



## MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday, May 14, 2018**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers, Langley City Hall  
20399 Douglas Crescent**

Present: Mayor Schaffer  
Councillor Arnold  
Councillor Albrecht  
Councillor Martin  
Councillor Pachal  
Councillor Storteboom  
Councillor van den Broek

Staff Present: F. Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer  
R. Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment  
K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services  
D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services  
G. Minchuk, Director of Development Services and Economic Development  
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer

### **1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a. Adoption of the May 14, 2018 Regular Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht

SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT the May 14, 2018 agenda be adopted as circulated

CARRIED

**2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2018

MOVED BY Councillor Arnold  
SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 7, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- b. Public Hearing Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2018

MOVED BY Councillor Martin  
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing meeting held on May 7, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- c. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2018

MOVED BY Councillor van den Broek  
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on May 7, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

### 3. **DELEGATIONS**

a. 2018 Local Government Awareness Day

***Sponsors:***

Leanne Cassap, Road Safety Coordinator, ICBC  
Sophie Lussier, Franchise Owner, McDonalds

***Contest Winner:***

Emily Condon, Alice Brown Elementary

Mayor Schaffer explained that each year the City holds Local Government Awareness Day at City Hall to educate the youth in our community about some of the services provided by local government. This year there were 270 grades 4 and 5 students from four City elementary schools.

Mayor Schaffer thanked sponsors of the event ICBC and McDonalds for their support and generous contributions.

Mayor Schaffer presented Local Government Awareness Day Recognition Certificates to sponsor representatives Leanne Cassap, ICBC and Sophie Lussier, McDonalds and to Emily Condon, Alice Brown Elementary winner of the "Think of Me. Take a Break from your Phone" poster contest

b. Business Improvement Area Bylaw Renewal

Carol Ward, Board Chair  
Teri James, Executive Director  
Downtown Langley Business Association

Teri James, Executive Director, Downtown Langley Business Association (DLBA) advised that Carol Ward, Board Chair was also in attendance.

Ms. James asked Council to give three readings to Business Improvement Area Bylaw No. 3066 that would allow the DLBA to operate a further 10 years if approved by the property owners in the business improvement area (BIA) and provided the following information to Council in support of her request:

- referred to documentation provided to Council in the agenda package;
- the 5% increase per year is up to and including December 31, 2019;
- the 7% proposed increase per year would not start until 2020;
- reasons for the 7% increase:
  - the DLBA is very forward thinking;
  - have had highly successful programs;
  - cost of living increases affect each event year over year;

- potential need for increased office space and staff person to allow for growth and increased programs;
- may have to cut administratively heavy programs if additional staff person is not added;
- many projects and programs that the DLBA have implemented have not been done before in a BIA, in the province or likely across the country and are being copied by other BIAs;
- success of Start Up Langley Contest may mean another contest in 2020;
- most BIAs are underfunded which is not the case with the DLBA and it wants to be able to continue to provide first class events, programming and contests to keep Langley City relevant and engaging for visitors.

1. Bylaw 3066 - Business Improvement Area Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to renew a Business Improvement Area in the City of Langley

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht  
SECONDED BY Councillor Arnold

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Business Improvement Area Bylaw No. 3066, 2018 " be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Business Improvement Area Bylaw No. 3066, 2018 " be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Business Improvement Area Bylaw No. 3066, 2018 " be read a third time.

CARRIED

#### **4. MAYOR'S REPORT**

a. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – June 11, 2018

Regular Council Meeting – June 25, 2018

b. Metro Vancouver - Councillor Storteboom

April has been an interesting time at Metro Vancouver. The Board's recent Remuneration Bylaw, that was intended to give Directors a retirement allowance as well as a pay raise, in order to offset income tax changes for 2019, got a lot of attention. After receiving considerable feedback, including a unanimous resolution from Langley City Council, to reconsider the Bylaw, the Remuneration Bylaw was repealed at the April 27 Board meeting. At this point, the Board agreed to establish a third party, independent panel, to review Board remuneration and report back, after the upcoming civic election.

Meanwhile, Metro Vancouver staff continue to work diligently on major projects including: monitoring China's decision to prohibit the import of contaminated recyclables, restoring the wetlands at Campbell Valley Regional Park and implementing a Joint Water Use Plan.

The Joint Water Use Plan includes recommendations for the operation of our reservoirs and dams in the Capilano and Seymour watersheds. This plan works with Metro Vancouver's Drinking Water Management Plan to manage and maintain our region's long-term drinking water supply for personal use, agriculture, fish migration and aquatic activities. In keeping with the overall plan, please let me remind our Mayor and Council, as well as our Langley City residents, that lawn watering restrictions are currently in effect for the Metro Vancouver region.

For more information about the Joint Water Use Plan and watering restrictions, the Strata Energy Adviser, Cultural Grant opportunities, access to regional parks, Climate 2050 and various Metro Vancouver initiatives, please go to the Metro Vancouver website.

c. Library Happenings - Councillor Martin

The City of Langley Library was excited to take part in this year's Free Comic Book Day on Saturday, May 5! Comic book lovers of all ages were thrilled to take home one of hundreds of free comic books that were on offer. As an added bonus, customers had the opportunity to have their photo taken with the library's green screen technology, turning them into a crime-fighting superhero with the click of a mouse.

Library staff attended the inaugural edition of Langley Baby Day on May 7. Staff interacted with hundreds of expectant parents and families with babies to help deliver the important messages of the Langley Infant Mental Health Collaborative's new campaign called "Talk to Me, Play with Me, Carry Me." This campaign aims to increase parents' and caregivers' awareness of the importance that simple every day interactions can have on the well-being and mental health of their baby. Library programs and services fit perfectly into this simple yet effective approach.

Spring into the City of Langley Library for more interesting and educational programs for all ages and stages of life. Below is a just a sampling of what is on offer. Please see [www.fvrl.ca](http://www.fvrl.ca) for full program listings.

**Babytime** - Mondays, 2:00 – 2:30 pm

**Storytime** - Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:00 am

**Adult Chess Club** - Fridays, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Calling all chess enthusiasts! Drop by the library to sharpen your skills and meet other players. All experience levels are welcome. An experienced chess player will be on hand to give instruction if needed.

**Book Club** - Wednesdays, May 16 and June 20, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Join the library's newest book club to make new friends, and share your thoughts on interesting titles.

**Internet and Smartphone Safety** - Wednesday, May 30, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Join a Telus representative to help keep you, your family, and our community safer online. This is a program for adults, including parents, educators and caregivers, and includes a wealth of online safety resources.

**Butterflies of Langley** - Thursday, May 31, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Join Al Grass at City of Langley Library for a wonderful presentation about butterflies in Langley. Learn the names of different butterflies and where in Langley to find them. Al Grass worked as a Park Naturalist in British Columbia for over 30 years. He is the recipient of the Ian McTaggart Outstanding Naturalist Award and a Life Member of Langley Field Naturalists and Nature Vancouver.

d. Discover Langley City - Councillor Albrecht

**Website Overview**

Focus continues to be on driving awareness of our website and promoting e-newsletter. Heading into summer, we are planning for phase 2 revisions to include new content and images, event images, and new administrative attachments such as Marketing Forms/programs.

**Social Media**

Instagram continues to be our top social media outlet. As of mid-May, we have grown to 737 followers with over 480 user generated images using the #discoverlangleycity hashtag. Starting Monday, May 14th, our summer Facebook campaign kicks off for our followers to have a chance to win \$200 downtown dollars! The campaign is titled Summer Fun in the City with the goal of increasing our followers, building awareness of DLC on social media, promoting Langley City as a new tourism destination, showcasing all types of activities for travellers/locals of all ages, and to grow user generated content on Instagram (the campaign will incorporate Instagram)

DLC also met with two team members from Langley City to share best practices for ways to cross promote both DLC and the City of Langley. We are happy to share that both organizations have committed to using both the #discoverlangleycity and #theplacetobe hashtags on both Instagram accounts as our first step. This partnership will continue to help grow awareness of Langley City's parks, attractions, hotels, restaurants, retailers and so much more.

**One Year Tactical Plan**

DLC has been working hard on securing a new International Parkour Championship tournament to be held in Langley City, and we have successfully secured this partnership with Origins Parkour based in Vancouver. The event is slated to kick off in June 2019. We are happy to share more information as the event planning process unfolds, however, we are thrilled to showcase Langley City and Penzer Action Park on a whole new level.

e. Langley City Video Spotlight - Mayor Schaffer

"Forever Yours Lingerie"

Langley City is a community of endless choices for your living, recreational and business needs. You'll find it all right here! The Video Spotlights campaign is a video snippet program that will showcase everything Langley City has to offer. Each video snippet is approximately 1-2 minutes long.

Every video presented to Council will be published on the City's YouTube channel, the City's website and shared via social media. I encourage you to visit [langleycity.ca](http://langleycity.ca), to watch the video again and share it on your social networks.

f. City of Langley showcased in Business View magazine - Mayor Schaffer

Langley City was showcased in the latest edition of the national Business View magazine. City of Langley was one of only three other Canadian cities showcased in the magazine.

g. City of Langley hosting June 21, 2018 UDI Event - Mayor Schaffer

Langley City has been asked to host the upcoming Urban Development Institute (UDI) event on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Cascades convention centre.

h. 2018 DLBA McBurney Plaza Summer Series - Mayor Schaffer

There will be something for everyone at this year's summer series at McBurney Plaza.

**5. BYLAWS**

a. Bylaw 3048 - Parks & Public Facilities Regulation Bylaw

Final reading of a bylaw to govern the management and use of Parks and Public Facilities acquired or held by the City

MOVED BY Councillor Martin

SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the bylaw cited as "THAT the bylaw cited as "Parks and Public Facilities Bylaw, 2018, No. 3048" be read a first time." be read a final time.

CARRIED



- b. Bylaw 3063 - Municipal Ticket Information System Bylaw Amendment (Parks & Public Facilities)

Final reading of a bylaw to amend fines and bylaw section references in the Municipal Ticket Information System Bylaw related to the Parks and Public Facilities Regulation Bylaw

MOVED BY Councillor van den Broek  
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the bylaw cited as "Municipal Ticket Information System Bylaw, 2011, No. 2846, Amendment No. 11, 2018, No. 3063" be read a final time.

CARRIED

- c. Bylaw 3064 - Discharge Land Use Contract

Final reading of a bylaw to authorize the discharge of Land Use Contract No. 22-77 from the property located at 5139 206 Street to facilitate application for a secondary suite

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom  
SECONDED BY Councillor Arnold

THAT the bylaw cited as "Discharge of Land Use Contract No. 22-77 Bylaw, 2018, No. 3064" be read a final time.

CARRIED

- d. Bylaw 3062 - Zoning Amendment Bylaw

First and second reading of a bylaw to rezone the properties located at 5454, 5464, 5474, 5484, 5490 Brydon Crescent from RS1 Single Family Residential Zone to CD58 Comprehensive Development Zone to accommodate a 30 unit, 3 storey townhouse development

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom  
SECONDED BY Councillor Arnold

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Zoning Bylaw 1996, No. 2100 Amendment No. 149, 2018, No. 3062" be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Zoning Bylaw 1996, No. 2100 Amendment No. 149, 2018, No. 3062" be read a second time.

CARRIED

## 6. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### a. Provincial Employer Health Tax

Darrin Leite, Director of Corporate Services spoke to his report dated May 7, 2018 advising that a 1% tax property tax increase will be required to fund the new Employer Health Tax (EHT) in 2019 and that some smaller municipalities will see lower costs moving from the Medical Service Plan (MSP) to the EHT, but larger municipalities will see a significant increase in costs.

MOVED BY Councillor van den Broek  
SECONDED BY Councillor Martin

THAT Council endorse the following motion to be sent to the Provincial government to amend the implementation of the Employer Health Tax:

**WHEREAS** the Province of BC has introduced an Employer Health Tax (EHT) in the form of a new 1.95% payroll tax starting January 1, 2019 in order to replace the Medical Service Plan (MSP) premiums which will not be fully phased out until January 1, 2020;

**WHEREAS** in 2019, the City of Langley will be required to pay approximately \$236,000 for the EHT in addition to the \$55,000 for the MSP which will require a 1.0% property tax increase to fund the additional costs;

**WHEREAS** the EHT will transfer the tax burden from individuals to businesses causing unintended consequences on the local taxpayers as the primary source of revenue for local governments is through property taxation;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Province of BC exempt local governments, regional districts and school boards from the imposition of the EHT to lessen the financial burden on local taxpayers, especially those that are on fixed incomes.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

Council discussion ensued regarding the importance of all BC municipalities lobbying the provincial government to eliminate or reduce the EHT as all BC taxpayers will bear the cost of this new tax.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

**CARRIED**

MOVED BY Councillor Martin  
SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT correspondence be sent to all BC municipalities urging each municipality to write to the provincial government requesting the elimination or reduction of the newly implemented Employer Health Tax.

CARRIED

**7. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Motions/Notices of Motion
- b. Correspondence
  - 1. Starr Valentino
    - May 16 - "Do Something Nice for Your Neighbour" Day
- c. New Business

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal  
SECONDED BY Councillor van den Broek

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:35pm.

CARRIED

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MAYOR

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CORPORATE OFFICER