

## COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 22, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Council-in-Committee convened on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 2:09 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mayor Richard Stewart  
Councillor Brent Asmundson  
Councillor Craig Hodge  
Councillor Steve Kim  
Councillor Trish Mandewo  
Councillor Dennis Marsden  
Councillor Teri Towner  
Councillor Chris Wilson  
Councillor Bonita Zarrillo

STAFF: Peter Steblin, City Manager  
Raul Allueva, Deputy City Manager  
Jim Ogloff, Fire Chief  
Annett Fellner, Officer-in-Charge Coquitlam RCMP  
Jaime Boan, General Manager Engineering and Public Works  
Michelle Hunt, General Manager Finance, Technology and Police Services  
Don Luymes, General Manager Civic Lands and Facilities  
Jim McIntyre, General Manager Planning and Development  
Andrew Merrill, Director Development Services  
Vern Kucy, Manager Environment  
Caresse Selk, Environmental Projects Manager  
Julie Kanya, Environmental Programs Specialist  
Sean O'Melinn, Legislative Services Manager

### CALL TO ORDER

### PRESENTATIONS

The Chair provided introductory comments relative to the 2019 Annual Report and noted that the annual report was available for public inspection on the City's website.

**1. General Manager Finance, Technology and Police Services – 2019 Annual Report**

The General Manager Finance and Technology provided introductory comments relative to the contents of the Annual Report and gave an onscreen presentation entitled “Annual Report 2019” and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Strong Financial Foundation
- 2019 Financial Results
- Balance Sheet – Net Worth
- Tangible Capital Assets
- Capital Asset Investment
- Cash & Investments
- Cash & Investment Growth
- Reserve Funds Changes
- Sustainable Asset Management
- Net Debt Funded by DCCs & Local Improvement
- 2019 Consolidated Statement of Operations Revenues by Source - \$479M
- Taxation Trends
- 2019 Consolidated Statement of Operations Expenses by Function - \$264 M
- Expenses Trend
- 2019 Consolidated Statement of Operations Expenses by Account - \$264 M
- Balanced Budget
- Consolidated Surplus- Financial Reporting
- Consolidated Surplus Reconciliation
- 2019 General Fund Budget to Actual Variance (millions)
- Summary
- More Information

The Chair called for speakers to the 2019 Annual Report three times. No speakers came forward.

Councillor Wilson, as per the Acting Mayor schedule, assumed the role of Chair at this time (2:28 p.m.).

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**2. Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, June 15, 2020**

The Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, June 15, 2020 were approved.

## DELEGATIONS

### 3. Ryan Moffat and Cathy Tan – Confucius Institute in Coquitlam School District 43

Ryan Moffat and Cathy Tan appeared before the Committee to provide information regarding their views with respect to the operation the Confucius Institute in Coquitlam and its association with the school district. They noted that while the issue largely rests with the school district, they wanted to share their message with the community.

Mr. Moffat provided an on-screen presentation entitled “Controversies and serious questions about the Confucius Institutes” and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Who is Confucius?
- Destroying a monument and statue in Confucius Mansion
- Number of Confucius Institutes Globally
- Confucius Institutes are an arm of the Chinese Communist Party
- Confucius Institutes are 100% controlled by the Chinese Communist Party
- Nature of the Chinese Communist Party
- Criticism of Confucius Institutes
- Appeals from concerned Tri-City families

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Further information regarding the number of Confucius Institutes operating around the world
- Whether the delegation has approached other municipalities
- The status of the City’s past and present sister city relationships
- Discussions the delegation has undertaken with the school district
- The desire for more information regarding the Confucius Institute
- Whether the delegation has approach the Ministry of Education regarding the issue

## REPORTS OF STAFF

### FINANCE, TECHNOLOGY AND POLICE SERVICES

#### 4. Report of the General Manager Finance, Technology and Police Services– 2019 Annual Report

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Appreciation for the content of the report and the work of staff in creating it
- The desire for a greater focus on climate change initiatives in future reports
- The expected impact of COVID-19 on the investments of the City currently and in the year 2021

- The investment options available to the City and the City's returns relative to other municipalities
- The funding amounts provided to police and fire services by the City
- Appreciation for the highlighting of operating revenue relative to the overall surplus of the City
- The tax rate in Coquitlam relative to other communities
- The belief that residents have an investment in the community and that Coquitlam is providing a strong return
- The desire for further information regarding the amount of funding expected to be provided for the liabilities of the City

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Finance, Technology and Police Services dated June 15, 2020 and entitled "2019 Annual Report" for information.

**5. Report of the General Manager Finance, Technology and Police Services – 2019 Development Cost Charges Report**

Councillor Kim left the meeting at this time (2:57 p.m.).

The General Manager Finance, Technology and Police Services provided information regarding content of the report and the variety of organizations that the report has been shared with.

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Finance, Technology and Police Services dated June 15, 2020 and entitled "2019 Development Cost Charges Report" for information.

**6. Report of the Officer-in-Charge Coquitlam RCMP Detachment – RCMP 2020 First Trimester Report (City of Coquitlam)**

Councillor Kim returned to the meeting at this time (2:59 p.m.).

The Officer-in-Charge Coquitlam RCMP provided an on-screen presentation entitled "RCMP 2020 First Trimester Report: City of Coquitlam" and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Persons Crimes for 2020-T1
- Property Crimes for 2020-T1
- Auto Crime – January to April 2020
- Break and Enter – January to April 2020
- Mental Health Calls for Service for 2020-T1
- Violation Tickets for T1-2020
- Questions?

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Whether it is possible to compare the crime statistics on a year to year basis
- The belief that the community wants to see the trends with respect to crime statistics
- The online crime reporting system recently implemented by the RCMP and its current level of use by the community
- The desire for individuals that are reporting crimes to do so through the online reporting system rather than non-official channels
- The belief that the RCMP are serving the community well and expressions of support for RCMP
- The belief that there is a relationship between large roadways and the number of thefts that occur around them
- The desire for more social supports outside of policing
- The ability of the RCMP to liaise with city staff to offer social supports prior to RCMP involvement in a response
- The response of the RCMP Commissioner to the allegations of systemic racism within the RCMP
- The response of the Coquitlam RCMP relative to the allegations of systemic racism within the RCMP
- The belief that all people have biases and the desire to recognize them
- Whether the RCMP receive the data held by the Province regarding incidents of hate speech

The Officer-in-Charge undertook to review whether hate speech data from the Province is provided to the Coquitlam RCMP.

- The belief that a better understanding of the RCMP and their response to hate speech would make the community more welcoming
- Appreciation that distracted driving and seatbelt offences were down
- The desire to understand why intoxicated driving offences had increased
- Conversations with RCMP members and the belief that they are considering their role as police officers given events occurring around the world
- Whether the defund the police movement was the appropriate response to social issues
- The role of police with respect to mental health and the desire to look at a health based response to mental health crises
- The number of mental health calls responded to by the RCMP and the impacts of COVID-19 on the number of calls received
- The levels of family violence calls responded to by the RCMP and the impacts of COVID-19 on the number of calls received
- Appreciation for speed enforcement measures taken by the RCMP
- The effectiveness of hate crimes legislation in Canada and how the City could

support efforts to make it more effective

- The belief that it is the role of leaders to consider their role as police officers and communicate that to their subordinates
- Whether there has been an increase in anti-Asian racism
- Whether the online crime reporting system was available for use in reporting incidents of racism
- Appreciation for the efforts of the RCMP to educate new Canadians regarding the role of the RCMP
- The role of the RCMP's mental health officers relative to other RCMP officers
- The desire for more resources to be directed towards those with mental health challenges
- The belief that RCMP officers are under additional stress due to the rise of the defund the police movement
- Support for the increased levels of traffic enforcement over the last trimester
- The desire to follow the trends in traffic behaviours and how those trends can be tracked
- The belief that residents want to see police officers in the community
- The use of the hate crimes telephone line by the community
- The Car 87 program that is in use in other communities
- The trends in distracted driving infractions

The Committee received the report of the Officer-in-Charge (OIC) Coquitlam RCMP Detachment dated June 15, 2020 and entitled "RCMP 2020 First Trimester Report (City of Coquitlam)" for information.

### **ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **7. Report of the General Manager Engineering and Public Works – 2019 Urban Wildlife Program Update and 2020 Early Cart Set Out Audit Results**

The General Manager Engineering and Public Works provided comments regarding the number of wildlife encounters in Coquitlam and the measures that the public can undertake to reduce them. He noted the evaluations that staff have performed on the initiatives implemented by the City to reduce wildlife encounters.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The number of warnings issued relative to the number of tickets issued for garbage cart violations
- The desire to fine repeat garbage cart offenders and to change behaviours with respect to wildlife attractants
- Clarification of the types of reports received with respect to bears
- Whether bear sighting data that is reported to the BC Conservation Officer

Service is provided to the City

- The understanding that there are bears in areas across the city that may not be reported to the City
- The belief that there are fewer garbage containers being placed on the curb too early in the day
- Whether the use of bear bangers is increasing in the community

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Engineering and Public Works dated June 15, 2020 and entitled “2019 Urban Wildlife Program Update and 2020 Early Cart Set Out Audit Results” for information.

**8. Report of the General Manager Engineering and Public Works –2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**

The General Manager Engineering and Public Works provided comments regarding the purpose of the report, how water quality is assessed and noted some of the changes in the report from the previous year. He also provided information on the factors that can impact water quality. He noted that the full report is available on the city's website.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Concerns regarding the message from the Medical Health Officer with respect to lead and copper in the water supply
- The belief that it is not necessary to run the tap for one minute in Coquitlam and many other communities in the Lower Mainland
- Whether people are using more water due to the pandemic

That the Committee receive the report of the General Manager Engineering and Public Works dated June 15, 2020 and entitled “2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report” for information.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE – July 6, 2020**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

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CHAIR

I hereby certify that I have recorded the Minutes of the  
Council-in-Committee Meeting held Monday, June 22, 2020  
as instructed, subject to amendment and adoption.

  
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Sean O'Melinn  
Legislative Services Manager