

CITY OF LANGFORD
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
Thursday, March 19th, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m.
Upper Back Parking Lot, 877 Goldstream Avenue

PRESENT

Mayor S. Young; Councillors: D. Blackwell, M. Sahlstrom, L. Seaton (remote by telephone), N. Stewart, L. Szpak, and R. Wade.

ATTENDING

Chief Administrative Officer, D. Kiedyk; Director of Finance, M. Dillabaugh; Director of Corporate Services, B. Hutchins; Manager of Bylaw Enforcement, L. Fletcher; Manager of Business Development and Events, D. Petrie; Manager of Legislative Services, A. Proton; Fire Chief, C. Aubrey; and RCMP Officer in Charge, T. Preston.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Young called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR WADE
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SZPAK

That Council approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED.

3. PRESENTATION

a) Chris Aubrey, Fire Chief
RE: City's Response to COVID-19

Fire Chief Chris Aubrey gave a presentation outlining the City's response to COVID-19, including:

- Pandemic emergency response plan enacted
- Level 2 Emergency Response Centre (virtual, with social distancing)
- Public Health and Safety policy group with subcommittees to consider solutions to support citizens and local businesses
- Coordination with Health Emergency Management BC, Emergency Management BC, and Vancouver Island emergency coordinators (VI PREOC)
- Coordination with CRD Fire Chiefs and CAOs
- City facility cleaning multiple times per day

- Fire Halls closed to non-essential visits
- Website updated daily
- Work from home policy to maintain business continuity and protect staff

b) Mike Forbes and Dr. Jean Paul Lim
RE: COVID-19 Proposal

Mike Forbes and Dr. Jean Paul Lim requested funding from Council for a phone service alternative to 811 for Langford residents with the goal of providing information faster and encouraging people to stay home.

MOVED BY: MAYOR YOUNG
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WADE

That Council provide up to \$400 000 to respond to COVID-19, including working with Mike Forbes on a pilot project to provide public education on COVID-19;

In favour: Mayor Young
Councillor Sahlstrom
Councillor Seaton
Councillor Stewart
Councillor Wade

Opposed: Councillor Blackwell
Councillor Szpak

That Council establish a committee to administer the COVID-19 funding, and appoint Councillor Wade, Councillor Sahlstrom, Mayor Young, CAO Darren Kiedyk and Director of Corporate Services Braden Hutchins; and

That Council review COVID-19 response and funding in 2 weeks.

CARRIED.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

5. REPORTS

a) Open Burning and COVID-19
- Staff Report (Fire)

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BLACKWELL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SAHLSTROM

That Council suspend the current open burning policy for the 2020 spring burn period, but continue to allow campfires.

CARRIED.

**b) Closure of City Hall
- Staff Report (Administration)**

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR WADE
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SAHLSTROM

That Council indefinitely suspend public access to City Hall to the public starting Friday, March 20th at 4:30 pm.


CARRIED.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 6:44 pm.



PRESIDING COUNCIL MEMBER:



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Corporate Officer