



FORT LANGLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
DIRECTORS MEETING - MINUTES
Tuesday, October 12, 2021 - 7:30PM
(Via Zoom)

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Schildhorn, Malcolm Weatherston, and Nicholas Rawcliffe.
SOCIAL MEDIA & MODERATOR: Jeanette Martin.
SPECIAL GUESTS: Councillor Blair Whitmarsh, Michael O'Brien, Janet Verbicky, and Cathy Nancy
REGRETS: Danielle Twist, Harold Whittell, Scott Jacobsen, and Karen Zukas.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM (via Zoom teleconference).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with no recommended amendments.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

The September 14, 2021, Minutes were approved with no recommended amendments.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Bank Balance -

The Chairman noted that the Treasurer's report was being deferred.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Survey -

The Chairman is seeking input on a change to the FLCA's current mandate by focusing the next annual survey as a needs assessment to identify gaps and opportunities that exist to support and represent both residents and businesses in the Fort Langley Community. This is intended to assist us in determining our new mandate. The Chairman is proposing the following steps to accomplish this objective:

- i. Commence work on the wording of a survey to residents and business asking where the FLCA is needed and how we can fulfill that need. Questions within the survey should be phrased in such a manner to elicit comprehensive replies;
- ii. Milestone target for the survey to be issued by November 1st and open for 30 days. To cast a wide net, the survey should be posted online and sent out over social media, emailed to members and placed on the FLCA website. We will also put out a postcard through the mail with the web address and a QR code;
- iii. At our December FLCA board meeting we will discuss the results and decide if we need to make changes to our mandate and our bylaws; and,
- iv. Possible further interaction with the residents and business to further the results of the survey.

2. AGM

AGM proposed for February 2022. It was emphasized that the FLCA needs to develop a program to encourage people to join our meetings and become more involved in the organization. This would hopefully lead up to the AGM having new Directors coming on board. We need some strategies on getting word out to encourage those who want to be more involved in their community to become part of the FLCA.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Truck Route

Nothing new was indicated for the “Truck Route” under this section of these minutes but further conversation regarding the “Truck Route” topic ensued in the “Open Discussion and New Business” component of these minutes.

2. Banners

It was noted that we are nearing the time for the change-over of the banners for Remembrance Day. The new banners for Remembrance Day will stay up for about 1-month after which banners for Christmas will be installed. There was a reminder that permits are required for banners.

3. Fort Langley Community Events Association (“FLCEA”)

An overview of the FLCEA was discussed insofar that the FLCEA is made up of many (22-25) other community representatives within local associations, intended to be a cooperative functioning unit for the benefit of many individual groups by sharing resources. It was noted that Langley Tourism is the backbone of the organization, and it is anticipated that all local events will be harmonized soon under a common media platform.

4. Response to TOL request for comments on Development Application Project 11-33-0139

A number of comments (15+) were received from the public in response to TOL's request for comments. Many of the comments alluded to the need for additional information and clarity, especially regarding the "sales center", as there was a significant amount of confusion as to the purpose of the "sales center". The comments will be provided in full to the Township of Langley as per their request. The FLCA does not advocate for any position as the FLCA will only act to facilitate the flow of information and feedback in these matters.

OPEN DISCUSSION AND NEW BUSINESS

Open Discussion

None initially but transportation related topics arose after the "correspondence" section of these minutes – see below.

Correspondence - general

It was discussed that many local community associations are currently struggling with maintaining their existence or at the very least experiencing a loss of momentum. A fair amount of conversation ensued between the participants as to the possible reasons that other community associations are struggling? Some speculation focused on Covid-19 resulting in less face-to-face engagement. Rhetorically, are there other factors hampering community associations that can be addressed?

Community associations are viewed by the meeting participants as providing vibrance, have their "ear to the ground", and are deemed grassroots and essential. Questions were posed as to what can be done to ensure that community associations flourish during these challenging times. The Township of Langley provides the sum of \$1,000 per year (upon application) to community associations to assist with their operating costs. There is optimism that once Covid-19 wanes further, and face-to-face engagement resumes, that community associations may attract more participants and members to their ranks.

Correspondence - transportation

The recent installation of the traffic light at 96 Avenue & Glover Road was discussed, as well as the status of the truck route to be diverted out of the Village. The truck route project is currently integrated within the Township of Langley's budgetary process; however, due to the cost implications (\$15.5M) of the project the funding priority has not yet been established. The historical context of this project started in 2017 with some initial alignment concepts, leading up to the current alignment concept. It was noted that residents fronting 88 Avenue, east of 216 Street continue to be concerned with the current alignment concept due to the project's potential to funnel truck traffic along 88 Avenue. Significant discussion ensued as to potential alternative

alignments and their respective implications. This project continues to remain in the Township of Langley's budget process, and the budget process is anticipated to be ongoing through to February 2022.

- **MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

NEXT MEETING: November 9, 2021.

The purpose of the society is to create and promote a flow of information that affects Fort Langley and to foster an enhanced community spirit