Township of Langley

REGULAR AFTERNOON MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, September 30, 2019 at 1:00 PM Fraser River Presentation Theatre 4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor J. Froese

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

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

W. Bauer and K. Stepto

A. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

A.1 Regular Afternoon Council Meeting Agenda - September 30, 2019

Moved by Councillor Ferguson, Seconded by Councillor Kunst, That Council adopt the agenda and receive the agenda items of the Regular Afternoon Council meeting held September 30, 2019. CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

B.1 Regular Afternoon Council Meeting - September 9, 2019

Moved by Councillor Long, Seconded by Councillor Arnason, That Council adopt the Minutes of the Regular Afternoon Council meeting held September 9, 2019. CARRIED

C. MOTION TO RESOLVE INTO SPECIAL CLOSED MEETING

Moved by Councillor Ferguson,

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 C.1 – Section 90(1) (f) Law Enforcement;

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

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) (g) Legal;

Item H.1 – Section 90(1) (b) Personal;

Item H.2 – Section 90(1) (g) Legal; (m) Other Enactment

Item H.3 – Section 90(1) (a) Personnel

Item H.4 – Section 90(1) (e) Property; and

Item H.5 – Section 90(1) (g) Legal.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESSED

The meeting recessed at 1:01pm.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 5:07pm.

D. PRESENTATIONS

D.1 Emergency Preparedness

Ginger Sherlock, Emergency Program Coordinator, provided a presentation regarding the upcoming Emergency Preparedness Fair on October 5 from 10:00am to 3:00pm, and presented the Policy Group Guidebooks to Council.

E. DELEGATIONS

F. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

F.1 Agricultural Land Commission

Application No. 100361

(Cook / 23004 - 80 Avenue)

Report 19-144

File CD 11-20-0052

Moved by Councillor Kunst,

Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh,

That Council advise the Agricultural Land Commission that the subdivision application submitted by Trevor Cook, on behalf of the owner of the property located at 23004 - 80 Avenue within the Agricultural Land Reserve, complies with the minimum parcel size provisions of Suburban Residential Zone SR-1 of the Township's Zoning Bylaw and request consideration based on agricultural merits.

CARRIED

Councillors Arnason and Richter opposed

F.2 Facility Rental Policy Report 19-141 File ADM 0340-50

Moved by Councillor Arnason, Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh, That Council approve the proposed Facility Rental Policy.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Whitmarsh, Seconded by Councillor Richter, That item 4.1.b be amended to read as follows:

"Party and Event Fees: Where the purpose of the rental is for a party or event, the Licensee may be required to pay to the Township an additional party/event activity fee in an amount determined by the Township, in its sole discretion".

CARRIED

Councillors Ferguson and Woodward opposed

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Richter,

Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh,

That item 3.1 be amended to strike the words "if such rental could lead to a protest or similar civil disruption" and be replaced with; "if such rental could lead to safety or security concerns for attendees or Township staff, or potential damage to Township or other property".

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

Councillor Ferguson opposed

F.3 Alternative Municipal Tax Collection Scheme Report 19-139 File FIN 1950-05

Moved by Councillor Long,

Seconded by Councillor Richter,

That Council authorize staff to implement a revised Alternative Municipal Tax Collection Scheme effective for the 2020 tax season.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Richter,

Seconded by Councillor Woodward,

That the Alternative Municipal Tax Collection Scheme due date for a 5% penalty levied on unpaid taxes be changed from the first business day in July, to the first business day in August.

DEFEATED

Councillors Arnason, Ferguson, Kunst, Long, Richter, Whitmarsh and Woodward opposed

MAIN MOTION

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

Councillor Ferguson opposed

G. CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Arnason, Seconded by Councillor Kunst, That Council receive the correspondence, as presented. CARRIED

G.1 Rail Safety Week File 0630-01

Letter from Stephen Covey, Corporate Services, CN, requesting the week of September 23-29, 2019 be proclaimed as Rail Safety Week.

G.2 International Day of Older Persons File 0630-01

Letter from Agnes Jackman and Gudrun Langolf, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, requesting October 1, 2019 be proclaimed as International Day of Older Persons and that their flag be raised in celebration.

G.3 Remembrance Day Ceremonies File 0340-20

Correspondence from Grace Muller, Murrayville Cenotaph Remembrance Day Ceremony Organizing Committee, inviting Council to attend the November 11, 2019 ceremony at the Cenotaph in the Murrayville Cemetery. **MOTION**

Moved by Councillor Woodward,

Seconded by Councillor Long,

That Council contribute to the cost of the Fraser Blues Formation Team Fly-Past all three Township ceremonies, \$500 each funded from Council Contingency; and

That the grant policy be amended to include a category for ceremonial flybys; and further

That future requests be referred to the Community Grant Process. CARRIED

Councillor Richter opposed

H. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

H.1 Heritage Advisory Committee - September 4, 2019
Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee September 11, 2019
File 0540-20

Moved by Councillor Ferguson, Seconded by Councillor Kunst,

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

CARRIED

I. ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

I.1 Joint School District No. 35 / Municipal Liaison Committee - July 11, 2019
File 0540-20

Moved by Councillor Woodward, Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh, That Council receive the Minutes of the Joint School District No. 35 / Municipal Liaison Committee meeting held on July 11, 2019. CARRIED

J. OTHER BUSINESS

J.1 Ridesharing

Council discussed Ridesharing.

MOTION

Moved by Mayor Froese

Seconded by Councillor Richter,

That staff be directed to provide a report regarding developing a ridesharing policy, appropriate regulations, and supportive business licensing frameworks, working with TransLink, Metro Vancouver, and other municipalities.

CARRIED

J.2 Permanent Postponement of Consideration of Assessment Averaging

Moved by Councillor Woodward, Seconded by Councillor Richter,

Whereas the staff report to Council 19-131 dated September 9, 2019, Assessment Averaging and Phasing Options, outlined a number of technical complications, cost implications, and the philosophical difficulties with this potential solution to dramatic property tax increases due to the imperfection of BC Assessment processes from time to time;

Therefore be it resolved that staff be directed not to consider further the possibility of adopting assessment averaging and phasing, until otherwise directed by Council.

CARRIED

J.3 Ridesharing, Suburban Taxis and Transportation Options

Moved by Councillor Whitmarsh, Seconded by Councillor Kunst,

Whereas Langley Township has long supported the introduction of ridesharing, taxi, and more transportation options for our community;

Whereas taxi boundaries have unfairly prevented suburban taxis from bringing residents home from Vancouver; and

Whereas TransLink, Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada, and an All Party Committee of MLAs, all unanimously supported not capping ridesharing;

Therefore be it resolved that the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Passenger Transportation Board and Minister of Transportation in favour of the Board adopting policies providing suburban taxis with the same service area as ridesharing and continue to impose no fleet size restrictions on ridesharing; and further

Be it resolved that staff be directed to work with TransLink and other municipalities to ensure seamless data sharing and business licencing for

taxi and Transportation Network Service (ridesharing) companies.

REFERRAL

Moved by Councillor Richter,

Seconded by Councillor Arnason,

That this motion be referred to staff for inclusion in the ridesharing report.

CARRIED

K. TERMINATE

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

Mayor	
Township Clerk	