Township of Langley Est. 1873

REGULAR AFTERNOON MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, February 10, 2020 at 3:30 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, K. Sinclair, and J. Winslade

W. Bauer, S. Richardson, K. Stepto, and R. Zwaag

A. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

A.1 Regular Afternoon Council Meeting Agenda - February 10, 2020

Moved by Councillor Long, Seconded by Councillor Davis, That Council adopt the agenda and receive the agenda items of the Regular Afternoon Council meeting held February 10, 2020. CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

B.1 Regular Afternoon Council Meeting - January 27, 2020

Moved by Councillor Davis, Seconded by Councillor Arnason, That Council adopt the Minutes of the Regular Afternoon Council meeting held January 27, 2020. CARRIED

B.2 Special Meeting for Budget Purposes - January 27, 2020

Moved by Councillor Davis, Seconded by Councillor Arnason, That Council adopt the Minutes of the Special Meeting for Budget Purposes held January 27, 2020. CARRIED

B.3 Special Meeting for Budget Purposes - February 3, 2020

Moved by Councillor Davis, Seconded by Councillor Arnason, That Council adopt the Minutes of the Special Meeting for Budget Purposes held February 3, 2020. CARRIED

C. MOTION TO RESOLVE INTO SPECIAL CLOSED MEETING

Moved by Councillor Long,

Seconded by Councillor Davis,

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) (e) Property; (k) Negotiations;

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

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

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

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

Item H.2 - Section 90(1) (g) Legal;;

Item H.3 - Section 90(1) (a) Personnel;

Item H.4 - Section 90(1) (a) Personnel;

Item H.5 - Section 90(1) (g) Legal; and

Item H.6 - Section 90(1) (g) Legal.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESSED

The meeting recessed at 3:33pm.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 5:18pm.

D. PRESENTATIONS

E. DELEGATIONS

E.1 Carol Paulson

Langley Sustainable Agriculture Foundation File 0550-07

Dave Melnychuk, on behalf of the Langley Sustainable Agriculture Foundation (LSAF), appeared before Council to discuss the final report to Council on the four year Ecological Services Initiative (ESI), including recommendations. He noted that the ESI was undertaken under Section 2.4.7 of the Agricultural Viability Strategy: "Undertake a pilot project to

support the principles of the Ecological Services Initiative". The Township and LSAF signed a Contribution Agreement in December 2015 and the three year agreement was extended to four years. 11 farms along the Bertrand Creek participated in the project and riparian health on two farms where work was done showed clear evidence that riparian health improved. On the other farms, riparian health remained the same or worsened.

LSAF recommends the following:

- Direct staff to develop a permanent and ongoing Township of Langley Ecological Services Program to enhance agricultural capability and compensate farmers for protection of the environment that results in benefits to all citizens at-large in the Township; and
- Establish sustainable funding for the Langley Ecological Services Program by an Ecological Services Fund parcel levy beginning in 2021, in the amount of \$10 per legal parcel in the tax roll; and
- Authorize transfer of the residual funds of the pilot Langley Ecological Services Initiative (in the amount of \$21,000) to the Langley Sustainable Agriculture Foundation for development of the Langley Learning Farm at Derek Doubleday Arboretum.

COUNCILLOR DECLARES CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Woodward declared a Conflict of Interest under Section 100 of the Community Charter as he has a concentration of property ownership within the area, and left the meeting at 5:44pm.

E.2 Ed Warzel Fort Langley Community Association File 0550-07

Ed Warzel, on behalf of the Fort Langley Community Association, appeared before Council to discuss the truck traffic in Fort Langley. He stated that the number one concern of Fort Langley residents and businesses remains the designated Truck Route through the community. The community remains united to the proposal of re-routing trucks from Fort Langley to a more strategic and appropriate route.

He submitted a 599 signature petition from Langley residents stating support for the immediate full funding to re-route the North Langley Truck Route as previously endorsed by Council and TransLink. He also submitted a 146 signature petition from local visitors supporting this re-routing.

Councillor Woodward re-entered the meeting at 5:49pm.

F. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

H.1 Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee - January 29, 2020 File 0540-20

Moved by Councillor Davis, Seconded by Councillor Kunst, That Council receive the Minutes of the Council Advisory Committee meeting as listed above. CARRIED

H.2 Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee Recommended Motion File 0540-20

Moved by Councillor Whitmarsh, Seconded by Councillor Richter,

That Council endorse the establishment of a Farming Task Force to investigate the future of farming, the need for farming protection and assistance to small and medium sized farms, food security provisions and related regulations; and further

That, in keeping with Council Policy, the Task Force not extend beyond 180 days, unless otherwise approved by Council, and provide reports / recommendations to Council via the AAEEC within the next 12-18 months. CARRIED

I. OTHER BUSINESS

I.1 Council Support for Residential Flexibility in the ALR

Moved by Councillor Woodward,
Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh,
Be it resolved that as outlined in the Ministry of Agriculture Policy
Intentions Paper: Residential Flexibility in the ALR, Council confirms and
communicates its support to the Ministry of Agriculture for the proposed
policy reform to allow "small secondary residences within the Agricultural
Land Reserve for farm workers, family members, or anyone else, provided
there is local government approval."
CARRIED

MEETING EXTENDED

Moved by Councillor Woodward, Seconded by Councillor Davis, That the meeting be extended to 6:15pm. CARRIED

I.2 Langley Sustainable Agriculture Foundation Recommendations

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Richter, Seconded by Councillor Arnason,I

That the recommendation from LSAF for Council to consider the establishment of a long-term permanent Langley Ecological Services Initiative commencing in 2021, be referred to a future Council Priorities Meeting as it is a policy discussion that will effect taxation. CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Richter, Seconded by Councillor Davis,

That Council authorize staff to transfer the residual funds of the pilot Langley Ecological Services Initiative (in the amount of \$21,000) to the Langley Sustainable Agriculture Foundation for development of the Langley Learning Farm at Derek Doubleday Arboretum. CARRIED

J. TERMINATE