RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 12, 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. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee November 12, 2025

Recommendation that Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the November 12, 2025 meeting.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1-4 **1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee October 8, 2025**

Recommendation that the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the October 8, 2025 meeting.

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I. NEXT MEETING

Date: January 14, 2026
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

Township of Langley

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RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 8, 2025 at 7:00pm
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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

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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

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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

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Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

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

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair

Township of Langley
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RECREATION, CULTURE, and PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Final Report – 2025 Work Plan

Submitted by: Shannon Cook,
Councillor Tim Baillie, and Councillor Michael Pratt

DRAFT

The Recreation, Culture and Parks Advisory Committee had a very productive year as a result of its 2025 work plan. The Advisory Committee continued to perform its role, as defined in its Terms of Reference:

- **Provide advice** to Council and/or the Division(s) on budgets, policies, priorities, service levels, issues and plans;
- **Represent all** segments of the community by providing a conduit between the community and Council. It may coordinate and encourage public participation in decisions regarding budgets, policies, priorities, service levels, issues and plans;
- **Incubate** good ideas, develop creative solutions and initiate change in the area of budgets, policies, priorities, service levels, issues and plans;
- **Advocate** the understanding of the value of recreation, culture, and parks to the public and Council to assist in decisions regarding budgets, policies, priorities, service levels, issues and plans.

The 2025 Advisory Committee was comprised of the following nine (9) voting members:

Shannon Cook (Community Co-Chair)
Erin Barbour
Ana Bayona
Andrea Castro
Jeff Clegg
Eli Hacker
Ramandeep Jhaj
Gaith Sarhan
Nathan Tiessen

The 2025 Advisory Committee was comprised of the following three (3) non-voting members:

School Trustee Sarb Rai (non-voting)
Councillor Tim Baillie (Municipal Rep, Council Co-Chair)
Councillor Michael Pratt (Municipal Rep, Council Co-Chair)

At its January meeting, members from the committee volunteered to be Community Liaison for the Langley Community Awards Selection Committee and the Museum Advisory Group. Community Appointments were made, as outlined in the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

At its February meeting, the Committee discussed and endorsed the 2025 Work Plan. A status report on the 2025 work plan is provided below:

Election of Co-Chair and Approval of Work Plan
Shannon Cook was elected as Community Co-Chair for 2025. Councillors Baillie and Pratt served as Council Co-Chairs. The 2025 Work Plan was approved at the February meeting.

Conferences
One member (N. Tiessen) represented the committee at the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) Symposium in May 6-8 in Whistler. They attended relevant sessions and networked with members from other municipalities.

2025 Special Events Plan
A presentation was given on plans for 2025 special event offerings in the Township.

Parks Projects
A presentation was given on the various recently completed, ongoing, and upcoming funded parks projects in the Township.

Youth Programs and Services
A presentation was given on the various recreation options being provided for youth in the Township including activities leading up to Youth Week in May.

Transportation and Mobility Plan
A presentation was given on the Transportation and Mobility Strategy.

Seniors Programs and Services
A presentation was given on the various recreation options being provided for seniors in the Township including activities leading up to Seniors Week in June.

Adult Programs and Services
A presentation was given on the various recreation options being provided for adults in the Township.

Facility Projects
A presentation was given on the various new facilities being constructed in the Township.

Cultural Programs and Services
A presentation was given on the various cultural options being provided for all ages in the Township.

Library Services
A presentation was given on the various services offered by the Fraser Valley Regional Library.

Langley Walk
2025 saw the 63rd Anniversary of the Langley Walk which was held on May 4 and the start and finish was hosted at Aldergrove Athletic Park.

Summer Events

The Township hosted a Summer Nights Series of events and a Canada Day event 2025. Summer Nights included several well attended events, including concerns, movies in the park, a community water fight, and family nights at both Lynne Fripps and Phillip Jackman Parks. The Canada Day event, which was also well attended, was held at McLeod Athletic Park and featured a larger drone show. It was shared that fireworks are planned for next year.

Parks Tour
In June, the RCPAC group boarded a bus and toured various completed, planned and midstream parks projects, including Yorkson Community Park, Noel Booth Park, George Preston Skatepark, and a tour of salishan Place by the River.

ANNUAL TASK FORCES:
The following annual task force was formed:

Langley Awards Selection Committee
The Advisory Committee appointed members to sit on a task force responsible for selecting the annual recipients of:

- Pete Swensson “Outstanding Community Youth” Award
- Eric Flowerdew “Volunteer of the Year” Award
- John & Muriel Arnason “Volunteers of the Year” Award

RCPAC Selection Representatives –S. Cook, E. Barbour, and A. Castro

The Langley Awards Celebration took place in-person at the Langley Events Centre on April 10, 2025, where the winners were presented with their awards by the Mayor. The evening included dinner and the awards presentations. The award winners were as follows:

- Eric Flowerdew Volunteer Award: Tami Logan
- John and Muriel Arnason Award: Graeme and Louise Kennedy
- Pete Swensson Outstanding Community Youth Award: Jacob VanderHorst

COMMUNITY LIASON:
A member of the Advisory Committee was selected to serve as community liaison for the Museum Advisory Group. This role also had a staff member assigned to it. It was expected that the Advisory Committee member would become as knowledgeable as possible about this area of focus and become a point of contact between the community and the Advisory Committee for any issues of relevance.

The appointment made for the Museum Advisory Group was E. Hacker.

CONCLUSION:
The Committee was able to complete its 2025 Work Plan goals and continued to meet to discuss relevant and developing topics. The commitment of the individuals serving on the 2025 Recreation, Culture and Parks Advisory Committee is greatly appreciated.

Overall, the committee members were engaging and showed good participation in the discussions. The diversity of the members allowed the Committee to engage in meaningful discussions in various subject areas during 2025.

The Advisory Committee looks forward to a productive year in 2026, and their continued involvement in the role of representing the community and serving Township of Langley Council.

Shannon Cook – Community Co-Chair
Councillor Tim Baillie, and Councillor Michael Pratt - Council Co-Chairs