



# City of Langford

## Council Minutes

February 5, 2024, 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
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ATTENDING:	D. Kiedyk, Chief Administrative Officer B. Hutchins, Director of Corporate Services 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 C. Aubrey, Fire Chief C. Lowe, IT Support Specialist N. Johnston, Legislative Services Administrative Coordinator
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Meeting available by teleconference.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Goodmanson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Councillor Szpak read the City of Langford's Territorial Acknowledgment.

**3. MEETING CONDUCT RULES**

M. Watmough, Deputy Director of Corporate Services, read the City of Langford's meeting conduct rules.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOVED BY: GUIRY  
SECONDED: WAGNER

THAT Council approve the agenda as presented.

**Motion CARRIED.**

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

W. Bowers, Millstream Rd - item 9 - Speaker asked questions pertaining to correspondence.

J. Mackenzie, Kettle Creek Terr - item 8.5 - Speaker expressed concern regarding removal of parking at 870 McCallum Road. Speaker wished for the exploration of further ideas for parking in this area.

M. Wignall, Selwyn Rd - item 8.2 - Speaker expressed concerns with proposed usage of grant funding. Speaker wished for Council to use the grant money for property taxation. Speaker expressed concern with an Active Transportation Plan noting challenges for those who cannot mode shift.

S. Plank, Goldstream Ave - item 8.2 - Speaker expressed support for an Active Transportation Plan noting growing population and traffic concerns. Speaker also expressed a wish for Council to use the grant funds for Official Community Plan (OCP) public engagement.

R. Louie, Langford - item 8.6 - Speaker expressed support for Option 1 of the Staff Report. Item 10.3 - Speaker wished for Council to not adopt the bylaw.

G. Haythornthwaite, Peatt Rd - items 8.2 and 11 - Speaker expressed concern regarding public participation and Bill 44 (Provincial). Speaker wished to see public input expanded. Speaker expressed a wish for jurisdictions to work together when addressing or advocating for changes to public participation.

Mayor Goodmanson closed public participation 7:17 p.m.

## 6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of the Council Meeting - December 4, 2023 (ADOPT)

Minutes of the WSPR Board of Directors Meeting - December 14, 2023 (RECEIVE)

Minutes of the Council Meeting - January 15, 2024 (ADOPT)

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting - January 22, 2024 (ADOPT)

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting - January 29, 2024 (ADOPT)

MOVED BY: HARDER

SECONDED: SZPAK

THAT Council adopt the recommendations for each item of the Consent Agenda as presented.

- Minutes of the Council Meeting - December 4, 2023 (ADOPT)
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**Motion CARRIED.**

## 7. **CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items removed from the consent agenda.

**8. REPORTS**

8.1 Complete Communities Grant

MOVED BY: GUIRY  
SECONDED: SZPAK

THAT Council support the Regional Household Affordability and Prosperity Project (RHAP) in applying for grant funding through the UBCM Complete Communities Grant to allow for the continuation of the work achieved in Phases 1 and 2, in collaboration with partnering municipalities;

AND

THAT Council endorses the City of Colwood to be the primary applicant that will provide overall grant management for the project along with the Community Social Planning Council leading the project as the Community Lead in a consulting relationship.

**Motion CARRIED.**

OPPOSED: Councillor Morley

8.2 Local Government Capacity Funding Grant

M. Dillabaugh Director of Finance and M. Baldwin, Director of Planning and Subdivision responded to questions from Council.

MOVED BY: HARDER  
SECONDED: GUIRY

THAT Council direct staff to allocate the Local Government Capacity Funding Grant to the Transportation Master Plan, the Active Transportation Plan, and the Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan.

**Motion CARRIED.**

8.3 ESS Grant - Trailer Modifications

C. Aubrey, Fire Chief and M. Dillabaugh, Director of Finance responded to questions from Council.

MOVED BY: GUIRY  
SECONDED: WAGNER

That Council resolve that City staff be directed to apply to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training Funding Stream and that Council supports the proposed activities and for staff to provide overall grant management.

**Motion CARRIED.**

8.4 Tender Award for Centre Mountain WP4 Civil

K. Balzer, Director of Engineering and Public Works provided an overview of the report.

MOVED BY: SZPAK

SECONDED: GUIRY

THAT Council award the construction contract for Centre Mountain Business Park Work Package 4 Civil Works to Hazelwood Construction Services Inc. at an amount of \$ 4,408,940.67 plus GST funded via LSA funds;

AND

THAT Council authorize Mayor and CAO, or Corporate Officer, to execute this construction contract.

**Motion CARRIED.**

8.5 Licence Agreement for 870 McCallum Rd

K. Balzer, Director of Engineering and Public Works provided an overview of the report and responded to questions from Council.

MOVED BY: YACUCHA

SECONDED: MORLEY

THAT Council table this matter until Council can discuss possibilities for nighttime parking and use duration with the applicant.

**Motion CARRIED.**

8.6 Rhino Coffee - Lease Agreement

Y. Nielsen, Director of Parks and Facilities responded to questions from Council.

MOVED BY: HARDER

SECONDED: WAGNER

THAT Council approve the lease agreement with Rhino Coffee on the terms as attached with such minor amendments as may be required and that Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer or Corporate Officer to execute the agreement.

**Motion CARRIED.**

8.7 Cycling BC & Cycling Canada - Lease Agreement

Y. Nielsen, Director of Parks and Facilities responded to questions from Council.

MOVED BY: WAGNER

SECONDED: GUIRY

THAT Council approve the lease agreement with Cycling Canada and Cycling British Columbia on the terms as attached with such minor amendments as may be required and that Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer or Corporate Officer to execute the agreement.

**Motion CARRIED.**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

9.1 The Mobile Youth Services Team

Councillor Guiry provided an overview of the correspondence and responded to questions from Council.

MOVED BY: GUIRY  
SECONDED: WAGNER

THAT Council send a letter of support to Deputy Premier Farnworth seeking secure long-term funding for The Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST) program.

**Motion CARRIED.**

9.2 Legislative Reform Initiative Update

Councillor Wagner provided an overview of the correspondence and responded to questions from Council.

MOVED BY: SZPAK  
SECONDED: WAGNER

THAT Council receive this report for information

The motion was WITHDRAWN.

MOVED BY: WAGNER  
SECONDED: YACUCHA

THAT Council send a letter of support to RDN CAO Douglas Holmes to establish a UBCM working group focused on modernizing the *Local Government Act*.

**Motion CARRIED.**

**10. BYLAWS**

10.1 BYLAW NO. 2142 (Background report attached)

"Langford Zoning Bylaw, Amendment No. 704 (820, 822, 824 and 826 Hockley Avenue), Bylaw No. 2142, 2023". (ADOPTION)

MOVED BY: GUIRY  
SECONDED: SZPAK

THAT Council adopt Bylaw No. 2142.

**Motion CARRIED.**

10.2 BYLAW NO. 2143 (Background report attached)

"Mantle Heights DCC Agreement (Project Number 10) Approval Bylaw No. 2143, 2024". (FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS)

K. Balzer, Director of Engineering and Public Works provided an overview of the report and bylaw. M. Dillabaugh, Director of Finance and K. Balzer, Director of Engineering and Public Works responded to questions.

MOVED BY: SZPAK  
SECONDED: GUIRY

THAT Council approve the Mantle Heights DCC Agreement No. CON24-0019 and authorize the Mayor and CAO, or Corporate Officer, to execute the agreement after adoption of Bylaw No. 2143, 2024;

AND

THAT Council give first, second and third readings to the Mantle Heights Development Cost Charge Agreement (Project 10 Goldstream Business Park) Approval Bylaw No. 2143, 2024 and Mantle Heights DCC Agreement No. CON24-0019.

**Motion CARRIED.**

10.3 BYLAW NO. 2156

“Sewer Utility Bylaw Amendment No. 7, Bylaw No. 2156, 2024”. (ADOPTION)

MOVED BY: HARDER  
SECONDED: GUIRY

THAT Council adopt “Sewer Utility Bylaw Amendment No. 7, Bylaw No. 2156, 2024”.

**Motion CARRIED.**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

11.1 AVICC RESOLUTIONS

11.1.1 Automated Licence Plate Recognition Funding

Councillor Harder provided an overview of the motion including background information and responded to questions from Council.

MOVED BY: HARDER  
SECONDED: SZPAK

WHEREAS the City of Langford recognizes the importance of safety and compliance to the Motor Vehicle Act for all road users and;

WHEREAS the discontinuation of vehicle licence plate validation decals in British Columbia has negatively impacted law enforcement officers in their ability to detect and enforce uninsured motor vehicle violations:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC and UBCM petition to the Province and ICBC to provide municipalities and police agencies with the required funds to procure Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) hardware for all law enforcement vehicles in British Columbia.

**Motion CARRIED.**

11.1.2 Addressing the Impact of Provincial Policy on Local Municipalities, Taxation Equity, and Interim Policing Cost Support

Councillor Yacucha provided an overview of the motion including background information and responded to questions from Council.

MOVED BY: YACUCHA

SECONDED: WAGNER

WHEREAS the City of Langford acknowledges the vital role of health care, mental health care, and social services in building a resilient and safe community;

WHEREAS the Province's failure to meet its commitments in these areas has unfairly burdened municipalities, straining local resources and compromising public safety, thus exacerbating social inequity through heightened property taxes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) strongly urges increased Provincial funding and support for health care, mental health care, and comprehensive housing initiatives. Immediate action is necessary to alleviate the strain on municipal resources and enhance public safety;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AVICC calls on the Provincial government to demonstrate good faith by covering the heightened share of policing costs. This recognizes the Provincial responsibility in shifting these public safety costs to municipalities due to inadequate provision of social services and health care.

**Motion CARRIED.**

11.1.3 Rethinking Municipal Taxation for Equitable and Effective Crisis Response

Councillor Yacucha provided an overview of the motion including background information and responded to questions from Council.

MOVED BY: YACUCHA

SECONDED: WAGNER

WHEREAS municipal governments, often on the front lines, bear the brunt of addressing shared crises such as climate issues, housing affordability, inequality, public health, and infrastructure challenges;

WHEREAS the burden on municipalities has intensified due to Provincial shortcomings in fulfilling their responsibilities, leaving many municipalities grappling with insufficient revenue sources, resulting in an overreliance on regressive property taxation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) urges the Province to promptly fulfill its responsibilities in providing health care, including mental health care, as well as

social services and the management of criminal rehabilitation through correctional facilities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in the absence of immediate Provincial action, the AVICC advocates for a comprehensive and immediate review of municipal taxation and revenue sources. This recognizes the pivotal role of municipalities, which, despite these being Provincial responsibilities, are left to deal with the repercussions without adequate support from the Province.

**Motion CARRIED.**

11.1.4 Urging Legal Action for Constitutional Accountability: Addressing Provincial Failures in Healthcare, Criminal Rehabilitation, and Public Safety Responsibilities

MOVED BY: YACUCHA

SECONDED: SZPAK

WHEREAS the Province, as outlined in the Constitution Act, 1867, bears constitutional responsibilities for essential services, including healthcare, including mental healthcare, and the administration of justice, including the administration of criminal rehabilitation through prisons;

WHEREAS it is observed that the Province has failed to adequately fulfill these constitutional responsibilities, resulting in an ineffectual and inequitable downshift of the associated responsibilities and costs to municipalities, particularly impacting their ability to address social issues related to healthcare, mental health care, and public safety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) directs its members to explore the viability of initiating a legal proceeding against the Province to address the failure of the Province to meet its constitutional responsibilities, specifically in the areas of healthcare, mental healthcare, and the administration of criminal rehabilitation through correctional facilities, leading to an undue burden on municipalities and compromising public safety.

**Motion CARRIED.**

OPPOSED: Mayor Goodmanson

11.1.5 Active Transportation within Provincial Highway Rights of Way

Councillor Guiry provided an overview of the motion including background and responded to questions from Council.

MOVED BY: GUIRY

SECONDED: HARDER

WHEREAS according to CleanBC's Roadmap to 2030, transportation is our largest single source of GHG emissions which accounts for approximately 40% of our annual total, and to address this the Province has committed to doubling the proportion of trips using active transportation by 2030.



WHEREAS given the urgency of the climate crises, the fast-approaching 2030 deadline and the fact that safe active transportation infrastructure provides economically accessible transportation for more individuals of all ages and abilities, there is a pressing need for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to provide stronger leadership, accountability, and equitable investment in infrastructure for all modes of transportation.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to take on the responsibility for the development, operation and maintenance of all active transportation infrastructure within Provincial Highway rights of way to align with active transportation planning of Indigenous and local governments, thus ensuring equitable commitment to active transportation infrastructure commensurate with infrastructure focused on motor vehicles.

**Motion CARRIED.**

**12. IN CAMERA RESOLUTION**

MOVED BY: YACUCHA  
SECONDED: MORLEY

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

- labour relations or other employee relations;
- negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

**Motion CARRIED.**

The meeting went in camera at 9:05 pm.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY: YACUCHA  
SECONDED: HARDER

THAT Council adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Goodmanson adjourned the meeting at 11:20 pm.

**Motion CARRIED.**

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Presiding Council Member

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Certified Correct - Corporate Officer