



SPECIAL MEETING FOR PRIORITY PLANNING FOR BUDGET PURPOSES

Monday, January 18, 2021 at 9:30 AM
Fraser River Presentation Theatre
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Clerk's Note: The meeting was conducted with Council members and staff attending electronically as per Ministerial Order 192/2020.

PRESENT: Mayor J. Froese

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

M. Bakken, R. Seifi, and J. Winslade

W. Bauer, S. Little, and K. Stepto

Guest:
Dr. G. McIntosh

A. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

A.1 Special Council Meeting for Priority Planning for Budget Purposes Agenda - January 18, 2021

Moved by Councillor Whitmarsh,
Seconded by Councillor Long,
That Council adopt the agenda and receive the agenda items of the
Special Council Meeting for Priority Planning for Budget Purposes held
January 18, 2021.
CARRIED

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

B.1 Priority Planning for the 2021 Budget

Council discussed and identified Council priorities to aid in the 2021
budget preparations with the assistance of Dr. Gordon McIntosh and
senior staff.

Dr. McIntosh noted that the last strategic priorities session was held in
October 2019, and a governance session was held in February 2020.

The following topics were discussed:

What do we want to do?

1. Proposed Activities
2. Aims for Session
 - a. What would enhance our success?
 - b. What do we want to implement?
 - c. What do we want to discuss?

What have we seen?

1. 2020 Priorities
 - Strategic Priorities – regular review and adjust the chart
 - CPC Meetings – assessment and decision making forms
 - Matters arising – referral process and follow up action list
 - Public Enquiries – expectations and volume
 - Staff capacity – hot spots
 - Governance Check-ins – schedules?

Strategic Update:

“Now” items:

1. ASE District – In progress
2. Horn Pit Housing Project: Options – In progress
3. Development Management Process: Review – Report to Council in Q1 of 2021
4. Cannabis Retail: Licensing and Management – In progress
5. Debt Management Strategy: Options – No date

“Next” items:

- North Langley Truck Route: Update – In progress - Capital Budget item
- Housing Needs Assessment: TOL Role Report – In progress - Report presented to Council in 2020 -
- Road Network: Financing Options – In progress
- TOL Property: Strategy – No date - in companion with Debt Management Strategy
- Future of Farming: Discussion
- Community Polarization: Discussion

MEETING RECESSED

The meeting recessed at 10:07am

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 10:17am.

Advocacy/Partnerships:

- Highway 1 widening east of 216 Street – In progress
- Rapid transit: TOL Options – In progress
- Kwantlen First Nation: Supportive Housing - Delayed

- BC Housing: University District Interest - Delayed
- Supportive Housing Facility: Assessment – In progress - Part of Housing Needs Assessment
- 16 Avenue: Widening in progress

What other items do we want to discuss?

1. Reconstructing the budget process
2. Willoughby roads and WARCAP
3. Acknowledging special interest groups – crosswalks etc.
4. Equity, dignity, and inclusion framework
5. Revitalization Tax Exemptions – Downtown
6. Aldergrove core
7. TOL RCMP Detachment
8. CPO Carvolth area
9. Library in Willoughby
10. Roundabouts
11. Statutory Right of ways
12. Covid recovery plan
13. Water policy

Strategic Items unpacked:

1. ASE – recommendations to proceed to Council by summer 2021.
2. Horn Pit – potential options to proceed to Council in February 2021.
3. Brookwood - three Neighbourhood Plans to proceed to Council before the end of the year.

Opening of 24 Avenue included in 2021 budget deliberations.

Action: Staff to re-distribute 24 Avenue report.

4. Development Management Process – Staff report to proceed to Council by March of 2021.

5. Cannabis Retail Applications – five applications going to Council for third reading on January 25. Further applications proceeding to Council soon.

Action: Council to potentially review the application process – can this be reviewed prior to further approvals?

6. Debt Management – target date prior to the next budget cycle.
7. Housing Needs – Action Plan to proceed to Council by December 2021.
8. TOL Property inventory – target date prior to the next budget cycle.
9. Advocacy items – in progress
10. Future of Farming – Keep on the list of items to address. How can Council help advocate for farmland use? AAEEC currently has a Task Force on this topic. Report to proceed to Council by December 2021.
11. Community Polarization – Inquiry response processing. Staff spending more time responding to people with their inquiries. Change this title to Community Building.

MEETING RECESSED

The meeting recessed at 12:10pm.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 12:40pm.

Items referred from Council to this workshop:

1. Revitalization Tax Exemptions – Commercial Buildings in Downtown Aldergrove Core

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Long,

Seconded by Councillor Arnason,

That Revitalization Tax Exemptions be placed on the Council Priority List;
and

Be referred to staff to provide an updated report.

CARRIED

Councillor Richter opposed

2. Consideration of a Township of Langley RCMP Detachment

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Richter,

Seconded by Councillor Long,

That Consideration of a Township of Langley RCMP Detachment be
placed on the Council Priority List; and

That the RCMP provide a presentation to Council.

CARRIED

3. Equity, Dignity, and Inclusion Frameworks

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Long,

Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh

That an Equity, Dignity, and Inclusion Framework be placed on the Council
Priority List; and

That staff prepare a report on our community frameworks, and what would
be required to implement a framework in the Township.

CARRIED

Additional Items to unpack:

1. Restructuring Budget Process:

- Have discussions prior to the 2022 budget process.
- Get back to legislated services that we are required to provide.
- There is a difference between a budget policy and a budget process.
- Is it a staff budget or a Council budget? Must combine the two to have a Township budget.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Moved by Councillor Whitmarsh,

Seconded by Councillor Davis,

That the meeting be adjourned at 2:29pm until after the Special Meeting for Budget Purposes has been adjourned.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 2:30pm

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Additional Items to unpack - continued:

2. Willoughby roads and WARCAP

- What is the plan for Willoughby roads? Can staff provide an update? What is the timeline?

2.a Township Road Network – traffic flow hotspots

3. Roundabouts

- Public Art in roundabouts and on municipal roads. Are guidelines/policy needed?

Next Steps:

- Schedule a future follow up session to finalize the priorities.
- Schedule a workshop to discuss the budget process restructuring.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

D. TERMINATE

Moved by Councillor Arnason,

Seconded by Councillor Davis,

That the meeting terminate at 3:35pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor

Township Clerk