



Committee of the Whole Agenda

Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 12:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
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4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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 - 5.1 Presentation of Proposed 2024-2028 Five Year Financial Plan
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6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
7. COMMITTEE BUDGET DELIBERATION
8. ADJOURNMENT

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Budget2024](#)
Subject: Tennis Courts
Date: February 13, 2024 4:56:17 PM

Hello

I understand the city will be re-surfacing the 2 courts at Centennial Park. That is great. I believe that these are the only public courts in Langford and it would be a good thing if the City could build a few more courts for a population of approximately 50,000 people. I hope you consider this

Regards
Alan Kotila
3034 Glennan Road
Langford

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Budget2024](#)
Subject: Centennial Tennis Court Upgrade
Date: February 13, 2024 5:43:27 PM

Thank you city of Langford for upgrading Langford's only public tennis courts at Centennial Park! The only thing better than that would be to add more courts and cover two of them to extend the playing season. The cover does not have to be an enclosure - a roof would be enough!

Beautiful, right?



Image result for beautiful indoor tennis facilities |
Bóng tennis, Bóng chuyền, Chó săn
pinterest.com

Thank you so much for considering this addition to your plans!

Sincerely

Elizabeth Prsala
836 Hackamore Drive
Metchosin BC



Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Budget2024](#)
Subject: Tennis courts
Date: February 13, 2024 6:07:13 PM

We definitely need more Tennis Courts in the Westshore (Langford)

With all the added infrastructure, more people in the area. The more facilities implemented, the happier people will be.

Let's look to the future!

4 courts will be fantastic

Thank you

Violet Campbell.

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Budget2024](#)
Subject: Tennis courts
Date: February 13, 2024 6:13:44 PM

Hello

I am pleased to hear that Langford is redoing the 2 courts at Centennial Park. I would like to see Langford add more publicly accessible tennis courts in the coming years. Please consider adding this to the 5 year financial plan.

Sincerely,

Bodil Nilausen

(member of Langford Tennis Club)

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Budget2024](#)
Subject: Council Travel Expenditures
Date: February 14, 2024 9:38:35 AM

Hi there,

At last night's COTW meeting, a question was raised regarding council travel expenditures. Mr Dillabaugh said that the public should look at previous years travel amounts in order to better compare the changes.

With this in mind, can you please provide me with the budgeted and actual total travel expenditure for Council by year for 2015 - 2019.

Regards,
Steven Rossander

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Budget2024](#)
Subject: Concerns
Date: February 14, 2024 3:28:16 PM
Importance: High

Hello

I am a Langford taxpayer and have lived in the Westshore for the last 53 years. I have concerns over this year's budget.

The City of Langford should be aware that the world we live in is incredibly expensive: with high interest rates and cost of living. This puts pressure on so many Langford families where they are living pay cheque to pay cheque. Therefore, the City and Council should be working to ensure frivolous spending/funding is kept to a minimum while ensuring the needs of the residents of Langford are met. Needs, not wants. Wants are when we have an abundance of excess income, which this is not the case.

New budget items:

- Langford E-bike Rebate Program
 - The E-bike was a provincial program. While a 2024 program has not been confirmed yet, the risk of the public double dipping is high and therefore, does not appear to be a wise decision.
- Largest Little Free Library
 - There are two branches of the Greater Victoria Public Library (Goudy on Goldstream and Heritage in Westhills) where residents can take out books for free.
 - There are countless free little book stands that residents have set up themselves in their neighbourhoods. See <https://victoriaplacemaking.ca/little-free-libraries/>
 - The City does not need to spend \$60K plus \$25K the following years for this project. The need is already fulfilled.
- Pedestrian Plaza/Walkway Pilot Project, City Centre Crosswalk Project, Community Gardens, Home Composter Program
 - People cannot afford to live or feed their families. Please rethink the City's priorities here.

Other concerns:

- RCMP and the 3 firehalls
 - These should be fully staffed. Keeping our City safe should be a priority especially with the increase in homelessness, theft and vandalism.
- Use of Amenity funds
 - Unless there is law or bylaw, why can this not be done? This should continue to help bring taxes down.
- Infrastructure not keeping up with the growing population
 - The population continue to grow and housing has greatly increased, but the roads have not and are not big enough for the population of the City.
- YMCA/PFC
 - Considerations need to be given to these amenities. The City needs to be making tax revenue off these. If the YMCA cannot afford to pay the taxes, then they should not continue to be supported.
 - Cost benefit analysis should be performed to ensure that extra seating is warranted for PFC.
 - The City should work with the other municipalities to have another recreation centre. Westshore Recreation is too small for the current population of Langford, Colwood and View Royal.
- 3680 TCH property
 - This was purchased by the City in 2019. Is this property creating revenue for the City?

Scott Costello
 2958 Robalee Place
 Langford BC

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Budget2024](#)
Subject: Tennis courts
Date: February 14, 2024 8:10:20 PM

This is in support of providing funding for tennis courts in Langford, either for rehabilitation of existing Centennial courts (resurfacing is due as it is quite cracked) or for building new courts.

I believe that all West Shore municipalities and the CRD should work together to provide venues for tennis in order to keep up with the growing population and the popularity of both tennis and pickleball.

Thank you.

Jon Conquist
Colwood

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Budget2024](#)
Subject: TENNIS COURT
Date: February 15, 2024 6:14:36 AM

Dear Council:

We are pleased to hear of the Centennial Park tennis courts being resurfaced. It would also be appreciated if more courts could be added to the budget for the future.

I'd support tennis courts being added to the 5 year financial plan.

Regards,
C.L. McLash

One's creative life is an amplified life. It's a larger life, a joyful life, an expanded life, and a much more interesting life. Smile On!

Give generously, live fully, love unconditionally

From: [Michael Dillabaugh](#)
To: [Budget2024](#)
Subject: FW: New submission from Topic Contact Form
Date: February 15, 2024 8:28:11 AM

Michael Dillabaugh, CPA, CA

Director of Finance

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From: Langford Finance General Mailbox <finance@langford.ca>
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Subject: FW: New submission from Topic Contact Form

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From: dev@eclipse3sixty.com <dev@eclipse3sixty.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 6:33 PM
To: Langford Finance General Mailbox <finance@langford.ca>
Subject: New submission from Topic Contact Form

Topics

Taxes, Fees and Grants

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[Map It](#)

Email**Message**

I was wondering why you are asking for a referendum on the Stadium yet you try to slip in the purchase of buying the YMCA from a private company and put it on my taxes. How dare you from a Mayor who doesn't even live in this community. This insanity of how this council runs the budget from a community with tons of new taxes coming in from development must stop. One term mayor and all councillors who support this type of thinking. So please answer why are you not putting in for a referendum on the purchase. Cut your loss and let it fail. Are you going or be in a habit of buying all businesses that have a poor business plan and fail? Shame on all of you.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Mayor Goodmanson](#); [Mary Wagner](#); [Kimberley Guiry](#); [Keith Yacucha](#); [Mark Morley](#); [Lillian Szpak](#); [Colby Harder](#); [Accessibility](#); [Budget2024](#)
Subject: Misting Stations - A good investment
Date: February 15, 2024 11:19:43 AM

Good Morning,

I've included many of you in this email because I feel it is very important that we address the needs of the residents of Langford. With regards to the budget while I am very supportive of the little libraries, the mural and most of all the community gardens we need to address the weather extremes we continue to experience and one of them is heat. Misting stations can be purchased and/or rented and I would like to suggest this is added to the budget and budgeted for this coming summer. Another line item from where funds could be pulled would be Christmas decorations.

As it relates to accessibility, heat has been the cause of a number of deaths among seniors and with research I have found that overall seniors are the age group where disabilities in Canada are the highest. However no matter what age, heat can affect anyone disabled or not. Misting stations should not be considered an amenity but a requirement.

I've included a link to a Victoria map which shows where misting stations are in Victoria which may help in planning where the misting stations would be located and accessible.

<https://vicmap.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=388a181e13f74ed68b929c750a1462b3>

The sustainability of a city includes the health and welfare of it's all its residents.

Sincerely
P. Hamilton
Langford Resident

"We are all walking each other home"

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Budget2024](#)
Cc: [Mayor Goodmanson](#); [Keith Yacucha](#); [Mary Wagner](#); [Kimberley Guiry](#); [Mark Morley](#); [Colby Harder](#); [Lillian Szpak](#)
Subject: Comments re: proposed 2024 Langford Budget
Date: February 15, 2024 12:40:52 PM

Dear Mayor and Council:

I urge you to find ways to reduce the 2024 budget. I heard Councillor Szpak state that this is an expansion budget, but even expansions can have reasonable limits. I agree with the idea that the city's dependency on using the amenity fund to reduce taxes should be phased out over time so that those funds can be used as they were intended. However, I caution against doing that too quickly. In addition, a portions of surplus funds from previous budget years should be used in a way that reduces the current year's tax burden on rate payers.

Last year, when you asked the finance department to find areas to cut, they chose things that bring joy to Langford citizens, like holiday lights. There obviously needs to be a balance. However, as I look over the chart of new budget items (please see attached), I ask that you put several of these initiatives on hold. In my opinion, the Royal Roads Scholarship should go ahead as it has been promised in the past. However, the innovation studio could be paused, as could the community murals, the largest little free library (I think this will be a maintenance nightmare, to be honest), the home composter program, and the community gardens (and the last two are close to my heart, having been involved in community gardens in several other cities before our move to Langford 20 years ago). The city centre crosswalk and the pedestrian plaza should find grant funding sources outside of tax revenue. As an ebike owner, I struggle to say the rebate program should be paused, but I don't think this is the right time for city residents to foot that bill. If a grant can be found instead, that would be excellent.

Finally, I urge you to take a critical look at staffing numbers, both in terms of increased positions and increased salaries (outside of the cost of living adjustment). Mr. Dillabaugh said it would be a matter of reduced services for residents, but there likely are some services that are more critical than others. We rely on you to make those tough calls while keeping our taxes at an affordable level. Reducing the property tax by a percentage point or two will be appreciated by many residents. Even better would be getting it down to a single digit.

I have a few specific questions as well, but will hopefully be able to ask them at the next public engagement session.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

R. McClure
 Bellamy Rd, Langford

New budget items for Council discussion and public input

Project	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Royal Roads Scholarship	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Royal Roads Innovation Studio	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Langford E-Bike Rebate Program	75,000	75,000			
Community Murals Fund	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
City Centre Crosswalk Project	140,000				
Largest Little Free Library	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Largest Little Free Library	35,000				
Pedestrian Plaza/Walkway Pilot Project	30,000				
Community Gardens	40,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Home Composter Program	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Summary					
Operating (Property tax impact in proposed financial plan)	425,000	365,000	290,000	290,000	290,000
Capital (no property tax impact in proposed financial plan)	175,000	-	-	-	-

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Budget2024](#)
Subject: Langford Tennis Courts
Date: February 16, 2024 11:51:09 AM

Langford Council,

Weather permitting, I play at Centennial Courts every Saturday morning with a long standing group of mostly western community citizens. These courts are ideal for us as the surface is much safer than the courts at Juan de Fuca.

I am pleased to hear that Langford is redoing the 2 courts at Centennial Park. I would like to see Langford add more publicly accessible tennis courts in the coming years. Please consider adding this to the 5 year financial plan.

Sincerely,

JR (Reg) DeLong
302-380 Waterfront Cr