Township of Langley

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RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 8, 2025 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

M I N U T E S

Present:
S. Cook, Community Co-Chair
Councillor M. Pratt, Council Co-Chair

E. Barbour, A. Castro, J. Clegg, E. Hacker, N. Tiessen

Staff:
N. Arboleda, Education Programs Curator
C. Longhi, Recording Secretary
K. Young, Deputy Director, Recreation, Arts and Culture

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES OF THE COAST SALISH PEOPLES

S. Cook acknowledged the Traditional Territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee October 8, 2025

Moved by E. Hacker,
Seconded by A. Castro,
That Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the October 8, 2025 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee September 10, 2025

Moved by J. Clegg,
Seconded by E. Hacker,
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the September 10, 2025 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. **Cultural Programs Update**
N. Arboleda, Education Programs Curator

N. Arboleda, Education Programs Curator provided an update on programs offered at salishan Place by the River.

Summer Camps Recap:
Five camps were held over the summer, focusing on archaeology and eco-discovery themes. This marked the first full year of camps since 2019, including both a spring break camp and five summer camps. Each camp hosted up to 12 children and ran for five days. The programs were very well received by both participants and parents.

New Programs Offered:
Two docent-led programs are now available: *Archaeology Adventures* for grades six and seven and *Colonization in the Fraser Valley* for grades four to six. An instructor-led program, the *1920's Schoolhouse Experience* at Lochiel School in Campbell Valley Regional Park, offers a 90-minute session for grades three to six that explores what school life was like in the 1920s. In addition, two self-guided options are being offered, a *Fort Langley Walking Tour* for all ages and a *Nature Tour* featuring an Indigenous plant garden and walking path, which can be adapted for various age groups.

Booking Process for Teachers:
Teacher bookings opened on October 8. The booking process is managed through the Township's website, where teachers complete a webform that is then confirmed by front desk staff. The goal is to eventually return to offering a total of 25 education programs at various times throughout the year, the same as was previously available through the Langley Centennial Museum.

Education team at salishan Place by the River:
The education team currently includes 15 returning docents as well as one new member. There will be an upcoming job posting for an Art and Culture Leader, as well as additional Arts and Cultural Instructors, to help expand and diversify future program offerings.

Discussion ensued and the following points were made:

- Current programs are designed for ages seven to 12, with potential expansion to other age groups in the future.
- The education collection has been successfully relocated, and the media room is seeing frequent use, with rentals occurring daily.
- Programs have been updated to align with school curriculum changes made over the past five years, and accessibility considerations, including improved signage, are being incorporated into program development.
- The Township of Langley's Communications team has connected with educators and the School District to encourage more local school bookings, and the Langley Heritage Society has again offered funding support for school groups attending, including school buses.

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson's Report

S. Cook shared positive feedback regarding the Township of Langley's Forest Fest event on September 27. She noted that the location was more accessible than previous years.

Councillor Pratt commented that Forest Fest was a fantastic event, and that the location was a great improvement. He also noted that at the October 6 Council meeting, Council received two presentations regarding the Historic Berry Farm, items C1 and C6, and decided to refer the matter back to staff and the community for further input. He further reported that Council moved to establish a new reserve for the Redwoods Golf Course.

2. Museum Advisory Group Report

No report

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Committee Application Process 2026

Members of the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee whose terms are expiring in December 2025 are welcome to re-apply at www.tol.ca/committee. Application deadline is October 24, 2025.

2. E-Bikes and Scooters

K. Young reported that she contacted Bylaws to clarify the regulations regarding e-bikes and e-scooters. She noted that there is no specific legislation governing e-bikes or e-scooters in the Township of Langley Bylaws, and any concerns of reckless behaviour should be referred to the RCMP.

3. Communication Boards

A. Castro reported that she has been collaborating with several municipalities to ensure inclusive signage is implemented in recreation facilities and parks.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: November 12, 2025
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by E. Hacker,
Seconded by A. Castro,
That the meeting terminate at 8:02pm

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair