



## REGULAR AFTERNOON MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, July 22, 2019 at 2:06 PM  
 Fraser River Presentation Theatre  
 4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

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### MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor J. Froese

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

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

W. Bauer and K. Stepto

### **A. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **A.1 Regular Afternoon Council Meeting Agenda - July 22, 2019**

Moved by Councillor Ferguson,  
 Seconded by Councillor Davis,  
 That Council adopt the agenda and receive the agenda items of the  
 Regular Afternoon Council meeting held July 22, 2019.

#### AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Woodward,  
 Seconded by Councillor Davis,  
 That delegation D.1 from the Regular Evening Meeting be deferred to  
 September, further to Council consideration.  
 CARRIED

Councillors Ferguson and Long opposed

#### ADDITIONAL DELEGATION REQUEST

Moved by Councillor Richter,  
 Seconded by Councillor Arnason,  
 That the additional delegation request from Judith Brook regarding  
 declaring a climate emergency for the Regular Evening Meeting be  
 declined due to a lengthy agenda and a delegation already speaking on  
 this topic.  
 CARRIED

**AMENDMENT**

Moved by Councillor Richter,

Seconded by Councillor Arnason,

That item D.1 from the Regular Afternoon Meeting be deferred to September.

DEFEATED

Mayor Froese and Councillors Arnason, Ferguson, Kunst, Long, and Whitmarsh opposed

**MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED**

The question was called on the Main Motion, as amended, and it was CARRIED

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES****B.1 Regular Afternoon Council Meeting - July 8, 2019**

Moved by Councillor Whitmarsh

Seconded by Councillor Arnason,

That Council adopt the Minutes of the Regular Afternoon Council meeting held July 8, 2019.

CARRIED

**C. MOTION TO RESOLVE INTO SPECIAL CLOSED MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Whitmarsh,

Seconded by Councillor Arnason,

That Council now resolve into a Special Closed Meeting for discussion of the following items, in accordance with and as identified under Section 90 of the Community Charter:

Item A.1 - Section 90(1) (n) Consideration;

Item E.1 - Section 90(1) (e) Property; (k) Negotiations;

Item E.2 - Section 90(1) (e) Property; (k) Negotiations;

Item E.3 - Section 90(1) (e) Property; (k) Negotiations;

Item F.1 - Section 90(1) (e) Property; (k) Negotiations;

Item F.2 - Section 90(1) (b) Personal;

Item F.3 - Section 90(1) (e) Property; (k) Negotiations;

Item F.4 - Section 90(2) (c) Ombudsperson Act;

Item F.5 - Section 90(1) (m) Another Matter;

Item H.1 - Section 90(1) (e) Property;

Item H.2 - Section 90(1) (m) Another Matter;

Item H.3 - Section 90(1) (k) Negotiations;

Item H.4 - Section 90(1) (g) Legal

Item H.5 - Section 90(1) (g) Legal

Item H.6 - Section 90(1) (b) Personal

Item H.7 - Section 90(1) (a) Personal

Item H.8 - Section 90(1) (i) Legal

CARRIED

MEETING RECESSED

The meeting recessed at 2:14pm.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 5:22pm.

#### **D. PRESENTATIONS**

##### **D.1 Township of Langley Mayor's Standing Committee on Development Management Process Review**

M. Holden, Professor and Director, Urban Studies Program and Department of Geography, provided a presentation regarding a proposal for the Development Management Process Review. She presented the following goals and objectives for the review:

- Support efficient and effective development approvals processing as an integrated part of the overall community planning, development, and engineering work in Langley;
- Devise informed recommendations for improving the elements of current development review and approval process in direct municipal control of the Township of Langley;
- Provide recommendations and information to applicants for development approvals process that are beyond direct municipal control on outcomes in Langley, for outreach and education;
- Support professional working relationships and dialogue between applicants and the municipality on community and neighbourhood works and outcomes.
- Build upon the culture of transparency, accountability, dialogue, and future-oriented visioning in the Township of Langley.

By the end of May 2020, a comprehensive report on the results of the research will be presented to the Standing Committee.

##### **MOTION**

Moved by Mayor Froese,

Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh,

That Council receive the presentation by Dr. Meg Holden regarding a proposal for the Development Management Process Review; and

That Council approve the \$24,687 budget for this project to come from Council Contingency.

CARRIED

Councillor Richter opposed

## **E. DELEGATIONS**

**E.1 Rudy Verhoeff  
Red Door Events Inc.  
File 0550-07**

Rudy Verhoeff, Red Door Events Inc., appeared before Council to discuss the Summerset Music & Arts Festival being held in Fort Langley. He commented that this festival is a four day event with local musicians and local food providers. Noise mitigation and parking issues have been addressed. He asked for a variance to the noise bylaw to allow music until 11:00pm.

**E.2 Chris Macmillan  
Sartori Environmental Inc.  
File 0550-07**

Chris Macmillan, Sartori Environmental Inc., appeared before Council to discuss Soil Deposit Application No. SO 2014 for property located at 23861 – 8 Avenue. He stated that the project is aimed at improving agricultural capacity for growing hay and feed crop production, that the fill works will not overlap sensitive aquatic habitat, and that the trucking routes will prevent disturbance to community activities and local wildlife.

## **F. REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**F.1 Soil Deposit Application for  
Property at 23861 - 8 Avenue  
Report 19-117  
File ENG SO 2014**

Moved by Councillor Richter,  
Seconded by Councillor Davis,  
That Council not refer the soil deposit application for 23861 – 8 Avenue to the Agricultural Land Commission and direct staff to not process the application further.  
DEFEATED

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

MOTION  
Moved by Councillor Whitmarsh,  
Seconded by Councillor Kunst,  
That Council refer the soil deposit application for 23861 – 8 Avenue to the

Agricultural Land Commission.  
CARRIED

Councillors Arnason, Davis, Richter, and Woodward opposed

**F.2 Permissive Exemptions from Property Taxation**  
**Policy 03-837 Amendment**  
**Report 19-108**  
**File FIN 1970-04**

Moved by Councillor Long,  
 Seconded by Councillor Arnason,  
 That Council approve the amended Permissive Exemptions from Property Taxation Policy, 03-837, to include a limit of \$75,000 (with an annual escalation clause) for Not-For-Profit properties eligible for exemption;

That Council authorize staff to bring forward a Not-for-Profit Permissive Tax Exemption Amendment Bylaw to affect changes to Charitable and Not-for-Profit Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 5117; and

That Council authorize staff to provide notice to all existing Not-For-Profit property owners in receipt of a permissive exemption that the new policy and the limit will be in effect for 2021.  
 CARRIED

**F.3 Filming Fee Revenues and Cost Recovery**  
**Report 19-128**  
**File ADM 4530-01**

Moved by Councillor Ferguson,  
 Seconded by Councillor Long  
 That Council receive the “Filming Fees Revenues and Cost Recovery” report as per motion carried at April 1, 2019 Regular Evening Meeting of Council requesting that staff review filming revenues and provide a report and amendment to ensure full cost recovery for Township costs.  
 CARRIED

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

**G.1 Rail Safety Week**  
**File 0630-01**

Moved by Councillor Kunst,  
 Seconded by Councillor Long,  
 That Council receive the letter from Stephen Covey, Corporate Services, CN, requesting the week of September 23-29, 2019 be proclaimed as Rail Safety Week.  
 CARRIED

**H. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES****I. OTHER BUSINESS****I.1 Funding for Libraries**

Moved by Councillor Arnason,  
Seconded by Councillor Richter,  
Whereas it is necessary and desirable to enhance library funding for the benefit of all current and future residents of the Township of Langley;

Whereas Council is now in receipt of correspondence from other communities expressing support for the “\$20 million in 2020” library funding campaign; and

Whereas the provincial government’s funding for public libraries has remained stagnant at \$14 million for the past decade, whilst community demand for library services and rising costs continue to erode the delivery of our library service model;

Therefore be it resolved that Langley Township Council write to the Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, requesting that the Province of British Columbia restore funding for libraries to meet current requirements by adding \$6 million to the 2020 library budget.

CARRIED

Councillor Richter provided the following Notices of Motion for consideration at the next Regular Afternoon Meeting:

**I.2 Strategic Borrowing Plan**

Whereas Council is considering many different new expenditures to meet the service needs of this growing community;

Whereas many of these expenditures will be very expensive;

Therefore be it resolved that Council ask staff to develop and bring forward a Strategic Borrowing Plan (short, medium, and long term) as part of the 2020 budget process; and

Be it further resolved that this Strategic Borrowing Plan include a list of prioritized expenditures for Council’s consideration.

**I.3 Two 5% Penalties Model**

Whereas some residents miss the property tax deadline for unavoidable health reasons but are still required by provincial law to pay a financial penalty for late tax payment;

Whereas most other Lower Mainland jurisdictions have moved to a “Two - 5% Penalties” model where a 5% penalty is imposed for the first 30 days after the property tax deadline, with the second 5% penalty implemented after that; and

Whereas the Township of Langley currently has a full 10% penalty effective immediately after the tax deadline which creates a financial burden on sick and elderly residents;

Therefore be it resolved that Council ask staff to bring forward a report and any necessary bylaw changes to implement the “Two 5% penalties” model in the Township of Langley to be effective for the 2020 tax year.

#### **J. TERMINATE**

Moved by Councillor Davis,  
Seconded by Councillor Long,  
That the meeting terminate at 6:28pm.  
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Mayor

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Township Clerk