



INAUGURAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, November 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM
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, B. Whitmarsh, and E. Woodward

M. Bakken, C. Blair, S. Gamble, S. Harvey-Renner, M. Power,
S. Scheepmaker, R. Seifi, K. Sinclair, P. Tulumello, and J. Winslade

W. Bauer and K. Stepto

OFFICIAL PIPING IN OF COUNCIL ELECT AND OFFICIALS

The Mayor-Elect and Councillors-Elect were piped into the Presentation Theatre by Mark Robertson, accompanied by an Honour Guard consisting of Township of Langley Fighfighters, Sean Lakeman and Colin Gaetan, and RCMP Constables, Ben Kozlovich and Marcus Vettoretti.

A. NATIONAL ANTHEM

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“O Canada” was sung by Kate Markwart of the Langley Community Music School.

B. OATH OF OFFICE

B.1

The Honourable Judge J.G (Gary) Cohen administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Jack Froese and Councillors-Elect Petrina Arnason, David Davis, Steve Ferguson, Margaret Kunst, Bob Long, Kim Richter, Blair Whitmarsh, and Eric Woodard.

C. INVOCATION

C.1

Pastor Derrick Hamre, Christian Life Assembly, offered the invocation on behalf of all present.

Mayor Froese assumed the position of Chair.

D. ACTING MAYOR APPOINTMENT**D.1 Acting Mayor Appointment**

Moved by Councillor Davis,
 Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh,
 That the Acting Mayor be rotated amongst Councillors as follows:

COUNCILLOR	FROM	TO
Councillor Woodward	November 5, 2018	January 31, 2019
Councillor Whitmarsh	February 1, 2019	April 30, 2019
Councillor Long	May 1, 2019	July 31, 2019
Councillor Richter	August 1, 2019	October 31, 2019
Councillor Kunst	November 1, 2019	January 31, 2020
Councillor Ferguson	February 1, 2020	April 30, 2020
Councillor Davis	May 1, 2020	July 31, 2020
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Councillor Ferguson	February 1, 2022	April 30, 2022
Councillor Davis	May 1, 2022	July 31, 2022
Councillor Arnason	August 1, 2022	October 31, 2022

CARRIED

E. COUNCILLORS' INAUGURAL COMMENTS**E.1 Councillor Steve Ferguson**

Councillor Ferguson provided the following inaugural comments to all those present:

Firstly, I want to thank all the residents of the Township of Langley for supporting me during this past election and displaying their confidence in me at the voting booth.

I also wanted to thank the folks that helped me during the campaign with signs, handing out brochures, door knocking, and other things. Especially Michael, Jeanette, my social media gurus!

I want to thank my son Alex with the signs, Lydia and her friends with

whatever she did on Instagram, Sarah for Facebook posts and encouragement, even our neighbours, Bill and Paddy, with sign help and the odd glass of wine.

Of course, my biggest supporter, I can't thank her enough!!! my wife, Denise, who through her countless efforts, super hard work, encouragement, candidate challenges, and the list goes on (did we ever get those brochures printed)...she got me Elected...Thanks Honey!!!!

Throughout the campaign I talked about creating opportunities for: transit, roads, recreation, culture, housing, police, fire, jobs, taxes, and agriculture. (And yes, Agriculture has been a huge part of Langley since our very existence, particularly when food-producing crops are being replaced with huge Cannabis operations). We have challenges within the future of our Agricultural/ALR land.

However, we need to search out and be prepared for opportunities as they arise and yes, with hard work and diligence, we can Indeed find them.

For example the Aldergrove pool, where I was a Task Force member as it was being designed, found \$10 million of Federal money...Why?...because it was shovel ready and it fit the criteria.

The same with the LEC, where \$15 million came from the province due to a wood structured design...the list goes on but we have to be diligent and prepared to act on opportunities.

There are many demands and needs required for our growing community and we always have to be careful to be always financially responsible to the taxpayers particularly at Budget time and when considering tax increases! Taxes are paramount, because we only have ONE taxpayer...We cannot forget that!

In closing this part one, and part two is only 60 seconds, Mr. Mayor.

I am a strong believer that Government (any government anywhere) works best when the elected officials, the support staff and employees, and most importantly the public work together for the betterment of the vary communities that they represent.

This term, I am a firm believer of this system and believe that we need to Work together in a respectful, professional manner.

E.2 Councillor Kim Richter

Councillor Richter provided the following inaugural comments to all those present:

To all in our Township:

I am so very honoured and humbled by your decision to give me another term as Langley Township Councillor.

Throughout my time on Council, my priorities have always been about sustainable growth, public safety, and fiscal responsibility. People and community always come first for me. It's about "Quality of Life" not "Quantity of Development". I will continue to actively support these priorities.

In this next term, we need to focus on ethics, transparency and accountability of Council, affordability of taxes and housing, public safety (including police, fire, food, and water), the preservation of our green spaces, trees, agricultural land, heritage, culture, and wildlife, as well as continued respect and reconciliation with the Katzie, Kwantlen, and Matsqui First Nations.

In this election, Township residents made it very clear what you expect us to do. You want us to protect what keeps our great community so unique. You want balance and a better Langley for all generations. I respect this and will work hard to achieve it.

I extend a very warm welcome to both Margaret Kunst and Eric Woodward, the new faces on Council this next term.

Margaret's passion for sports, tourism, and helping new immigrants in our community will make our Council stronger. We need more kindness like hers.

Eric's background in business and development as well as his dedication to finding solutions and fixing things will set a welcome tone for the future of the Township. We need more ideas like his.

I would like to thank the Mayor for his theme of "New Beginnings". I appreciate and value this. In this new term, we should all make a concentrated effort to look beyond personalities and instead to focus our collective energies, abilities, and attention on facing the many challenging issues in front of our community. I sincerely hope that this "New Beginnings" theme will prevail throughout this term as we protect and grow the community.

Bob Long and I started out together on this public service road 18 years (and 7 consecutive Council terms) ago. I have always appreciated, and still do, Bob's unique ability to bring a group to consensus as well as his ability

to bring laughter and music to any group.

To David and Petrina, I say how very thankful I am that you are both here again for this term. There is no doubt in my mind that your hearts have always been in the right place. You always put community first and work very hard to do the right thing for everybody. I am honoured to serve with you both again for another term. You are role models like no others.

Steve, you are truly “The Comeback Kid” and I value your persistence and dedication. I hope we will all work together to “create new opportunities for Langley”.

I know that we can always count on Councillor Whitmarsh to keep us mindful of staff’s expertise and the need to adhere to written plans, policies, and rules.

To all the people who ran in this 2018 election, thank you for keeping democracy alive and well in our community. It was a pleasure to meet you all and I encourage you to please consider running again for public office. We need voices like yours and sometimes it takes more than one try to get there. (It did for me).

To Mr. Bakken, his team, and all the Township staff, thank you for what you do on a daily basis to keep our community safe, clean, green, and vibrant. We couldn’t do it without all of you.

To my family and friends who stood by me throughout this election – through the thick and thin, the highs and lows, and the slings and arrows, I can’t thank you enough. I love you and value you more than I can ever say.

This is a new day, a new beginning, and I look forward to how we can combine our collective strengths (and they are many) in achieving the best for this community that we all love.

I sincerely hope we will all work collaboratively together to build a better Langley – one that our children and grandchildren will be every bit as proud to call “home” as we are.

Last, but definitely not least, to all the Township residents, voters, and taxpayers, I respectfully thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you again for another term. Please call, text, email or message me any time. I always have, and I always will, stand up and speak out for you.

E.3 Councillor Blair Whitmarsh

Councillor Whitmarsh provided the following inaugural comments to all those present:

Thank you to all the residents of Langley who voted in the recent election and took time to engage the electoral process by researching each of the candidates. I am humbled by the support that I received and I promise to do my best to lead with vision, passion, and integrity. This was my first time in a re-election process and there is no way that I could have done it on my own. Thanks to each member of my campaign team that worked so hard over the past months. I am amazed at how old friends, new friends, and family came together to form a strong and dynamic team with a common purpose.

The election road can be challenging and tiresome and I want to thank every person who put their name forward in this election. The democratic process was alive and well and that is something that we should all be proud of. I met many new people, made new friends, and I have respect for each candidate. I want to thank outgoing Councillors, Charlie Fox, Michelle Sparrow, and Angie Quaale for the contributions they made during the previous term.

Congratulations to each member of council for being elected and for your continued passion for the Township of Langley. Many different visions, ideas, and concepts were brought forward during the election for an improved community and the new council is now tasked with moving forward with purpose and integrity. I am excited to work with each member of Council and the Township of Langley staff who have been so helpful during my first term. I am committed to listening, asking questions, and making decisions that best serve our community and residents.

Most of all, I would like to thank my wife Lorraine and immediate family, Karina and Brandon, Jolayne and Weston, Tana, Chad, and my first grandchild Hudson, born just a few days before the election, for their encouragement and support the previous term and during the election. In addition, thanks to my Mom, sister Renai, brother-in-law Atticus, and good friends Rick and Lorna for their continued support. Without them I would not have made the decision to run in this election.

Langley is truly a wonderful place to live and raise a family. I am excited for the opportunity to shape the future of Langley and to strategically guide the Township of today and tomorrow. Like you, I want Langley to be a place that we can all be proud of. I look forward to working with each member of this newly elected Council and I believe that this community will only become better if we truly all work together.

Thank you.

E.4 Councillor Margaret Kunst

Councillor Kunst provided the following inaugural comments to all those present:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made this night possible. So many hard-working and dedicated people campaigned with me and without all of your support I would not be sitting in this chair with the opportunity to serve this community for the next four years.

I would especially like to thank my husband Fred, my four kids, Brad, Laura, Kevin, and Sarah, my son-in-law Keith, my parents Ted and Willie Vander Hoek, who are here tonight. Also Sam Wind and Leslie Koole – thank you for taking care of so many of the details and helping me get to the finish line.

I would like to thank all the other candidates who put their names forward; you are an example of who and what our community is all about.

I look forward to working with this newly elected Council and appreciate that each person brings a unique perspective to the table. I anticipate learning a lot from each of them as we strive to make the best decisions for the many challenges facing the Township of Langley.

To the people of Langley Township - the ones quietly helping our most vulnerable, our business community that supports so many initiatives, the volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make our community a great place for all of us - I am eager to get to know more about you and support you in whatever way I can.

I am excited about meeting with our seniors and exploring the issues dear to them.

Affordable housing, public safety, fixing our roads, and developing new neighbourhoods are a few of the issues we as a Council will be working to tackle this next term.

Sports and recreation have been a big part of my life and I am dedicated to ensuring that there continue to be quality facilities and opportunities for all our residents, of all ages, abilities, and interests.

I remember four years ago going to an all-candidates meeting at the Langley Events Centre to figure out who I wanted to vote for. I remember thinking as I watched people take their turn to answer questions that it was something I could NEVER do! But four all-candidates-meetings later and one campaign behind me, here I am, sitting at the Council table, preparing

to serve the good people of Langley Township.

I've always tried to stay informed politically on many levels and appreciate a certain political candidate and business woman named Carly Fiorina who once said: "Leadership isn't defined by a person's title or position... True leadership is defined by character, the ability to see possibility in the people around you... Leadership is impossible without humility and empathy because without them you can't collaborate with other people who are different from you. If you can't collaborate, you can't solve problems."

We are elected to do a job – it's not supposed to be easy. It's not about making new friends or being at odds with one another, but about putting our egos aside and making the best decisions for the residents of Langley. I'm humbled by the support for the position you have entrusted me with and I look forward to working hard over the next four years as one of your Township of Langley Councillors.

E.5 Councillor Eric Woodward

Councillor Woodward provided the following inaugural comments to all those present:

First off, I want to congratulate everyone here, the Mayor, all of my fellow Councillors that were chosen to serve. It is an honour, and I am humbled by it, to be one of the eight chosen from among so many great new candidates and experienced incumbents. A special congratulations to Councillor Kunst, given how hard it is the first time out, you have great support from so many, and to Steve and Denise Ferguson, who worked as hard as I ever seen anyone work, a true team. Congratulations to Councillor Davis for finishing first two elections in a row, and to Jack for obviously really wanting to sit next to me for four years.

I want to thank and congratulate Councillors Angie Quaale and Michelle Sparrow for their service. And of course, much gratitude to Councillor Fox on his decades of public service, not just as a Councillor, with so much accomplished.

Thank you to everyone that ran and did not quite make it. It is hard to take that leap. There are few things that compare to such public scrutiny and results for everyone to judge, where you put yourself out there, and others hold your fate in their hands. It is scary, and I applaud anyone that runs.

I have so many to thank, too many to list, from people I didn't really know, inspired to arrange small gatherings in their homes, to those helping organize the policy events, to advocating online, to propping me up on the

those few days that were especially tough. There is nothing more valuable than truthful, constructive criticism from those that care about you, and for that, thank you. Keep it coming.

What a campaign! The campaign was tough. There were some tough days, with some of the stuff that was going on behind the scenes, what some were doing, but most days were great, and positive, talking to people about what's working, and problems residents want us to solve. From a photo at a bus stop, to skittish cows, to the last post sincerely wishing everyone the best of luck, and that I will accept the judgment of the voters, without blame or bitterness. I truly hope that everyone can do that.

Abraham Lincoln apparently once said, "No matter how much the cats fight, there always seems to be plenty of kittens." We can love Langley, of course we do, but still recognize that not everything is perfect. We can disagree. We have problems to solve, improvements to make, reforms to attempt for better outcomes for all, young and old, rural and urban. Abraham Lincoln also said, "He has a right to criticize, who has a heart to help." I wanted our campaign to be about real ideas, not personalities. A real platform for everyone to review and understand what I want to work on, and why I am running: to help fix it, with an emphasis on "help" as part of a group, because no one can do it alone.

Let's truly work together, not as a slogan, but with a clear idea of what and how, and get it done, even if we have to compromise. We must recognize that there are lots of competing interests, not just our own. I won't always vote as everyone will agree with, and that is ok. We must be able to disagree. We must try to understand the perspectives of others. We must not discount or reject input and possible consensus, especially when we don't need them to get something passed, but try to understand and listen to each other, incorporate good ideas, because they are good, with no concern for where they come from. I will always do that.

And while 46% voted for me — a vote of confidence to help solve real problems acknowledged without blame or negativity, but only to make things better, a testament to the desire for new voices — I also recognize that 54% didn't vote for me too. I commit to being a Councillor for everyone, including those that didn't support me, those that didn't vote for me, for whatever reason. I will work to earn your support, to help on any issue, large and small, even when we disagree. And for those that did vote for me, I will never take your support for granted. I will work everyday to earn and justify your faith in me. I will always be honest, and listen. You will know where I stand on the issues, always, and why I believe and fight for what I

do, and will.

We have so much going for us, I can't wait to get to work for Langley, for everyone.

Thank you again to all.

E.6 Councillor Petrina Arnason

Councillor Arnason provided the following inaugural comments to all those present:

Good evening everyone and thank you all for attending tonight's inaugural meeting for the Township of Langley local government elected officials. As I stand before you, I feel a strong sense of purpose mixed with gratitude, to have the opportunity to represent the residents of the Township of Langley for the next four years. Looking back, my first term was an extraordinary learning experience that created a strong foundation for the job that lies ahead. I truly feel blessed to have been given a chance to continue to utilize all of my life experiences and hard won knowledge for what I believe is a higher calling, which is to serve as an elected local government official.

Before continuing, I would like to thank and acknowledge a few very important individuals that have been so fundamental in helping me to ultimately commit to, and pursue, this important and unique role. Firstly, I would like to thank my parents John and Muriel Arnason, who instilled my most formative values by setting such a positive example in their efforts to work for the betterment of the community. To me, they collectively exemplified all that is good in volunteering, and in public service, both in their professional and personal lives. Unfortunately, they are not here in person tonight, but I can nonetheless feel the glow of their sense of pride at the continuation of their purpose to work towards the common community good in this capacity. Secondly, I would like to publicly thank my husband Gunther who is in the audience this evening. He has been my rock, and my soft place to fall, throughout our married life. But most particularly, in the last four years, he has selflessly dedicated himself in his retirement years to my current wants and needs and thus, has become an irreplaceable person now both within my personal, and my political life. Thank you, dear heart!

This is a fresh new beginning and a chance to chart a clear course for the future of the Township with a new Council. At the threshold of this political term, I look forward to getting to know my new Council mates and to renewing the working relationships already established with the returning incumbents. There is much to consider and address in the next few months, and I am looking forward to rolling up my sleeves and getting back to work. Tackling the complex challenges of housing affordability,

homelessness, transportation, public safety, transit, the environment, and a host of other issues will be the work of the next four years. This will take place alongside the consideration and development of new neighbourhood plans and the creation of parks, sports facilities, culture centres, libraries, and all other social amenities necessitated by the growth in our community. These up-coming decisions must be based on a balanced and thorough review of each plan and application, with strong Council oversight over our expenditures so as not to over-burden our current taxpayers. This will indeed be a critical challenge, but one that I sincerely believe can be achieved through a strong working relationship between Council and the Township's professional administrative staff in all departments. Together, we must find innovative and creative solutions by working to discern the best course of action and delivering on these initiatives based on leadership, good management principles, and strong governance.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your political support in the 2018 election and for all that you have given to me in the last four years. In return, I would like to re-pledge my original commitment made in 2014 to work tirelessly on your behalf, and to recommit to my renewed vision for the Township of Langley, on your behalf, for the next four years. Thank you.

E.7 Councillor Bob Long

Councillor Long provided the following inaugural comments to all those present:

I would like to acknowledge and thank my wife Karen for her patience and understanding and support over the years - it's not an easy job being Mrs Long - she will tell you that - and I would like of course thank the rest of our family, and friends and all those who supported me and worked to see me re-elected to this my seventh term.

There have been a lot of changes in the Township over the years that I have served here at the council table as our communities have grown and matured. In many ways I miss the more simple lifestyle that existed when our population was just around 80,000 when I first ran, you didn't need a permit for a parade and you could get a building permit in a few weeks, but on the other hand we must recognize that growth is inevitable and how we embrace it and use it to enhance our quality of life is the key

So as we move forward I would like to welcome our newest members to the council table. I look forward to this being a truly productive term. We have some talent here - and it is my hope and intention to work in every way that I can to build consensus in our decision making as we meet the challenges that lay ahead.

I'm a bit of a stickler for process - so I will ask your forgiveness in advance but I feel that only through proper processes are we able to fairly and effectively serve every citizen of our Township. By doing so, we can make only the best decisions during our meetings and any initiatives brought forward as a result will have a far better chance of success if we dot every 'i' and cross all the 't's'.

During the campaign I repeatedly said two things: that Langley Township is the most desirable place in the Lower Mainland to live - and that the newly elected Council needs to work together keep it that way.

So finally tonight, I want to simply pledge to the citizens that I will do all I can to work positively together with all members of council and our staff to make all of us in the Township of Langley winners!

E.8 Councillor David Davis

Councillor Davis provided the following inaugural comments to all those present:

Your worship, Mayor Froese, special guests, fellow Councillors, Township staff, and ladies and gentlemen of the Township of Langley. Good evening and thank for being here tonight. I am truly honoured to be here again, in this Council Chamber, serving you, the citizens of the Township of Langley.

I would like to thank everyone who came out to vote. Being elected to Council is a responsibility that I do not take lightly, and I feel very privileged that you have entrusted me to be your voice for the next four years. So thank you!

I would also like to thank staff in advance for their patience and for putting up with me as I bumble along. There is an awful lot of work that gets done behind the scenes that staff deals with. So thank you staff!

And finally thank you to my family for all their support, my children, Nicole, you are my speech writer, my motivation - thank you.

I am very excited to start the next four year term working on affordable housing, solving some of our traffic issues, preserving farmland, strengthening agriculture in the Township, and of course every other issues that come to the table (there's a lot of them).

I know that there will be times we will not always agree on the issues, but I will always listen to your concerns, be available to talk to you, and get all of the facts before making decisions on your behalf.

And finally, I would like to offer my congratulations to Mayor Froese and fellow Councillors. It is going to be a great four years and I know we are all eager to get started. Congratulations to you all!

F. MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Mayor Froese provided the following inaugural address to all those present:

I want to start by saying that I'm proud to be on a Council who are all independent. There are no political parties. You are going to have a Council that truly wants to govern. Decisions weren't made during the campaign, but decisions will be made at the Council table, and I'm proud to be working with the leaders that are beside me and to move forward with our municipality.

I'd like to recognize that we are on the traditional territories of the Kwantlen, Katzie, Semiahmoo and Matsqui first nations.

I would like to welcome some special guests who are with us tonight. My wife, Debbie, our children, Marilyn, Jason, and Jenny. Also with us is our grandson, Isaiah. Thank you for coming to be with me tonight.

Thank you to the piper, Mark Robertson, RCMP Constables Ben Kozlovich and Marcus Vettoretti, Firefighters Sean Lakeman and Colin Gaetan, vocalist Kate Markwart, Judge Gary Cohen, and Pastor Derrick Hamre.

I want to thank everyone who put his or her name forward to run for Mayor, Councillor and School Trustee. Everyone should be congratulated for their commitment to Langley Township whether elected or not, their contribution to our democracy is very much appreciated.

Thank you to three outstanding members of our community who served on the previous Council. Charlie Fox, Angie Quaale and Michelle Sparrow. I wish you all the best and am sure you will all continue to contribute to the Township.

I welcome our new members of Margaret Kunst and Eric Woodward and returning Councillor, Steve Ferguson. I look forward to working with you and the incumbent Councillors Kim Richter, Bob Long, David Davis, Petrina Arnason and Blair Whitmarsh. The incoming Council brings new innovative ideas and with those fresh ideas, Council will work hard for our 120,000 residents.

This Council faces many challenges over the next four years, including: building a new museum in Fort Langley, roads to repair, expansions such as the 208 St. Corridor, working on the Brookwood/Fernridge

neighbourhood plans, dealing with the new and emerging cannabis regulations, ensuring our fire and police safety services continue to keep us safe and addressing serious issues such as homelessness, all the while ensuring our businesses, agriculture and residents thrive.

We are truly blessed with a staff of hard working people who make it their career to serve our residents. Thank you to our Chief Administrative Officer, Mark Bakken, for leading a team of dedicated individuals and thank you to all our staff for working for the betterment of our residents and community.

The Township of Langley has a 145-year history as an incorporated municipality. The efforts of the first nations, our pioneers and the many Mayors and Councillors who have worked to get us where we are today were instrumental in making this the best municipality to live, work, play, learn and farm in. This new Council has huge shoes to fill in order to continue the work ahead. I'm sure every one of us is up to the challenge and I'm looking forward to continuing that work with the new Council before you.

As has been mentioned, this is a new beginning, and I am truly excited to be working with this new Council.

G. TERMINATE

Moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Councillor Long,
That the meeting terminate at 7:54pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor

Deputy Township Clerk