

SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR BUDGET PURPOSES

Monday, March 4, 2019 at 2:00pm Fraser River Presentation Theatre 4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor J. Froese

Councillors P. Arnason, D. Davis, S. Ferguson, M. Kunst, B. Long, K. Richter, and E. Woodward

M. Bakken, S. Gamble, K. Sinclair, S. Scheepmaker, R. Seifi and J. Winslade

W. Bauer, P. Cordeiro, S. Little, S. Nam, and A. Neufeld

A. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

 Special Council Meeting for Budget Purposes Agenda – March 4, 2019

Moved by Councillor Kunst, Seconded by Councillor Arnason, That Council adopt the agenda and receive the agenda items of the Special Council Meeting for Budget Purposes held March 4, 2019. CARRIED

B. <u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS</u>

Councillor Richter entered the meeting at 2:06pm.

1. Draft 2019 - 2023 Financial Plan

Staff summarized the Alternate Budget Proposal provided by Councillor Woodward in his Memorandum to Council provided in the Distribution List dated March 4, 2019.

The alternate proposal proposes to borrow \$1,900,000 over a 20 year amortization to fund the improvements at McLeod Athletic Park, changes to the additional staff requests included in the draft budget proposal, redistribution of the proposed prior year surplus use to fund road widening of 221A Street from 50 to 52 Avenues and Langley Hospice, and a reduction in the purchasing of dump trucks from ten to five with the potential to preapproval for the remaining vehicles for the 2020 budget and the

addition of eleven additional projects included in the Memorandum to Council.

Staff then continued by providing projects that could be funded using the current proposed budget, including projects that were identified by Council, Transportation Infrastructure, Facility Infrastructure and Parks Infrastructure.

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Woodward,

Seconded by Councillor Kunst,

That Council direct staff to bring forward for consideration the Draft 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan to the Regular Afternoon Council meeting on March 11, 2019.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Woodward,

Seconded by Councillor Richter,

That the proposed budget be amended to include the amendments provided by Councillor Woodward resulting in a proposed tax increase of 3.87%.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Richter,

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson,

That the Operations Centre: Wash Bay for Maintenance and Worker Safety be reduced from \$250,000 to \$125,000 for the 2019 Budget Year;

That the remaining \$125,000 be preapproved for the 2020 Budget Year; and

That the removed \$125,000 be used toward a Financial Sustainability Study for the Township of Langley

CARRIED

Mayor Froese, Councillors Kunst and Long opposed

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Long,

Seconded by Councillor Woodward,

That the Operations Centre: Wash Bay for Maintenance and Worker Safety be included in the proposed budget amendments with additional funding of \$125,000 totaling \$250,000.

CARRIED

Councillors Davis, Richter, and Woodward opposed

MEETING RECESSED

The meeting recessed at 4:37pm.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 4:50pm.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Arnason, Seconded by Councillor Richter,

That the Plaza and Entry Point components for \$1,900,000 for the improvements to McLeod Athletic Park be deferred to the 2020 Budget.

DEFEATED

Mayor Froese, Councillors Ferguson, Kunst, Long, and Woodward opposed

AMENDMENT AS AMENDED

The question on the Amendment as Amended was called and it was: **CARRIED**

Councillor Arnason opposed

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Long, Seconded by Councillor Davis,

That the following projects be included in the 2019 Budget:

- Project EN273 Annual Commuter Cycling Improvements
- Project EN1084 Sidewalk: 206, 4200 to 4400 Block; and
- Project EN1100 Road Reconstruction & Street Lighting: McBride Lane

The balance of the funding, approximately \$152,275, be returned back to the budget to reduce the tax rate to 3.85%.

AMENDMENT DIVIDED

The Amendment was divided.

AMENDMENT #1

That the following project be included in the 2019 Budget:

• EN 273 – Annual Commuter Cycling Improvement

CARRIED

Councillor Richter opposed

AMENDMENT #2

That the following project be included in the 2019 Budget:

Project EN1084 – Sidewalk: 206, 4200 to 4400 Block
 CARRIED

COUNCILLOR DECLARES CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Woodward declared a Conflict of Interest under Section 100 of the Community Charter as he owns property in the adjacent area and left the meeting at 5:08pm.

AMENDMENT #3

That the following project be included in the 2019 Budget:

 Project EN1100 – Road Reconstruction & Street Lighting: McBride Lane

CARRIED

Councillor Richter opposed

Councillor Woodward entered the meeting at 5:09pm

AMENDMENT #4 AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Woodward, Seconded by Councillor Long,

That the funding of Project EN904 – Operations Center: Repairs and Improvements for \$100,000 be included in the 2019 Budget reducing the balance of the funding to \$52,275 with a tax rate of 3.92%.

CARRIED

Councillor Richter opposed

AMENDMENT #4 AS AMENDED

The question on the Amendment as Amended was called and it was: **CARRIED**

Councillor Richter opposed

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Richter, Seconded by Councillor Arnason,

That the Integrated Storm Water Management Plan for Gloucester be included in the 2019 Budget and funded by the Development Cost Charge Fund.

REFERRAL

Moved by Councillor Long, Seconded by Councillor Davis, That the motion be referred to the Regular Afternoon meeting of March 11, 2019.

CARRIED

Councillors Arnason and Richter opposed

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

The question on the main motion as amended was called and it was: **CARRIED**

Councillor Richter opposed

- 5 -

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Councillor Long,
That Council authorize staff to bring forward the 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan
Bylaw and accompanying rate bylaws based on the above resolutions and
or amendments.

CARRIED

C. OTHER BUSINESS

D. <u>TERMINATE</u>

Moved by Councillor Davis, Seconded by Councillor Kunst, That the meeting terminate at 5:37pm. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:
Mayor
Township Clerk