



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 8, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Langley City Hall
20399 Douglas Crescent

Present: Mayor Pachal
Councillor Albrecht
Councillor Mack
Councillor Solyom
Councillor Wallace

Absent: Councillor James
Councillor White

Staff Present: F. Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services
C. Johannsen, Director of Development Services
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer
D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services
D. Pollock, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Pachal began by acknowledging 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 April 8, 2024 regular agenda be adopted as amended 6a. Moment of Silence for Day of Mourning.

CARRIED

3. CONSENT AGENDA

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following items be approved:

a. Adoption of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2024

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 18, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

2. Special Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2024

THAT the minutes of the special meeting held on March 18, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

b. Bylaws

1. Bylaw 3267 - Public Notice Bylaw

Final reading of a bylaw to provide for alternative means of providing notice to the public as permitted under Section 94.2 of the Community Charter.

THAT the bylaw cited as "Public Notice Bylaw, 2024, No. 3267" be read a final time.

2. Bylaw 3268 - Council Procedure Bylaw

Final reading of a bylaw to align with the new Public Notice Bylaw and to reflect current best practices for meeting procedures

THAT the bylaw cited as "Council Procedure Bylaw, 2024, No. 3268" be read a final time.

c. Correspondence

1. Provincial Response to City of Langley Resolution Endorsed at the 2023 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention - Varied Taxation Rate for Residential Properties

THAT the correspondence from UBCM dated February 29, 2024 regarding Provincial Response to City of Langley Resolution Endorsed at the 2023 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention - Varied Taxation Rate for Residential Properties be received.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

See Consent Agenda

5. DELEGATIONS

a. Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job - April 28, 2024

Wendy Cook, Delegate of the New Westminster & District Labour Council and a member of the BCTF Union, made a presentation to Council regarding the upcoming Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job, providing information as follows:

- Workplace health and safety is everybody's responsibility;
- numbers are just the tip of the iceberg because they include only those fatalities accepted by the workers compensation system;
- in cases of workplace exposure to toxic chemicals or material like asbestos affects only become apparent months years or decades later;
- we also know that workplace injuries accidents and illnesses are severely under reported;
- in 2022, the most recent year there is data available, Work Safe BC reported people missed 3.99 million days of work due to work-related incidents and disease;
- Work Safe BC also reported they accepted 181 work-related death claims; our thoughts and sympathies go out to the families of those workers;
- the industries with the most claims reported were healthcare and social services, general construction, retail, transportation and related services, and tourism and hospitality;
- behind each of these statistics is a working person, a family, a friend, or neighbor; these are people in your community and the impacts from a workplace injury go far beyond time away from work we can, and must do better;
- accountability is critical when it comes to health and safety at work; as workers we hold each other accountable reporting issues and dangers and actively participating in joint health and safety committees'
- we call on employers to:
 - invest in meaningful prevention measures;
 - offer robust on-going training;
 - identify workplace hazards and develop an action plan for addressing them;
 - ensure worker participation in developing and monitoring the systems that will make workplaces safer;
- education is the key to prevention, especially for young workers, with 11% of workers injured in 2022 being under the age of 25;

- teachers and support workers in schools and programs like the BC Federation of Labour's "Alive After Five", together with employer commitment to training, are critical to making sure young workers are not only safe at work but will also not face lifelong impacts from preventable workplace injuries;
- we are also calling on all levels of government to ensure accountability for workplace health and safety and this year marks the 20th anniversary of the Westray law coming into effect, named for the coal mine in Nova Scotia where 26 men working underground lost their lives in an explosion;
- the law introduced the legal duty and accountability into the Criminal Code of Canada for corporations and individuals to take steps to prevent harm at work;
- a key piece of enforcement of the law is ensuring police and lawyers receive appropriate training and that prompt and thorough investigations are carried out;
- construction is one of the industries with the highest reported claims and the International Union of Operating Engineers is sounding the alarm following our recent incidents involving the tower cranes:
 - we are approaching 3 years from the traffic events of July 12th 2021 when a tower crane collapsed in Kelowna killing five workers;
 - to date the RCMP have recommended one charge of criminal negligence causing death they have not said who that charge is recommended for;
 - Work Safe BC is not sharing their investigation report with the public or even with industry stakeholders;
 - we still haven't taken the necessary steps to improve safety in and around tower cranes;
 - our province missed an important opportunity to become the leaders in tower crane safety across Canada following that incident; we may never know if the effect of not acting when we should have played a part in the four recent incidents involving tower cranes; we may never know if we could have prevented the most devastating of those incidents which took the life of Yuridia Flores, a mother of two who died because she went to work;
- work shouldn't hurt and it shouldn't kill;
- unions in BC have fought hard for gains in ensuring appropriate Work Safe BC coverage, but we know prevention, like improving tower crane safety, is the most important action we can take;
- here are some measures we can all support to ensure workers are safe on the job:
 - provide adequate personal protective equipment that fits all body types and users;
 - create a national plan for remove toxic substances, like asbestos, from workplaces;

- strengthen laws that protect workers against violence and harassment and ensure workers know their rights and have the tools to be safe on the job;
- as union members we also call on governments at all levels to remove barriers to joining a union to ensure all workers have the protection and rights that come with a union card, because strong unions make safe workplaces;
- unions in BC have a long history of advocacy and taking action on workplace health and safety;
- everyone here today can help us make a difference, be safety conscious support accountability measures and health and safety education in workplaces;
- together it is possible to have safe work now.

Ms. Cook invited Council members to join the New Westminster & District Labour Council on Sunday April 28th, the Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job, at 11:00 am in Westminster Pier Park.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

- a. Council and all meeting attendees observed one minute of silence for workers killed and injured on the job.
- b. Upcoming Regular Meetings
April 29, 2024
May 13, 2024
- c. Council Advisory Bodies Update

7. BYLAWS

- a. New Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 3256

David Pollock, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment provided a PowerPoint presentation introducing the purpose of the bylaw, providing information on the following:

- background
 - Current DCC Bylaw – adopted in 2012
 - New Information available – OCP, Master Plans
 - Significant growth
 - Construction costs have increased
 - Proposed DCC Program Developed
- DCC development process
 - Review projects and draft DCC rates with Council
 - Development community consultation
 - Three readings of DCC bylaw
 - Approval of province
 - Bylaw adoption

- DCC program and rates
 - Identify Eligible Projects
 - DCC Capital Costs
 - Total Program Costs \$295.5 M
 - Recoverable costs \$209.3 M
 - Municipal Costs \$ 86.2 M
- existing vs proposed rates
- DCC program review – status
 - Draft Rates to Council: Q3, 2023
 - Industry Consultation: Q3, 2023
 - Informal Review by Province: Q4, 2023
 - Refinement of Program Rates: Q1, 2024
- Next steps
 - Grant Three Readings of Bylaw No. 3256
 - Province evaluation (3-4 months)
 - Adoption of Bylaw No. 3256

In response to questions from Council members, staff advised that:

- it would be appropriate to undertake a comprehensive review of the bylaw every five years and to review the costs reflected in the bylaw every two to three years to ensure they are still current;
- details such as how DCCs would be collected from small scale residential developments are still to be determined; however, any DCC eligible project in stream prior to this new bylaw coming into effect would be subject to the rates in the previous bylaw; whereas any new projects would be subject to the rates in the new bylaw;
- staff will investigate which DCC costs would apply to which developments and will hopefully be able to provide this information to Council prior to consideration of adoption of the bylaw.

1. Bylaw 3256 - Development Cost Charges Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to impose Development Cost Charges.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

1. THAT the bylaw cited as "Development Cost Charges Bylaw, 2024, No. 3256" be read a first, second and third time.
2. THAT the proposed Bylaw No. 3256 be forwarded to the "Inspector of Municipalities" for review and approval.

CARRIED

b. Bylaw No. 3278 - Parks and Public Facilities Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to amend the Parks and Public Facilities Regulation Bylaw to add location maps as a schedule to the bylaw identifying the specific areas in selected parks and public facilities where consumption of liquor is permitted seasonally.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "Parks and Public Facilities Regulation Bylaw, 2018, No. 3048, Amendment No. 3, 2024, Bylaw No. 3278" be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor Wallace

c. Bylaw 3269 - Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw Amendment

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to amend the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw to align with offences and section numbers of the Highway and Traffic Regulation Bylaw.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the bylaw cited as "Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw, 2021, No. 3139, Amendment No. 1, 2024, No. 3269" be read a first, second and third time.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, in response to questions from Council members, staff advised that:

- staff undertake periodic reviews of bylaws that contain fees or fines to ensure they remain in alignment with other municipalities;
- staff can develop a list of commonly occurring infractions in the City for report back to Council;

In response to a question from a Council member, Mayor Pachal advised that despite there being an infraction listed in the bylaw for riding on a sidewalk, it is permissible for students to ride or cycle on sidewalks under certain kilometres in the city as long as it is not specifically in the downtown area. There are also now safe cycling facilities in the City's downtown area.

Staff further advised that with respect to having a map of safe riding routes, the City's new Transportation Master Plan, which is under development, includes information on a cycling network; upon completion of the plan, a digital map could be created from this information for the public;

Mayor Pachal further advised that TransLink has a bike map that is put together by HUB Cycling, but noted that the routes should be tried out first by parents before allowing their children to use the routes.

Staff further advised that bylaws staff do use their discretion when issuing tickets for parking infractions made by individuals with mobility issues parking their specialized vehicles; also, if an individual feels they have been fined erroneously, they can contact the bylaws department to question the ticket and explain the situation.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Socio-Cultural Economic Development Advisory Committee – 2024 Work Plan

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Socio-Cultural Economic Development Advisory Committee 2024 Annual Work Plan be approved.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED in response to a question from a Council member, Councillor Albrecht advised that the work of the committee will involve a significant engagement piece with Council and diverse community stakeholders in order to get an accurate inventory of community needs, and further noting that the main goal of this committee is to make sure we aren't leaving anyone behind.

Mr. Cheung further advised that:

- members of the City's other committees will be invited to participate in some engagement and consultation processes to help develop the plans of the Socio-Cultural Economic Development Advisory Committee (SCEDAC);
- staff are currently gathering information for development of a sustainability framework which it is hoped can be brought to Council in the fall for consideration; the development of this framework is not directly tied to the workplan of either the SCEDAC or the Environmental Sustainability committee; however, the work of staff on the SCEDAC committee will help inform the development of the sustainability framework.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

b. 2024 Environmental Sustainability Committee Work Plan

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Environmental Sustainability Committee 2024 Annual Work Plan.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

Councillor Albrecht, Co-Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Committee, spoke to the committee report, advising of some upcoming community events they are participating in and the committee's focus on developing a sustainability charter which can hopefully be built into all facets of our community.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

c. Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Committee - 2024 Work Plan

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Committee 2024 Work Plan.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, Councillor Wallace, Chair of the Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Committee, highlighted some of the projects the committee is currently working on and Councillor Albrecht, Co-Chair of the committee, highlighted the committee's successful film festival last year and its extensive work on the Langley Heritage Railway Project.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Award of Tender T2023-039, Michaud Crescent Watermain Replacement and Road Improvements

It was MOVED and SECONDED THAT "Tender T2023-039, Michaud Crescent Watermain Replacement and Road Improvements" be awarded to Arsalan Construction Ltd. for the tendered amount of \$2,441,789.00 (excluding GST).

1. THAT RF Binnie & Associates Ltd. be appointed to undertake the contract administration for \$155,882.00 excluding taxes, and

2. THAT a contingency allowance of \$140,000.00 be approved, to be used only for unforeseen issues, and
3. THAT the Director Engineering, Parks and Environment and the Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the contract document for Tender T2023-039.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, in response to questions from Council members, Mr. Pollock advised that:

- this project, having received grant funding from TransLink for cycling infrastructure upgrades, ties in with replacement and enhancement of infrastructure, including green infrastructure:
- none of the existing trees on the north side will be removed;
- with respect to providing more certainty as to project costs, given the issue with a previous tender which did not account for potential costs to remove contaminated soil, which subsequently increased the original budget, accordingly, bidders for this project were asked to build in a cost for potential removal of contaminated soil as an optional item, which, if not required, would be a credited back to the City; additionally, there is \$140,000 in contingency if needed.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

- b. Out of Province Travel – Director of Corporate Services

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve Darrin Leite, the Director of Corporate Services, to attend the Government Officers Association (GFOA) Annual International Conference in Orlando, Florida from June 9 to 12, 2024.

CARRIED

- c. Out of Province Travel Request, Ottawa Mission, April 16 to April 19, 2024

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT City Council approve Mayor Nathan Pachal, Councillor Paul Albrecht, Councillor Mike Solyom, Councillor Leith White, and Francis Cheung to travel to Ottawa from April 16 to April 19, 2024, as a delegation to meet with Members of Parliament to lobby and advance Langley City's positions with respect to housing, infrastructure, transportation, culture, immigration, and refugee issues.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the travel expenses for the trip to Ottawa under Recommendation No. 1 be allocated from the Enterprise Fund.

CARRIED

10. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Motions/Notices of Motion
- b. New Business
1. Public Release of Motion from March 18, 2024 Closed Meeting of Council:
- "THAT Wendy Rachwalski be appointed as a Member at Large to the Accessibility Advisory Committee."

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Metro 2050 Type 3 Proposed Amendment to Reflect Accepted Regional Context Statements and Correct Minor Errors

Correspondence from Metro Vancouver dated March 21, 2024

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from Metro Vancouver dated March 21, 2024 regarding Metro 2050 Type 3 Proposed Amendment to Reflect Accepted Regional Context Statements and Correct Minor Errors be referred to staff.

CARRIED

- b. Metro 2050 Type 3 Proposed Amendment to Reflect the Electoral Area A Official Community Plan

Correspondence from Metro Vancouver dated March 21, 2024

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the correspondence from Metro Vancouver dated March 21, 2024 regarding Metro 2050 Type 3 Proposed Amendment to Reflect the Electoral Area A Official Community Plan be referred to staff.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:53 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER