SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

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A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee - September 17, 2025

Recommendation that the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the September 17, 2025 meeting.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1-4 **1. Seniors Advisory Committee – June 18, 2025**

Recommendation that the Seniors Advisory Committee receive the Notes of the June 18, 2025 meeting.

5-9 **2. Seniors Advisory Committee – May 21, 2025**

Recommendation that the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the May 21, 2025 meeting.

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Glaiza Ponce, Primary Care Network Manager
Langley Division of Family Practice

2. Margaret Lin, Frailty Pathway Project Lead
Fraser Health

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I. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE

Township of Langley

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SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

NOTES

Present:
K. Ludlam, Community Co-Chair
Councillor S. Ferguson, Council Co-Chair

T. Baty-Thomas, P.Chhina, and S. Tingley

In Attendance:
P. Crump, Langley Seniors in Action

Staff:
M. Gunn, Community and Policy Planner
A. Jensen, Manager, Strategic and Social Planning
C. Longhi, Recording Secretary

As no quorum was present, Notes only were taken.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES OF THE COAST SALISH PEOPLES

K. Ludlam acknowledged the Traditional Territories of the Coast Salish People.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – June 18, 2025

The agenda was received.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – May 21, 2025

Deferred to next meeting.

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chair Reports

Councillor Ferguson reported the following:

- It is currently property tax season. This is the first year utility bills are being issued as separate notices.
- Mayor Woodward recently delivered the 2025 State of the Township Address.
- The Township of Langley planted trees at McLeod Athletic Park in honour of Honorary Citizens.
- The Langley Seniors Week Pioneer Luncheon was well attended.

K. Ludlam reported that she attended several Seniors Week activities.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Follow up discussion from May meeting regarding questions for a senior's survey.

- The working group is continuing to work on questions for the survey.
- Discussions with staff recommend deferring the survey to the 2026 work plan.
- Historically, the "Langley Tomorrow" survey enabled year over year trend analysis, reinstating a similar survey could provide the same long-term value.
- Summer remains the preferred launch period for the survey.
- The SAC can begin drafting questions in advance, so the project is ready once it is formally added to the work plan.
- Survey will be proposed for the 2026 SAC Work Plan and a "Seniors Survey" standing item will be added to SAC agendas beginning in the fall to ensure ongoing discussion and preparation.
- Two other Township surveys now underway also impact seniors:
    - Township Parking Strategy Survey
    - Accessibility Plan Survey

2. Accessibility Plan Update: Engagement

- Through the months of June and July pop-up events are being held at various locations across the Township, one in each community.
- The events are designed to engage residents in their community. Cards with survey information are being distributed to encourage survey participation.
- Support is available at the events to assist with the survey, including an American Sign Language interpreter at select events.
- The survey has been promoted via Township social media and in the newspaper and is open until July 6, 2025.
- Participants have the option to upload photos showing accessibility barriers.
- The draft Accessibility Plan will be presented to SAC and is expected to go to Council in early 2026.

3. Transportation – BC Healthy Communities information

M. Gunn presented highlights from the Age Friendly Community Webinar “From Policy to Practice: Making Transportation Work for Older Adults.” The presentation focused on community-based transportation, which featured a case study on the ZUNGA Bus in Powell River.

Key Takeaways from the Case Study:

- Multiple sectors and levels of government acknowledge the gap in seniors’ transportation services, however, a lack of stable, ongoing funding limits service delivery and innovation.
- Maintaining consistent funding is a challenge. Reduced funding often leads to decreased service and lower ridership, which then further reduces funding opportunities.
- Reliable drivers are critical to the success of seniors' transportation programs but are increasingly difficult to recruit and retain.
- Effective seniors’ transportation services also support a wider range of community members, including people with disabilities, youth commuting to summer jobs, and parents without access to a vehicle.
- Older adults experience higher rates of pedestrian injuries and fatalities, highlighting the need for safer, more accessible infrastructure.
- With an aging population, there is growing momentum and urgency to develop and fund sustainable, inclusive transportation solutions for older adults.

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H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. Jensen distributed a handout on extreme heat preparedness and noted that Fraser Health provides a growing number of resources on the topic. He also stated that air quality may be a concern this summer due to expected wildfire activity.

M. Gunn reported that the Township of Langley has a "Keeping Cool in Extreme Heat" resource page available on their website.

Councillor Ferguson reported that City of Langley Mayor N. Pachal will be delivering his State of the City Address on June 19, 2025. He also noted that the Township of Langley will be hosting several Canada Day events on July 1, 2025, including celebrations at Fort Langley and McLeod Athletic Park, among other locations.

K. Ludlam noted that a volunteer is needed to chair the September 17, 2025 SAC meeting.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2025
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Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE

The meeting terminated at 7:49pm.

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SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 7:10pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:
K. Ludlam, Community Co-Chair

T. Baty-Thomas, L. Dysart, S. Hedao, A. Nierop, and S. Tingley

In Attendance:
P. Crump, Langley Seniors in Action

Staff:
P. Cordeiro, Manager, Transportation Engineering
A. Jensen, Manager, Strategic and Social Planning
T. Liu, Transportation Engineer
K. Stepto, Deputy Township Clerk
C. Longhi, Recording Secretary

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A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – May 21, 2025

Moved by S. Tingley,
Seconded by S. Hedao,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the May 21, 2025 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – April 16, 2025

Moved by S. Tingley,
Seconded by S. Hedao,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the April 16, 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 reliably 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 exiting 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.
- Enhance accessibility and safety by creating new accessible crossings, improving existing crossings, and implementing the recommendations in the Road Safety Strategy.

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- 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:

- An inquiry was made about the Township offering a shuttle service for seniors.
- Concern was raised regarding the length of time for pedestrians to cross at an intersection.

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chair Reports

K. Ludlam provided the following report:

- **Seniors Week- June 2-8, 2025**
  Offering activities throughout the Township of Langley.

- **UBC Research Study on Music, Connection, and Healthy Aging**
  Looking for participants.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Seniors Week: Events and Ideas

Follow up discussion from April meeting regarding a senior's survey.

- A senior's survey should include no more than 12 quantitative questions. The survey must be reviewed by the Township's Communications team.
- The survey will be administered digitally, could this present a barrier for seniors who are not familiar with technology?
- A working group consisting of K. Ludlam, A. Nierop, and S. Hedao has been formed to develop the survey questions in advance of the next meeting.

The following potential questions were discussed:

1. What barriers do you face for accessing seniors' activities or services?
    - Transportation?
    - Employment?
    - Accessibility?
    - Finances?
2. Is there enough programming for seniors?
3. What kind of housing do you live in?
4. Do you volunteer in the community?
5. Do you live near health care?
6. What do you do to engage socially?

Are you working or seeking work? Why.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Accessibility Plan Update: Engagement

A. Jensen reported that the engagement process for the Accessibility Plan has started and will run until the end of June. Stakeholder workshops were held in May and are ongoing. Eight pop-up events are planned over the next few weeks in each community and a survey will launch at the beginning of June.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
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Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by T. Baty-Thomas,
Seconded by S. Hedao,
That the meeting terminate at 8:58pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair