

Township of
Langley



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SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:

E. Brett, (Community Co-Chair)
Councillor P. Arnason (Council Co-Chair)
Councillor S. Ferguson (Council Co-Chair)

M. Gill and S. Hedao

Guest:

L. Marshall, Manager, Access Transit Service Delivery, Coast Mountain Bus Company

Staff:

P. Ward, Strategic/Social Planner
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

As several visitors representing local organizations serving seniors and people with disabilities were present, round table introductions took place.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – October 16, 2019

Moved by S. Hedao,
Seconded by M. Gill,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the October 16, 2019 meeting.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – September 17, 2019

Moved by E. Brett,
Seconded by S. Hedao,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Accessible Transit Services

L. Marshall, Manager, Access Transit Service Delivery, Coast Mountain Bus Company, provided a presentation regarding accessible transit and HandyDART. The following information was provided:

- All of TransLink services are 100% accessible: buses, SkyTrain, SeaBus, etc.
- HandyDART can be used in combination with the other TransLink services.
- Trips are booked on a first come, first served basis – there is no priority system.
- Drivers provide door-to-door assistance.
- 1.3 million trips were delivered in 2018.
- HandyDART has established a Users' Advisory Committee.
- The reservations and scheduling computer system and hardware are being updated.
- HandyDART is constantly looking for new vehicles and new technologies to provide better service.
- There was a 15% increase to service hours between 2017-2019.
- Phase 2 of the Mayors' Plan proposes a further 7% expansion to HandyDART between 2020-2021.
- 13 additional vehicles were put into service in 2018, and 10 more in 2019.
- Cancellations are a challenge, especially cancels-at-the-door and no-shows.
- Taxis perform 10% of all HandyDART trips; there are sometimes issues with door-to-door service, assistance with seatbelts, etc.
- A HandyDART taxi survey has started.
- Feedback on HandyDART can be provided at www.translink.ca/handydart.
- Information about Transport 2050, a strategy for transportation in Metro Vancouver for the next 30 years, can be viewed at www.transport2050.ca.

Questions and answers took place throughout the presentation. As visiting representatives from local organizations serving seniors and people with disabilities were invited by the SAC to attend the presentation, both committee members and visitors participated in the discussion.

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1. Co-Chair Reports

Councillor Arnason reported that she attended the recent Langley Seniors Community Action Table meeting and the flag raising for the International Day of Older Persons on October 1. She further noted that the Province of BC is

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looking for feedback regarding the development of legislation around accessibility. The survey can be found at: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/accessibility/>

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Draft 2019 Age-friendly Strategy Progress Report

The committee reviewed the draft 2019 Age-friendly Strategy Progress Report.

P. Ward noted that a progress report on the Strategy must be completed every two years.

Since the implementation of the Age-friendly Strategy began in 2016:

- 10 short term strategies have been completed and 10 short strategies are in progress (representing 100% of the 20 short term strategies)
- 4 medium term strategies have been completed and 10 medium term strategies are in progress (representing 88% of the 16 medium term strategies)
- 1 long term strategy has been completed and 5 long term strategies are in progress (representing 55% of the 11 long term strategies)

Discussion ensued, including a question on the extent to which the Age-friendly Strategy informs the prioritization of budget requests.

The committee was invited to further review the report and provide any comments or feedback to staff by October 28.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Committee Application Process 2020

Applications are now being accepted for the Seniors Advisory Committee at www.tol.ca/committee. Application deadline is October 25, 2019. Council will make their appointments in early December for members to start in January 2020 for a two year term.

I. **NEXT MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2019
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue
Time: 7:00 pm

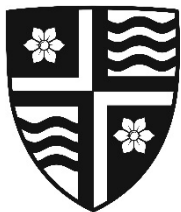
J. **TERMINATE**

The meeting terminated at 9:03pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair



COUNCIL PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Monday, October 21, 2019 at 12:00pm
Fraser River Presentation Theatre
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

CHAIR: Councillor K. Richter

PRESENT:

Mayor Jack Froese and Councillors P. Arnason, S. Ferguson, M. Kunst, B. Long, B. Whitmarsh, and E. Woodward

M. Bakken, S. Nam, R. Seifi, and P. Tulumello

W. Bauer and K. Stepto

A. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Council Priorities Committee Agenda – October 21, 2019

Moved by Councillor Ferguson,
Seconded by Councillor Kunst,
That Council adopt the agenda and receive the agenda items of the
Council Priorities Committee meeting held October 21, 2019.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR DECLARES CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Long declared a Conflict of Interest under Section 100 of the Community Charter, and left the meeting at 12:00pm.

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The following items were referred to the Council Priorities Committee at the April 1, 2019 Regular Afternoon Council meeting:

1. Community Grants

That a review of the community grant criteria / process be referred to a future Council Priorities Committee, prior to the 2020 community grant application process.

P. Tulumello provided an historical overview of the grant process, starting as far back as the 1950's. He noted that a Grants Policy was adopted in 1982 which has been reviewed and amended in regards to criteria several

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times over the years. In 2019, Council approved \$235,250 in funding for 67 community grants and individuals who met criteria and provided all required documentation. Council also approved \$146,000 in funding to five groups outside of criteria.

The general eligibility criteria were presented, which includes: proof of non-profit status, financial disclosure, membership residency, community served, accountability, acknowledgment, project eligibility, and sustainability goals.

In moving forward on requests for funding outside of the current grants criteria Council could consider one of the three options:

- To relax/amend existing criteria in the general grants category allowing more groups to qualify;
- To continue funding such requests from Council Contingency on a case by case basis serving the worthwhile needs of special interest groups and causes in and outside of the municipality; or
- To create new separate grant categories, that won't impact the many community groups who already qualify existing categories and previously established criteria that has ensured accountability, fairness, and unbiased assessment of requests.

Further considerations for Council's consideration include:

- If Council established new grant categories, Council should discuss and define specific criteria, an application process, and define some additional parameters that will allow staff to make a fair assessment of the applications being received, through a new funding category; and
- Criteria and straight forward processes are fundamental to community grant applicants and to staff who are required to make recommendations to Council on whether to fund something, or not.

Discussion ensued regarding the following groups that were awarded a grant outside of the funding criteria in 2019:

- Community Associations
- Langley Seniors Resource Centre – capital improvement
- Gateway of Hope
- Langley Lodge - \$33,000 for five years (began 2 years ago)
- Remembrance Day Ceremonial Flybys

MOTION

Moved by Mayor Froese

Seconded by Councillor Kunst,

That the Council Priorities Committee receive this report for information.

CARRIED

COUNCIL

Moved by Councillor Whitmarsh,

Seconded by Councillor Arnason,

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

That the Council Priorities Committee recommends that Council direct staff to add Community Associations to the Community Grant Process as a separate category.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Whitmarsh,
Seconded by Councillor Kunst,
That staff report back on what the criteria will be for Community Associations.

CARRIED

Mayor Froese and Councillors Ferguson and Woodward opposed

MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED

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

Mayor Froese and Councillors Ferguson and Woodward opposed

COUNCILLOR DECLARES CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Ferguson declared a Conflict of Interest under Section 100 of the Community Charter and left the meeting at 1:18pm.

Councillor Davis entered the meeting at 1:25pm.

2. Langley Seniors Resource Center

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Moved by Councillor Arnason,
Seconded by Councillor Kunst,
Whereas the Langley Seniors Resource Center is a building that serves Township seniors on a daily basis; and

Whereas 70% of the people served by the Langley Seniors Resource Center are Township residents;

Therefore be it resolved that the Langley Seniors Resource Center be added to the list of Community Hall facilities eligible to apply for annual Township of Langley grants.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Arnason,
Seconded by Mayor Froese,
That this facility be eligible to receive a Township of Langley Community Hall grant provided they meet all grant criteria, other than location, as they are located in the City of Langley.

CARRIED

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED

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

The following item was included in the 2019 budget:

3. Financial Sustainability Study

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

REFERRAL

Moved by Mayor Froese,
Seconded by Councillor Arnason,
That this motion regarding a Financial Sustainability Study be referred to the October 21 Regular Afternoon Meeting.
CARRIED

C. OTHER BUSINESS

D. TERMINATE

Moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Mayor Froese,
That the meeting terminate at 1:29pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chair

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AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY AND ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:

M. Gunn, Community Co-Chair
Councillor D. Davis, Council Co-Chair

J. Caldarella, C. Clark, P. Kathuria, N. Killeen, and B. Sharp

Guest:

A. Reeve, Langley Small Farm Network

Staff:

V. Gafka, Senior Manager, Economic Investment and Development
R. Nelson, Senior Planner
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee - October 23, 2019

Moved by J. Caldarella,
Seconded by N. Killeen,
That the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee approve
the agenda and receive the agenda items of the October 23, 2019 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee - June 26, 2019

Moved by P. Kathuria,
Seconded by N. Killeen,
Recommendation that the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement
Committee receive the Notes of the June 26, 2019 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. The Langley Small Farm Network Update

Ava Reeve, Langley Small Farm Network, provided an update on the Local Farm Organization Study. She noted that this project is an action item from the Agricultural Viability Study, which states:

“Review the merits of having a local farm organization, such as a Farmers’ Institute to better represent the views of the entire Township’s farm community, and to promote the development of a local organization if considered important by the farm community.”

The Langley Small Network will undertake a review to understand the merits of having a local farm organization, such as a Farmers’ Institute, that represents the entire farm community of the Township.

The methodology of this review includes reviewing organizational models:

1. Identifying different examples of organizations that serve farmers in BC
2. Conducting preliminary survey of information available online
3. Interviewing lead members of key organizations
4. Organizing, evaluating and summarizing the information gathered.

To date, the following has been completed:

- Researched 10-15 organizations in BC, not limited to Farmers’ Institutes; and
- Conducted in-depth interviews with five registered Farmers’ Institutes and two alternatives.

This information will be summarized and presented at a community engagement event scheduled for October 27.

Next steps include:

- Gather feedback from the AAEEC;
- Present preliminary research to farmers and collect feedback at community engagement event;
- Determine the role of a farm organization in the Langley agricultural industry in consultation with a cross-section of Langley farmers;
- Support follow-up events to formalize organization, if indicated
- Present report to AAEEC and Council.

Discussion ensued and AAEEC members commented that it will be good for farmers, from all size of farms, to have a stronger voice with the Agricultural Land Reserve and that these community engagement events will be a welcoming environment for farmers to express their views.

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E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. **Township of Langley Business Walk Update**

V. Gafka provided the following information regarding the Township of Langley Business Walk which took place from October 14-18 in Northwest Langley, Walnut Grove, and Willoughby:

- Postcards were sent to ~250 commercial and retail small business owners about the door-to-door visitation event;
- 170 business businesses were visited in four days;
- 15 stakeholder groups participated on the walk, including students from Walnut Grove Senior Secondary;
- Three province-wide standard questions were asked:
 - Please rate current state of your business
 - What do you like most about doing business in Northwest Langley / Walnut Grove / Willoughby?
 - How can business be improved?
- The Township added a 4th question for 2019
 - Do you have a recovery plan for your business in the event of a disaster/emergency?
- The data collected is still being analysed;
- Each business was provided with an information package including information about resiliency in the case of an emergency;
- A report will be brought back to the AAEEC and then forwarded to Council.

2. **Committee Application Process 2020**

Members of the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee whose terms are expiring in December 2019 are welcome to re-apply at www.tol.ca/committee. Application deadline is October 25, 2019.

3. **LSAF Workshop**

M. Gunn noted that the Langley Sustainable Agricultural Foundation is presenting a workshop on November 23, 8:30am to 12:30pm, in the Fraser River Presentation Theatre. The guest speaker will be Michael Ableman, a farmer, author, photographer, and urban and local food systems advocate. Further information will be forwarded to the committee.

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

4. Congratulations to AAEEC Members

R. Nelson recognized C. Clark who was awarded the Canadian Chamber Executive of the Year Award.

N. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2019
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue
Time: 7:00 pm

O. TERMINATE

The meeting terminated at 7:47pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair