AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

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Recommendation that the Agricultural Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the October 23, 2024 meeting.

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Recommendation that the Agricultural Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the June 26, 2024 meeting.

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2. Committee Application Process 2025

Members of the Agriculture Advisory Committee whose terms are expiring in December 2024 are welcome to re-apply at www.tol.ca/committee. Application deadline is October 25, 2024.

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3. salishan Place by the River Update

Memo from staff.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2024
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

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AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 7:00pm
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M I N U T E S

Present:
J. Caldarella, Community Co-Chair

G. Brar, A. Hamer, O. Smid, A. Smith, and J. Walker

Guests:
S. Jones, Executive Director, Langley Animal Protection Society
G. Wilhite, Manager of Animal Control Services, Langley Animal Protection Society

Staff:
M. Gunn, Planner
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES OF THE COAST SALISH PEOPLES

J. Caldarella acknowledged the Traditional Territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Agricultural Advisory Committee – June 26, 2024

Moved by A. Smith,
Seconded by C. Alison,
That the Agricultural Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the June 26, 2024 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Agricultural Advisory Committee – April 24, 2024

Moved by O. Smid,
Seconded by A. Smith,
The Agricultural Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the April 24, 2024 meeting were received.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2. Agricultural Advisory Committee – May 22, 2024

Moved by A. Hamer,
Seconded by A. Smith,
That the Agricultural Advisory Committee receive the Notes of the May 22, 2024 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Langley Animal Protection Society (LAPS)

S. Jones, Executive Director, and G. Wilhite, Manager of Animal Control Services, provided a presentation regarding dangerous/aggressive dogs and agriculture. The following information was provided:

LAPS provides the following services:

- Social Services Programs
- Animal Control Services
- Animal Welfare
- Vocational Training Program

Animal Control Officers are considered Peace Officers and act as first responders to dangerous animal situations. The Community Charter provides authority for municipalities to create animal control bylaws and assign bylaw officers to enforce these laws.

A “dangerous dog” is one that has killed or seriously injured a person or has killed or seriously injured a domestic animal in a public space or on private property. An animal control officer may seize a dog if the officer believes on reasonable grounds that the dog is dangerous. If the owner keeps the dog, mandatory management controls must be met:

- 6-sided enclosure
- Muzzled, leashed, control of an adult person when off property
- Increased licensing fees
- Liability insurance

Steps farmers can take to protect livestock:

- Proper containment to keep livestock in and predators out
- Reports strays or loose animals
- Neighbourhood watch
- Dog licensing registration
- Have larger animals graze with smaller compatible animals
- Pigs smell can remind animals of wild boar – move pig pens to outside edge of property
- Try to time livestock births to not coincide with farm predators feeding young
- Have a safe and secure predator-proof area for night protection

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2. Aldergrove's Food System Project (*Attachment A*)

M. Gunn, Agriculture Planner, provided an update on the final report from the Aldergrove Food System project.

The project arose out of the work of the Let's Talk Food Aldergrove Group which was founded in 2022. It is a working group of non-profits that serve Aldergrove by providing food and resources.

Aldergrove Food Systems Project was aimed at developing an understanding of Aldergrove's Food System and status of food security. The objectives were to:

1. Identify and inventory food assets and resources and develop an interactive map
2. Engage community to understand issues associated with local food security and access
3. Develop recommendations in the form of an action plan outlining short-, medium-, and long-term action items

Four key findings from a series of engagement activities were:

1. Many Aldergrove residents are not accessing adequate food
2. Limited resources impede the capacity of Aldergrove Food Distribution Organizations
3. Food recovery can reduce waste and support food security in Aldergrove
4. Aldergrove residents support local food, but cost is a barrier

Five Goals of the project were:

1. Support food security across the Township of Langley
2. Increase resources and capacity for Aldergrove food distribution organizations
3. Increase procurement of Aldergrove farm products by food distribution organizations
4. Initiate and support food literacy programs across Aldergrove
5. Prioritize food recovery and waste reduction in Aldergrove

Four Pilot Projects:

1. Create additional cold storage for food distribution organizations
2. Create a campaign for local produce donations
3. Develop cooking classes for affordable healthy meals for seniors
4. Create an inventory system to better match donations with needs

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chair Reports

J. Caldarella reported that he attended the recent Langley Sustainable Agriculture Foundation meeting to attend the guest speaker lecture.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. 2024 Farm Tour Update

M. Gunn provided the following update:

- Two farm locations have been confirmed including a blueberry farm and the John Volken Foundation (Academy Farm), who will also provide lunch.
- Stable Harvest Farm is a possible third location.
- MacLeod Athletic Park is proposed to be the location for the start of the tour and the networking opportunity.
- A guest speaker still needs to be confirmed.

2. Development of an agriculture outreach campaign

M. Gunn commented that LSAF has requested that the AAC partner with the joint LSAF-Young Agrarians Land Matching workshop on November 2. The theme of the workshop is “Land and Water: Working Together” and it will take place at the George Preston Recreation Centre. AAC’s involvement would include:

- Chair of the AAC open and close the day
- A member of Council could provide a welcome address
- The Township could have an exhibitor table to provide information about the Township and its agricultural services and contacts
- Event promotion materials could include the Township logo
- The AAC would use the opportunity to gather information useful to the Township

MOTION
Moved by J. Caldarella,
Seconded by G. Brar,
That the Agricultural Advisory Committee endorse partnering with the Langley Sustainable Agriculture Foundation/Young Agrarians workshop, “Land and Water: Working Together”, on November 2, 2024.
CARRIED

It was further suggested that the AAC provide survey questions regarding farmers’ concerns and challenges with farming in the Township. The Outreach Campaign Working Group could help with drafting the survey. J. Caldarella, C. Allison, and A. Hamer volunteered to help.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Langley Farmers' Institute Update

A. Smith provided the following update:

- July 15 – Delegation to Council to provide information
- August 12 – Summer Mingler at Locality Brewing at 7:00pm
- September 16 – All Candidates' meeting at George Preston Recreation Centre

2. salishan Place by the River Update

Memo provided for information.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2024
Location: Farm Tour
Time: TBD

J. TERMINATE

Moved by C. Allison,
Seconded by A. Hamer,
That the meeting terminate at 9:03pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair



Aldergrove's Food System Project

June 26, 2024

AAC

Outline

- Background
- Food System Project
- Public Engagement
- Four Key Findings
- Five Goals
- Recommendations
- Pilot Projects



Let’s Talk Food Aldergrove

- Founded in late 2022
- Working group of non-profits
  - Langley Meals on Wheels
  - Spoons on Fire program
  - Aldergrove Food Bank
  - Encompass Support Services
  - Langley Environmental Partners Society
  - SD#35
  - Fraser Health
  - Aldergrove Rotary
  - St. Dunstan’s Church
  - Langley Pos-Abilities
  - Aldergrove Veterans and Seniors



Social Sustainability Strategy

- Endorsed by Council in early 2022
- Six priority areas
- Priority 3: Housing and Food
  - 3E
    - Develop a food strategy that complements the Agricultural Viability Strategy & explores opportunities to increase access to healthy, safe, culturally appropriate, and local food







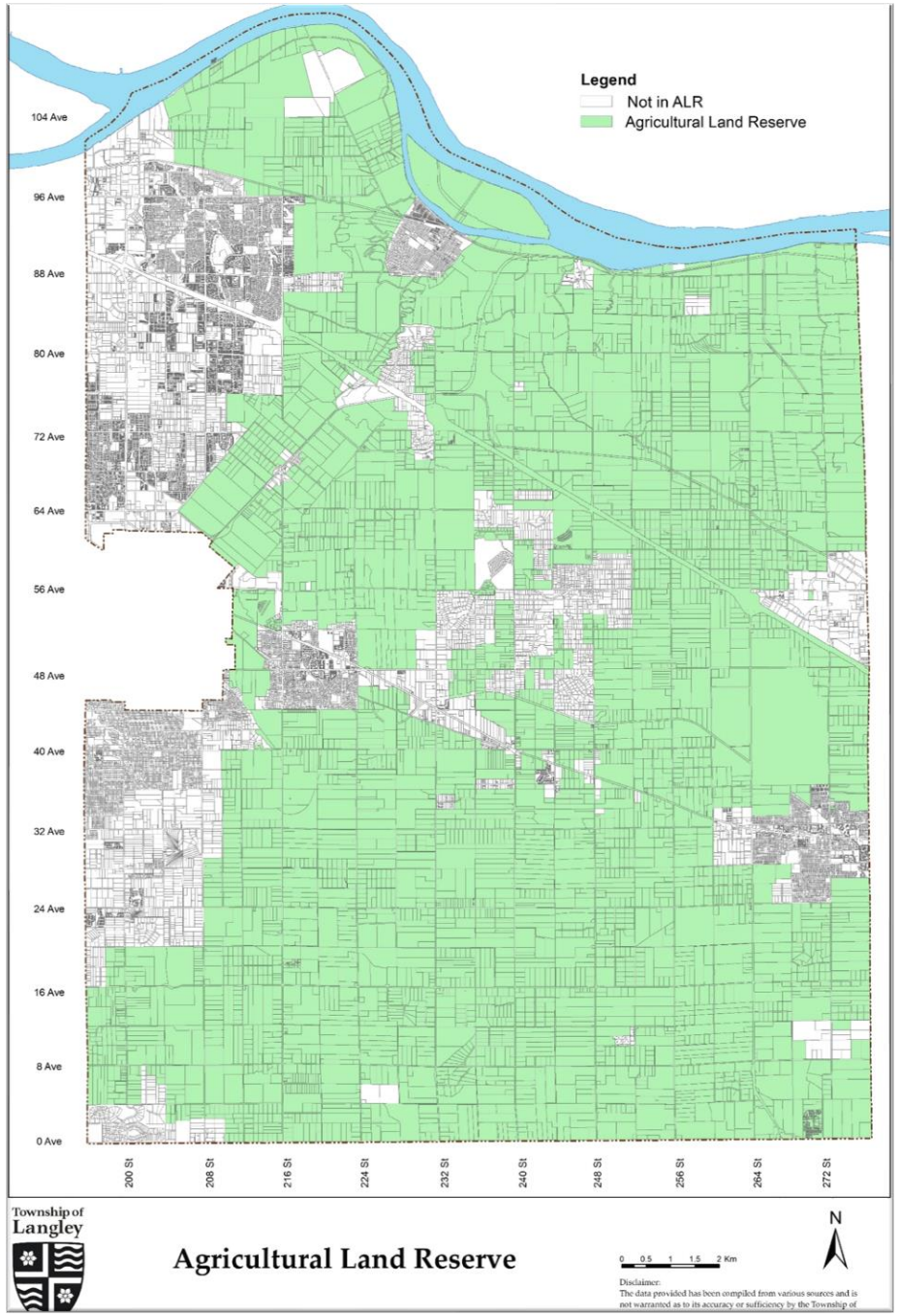
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Township of Langley
Social Sustainability Strategy

2021 - 2030

Agricultural Viability Strategy

- Endorsed by Council in early 2013
- 75% of land base in the ALR
- Identifies actions to support local agriculture
  - Promotes “buy local”
  - BC Land Matching Program



Aldergrove Food Systems Project

- Aimed at developing an understanding of Aldergrove's food system and status of food security
- Objectives:
    1. Identify and inventory food assets and resources, and develop an interactive map
    2. Engage community to understand issues associated with local food security and access
    3. Develop recommendations in the form of an action plan outlining short-, medium- and long-term action items.



Aldergrove Food Systems Project

- A series of engagement activities were conducted that were used to identify key challenges and opportunities in the Aldergrove food system.
- Engagement included:
    1. 3 meetings with the Let's Talk Food (LTF) Aldergrove group who acted as the steering committee for the Project
    2. 16 interviews with stakeholders in the Aldergrove food system, including LTF members
    3. Community Survey (363 responses)
    4. Food Security Survey for individuals who access local food services (194 responses)



Aldergrove Food Systems Project

Four Key Findings:

1. Many Aldergrove residents are not accessing adequate food

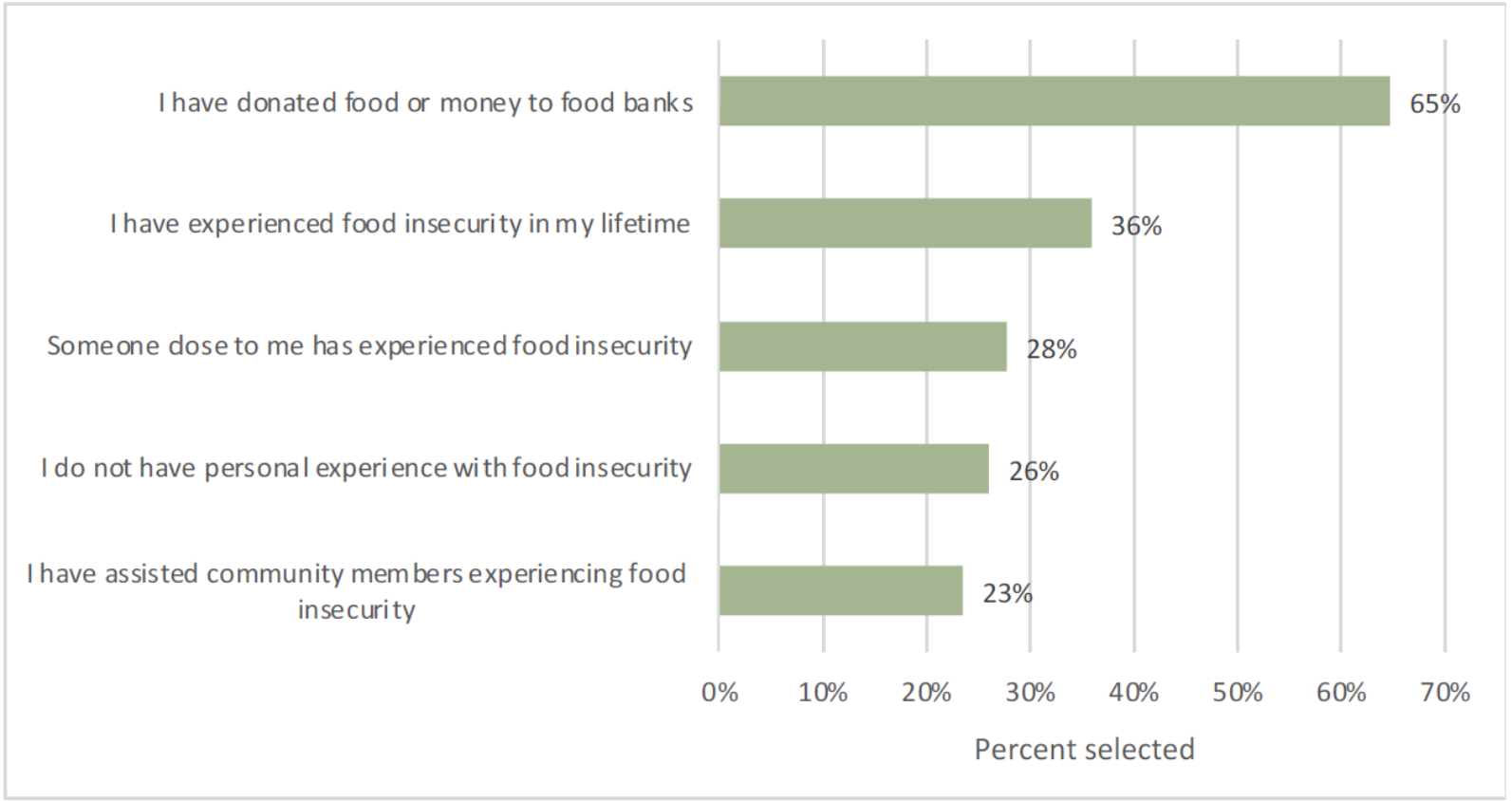


Figure 2. Community Survey results: What experience do you have with food insecurity?

Aldergrove Food Systems Project

Four Key Findings:

2. Limited Resources impede the capacity of Aldergrove Food Distribution Organizations (FDOs)

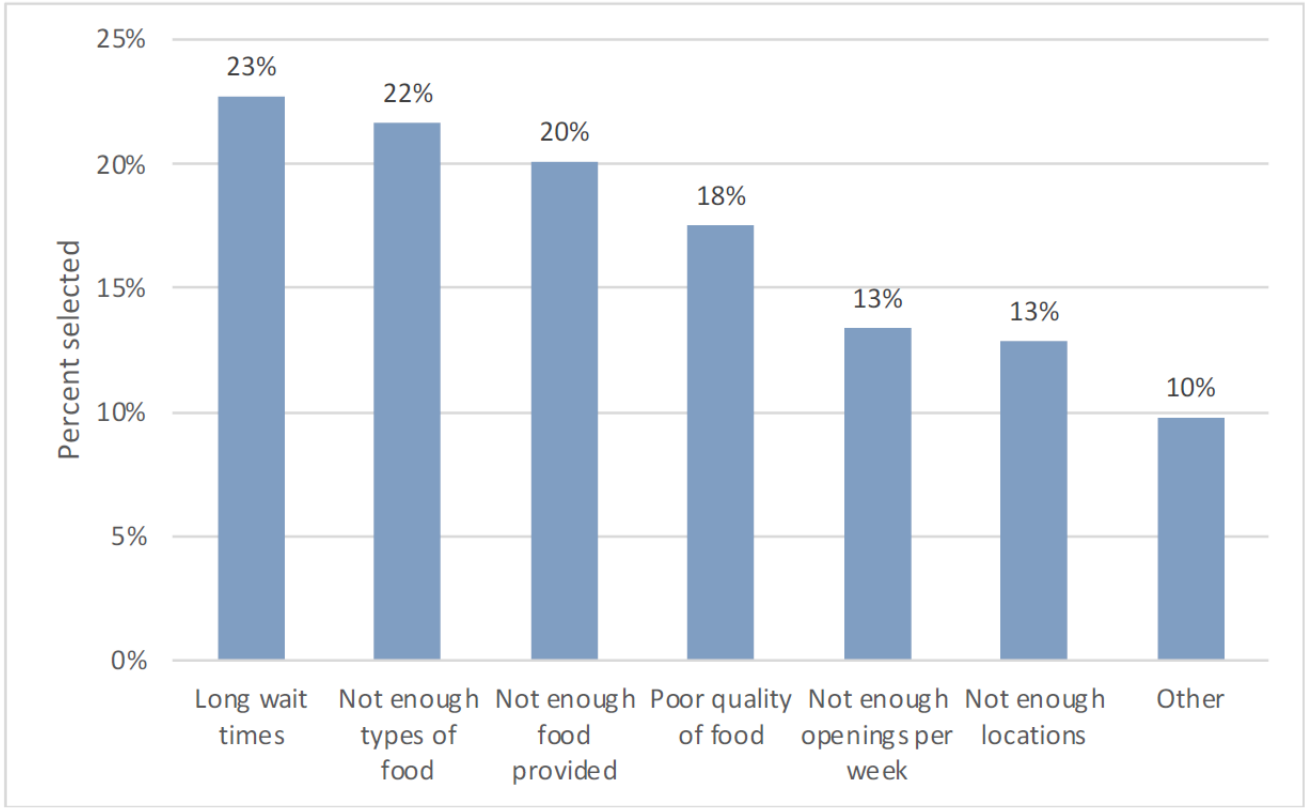


Figure 3. Food Security Survey results: In what ways are food distribution organizations not meeting your needs?

Aldergrove Food Systems Project

Four Key Findings:

3. Food recovery can reduce waste and support food security in Aldergrove
   - Let's Talk Food Aldergrove members are diverting and repurposing good quality food that would otherwise be disposed.
   - More supports required to sustain efforts
4. Aldergrove residents support local food, but cost is a barrier
   - FDOs would like to procure more locally produced food, but affordability and accessibility of these foods is limited
   - 58% of survey respondents would like to buy local foods more often but feel that cost is a barrier, and
   - 32% noted that local foods were difficult to find.

Aldergrove Food Systems Project

- Five Goals & 17 Recommendations:

1. Support food security across the Township of Langley
2. Increase resources and capacity for Aldergrove food distribution organizations
3. Increase procurement of Aldergrove farm products by food distribution organizations
4. Initiate and support food literacy programs across Aldergrove
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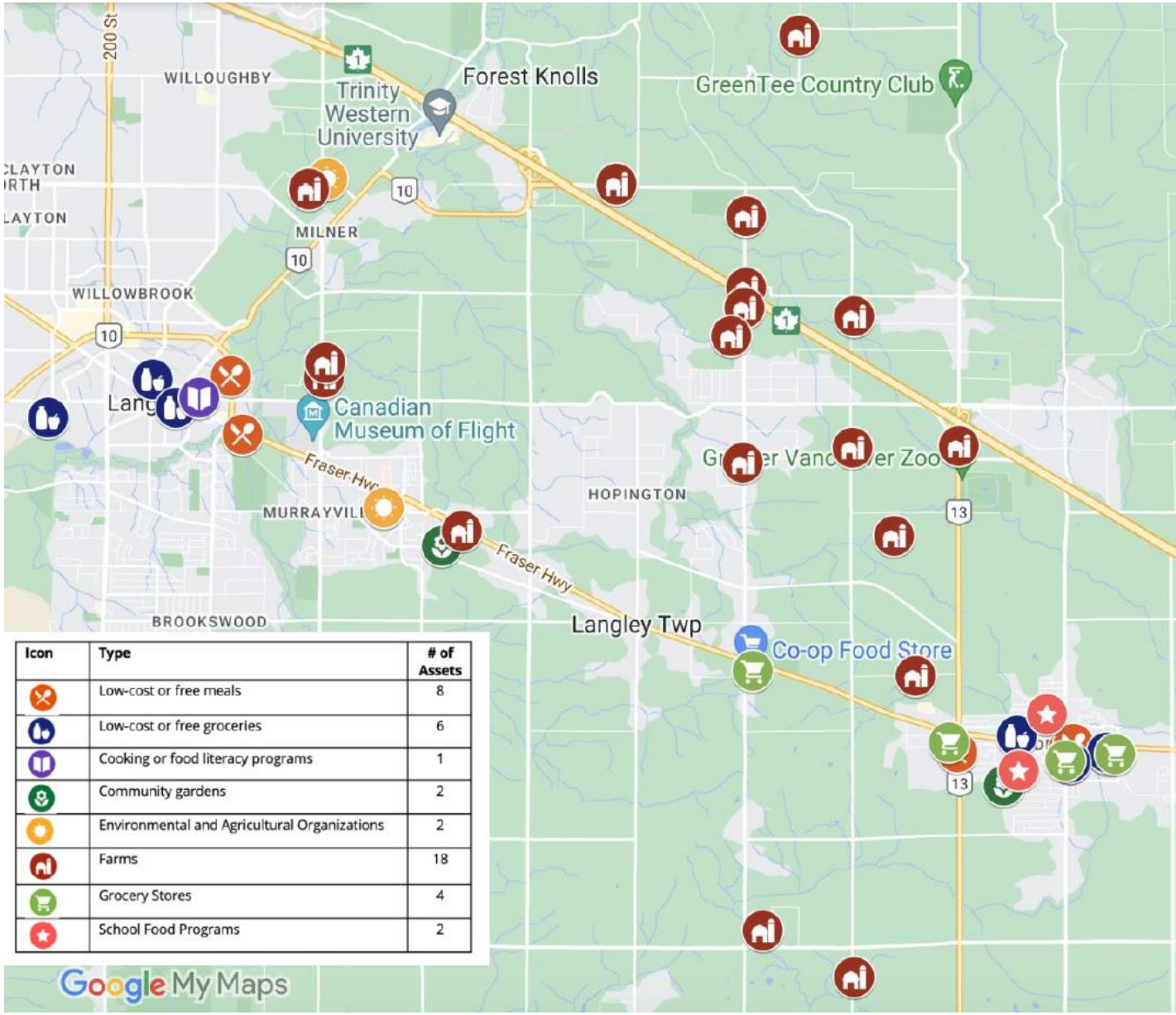
Aldergrove Food Systems Project

- **Four Pilot Projects**:
    1. Create additional cold storage for food distribution organizations
    2. Create a campaign for local produce donations
    3. Develop cooking classes for affordable healthy meals for seniors
    4. Create an inventory system to better match donations with needs



Asset Mapping

- Components of the local food system
- Some examples:
    1. Emergency food providers (foodbanks)
    2. Community meal programs
    3. Community gardens
    4. Local food retailers
    5. School food programs



Icon	Type	# of Assets
	Low-cost or free meals	8
	Low-cost or free groceries	6
	Cooking or food literacy programs	1
	Community gardens	2
	Environmental and Agricultural Organizations	2
	Farms	18
	Grocery Stores	4
	School Food Programs	2

Questions?

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO:	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	**DATE:**	OCTOBER 7, 2024
FROM:	ENGINEERING AND RECREATION, ARTS AND CULTURE DIVISIONS	**FILE NO:**	0810-30
SUBJECT:	SALISHAN PLACE BY THE RIVER UPDATE		

As a means of keeping Council informed, below is an update on the progress of the salishan Place by the River (salishan Place) construction project, along with updates on the anticipated opening timelines.

As previously stated in the June 10, 2024 Regular Council memo, the targeted gradual opening was October 2024 and we remain on track to have occupancy at some point in October and begin the gradual opening process, aligning with the approved 2024 budget. All anticipated opening timelines remain contingent upon the receipt of occupancy from our contractor, a milestone that will kickstart the launch of further activity and bring salishan Place to life.

As relayed previously, and provided below, moving into the building will occur in phases, with some components proceeding sequentially while others can be executed simultaneously.

1. **Fort Langley Library Relocation:** The library has already moved out of its previous location and is currently operating a pop-up service at the entrance of the Langley Centennial Museum. With the new library within salishan Place having its own exterior entrance, our priority is to facilitate its relocation as soon as possible. This process will be independent and estimated to last 2 - 4 weeks.

2. **Phase-by-Phase Opening:** Once occupancy is received, staff will have portions of the building, such as the reception hall, theatre, outdoor event areas, and multi-purpose rooms, that could be available for booking by the middle to end of November.

3. **Museum Systems Validation:** Concurrently another phase will include staff inspections to validate the functionality of museum-related systems. Given the delicate nature of the artifacts and collections, meticulous attention will be paid to essential components like climate control systems. Additionally, Township staff will focus on finalizing details such as thorough space cleaning, installing signage, and updating security measures. Upon confirming occupancy, timelines will be established to ensure prompt delivery of remaining equipment and fixtures within 8 -12 weeks.

4. **Collection Move and Final Setup:** Additional subsequent phases include the significant and final setup of office and storage spaces, the setup of the printmaking room, the move of the collection, and the setup of public facing displays. The collection relocation

follows strict museum standards and constitutes a substantial portion of the allotted timeframe, from 24 to 30 weeks.

It is anticipated that the process of becoming fully operational remains at approximately 7 to 8 months. If occupancy is obtained by the middle to end of October 2024, with progressive opening along the way, the facility will be at full operation by early summer of 2025.

As previously mentioned, as the facility's opening progresses, soft openings in each area will be coordinated with Mayor and Council and other invaluable stakeholders. Staff are eagerly anticipating opening this new facility and providing services to the local and broader Township community for years to come.