Township of Langley Est. 1873

REGULAR AFTERNOON MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, March 19, 2018 at 2:30 PM
Fraser River Presentation Theatre
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor J. Froese

Councillors P. Arnason, D. Davis, C. Fox, B. Long, A. Quaale, K. Richter, M. Sparrow and B. Whitmarsh

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 - March 19, 2018

Moved by Councillor Long, Seconded by Councillor Fox, That Council adopt the agenda and receive the agenda items of the Regular Afternoon Council meeting held March 19, 2018. CARRIED

A.2 Bert Hick

Rising Tide Consultants File 0550-07

This delegation request was withdrawn.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

B.1 Regular Afternoon Council Meeting - March 5, 2018

Moved by Councillor Fox, Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh, That Council adopt the Minutes of the Regular Afternoon Council meeting held March 5, 2018. CARRIED

C. MOTION TO RESOLVE INTO SPECIAL CLOSED MEETING

Moved by Councillor Fox,

Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh,

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(2) (b) Intergovernmental Relations;

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

Item F.2 - Section 90(2) (b) Intergovernmental Relations;

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

Item F.4 - Section 90(1) (g) Legal;

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

Item H.2 - Section 90(1) (e) Property; and

Item H.3 - Section 90(1) (e) Property; (g) Legal.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESSED

The meeting recessed at 2:40pm.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 4:18pm.

D. PRESENTATIONS

MAYOR DECLARES CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Froese declared a Conflict of Interest under Section 100 of the Community Charter, and left the meeting at 4:18pm.

Councillor Davis assumed the position of Chair.

E. DELEGATIONS

E.1 Rhonda Driediger Driediger Farms File 0550-07

Rhonda Driediger, Driediger Farms, appeared before Council to discuss the 72 Avenue Railway Crossing Improvements Project. She commented that Driediger Farms is located on 160 acres at 240 Street and 72 Avenue and produces berries that are harvested from May to September. The farm has 60,000 visitors per year to buy or pick berries. She commented that the anticipated loss of revenue from closing the road from May to September is anticipated to be \$500,000. The road closure will have to

re-route 15,000 customers, residents and commuters. 200 trucks per season that delivery packages and take away fresh and frozen products will have to re-routed. She asked Council to move the project to start in September of 2018 to minimize impact to Dridiger Farms and other agricultural operations in the area, and ensure construction is completed by May 1, 2019.

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Quaale

Seconded by Councillor Sparrow,

That the delegation from Rhonda Driediger be referred to staff to determine if any delay in construction would be feasible, considering the needs of the delegate while meeting the requirements of the federal grant. CARRIED

Mayor Froese re-entered the meeting at 4:37pm and assumed the position of Chair.

F. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

F.1 Compensation for Overpaid Property Taxes Due to Assessment Errors by British Columbia Assessment Report 18-36 File FIN 1970-26

Moved by Councillor Fox,

Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh,

That Council approve \$2,439.18 in property tax refunds for other agencies and \$566.21 in municipal property tax refunds to Mitchell, John and Nancy; Sowerby, Lorri-Joy for the over-payment of property taxes, due to assessment errors by British Columbia Assessment over a period of three years as; subject to Ministry approval below. CARRIED

F.2 Budget Transfer Request for 80 Avenue Widening Phase 2 Report 18-33 File ENG 5330-23-093

Moved by Councillor Long, Seconded by Councillor Davis,

That Council approve the transfer of a total of \$650,000 from the 216 Street; 7400 block road improvements and 76 Avenue at 202A Street traffic signal projects (Account No. RDS1222 and RDS1240), to facilitate completion of Phase 2 of the 80 Avenue from 201 Street to 202A Street widening project (Account No. RDS1214); and further

That Council pre-approve the 216 Street, 7400 block road improvements and 76 Avenue at 202A Street traffic signal projects (Account No. RDS 1222 and 1244) at an estimated total cost of \$650,000, as part of the 2019 capital budget.

CARRIED

F.3 Fort Langley Projects - Public Input Report 18-37 File ACCI 0890-01

Moved by Councillor Whitmarsh, Seconded by Councillor Quaale,

That the survey results, questionnaires and comment sheets for the Fort Langley Museum/Heritage Project (the FLMHP) provided at the public open house or otherwise received from community members and the four Committees of Council be received; and further

That Council direct and authorize staff to undertake the following:

- Consider the feedback received and take reasonable steps to incorporate the concepts and ideas submitted while proceeding with the FLMHP;
- Pursue and submit additional grant applications to other levels of Governments and their agencies and/or departments including Infrastructure Canada, Canadian Heritage, the BC Arts Council and others seeking additional funding supporting the FLMHP and other broader community development initiatives in the Fort Langley Community;
- Proceed with development applications, and other permit applications and rezoning as needed for the FLMHP;
- Proceed with a Call for Expressions of Interest and a Request for Proposals from the Development Community and/or other interested parties in order to secure the construction or funding for the construction of the FLMHP;
- Continue discussions with the Seyem Qwantlen Business group towards their participation in the FLMHP and the further development of their proposals for the Bedford House property.
 CARRIED

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1 Day of Mourning File 0630-01

Moved by Councillor Fox, Seconded by Councillor Davis,

That Council receive the letter from Janet Andrews, Secretary-Treasurer, New Westminster & District Labour Council, requesting April 28, 2018 be

proclaimed Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job; and

That Council and staff observe one minute of silence in Council Chambers on/or before April 28, 2018.

CARRIED

H. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

H.1 Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee -

February 28, 2018

Heritage Advisory Committee - March 7, 2018

File 0540-20

Moved by Councillor Davis,

Seconded by Councillor Arnason,

That Council receive the Minutes of the Council Advisory Committee meetings as listed above.

CARRIED

H.2 Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee Recommended Motion

File 0540-20

Moved by Councillor Richter.

Seconded by Councillor Quaale,

That Council contribute \$10,000 to the Young Agrarians Lower Mainland Land Matching Program, by re-allocating budgeted funds in the Agricultural Viability Strategy (Initiative 2.1.8) earmarked for the preparation and maintenance of an inventory of land available for rent or lease to active farmers.

REFERRAL

Moved by Councillor Davis,

Seconded by Councillor Fox,

That this motion be referred to staff for more information on the Young Agrarians Program.

CARRIED

I. OTHER BUSINESS

I.1 Tree Protection Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Fox,

Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh,

Whereas at the Council Meeting of March 5, 2018 Ms. Hanae Sakurai made a delegation to Council regarding the need for a Tree Protection Bylaw in the Township;

Whereas the Council work plan for the 2018 calendar and budget year has been determined as per the last Council priority planning session facilitated by Mr. Gordon McIntosh; and

Whereas staff is fully engaged in fulfilling the expectations of that work plan on top of their day to day project workload and further that budget and staff funding would be necessary to form and carry out the work of the standing committee and any recommendations that were derived from their recommendations:

Therefore be it resolved that the recommendation of the formation of a standing committee to review a Tree Protection Bylaw for the Township of Langley be put as an item of consideration on the agenda of the Council Planning and Priority Workshop of the new term of office for those elected to Council on October 20th; and further

Be it resolved that any recommendations requiring additional funds (materials or staffing positions) be a part of the 2019 budget cycle discussion.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Fox, Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh That the second last paragraph be amended to read as follows:

Therefore be it resolved THAT COUNCIL REQUEST the recommendation of the formation of a standing committee to review a Tree Protection Bylaw for the Township of Langley be put as an item of consideration on the agenda of the Council Planning and Priority Workshop of the new term of office for those elected to Council on October 20th. CARRIED

Councillors Arnason, Davis, Long, and Richter opposed

DEFERRAL

Moved by Councillor Richter, Seconded by Councillor Arnason, That this motion be deferred until Council has received the staff report. DEFEATED

Mayor Froese and Councillors Fox, Quaale, Sparrow and Whitmarsh opposed

MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED

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

Councillors Arnason, Davis, Long, and Richter opposed

I.2 Community Input Group Task Force

Moved by Councillor Fox, Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh, Whereas:

- a. The Mayor's Standing Committee on Public Engagement demonstrated the need to continually reach out to the public for input and feedback;
- b. The recent promotion of Community Associations reinforces the need for transparent, proactive consultation;
- c. The Township of Langley is comprised of six (6) communities consisting of Aldergrove, Murrayville, Fort Langley, Walnut Grove, Willoughby, and Brookswood;
- d. Public input must come from all facets of the community including the business community, school district, concerned residents, and the recreation and cultural communities; and
- e. Input from the community can be received from individuals or organizations who maintain a balanced, non-partisan, proactive, non-political approach to ensuring that residents' needs are taken into consideration as part of council priority setting sessions;

Therefore be it resolved that:

- 1. A Community Input Group Task Force be formed to consist of one (1) individual community representative from each of the aforementioned six (6) communities (total of six (6)), one individual from the business community from each of the six (6) identified communities (BA's, BIA's in particular), (total of six (6)), and one (1) appointed by Council to serve as chairperson, one (1) member from the agricultural community, and one (1) member from the recreation and culture community for a total Public Community Input Group Task Force of fifteen (15);
- 2. Each member of Council shall be appointed to the Community Input Group Task Force (total of twenty-four (24));
- 3. Each public member of the Community Input Group Task Force will be selected by Council and must agree that they are participating as a community volunteer on a Community Input Group Task Force and confirm that they will not be engaged proactively either as a candidate or special interest group;
- 4. The Community Input Group Task Force will meet once per month, as scheduled by staff in April, May, and June;

- 5. All members of Council be encouraged to actively participate in the sessions:
- 6. The meetings will be facilitated (with the facilitator having no direct connection to the community) with funds coming to support this initiative from Council Contingency; and
- 7. The Community Input Group Task Force shall deliberate and provide recommendations to council within four months such that it may be important and significant component in the Township of Langley's Planning Workshop and 2019 budget deliberations.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Fox Seconded by Councillor Quaale, That the resolution #1 be amended to read as follows:

A Community Input Group Task Force be formed to consist of one (1) individual community representative from each of the aforementioned six (6) communities (total of six (6)), one individual from the business community from each of the six (6) identified communities (BA's, BIA's in particular), (total of six (6)), and one (1) MUNICIPAL RESIDENT appointed by Council to serve as chairperson, one (1) member from the agricultural community, and one (1) member from the recreation and culture community, AND ONE (1) MEMBER FROM LEPS, AND ONE (1) MEMBER FROM THE RURAL COMMUNITY, FOR A TOTAL PUBLIC COMMUNITY INPUT GROUP TASK FORCE OF SEVENTEEN (17). CARRIED

Councillors Arnason, Davis, Long, and Richter opposed

MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED

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

Councillors Arnason, Davis, Long, and Richter opposed

Clerk's Note:

As a result of the amendment to resolution #1, resolution #2 is now amended as follows:

Each member of Council shall be appointed to the Community Input Group Task Force (total of twenty-six (26)).

J. TERMINATE

Moved by Councillor Davis, Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh, That the meeting terminate at 6:15pm. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:	
Mayor	
Township Clerk	