



Council Minutes

May 1, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers & Electronic Meeting

PRESENT:	Mayor S. Goodmanson Councillor K. Guiry Councillor C. Harder Councillor M. Morley	Councillor L. Szpak - Remote Councillor M. Wagner Councillor K. Yacucha
ATTENDING:	D. Kiedyk, Chief Administrative Officer M. Watmough, Deputy Director of Corporate Services M. Baldwin, Director of Planning and Subdivision M. Dillabaugh, Director of Finance K. Balzer, Director of Engineering and Public Works Y. Nielsen, Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities	K. Dube, Senior Manager of Information Technology and GIS D. Petrie, Senior Manager of Business Development and Events C. Aubrey, Fire Chief L. Fletcher, Manager of Community Safety and Municipal Enforcement C. Lowe, IT Support Specialist C. Bell, FOI Coordinator

Meeting available by teleconference.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

M. Watmough, Deputy Director of Corporate Services, read the City of Langford's Territorial Acknowledgment.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goodmanson called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY: YACUCHA
SECONDED: GUIRY

THAT Council approve the agenda as presented, with the amendment of moving item 9.4 to 9.1 and renumbering accordingly.

Motion CARRIED.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month - Kathy Barnard, Save Your Skin Foundation

Kathy Barnard, Save Your Skin Foundation, made a presentation to Council about Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month.

4.2 Aboriginal Coalition to End Homeless Society - Angela Moran and Kayley Weisman

Angela Moran and Kayley Weisman, Aboriginal Coalition to end Homeless Society made a presentation regarding ending the shelter less in the community. The Coalition would like to see support in exploring land and other opportunities.

MOVED BY: YACUCHA

SECONDED: HARDER

THAT Council direct staff to work with the ACEHS to identify land and partnership opportunities.

Motion CARRIED.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

C. Nevil, Ernhill Pl - re: RidgeView Pl

J. Hattie, Penelope Pl - re: item 4.2 - Proposed a property for sale in the city located at Goldstream Ave. and Vantilburg Cres. for a potential location for the Aboriginal Coalition to end Homeless Society's new property.

T. Wright, Commander Crt - re: item 9.2 - Expressed opposition to the tax increase. Will have an effect on young families and those with a fixed income.

J.C, Claude Rd - re: Ridgeview Pl - Expressed a need for more help. Speaker expressed not enough is being done to assist residents.

M. Wignall, Selwyn Rd - re: item 6.2 - Expressed concern that their views at public participation were not captured accurately. re: item 9.2 - Expressed concern about the numbers of the tax increase. Expressed concern regarding line item on page 3 of the budget.

M. Dillabaugh, Director of Finance responded and clarified the percentages.

A. Rossander, Ravensview Dr - re: item 9.3 - Expressed concern regarding the tax increase. Speaker asked if the Mayor be happy with the increase if they were a resident of Langford. Expressed concern that the current Mayor has not enlisted the assistance of the former Mayor.

S. Sifert, Walfred Rd - re: item 9.3 - Expressed gratitude to the mayor for allowing residents of RidgeView Apartments to speak. Expressed opposition to the proposed budget. Expressed concern regarding the increase of expenditures to the consults. Expressed concern regarding the increase to the training and travel allowance. Expressed concern regarding the increase to advertising for planning and parks departments. Expressed concern regarding the increase to community events expenditures. Expressed concern regarding the increase to tourism expenditures. Expressed total increase is \$390,453 or over 64% from the previous year.

Expressed concern why are more consultants are hired. Expressed concern why can't there be better rates. Expressed concern why do staff travel so much. Expressed concern why is the City buying the YMCA.

S. Rossander, Ravensview Dr - re: item 10.3 - Speaker asked why this bylaw is necessary.

M. Dillabaugh, Director of Finance responded that there is standard wording in the bylaw. The City has no plans to borrow the funds, but the City is required to have it as part of the banking agreements.

M.L. Taylor, Claude Rd - re: RidgeView Apartments - Expressed great concern regarding the current situation with their home. Expressed concern regarding next steps.

C. Aubrey, Fire Chief responded that the resident reach out to them at the firehall, and they will assist any way they can.

Nicholas Johal, Walfred Pl - re: item 9.3 - Expressed disappointment that the budget didn't prioritize the turf and light field. Speaker is discouraged by the lack of communication and partnership with the local school district, and minor sports leagues teams regarding the decision. The speaker inquired who was consulted regarding the decision. Expressed concern regarding the tax increase and the financial impact to residents.

W. Hobbs, Luxton Rd - re: item 9.3 - Expressed support regarding the number of increases to firefighters. Expressed support for the increase of RCMP police officers.

L. Foxall, Players Dr - re: item 9.3 - Expressed opposition to the increase and the five-year financial plan. Expressed concern that Council did not work to decrease the budget. Expressed suggestions to decrease the budget. Raise fees in the development community too offset taxes. Raise the rate of amenity fees to pay for new RCMP building. Expressed concern that public questions were not answered.

R. Taylor, Claude Rd - re: RidgeView Apartments - Expressed concern regarding not being notified sooner about the situation in the building. Expressed concern regarding next steps.

S. Costello, Robalee Pl - re: item 9.3 - Expressed that they are a 52-year resident of the City. Expressed support for the budget. Expressed support for the financial director. Expressed that the taxes should be higher, in order to have all of the available amenities.

S. Perry, Glen Lake Rd - re: item 9.2 and 9.3 - Expressed that an increase in City staff is not necessary. Expressed that work loads have decreased. Speaker stated that Council and staff need to work harder. Expressed concern that questions submitted have not been answered.

C. Wright, Commander Crt - re: item 9.3 - Expressed concern that the non-property tax revenues are not being used to reduce property taxes.

W. Bowers, Millstream Rd - re: item 9.3 - Expressed concern that the public is being ignored. Expressed concern why didn't the purchase of the YMCA go to referendum. Speaker stated that if there is not enough funding for the RCMP building, that travel expenses should be cut.

V. Barrow, Happy Valley Rd - re: item 9.3 - Expressed concern about the increase of taxes. Expressed concern about living on a pension and the future increases of expenses.

J. Patterson, Lodmell Rd - re: item 9.3 - Expressed opposition to the tax increase. Expressed concern that the young families will lose housing.

C. Legacy, Artesian Crt - re: item 9.3 - Expressed support for the proposed budget. Speaker stated instead of lending the YMCA money, the City should buy it.

M. Wignall, Selwyn Rd - re: item 9.3 - Speaker discussed the fees of the budget. Speaker discussed the non-property revenues being used for property taxes. Speaker discussed training and travel expenses. Expressed concern regarding some previous events not being funded again. Expressed concern regarding the Latoria Rd. turf field.

M. Dillabaugh, Director of Finance responded that the events on page 23 are budgeted as a group. Regarding revenues, it is the City's practice to budget conservatively. We look at past year trends when looking at a budget.

L. Foxall, Players Dr - re: RidgeView apartments. Speaker inquired if there is an ambassador for residents at Ridgeview. re: item 9.3 - Speaker stated to look to increasing development community. Expressed concern regarding paying taxes in July.

W. Hobbs, Luxton Rd - re: item 9.3 - Speaker inquired about the following years tax rate. Speaker stated that the budget is actually an increase of 6% from last year.

M. Dillabaugh, Director of Finance responded the rates were 2.95% last year, 2021 5.84%. Just over 6% for last 3 years.

C. Lervold, Glen Lake Rd - re: item 9.3 - Expressed opposition to the proposed budget. Expressed disappointment that their questions have not been answered. Expressed concern that negotiations were compromised. Expressed concern that the YMCA has become a priority over the RCMP building.

S. Sifert, Walfred Rd - re: item 9.3 - Expressed concern regarding the Council listening to the community.

Mayor Goodman confirmed events are still running, just a separate line item on budget.

A. Rossander, Ravensview Dr - re: item 9.3 - Speaker wanted clarification of line items of the budget. Speaker believes the calculation to be misleading.

M. Dillabaugh, Director of Finance responded that the numbers are correct. In 2024, 50 million compared to 45 million in 2023. Not depicting that as a total.

MOVED BY: YACUCHA
SECONDED: HARDER

THAT Council extend the public participation for first time speakers.

Motion DEFEATED.

MOVED BY: GUIRY
SECONDED: HARDER

That Council extend the public participation 30 more minutes or until all speakers are heard from, which ever is earlier.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting - April 17, 2023

MOVED BY: HARDER
SECONDED: YACUCHA

THAT Council approve the minutes of the meeting of the Special Council held on April 17, 2023.

Motion CARRIED.

6.2 Minutes of the Council Meeting - April 17, 2023

MOVED BY: GUIRY
SECONDED: MORLEY

THAT Council approve the minutes of the meeting of Council held on April 17, 2023.

Motion CARRIED.

6.3 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting - April 21, 2023

MOVED BY: WAGNER
SECONDED: YACUCHA

THAT Council approve the minutes of the meeting of the Special Council held on April 21, 2023.

Motion CARRIED.

7. OTHER BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the West Shore Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

MOVED BY: GUIRY
SECONDED: HARDER

THAT Council receive the minutes of the West Shore Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on March 9, 2023.

Councillors Wagner and Guiry gave a brief update of the West Shore Parks and Recreation Committee projects.

Motion CARRIED.

8. COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

8.1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - April 17, 2023

MOVED BY: HARDER
SECONDED: MORLEY

THAT Council receive the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on April 17, 2023.

Motion CARRIED.

8.2 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - April 18, 2023

MOVED BY: HARDER
SECONDED: GUIRY

THAT Council receive the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on April 18, 2023.

Motion CARRIED.

8.3 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - April 21, 2023

MOVED BY: YACUCHA
SECONDED: MORLEY

THAT Council receive the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on April 21, 2023.

Motion CARRIED.

9. REPORTS

9.1 Peatt Road DCC Project - Utility Pole Removal

MOVED BY: WAGNER
SECONDED: MORLEY

THAT Council direct staff to complete the remaining undergrounding Works;

AND

THAT Council approve the inclusion of this project, in the amount of \$355,000.00, in the 2023 Capital Plan in the 2023-2027 Five Year Financial Plan to be funded by Road DCCs.

Motion CARRIED.

9.2 2022 Audited Financial Statements

MOVED BY: MORLEY
SECONDED: HARDER

THAT Council approve the 2022 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

Motion CARRIED.

9.3 2023-2027 Five-Year Financial Plan

MOVED BY: HARDER
SECONDED: YACUCHA

THAT Council approve the 2023-2027 Five Year Financial Plan as presented on May 1, 2023 and direct staff to bring forward the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2023 and the 2023 Tax Rate Bylaw.

AND

Direct staff to include the Peatt Road DCC project amount of \$355,000.

Motion CARRIED.

9.4 2023 Tax Rates distribution by Property Class

MOVED BY: WAGNER
SECONDED: YACUCHA

THAT Council direct staff to adjust all property tax multiples to evenly spread the tax increase across all property classes for the 2023 tax year;

AND THAT Council direct staff to calculate the 2023 tax rates accordingly and bring forward the 2023 Tax Rates Bylaw.

Motion CARRIED.

10. BYLAWS

10.1 BYLAW NO. 2105 (Background Report Attached)

"Langford Zoning Bylaw, Amendment No. 694, (771, 775, and 781 Station Avenue), Bylaw No. 2105, 2022" (ADOPTION)

MOVED BY: YACUCHA
SECONDED: GUIRY

That Council adopt Bylaw No. 2105.

Motion CARRIED.

10.2 BYLAW NO. 2128

"City of Langford Alternative Municipal Tax Collection Scheme Bylaw, No. 2128, 2023". (ADOPTION)

MOVED BY: YACUCHA

SECONDED: HARDER

THAT Council adopt Bylaw No. 2128.

Motion CARRIED.

10.3 BYLAW NO. 2129 (Background Report Attached)

"Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 2129, 2023". (FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS)

MOVED BY: GUIRY

SECONDED: WAGNER

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 2129, 2023.

Motion CARRIED.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: YACUCHA

SECONDED: GUIRY

THAT Council adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Goodmanson adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

Motion CARRIED.

Presiding Council Member

Certified Correct - Corporate Officer