streets enhance public safety, reduce noise and emissions, and while encouraging walking, cycling, and other active travel — support healthier, more connected, and livable neighbourhoods, consistent with the City of Langley's Transportation 2050 Master Plan; and

WHEREAS over 60 municipalities in British Columbia have adopted or are considering 30 km/h limits for residential streets, and recent surveys show strong public support (≈ 66%) for lower speed limits, including among Metro Vancouver residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that council direct staff to include a capital item in the 2027 budget for council's consideration to develop a slow streets program as recommended in section 4.2 'Priority Policy and Planning Actions' from the Langley City Transportation 2050, Langley City's transportation plan.

- b. Public Release of a Motion from the March 23, 2026 Closed Meeting

THAT the following individuals be appointed to the Arts, Recreation, Culture & Heritage Committee – Term Ongoing:

1. Lana Kirkwood, Member representing the Indigenous Community
2. Liam McCarney, Youth Member Representative

THAT the names of the appointees be released to the public.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Metro 2050 Type 2 Proposed Amendment, Bylaw No. 1451, 2026 – City of Maple Ridge (North 256 Street Industrial Lands Area Plan)

Chair Hurley, Metro Vancouver Board

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council refer the letter to staff for respond to Metro Vancouver.

CARRIED

- b. Metro 2050 Type 2 Proposed Amendment – City of Surrey (Hazelmere)

Chair Hurley, Metro Vancouver Board

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council refer the letter to staff for respond to Metro Vancouver.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor Mack

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:45pm

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER