Township of Langley

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AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

M I N U T E S

Present:
J. Caldarella, Community Co-Chair
Councillor M. Pratt, Council Co-Chair

C. Allison, G. Brar, J. Green, R. Ross, O. Smid, A. Smith, B. Venechuk, and J. Walker

Staff:
P. Cardeiro, Manager, Transportation Engineering
M. Gunn, Planner II, Community and Policy Planning
T. Liu, Transportation Engineer
K. Stepto, Deputy Township Clerk
C. Longhi, 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 – May 28, 2025

Moved by O. Smid,
Seconded by B. Venechuk,
Recommendation that the Agricultural Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the May 28, 2025 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Agricultural Advisory Committee – April 23, 2025

Moved by O. Smid,
Seconded by B. Venechuk,
Recommendation that the Agricultural Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the April 23, 2025 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Township of Langley Transportation and Mobility Strategy

T. Liu, Transportation Engineering, provided information regarding the Township of Langley's Transportation and Mobility Strategy (TMS). The following information was provided:

The TMS will include:

- A long-term vision, goals, and targets for transportation in the Township.
- Potential infrastructure projects (short, medium and long term)
- Policy, programs and initiatives to encourage more safe, accessible, and sustainable transportation.
- A Road Safety Strategy
- The strategy will also support the integration of land use and transportation.

TMS Vision:
The Township's transportation system is integrated, people-oriented, adaptive to environmental conditions, and supports the economy ensuring that people and goods can travel safely and reliability to any destination.

TMS Goals:

- Adaptive and efficient
- Safe and inclusive
- Connected and integrated
- Sustainable and health

Preliminary Recommendations:

Land Use integration:

- Integrate land use and transportation planning,
- Utilize transportation demand management and implement strategies,
- Align existing and future plans and strategies with the TMS.

Transit:

- Support the implementation of the SkyTrain, 200 Street BRT, Highway 1 widening and other major transit projects to help accommodate frequent transit and a multi-modal transportation network.
- Work with TransLink to increase local service coverage and Frequent Transit Networks connecting to SkyTrain and BRT services.
- Enhance access to transit stops and exchanges, and amenities including bus shelters, benches, real time bus information etc.

Walking and Accessibility:

- Expand and enhance the pedestrian network connecting people to community destinations.

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- Enhance accessibility and safety by creating new accessible crossings, improving existing crossings, and implementing the recommendations in the Road Safety Strategy.
- Encourage walking by adding more wayfinding supporting programs like safe school travel.

Cycling and Micromobility:

- Create a complete and connected cycling/ micromobility network.
- With service providers to introduce shared micromobility services, such as e-scooters and/or e-bikes.
- Encourage cycling and micromobility by supporting user education & enforcement and promoting programs and events like Go By Bike Week.

Driving and Goods Movement:

- Improve the street network to accommodate essential motor vehicle travel.
- Support safe goods movement by updating truck routes, working with agencies to improve rail crossings, and exploring smaller delivery vehicles in urban areas.
- Support “electric” travel and new mobility by expanding EV charging (for new developments and community facilities) and supporting options like car shares.

Safety:

- As part of the TMS, the Township is developing a Road Safety Strategy using the Vision Zero approach.
- After reviewing collision data, community feedback, and best practices, 6 focus areas were integrated into the TMS.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:

- Concern about transport truck traffic on non-designated routes. Increased signage and enforcement are suggested. Recent bylaw enforcement efforts by the Township have already made a noticeable difference.
- Agricultural equipment traveling at slow speeds may cause traffic back-ups. Proposed solutions include creating pull-out bays for temporary stops, road widening, or adding a passing lane.
- Recommendation was made that areas prone to flooding should be considered during road planning.
- Road safety remains a concern when driving oversized farm equipment.
- Safety concerns were raised over the intersection of Rawlison Crescent and 232nd Street. Recommendations included a stop signs, a traffic signal and a potential left-turn lane.

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chair Reports

J. Caldarella attended the Township's Transportation and Mobility Strategy presentation

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Agricultural Profile

The Township is preparing its Agricultural Profile and is seeking feedback on what content should be included. Agricultural Advisory Committee members are encouraged to review the Agricultural Profiles of neighbouring municipalities and bring suggestions to next month's meeting regarding relevant statistics and information that should be included in the Township's Profile.

2. Farm Tour

M. Gunn provided an update on the upcoming Farm Tour scheduled for June 24. There are currently 26 participants registered, members are encouraged to RSVP as soon as possible.

This year's tour is a joint initiative between the Agricultural Advisory Committee and the Heritage Advisory Committee, with the theme "Then, Now, and Into the Future." A. Smith has volunteered to represent the Agricultural Advisory Committee and speak at the event.

The tour will include visits to the following locations:

- MYRA Farms
- Cedar Rim Nursery
- Bevo Farms
- Milner Valley Cheese

Attendees are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather and wear suitable footwear.

3. Promotion of Agriculture and Agri-Tourism

At the April 28th Council Meeting, Councillor Pratt introduced a motion regarding potential reforms to the Rural Sign Bylaw:

> *Whereas the Township of Langley Sign Bylaw 2012 No. 4927 includes Part 4 - Signs Permitted in Rural Areas,*

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Whereas the fair application of Part 4 depends on the interpretation of staff and Rural Community which can, on occasion, differ, and

Whereas this difference in interpretation causes added complexity and causes unnecessary work for both staff and those in the Rural Community who are attempting to advertise their farm-based businesses,

Therefore be it resolved that Council request staff to consult with the Agriculture Advisory Committee on potential changes to Part 4 of Township of Langley Sign Bylaw 2012 No. 4927 with the goal of simplifying the language and reducing opportunities for confusion, and

Be it further resolved that staff report back to Council with the potential changes alongside possible opportunities for public engagement and further refinements.

R. Cesaretti, Director of Permits, Licences, and Inspections will attend the next Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting on June 25th to workshop the Rural Sign Bylaw. The objective is to streamline the bylaw's language to reduce ambiguity and minimize room for interpretation.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Farmers' Institute Update

A. Smith will be delivering a presentation at the June 23rd Council Meeting on behalf of the Farmers' Institute.

The Farmers' Institute Meet and Greet is scheduled for August 11th.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by B. Venechuk
Seconded by J. Walker
That the meeting terminate at 9:00pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair