



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
20399 DOUGLAS CRESCENT, LANGLEY BC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015
AT 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Schaffer, Councillors Arnold, Albrecht, Martin, Hall, Storteboom and van den Broek

F. Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services
G. Minchuk, Director of Development Services and Economic Development
K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture & Community Services
K. Jefford, Manager of Engineering
C. Mushata, Manager of Legislative Services
G. Flack, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mayor Schaffer noted that a Committee of the Whole meeting provides Council the opportunity to hear input from the public and allows Council a greater opportunity to speak to and debate specific agenda items.

Motion #15/209

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom
SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

THAT Council resolve into Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

- a) Bylaw 2963 – Road Closure Bylaw

The Chief Administrative Officer provided a brief overview of the bylaw.

The Mayor asked the Corporate Officer if any correspondence was received. There was none.

The Mayor invited members of the public to address council with any comments they may have regarding Bylaw 2963.

NIL

b) Bylaw 2965 – Financial Plan Amendment

The Director of Corporate Services provided a brief overview of the bylaw.

The Mayor asked the Corporate Officer if any correspondence was received. There was none.

The Mayor invited members of the public to address council with any comments they may have regarding Bylaw 2965.

NIL

Motion #15/210

MOVED BY Councillor van den Broek

SECONDED BY Councillor Hall

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 7:03 p.m.

CARRIED

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1) **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion #15/211

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom

SECONDED BY Councillor van den Broek

THAT the agenda for the September 28, 2015 regular meeting be adopted as circulated.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

Motion #15/212

MOVED BY Councillor Hall

SECONDED BY Councillor van den Broek

THAT the agenda be amended to move item 10) motion to support Jose Figueroa to follow item 5 b) Delegation – We Are Jose Campaign.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and same was

CARRIED

THE QUESTION ON THE MAIN MOTION WAS THEN PUT and same was

CARRIED

2) **MINUTES**

a) Motion #15/213

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht

SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 14, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

a) Bylaw 2963

Final reading of a bylaw to close the road behind 20721 Fraser Highway.

Motion #15/214

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht

SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT the bylaw cited as the “Road Closure Bylaw No. 2963, 2015” be read a final time.

CARRIED

b) Bylaw 2965

Third reading of a bylaw to amend the Financial Plan for 2015 - 2019.

Motion #15/215

MOVED BY Councillor Martin

SECONDED BY Councillor Hall

THAT the bylaw cited as the “Financial Plan 2015 – 2019 Bylaw, 2015, No 2951, Amendment No. 2 Bylaw 2965” be read a third time.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

The Director of Corporate Services advised the Lawn Bowling Club is amenable to receiving funding in the form of a loan.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and same was

CARRIED

4) COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

- a) Teri James
Downtown Langley Business Association

Ms. James thanked the City for their support and provided an overview of the success of the Summer Series events held in McBurney Plaza this summer.

5) DELEGATIONS

- a) Joel Schacter/Ron Stare
Permissive Tax Exemptions

Mr. Schacter provided information on the benefits of food banks and churches and what they offer to the community and requested the City continue to provide a tax exemption to churches and extend tax exemptions to food banks and other not-for-profit organizations.

Mr. Stare, Chairman, Langley Evangelical Free Church advised of community services and activities the church has recently undertaken .

In response to questions, Mr. Schacter advised the food bank he works with has been in operation in the City for 25 years. He advised the City of Surrey and Kamloops both offer tax exemptions to food banks.

- b) Jillian Dyck
“We are Jose” Campaign

- She is a resident of the City of Langley and a neighbour of the Figueroas.
- She introduced Mr. Figueroas family who were present to support the campaign and others in attendance.

- She showed a video "I am not a terrorist" featuring Jose Figueroa in support of the campaign.

10) NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Motions & Notices of Motion:

Motions:

i. Jose Figueroa – Councillor Hall

Motion #15/216

MOVED BY Councillor Hall

SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

WHEREAS:

1. On July 12, 2004 an Officer from the PRRA (Pre Removal Risk Assessment) Unit approved in principle an application for permanent residence from within Canada based on humanitarian and compassionate grounds that benefitted Jose Figueroa and his wife;
2. On July 10, 2014 Federal Court Justice Richard Mosley ordered a redetermination by a different Minister's delegate on the negative decision that was made by the Minister's delegate Roy-Tremblay on March 27, 2013;
3. The unfounded finding of inadmissibility by the CBSA has caused irreparable harm to the Figueroa family and kept them apart and Jose Figueroa has been deprived of his freedom for almost two years;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and the Council of the City of Langley support the appeal of citizen Jose Figueroa to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness and ask him to give directions to the CBSA to cancel the arrest warrant it has held against Jose Louis Figueroa since October 4, 2013 and to allow him to be reunited with his family and that a copy of the letter be sent to Langley Member of Parliament Mark Warawa and the Prime Minister of Canada.

CARRIED with Councillor van den Broek opposed.

6) MAYOR'S REPORT

Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meeting – October 5, 2015 -  Televised

Regular Council Meeting – October 19, 2015

Metro Vancouver – Councillor Storteboom

- Water restrictions have returned to Level 1.
- The Board has approved an amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy for two sites in the Latimer area of Langley.
- Staff have been directed to investigate options to increase Metro Vancouver's role in advocating and promoting regional transit plans including governance.
- The Ministry of Environment has agreed Metro Vancouver elected officials could oversee implementation of liquid and zero waste management plans.
- There is a public outreach program to discourage the flushing of sanitary wipes.
- The Board approved a transfer station strategy and an interim solid waste funding strategy.

Library Happenings – Councillor Martin

Knitting Club – Tuesday, September 29, 2015 from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm - Join knitters of all ages and abilities at the City of Langley Library for our warm and welcoming drop in knitting circle. Children and beginners are welcome. Knitting is fun, relaxing and a great way to connect across the generations. The circle offers opportunities to donate completed projects to local organizations in need.

Story Time – October 2, 2015 from 10:30 to 11:00 am - Introduce kids to the love of books and language with Storytime! Children and caregivers will enjoy interactive stories, songs, rhymes, and more. Storytime prepares children to learn to read.

1000 Stories Before Kindergarten - Help your child learn the early literacy skills needed for success in school! Newly launched, 1000 Stories Before Kindergarten is a self-paced program for parents with young children. Each child receives a special FVRL reading log to track his or her reading progress throughout the first years of life. Children receive stickers and prizes as they advance. Every story you read with your child moves you one step closer to your goal of 1,000 stories!

UBCM '2015 Open for Business Award' – Mayor Schaffer

Mayor Schaffer advised the City was awarded the 2015 Open for Business Award at the UBCM conference last week for the third year in a row and will receive \$10,000.

Councillors' Arnold & Martin - Long Service Recognition – Mayor Schaffer advised that both Councillors' Arnold and Martin have been a member of the City of Langley Council for 25 years and thanked them for their work and contributions to the community.

2015 UBCM Conference – Councillor Hall advised three of the City's motions were passed in a block but the one put forward concerning Assisted Living Support for Challenged Adults was not considered as there was not sufficient time.

Mayor Schaffer advised City Council met with four different ministers and represented the City well at the provincial conference.

7) **BYLAWS**

a) Bylaw 2966

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to exempt certain lands and improvements from municipal taxation for the year 2016.

Motion #15/217

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht

SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT the bylaw cited as the “Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2015, No. 2966” be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the “Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2015, No. 2966” be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the “Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2015, No. 2966” be read a third time.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

Motion #15/218

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom

SECONDED BY Councillor Hall

THAT the bylaw be amended to include a property tax exemption for the Langley Food Bank.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and same was

DEFEATED with Mayor Schaffer and Councillors Albrecht, Albrecht, Hall, Martin and van den Broek opposed.

THE QUESTION ON THE MAIN MOTION WAS THEN PUT and

CARRIED

Motion #15/219

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Hall

THAT staff be directed to prepare a tax exemption reduction/elimination strategy for those properties that are currently being exempted for Council consideration and that the approved strategy be implemented for the 2017 taxation year.

CARRIED with Mayor Schaffer and Councillor Storteboom opposed.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Parks and Environment Advisory Committee - Protected Bike Lanes (203 Street Improvement Project)

Motion #15/220

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT Council defer the Committee recommendation until the public has been given opportunity to provide input and the cost of adding bicycle lane barrier/dividers is calculated and determined to be within the project budget.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

Councillor Hall agreed staff need to consider the issue for the purpose of budget however he is opposed to deferring the Committee recommendation as the project should move forward.

In response to questions the Chief Administrative Officer advised there is still time to make design changes to the project. He further advised the proposed multi-use pathway is elevated so it already have an enhanced level of safety but further enhancement can be considered.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and same was

CARRIED with Councillors Albrecht and Hall opposed.

9) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a) Development Application Fee Review
Reference: Report to Council dated September 21, 2015
Report No.: 15-053
File No.: 6410.00

Motion #15/221
 MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
 SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT staff prepare the necessary bylaw amendments to increase Zoning Bylaw Amendment application fees as follows:

<i>Development Application Type</i>	<i>Proposed Fee</i>		<i>Change</i>
	<i>Base Fee</i>	<i>Additional Fee</i>	
Zoning Bylaw Amendment	\$5,000.00	\$0.10/m ² site area	+\$1,000 to Base Fee

CARRIED

- b) Fraser Valley Inter-Municipal Business License Program
Reference: Report to Council dated September 15, 2015
Report No.: 15-050
File No.: 4500.00

Motion #15/222
 MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
 SECONDED BY Councillor Storteboom

THAT Langley City Council approve the continuance of the Fraser Valley Inter-Municipal Business Licence Program on a permanent basis based upon the report prepared by the Director of Development Services & Economic Development, and direct staff to bring forward an amendment bylaw for Council consideration.

CARRIED

 Councillor Arnold was absent for the vote.

10) NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) This item was moved to immediately follow item 5 b).
 b) Correspondence

c) New Business

Motion #15/223

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom

SECONDED BY Councillor Albrecht

ADJOURNMENT: 8:56 p.m.

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

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CORPORATE OFFICER