



Special Council Minutes

May 8, 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 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 W. Robinson, Manager of Building Services T. Corpus, Senior Application Developer/Analyst B. Boisvert, Legislative Services Administrative 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 7:17 pm.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY: GUIRY

SECONDED: YACUCHA

THAT Council approve the agenda as presented.

Motion CARRIED.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

S. Rossander, Ravensview Dr. - re: items 6.2 and 6.3 - Expressed disappointment in the process not being transparent or collaborative. Expressed concern regarding questions not being answered. Expressed concern regarding suggestions of budget cuts from the public were disregarded. Expressed concern regarding the purchase YMCA property.

M. Dillabaugh, Director of Finance responded the speaker should contact them and they can discuss further.

E. Wright, Commander Crt - re: items 6.2 and 6.3 - Expressed the tax increase will be accumulated with the other tax increases in the area. Expressed concern regarding seniors and young people affording the tax increase. Inquired about why the funds from the reserve not being used.

S. Sifert, Walfred Rd - re: items 6.2 - Expressed their continual opposition to the tax increase. Expressed disappointment that they are not being heard.

M. Morton, Phelps Ave - re: item 6.3 - Expressed that the process was a mitigated disaster. Expressed concern regarding the lack of transparency.

D. James, Dornier Rd - re: item 6.3 - Expressed understanding for the tax increase. Expressed that the services required, need to be paid for now. Expressed concern regarding the breakdown of communication.

N. Johal, Walfred Pl - re: item 6.1 - Expressed concern regarding the transparency of the budget. Expressed concern regarding borrowing more money.

M. Dillabaugh director responded regarding the cash balance. Explained why the City has cash on hand.

L. Foxall, Players Dr - re: item 6.1 - Expressed opposition to the tax increase. Expressed concern that Council is not listening to the public. Expressed that the development fees should be raised to offset tax increases. Expressed concern that the tax increase will be difficult to meet.

P. Hamilton, Granderson Rd - re: items 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 - Expressed gratitude to the Finance staff for the budget presentations. Expressed an understating of the budget and the tax increase. Expressed that they are opposed to a tax increase but understands why. Expressed gratitude for the transparency of the process.

C. Lervold, Glen Lake Rd - re: item 6.2 - Expressed opposition to the Bylaw. Expressed concern that not enough public engagement occurred. Expressed concern regarding the YMCA cost. Expressed concern regarding their questions going unanswered. Expressed concern that their suggestions for tax decreases were ignored. Expressed previous budgets went to the committees. Expressed concern about the purchase of the YMCA should go to a referendum.

M. Wignall, Selwyn Rd - re: item 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 - Expressed concern about a communication breakdown. Expressed that questions that are being asked are not being answered. Expressed concern that the suggestions for tax decreases are not being considered.

Nicholas Johal, Walfred Pl - item 6.2 - Expressed concern regarding purchasing the YMCA and over funding the building of the RCMP facility.

M. Dillabaugh, Director of Finance responded with clarifications to the budget process.
Expressed that some items in the budget will require future Council approval.

MOVED BY: YACUCHA
SECONDED: WAGNER

THAT Council at 8:46 p.m. extend the public participation for first time speakers for thirty minutes.

Motion Carried Unanimously

5. REPORTS

5.1 Canada Post

MOVED BY: SZPAK
SECONDED: GUIRY

THAT Council receive this report for information.

Motion CARRIED.

6. BYLAWS

6.1 BYLAW NO. 2129

MOVED BY: GUIRY
SECONDED: YACUCHA

That Council adopt Bylaw No. 2129.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6.2 BYLAW NO. 2130 (Background Report Attached)

MOVED BY: YACUCHA
SECONDED: HARDER

THAT Council give City of Langford 2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2130, 2023 first, second and third readings.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6.3 BYLAW NO. 2131 (Included in background report for item 6.2)

MOVED BY: YACUCHA
SECONDED: HARDER

THAT Council give City of Langford Tax Rates Bylaw No. 2131, 2023 first, second and third readings.

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. IN CAMERA RESOLUTION

MOVED BY: YACUCHA

SECONDED: HARDER

THAT Council close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 90 (1) (a) and (e) of the *Community Charter* to consider:

- personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
- the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

Motion CARRIED.

Procedure Note: Before adjournment, a typo was discovered in the resolutions of items 6.2 and 6.3. The resolutions were reread into record at 9:20 pm.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: HARDER

SECONDED: YACUCHA

THAT Council adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Goodmanson adjourned the meeting at 9:24 pm.

Motion CARRIED.

Presiding Council Member

Certified Correct - Corporate Officer