Township of Langley Est. 1873

REGULAR AFTERNOON MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, April 1, 2019 at 12:30 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, 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 - April 1, 2019

Moved by Councillor Arnason Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh That Council adopt the agenda and receive the agenda items of the Regular Afternoon Council meeting held April 1, 2019. CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

B.1 Regular Afternoon Council Meeting - March 11, 2019

Moved by Councillor Ferguson, Seconded by Councillor Kunst, That Council adopt the Minutes of the Regular Afternoon Council meeting held March 11, 2019. CARRIED

C. MOTION TO RESOLVE INTO SPECIAL CLOSED MEETING

Moved by Councillor Ferguson,

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 C.1 - Section 90(1) (k) Negotiations;

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

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

Item F.1 - Section 90(1) (f) Law Enforcement;

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

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

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

Item F.5 - Section 90(1) (a) Personnel; and

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

CARRIED

MEETING RECESSED

The meeting recessed at 12:32pm.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 4:31pm.

D. PRESENTATIONS

D.1 Northwest Langley Wastewater Treatment Plant Projects

Paul Wilting, Project Manager, Metro Vancouver, provided a presentation regarding the Northwest Langley Wastewater Treatment Plant Projects. He commented that currently all wastewater in the Fraser Sewage Area flows to Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plan, except for a small area of northwest Langley that flows to the Northwest Langley Wastetwater Treatment Plant. After a review of the long-term servicing plan for the southern area of the Fraser Sewage Area, it was determined that it is more cost-effective to divert wastewater from Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows to an upgraded Norwest Langley Wastewater Treatment Plan, rather than to complete upgrades along 25 kms of sewer to Annancis. This project will support the projected growth in the area, help prevent untreated wastewater overflows, provide cleaner than minimum levels of effluent, and reduce plant odour. This project is expected to be complete by 2026.

D.2 Surrey Langley SkyTrain Project

Jeffrey Busby, TransLink, provided a presentation regarding the Surrey-Langley Skytrain Project. He noted that in 2014, the Mayors' Council provided direction to move forward with 27kms of Light Rail Transit in Surrey. In 2018, the Mayors' Council endorsed TransLink's decision to suspend work on the Light Rail Transit, based on the request from the City of Surrey, and directed them to proceed immediately with planning and project development for a Surrey-Langley SkyTrain. This project will include a 16km extension from the King George SkyTrain station to Langley City Centre. The goals of this project are to provide fast, frequent, and reliable transit, to serve a rapidly growing part of the region, to support sustainability objectives, and to create connections to jobs, schools, healthcare, and community assets. Upcoming public engagement will take place in Spring 2019.

E. DELEGATIONS

E.1 Township of Langley Firefighters Local 4550 File 0550-07

Delegation withdrawn.

F. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

F.1 Uncollectable Property Tax - Float Homes Report 19-47 File FIN 1970-20

Moved by Councillor Arnason, Seconded by Councillor Davis,

That Council request permission from the Minister, under section 781 of the Local Government Act, to dispose of assets including taxation revenue by writing off the taxes for the following property(s) below:

Folio Number	Municipal Taxes	Other Taxing Authorities
		(subject to their agreement
		of these refunds)
0213016047	\$ 4,233.99	\$ 1,645.14
0213011088	\$ 1,107.95	\$ 1,146.11
CARRIED		

F.2 2019 Community Grants - Additional Recommendations Report 19-52

File ACCI 1850-20

Moved by Councillor Arnason, Seconded by Councillor Long,

That Council approve a payment of \$9,700 under the 2019 Community Grants category to those organizations identified in Table B3;

That Council approve a payment of \$10,000 under the 2019 Minor Festivals category to those organizations identified in Table C4; and

That Council approve a payment of \$1,000 to the Aldergrove Community Association outside of the Community Grants Criteria for 2019.

MOTION DIVIDED

The motion was divided.

COUNCILLOR DECLARES CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Arnason declared a Conflict of Interest under Section 100 of the Community Charter as she is member of the Triple A Housing Group, and left the meeting at 5:16pm.

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Whitmarsh, Seconded by Councillor Davis,

That Council approve a payment of \$9,700 under the 2019 Community Grants category to those organizations identified in Table B3. CARRIED

Councillor Arnason re-entered the meeting at 5:18pm.

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Woodward, Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh, That Council approve a payment of \$10,000 under the 2019 Minor Festivals category to those organizations identified in Table C4;

That Council approve a payment of \$1,000 to the Aldergrove Community Association outside of the Community Grants Criteria for 2019;

That Council approve payment of \$57,600 under the 2019 Capital Improvements Grants category and that those funds be distributed to those organizations identified in Table A;

That Council approve payment of \$72,450 under the 2019 Community Grants – General category to be distributed to those organizations identified in Table B:

That Council approve payment of \$40,000 under the 2019 Major Festivals Grants category and that those funds be distributed to those organizations as identified in Table C;

That Council consider the existing category of the Minor Festivals to fund existing and long running Parades for traffic planning and traffic management related expenses;

That Council approve payment of \$5,000 under the 2019 Minor Festivals Grants category and that those funds be distributed to the organization as identified in Table C2;

That Council approve payment of \$17,500 under the 2019 Community Grants - Banners category and that those funds be distributed to those organizations as identified in Table D;

That Council approve payment of \$35,000 towards the Township's "Nothing Without Effort" Community Matching Grant program category and delegate staff the evaluation and approval of up to seven (7) 2019 proposals (one per community as per Table E);

That Council approve payment of \$17,000 from 2019's funding allocations for graduating high school students to be distributed under the 2020 Community Grants - Scholarships – Public Schools category as identified in Table F1;

That Council approve payment of \$4,000 from 2019's funding allocations for graduating independent high school students to be distributed under the 2020 Community Grants – Scholarships – Independent Schools category as identified in Table F2;

That Council approve payment of \$2,000 representing \$250 to each of eight (8) Langley secondary school applications from 2019's funding allocations in support of the 2020 Dry Grads category as identified in Table F3;

That Council amend Policy 06-021 to include Parades under the Minor Festivals Grants category and to restate criteria #2 in that category as follows:

2. That the group or society has organized a past community festival, celebration, parade or event that has drawn audiences greater than 5,000 people to the Township of Langley; and

That Council amend Policy 06-021 to include an additional level of accountability for grant requests that are in excess of \$2,000, requiring applicants to include with their application, a project or event specific budget showing proposed revenues and expenditures for their planned initiative and that all grant recipients be required to provide a project or event specific financial statements showing their revenues and expenses from the prior year for their Township funded initiatives when applying again.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Woodward,

Seconded by Councillor Richter,

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.

CARRIED

F.3 Agricultural Land Commission Application No. 100362 (Pacific Land Group / 0971109 BC Ltd. / 24900 Block of Fraser Highway)
Report 19-45
File CD 10-26-0051

Moved by Councillor Long,

Seconded by Councillor Kunst,

That Council consider the non-farm use application submitted by Pacific Land Group to the Agricultural Land Commission to accommodate agro-commercial centre uses on a 4.6 ha (11.5 ac) property located at the 24900 Block of Fraser Highway within the Agricultural Land Reserve and refer the application to the Agricultural Land Commission for consideration based on agricultural merits.

CARRIED

Councillors Arnason, Davis, and Richter opposed

G. CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Ferguson,

Seconded by Councillor Arnason,

That Council receive the correspondence, as presented below.

CARRIED

G.1 Day of Mourning

File 0630-01

Letter from Janet Andrews, Secretary-Treasurer, New Westminster & District Labour Council, requesting April 28, 2019 be proclaimed Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job.

G.2 UDI - Presentation Request

File 0550-10

Correspondence from Hugh Carter, Chair, UDI, requesting to make a presentation to Council regarding housing issues in the Township of Langley.

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Long,

Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh,

That Council approve a presentation from Hugh Carter, Chair, UDI, at a future afternoon Council meeting regarding housing issues in the Township of Langley.

CARRIED

Councillor Woodward opposed

H. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

H.1 Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee -

February 27, 2019

Heritage Advisory Committee - March 6, 2019

Council Priorities Committee - March 11, 2019

Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee -

March 13, 2019

Seniors Advisory Committee - March 20, 2019

File 0540-20

Moved by Councillor Davis,

Seconded by Councillor Kunst,

That Council adopt the Minutes from the Council Priorities Committee meeting held March 11, 2019 and receive the Minutes of the Council Advisory Committee meetings as listed above.

CARRIED

H.2 Council Priorities Committee Recommended Motion File 0540-20

Moved by Councillor Arnason,

Seconded by Councillor Davis,

That Council consider the Housing Needs Assessment and Housing Action Plan in all in-progress, or future, Neighbourhood Plans.

CARRIED

H.3 Council Priorities Committee Recommended Motion File 0540-20

Moved by Councillor Whitmarsh,

Seconded by Councillor Kunst,

That Council ask staff to amend the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw to maintain the current practice; and further

That staff undertake a review of the bylaw, taking into consideration church provisions of community services and amenities such as foodbanks, community gardens, affordable housing and other issues as identified. CARRIED

H.4 Seniors Advisory Committee Recommended Motion File 0540-20

Moved by Councillor Arnason,

Seconded by Councillor Davis,

That Council direct staff to prepare an amendment to Council Advisory Committee Establishment Bylaw No. 4700 to include a Fraser Health

representative as a non-voting member on the Seniors Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

I. OTHER BUSINESS

COUNCILLOR DECLARES CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Ferguson declared a Conflict of Interest under Section 100 of the Community Charter as he is a Director on the Langley Seniors Resource Society Board, and left the meeting at 5:39pm.

I.1 Langley Seniors Resource Center

Moved by Councillor Richter, Seconded by Councillor Woodward, 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.

REFERRAL

Moved by Councillor Long,

Seconded by Councillor Woodward,

That this motion be referred to the Council Priorities Committee meeting with the community grant process is discussed.

CARRIED

Councillor Richter opposed

Councillor Ferguson re-entered the meeting at 5:40pm.

I.2 264 Street Connecting Sidewalk Project

Moved by Councillor Long,

Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh,

Whereas the section on the eastern side of 264 Street immediately north of the Fraser Highway is under the jurisdiction of the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure;

Whereas this section is a gap in connectivity of sidewalks in the area; and

Whereas the Council of the Township of Langley remains concerned for the safety of pedestrians on this section of road as it is used by large commercial vehicles;

Therefore be it resolved that the Mayor forward a letter, on behalf of Council, requesting that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure include the connecting sidewalk project in the upcoming funding allocations and that it be completed as soon as practical. CARRIED

J. TERMINATE

Moved by Councillor Davis, Seconded by Councillor Long, That the meeting terminate at 5:45pm. CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:
Mayor
Township Clerk