Township of Langley

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RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 13, 2026 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 – May 13, 2026

That Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the May 13, 2026 meeting.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1-5 **1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – April 8, 2026**

That Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the April 8, 2026 meeting.

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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I. NEXT MEETING

Date: June 10, 2026
Location: Langley Regional Airport
5385 216 St, Langley BC V2Y 2N3
Time: 5:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

Township of Langley
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RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 8, 2026 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

E. Barbour, M. Brar, J. Clegg, T. Louie, L. Stepney, and J. Watson

Staff:
C. Marshall, Manager, Parks Design and Development
K. Young, Deputy Director, Recreation, Arts and Culture
V. Burnett, Council and Committee Clerk

School District Representative:
Trustee S. Rai

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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 – April 8, 2026

Moved by J. Watson,
Seconded by J. Clegg,
That Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the April 8, 2026 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – March 11, 2026

Moved by J. Clegg,
Seconded by L. Stepney,
That Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the March 11, 2026 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. 2026 Parks Projects

C. Marshall provided an update regarding parks design and development.

Aldergrove Athletic Park – The park will be under construction in June 2026. Improvements will include LED light upgrades, ball control and field fences, perimeter paving and spectator areas, soft landscape and shade tree planting, and removal of the pit toilet with a replacement. Sanitary sewer extension to a future washroom facility will be added.

The 2026 draft design includes baseball improvements, three new tennis courts, six dedicated pickleball courts, and improvements to the basketball court and sport box. Improvements to the BMX pump track, and a pedestrian path with cooling stations were also shown.

Bell Park – Updates include playground resurfacing for accessibility, accessible play equipment improvements, and signage.

Brookswood Firehall – Additions include a Fire Smart landscape design and Fire Smart interpretive signage.

Dale Ball Passive Park – Disc golf layout improvements, new tee pads and basket footings, trail and signage improvements, and a washroom facility (by development).

Fernridge Nature Park – Lost topsoil will be replaced with soil from other Township project sites. A park concept plan will be coordinated with Development Engineering for storm water detention requirements. Nature trails, a toboggan hill, sport court, and trail head facilities (washrooms, parking, etc.) were displayed.

Noel Booth Community Park – Baseball improvements are complete, including lighting, outfield fencing, backstop and dugout replacements, spectator bleachers, and scoreboards. Bridges have been raised and replaced, a sanitary lift station has been installed, the septic field has been decommissioned, and BC Hydro 3 phase electrical service has been upgraded.

2026 construction will include improvements to the picnic area, the pond, and the playground. A draft design was presented with parking expansions, pickleball courts, LED field light upgrades, a warmup area, and future fieldhouse planning.

Smith Athletic Park – Outdoor fields opened in September 2025, and spectator and player shelters are opening April 2026. The playground and trails will open in summer 2026, and fieldhouse construction is in progress.

Walnut Grove Community Park – Construction for spring 2026 includes:

- Sandlot Diamond: New backstop, dugouts, outfield fence, warning track, and grass infield.

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Parker Diamond: New outfield fence and warning track, and infield resurfacing.
- Zarrelli Diamond: Infield resurfaced and grass expanded.
- Senior Diamond: Regraded infield, and a new outfield fence and warning track.

Improvements will continue into summer and fall 2026.

Willoughby Community Park – Southeast Field: Expanded for rugby, synthetic turf replaced, pedestrian and spectator improvements, and user group storage improvements. Dedicated pickleball courts (11) and sport courts (LED lighting for pickleball, basketball, and sand volleyball). A FIFA Mini Pitch will be opening April 29, 2026.

Yorkson Community Park – 2025/2026 construction of the north park includes completion of 80 and 82 Avenue parking lots, completion of a N2 rugby sized synthetic field with warmup area, and a spray park opening May 2026. A playground opened in December 2025. A washroom facility was completed, and a tournament plaza and passive areas will be opened in spring 2026. New seating will be added throughout the park, and hundreds of new trees will be planted.

Construction on the south park includes completion of the asphalt, a synthetic turf pump track, and new outdoor tennis courts with lighting. A design for the Yorkson south park lane with parking is in progress. The Yorkson south perimeter trail, fitness area, and playground and picnic area designs are also in progress.

The 2026 Parks Tour was briefly discussed, with the following comments being made:

- Possible stops on the tour included Yorkson Community Park, Smith Athletic Park, Fernridge Nature Park, Brookswood Firehall, Noel Booth Community Park, and Bell Park.
- Starting time at 5:00pm, and meeting at the airport.

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson's Report

S. Cook reported that over Easter weekend she noticed large amounts of litter at local parks. She noted that Clean Up Langley Day will be held on April 18, 2026.

2. Museum Advisory Group Report

No report.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Fees and Charges

Moved to the May 13, 2026 meeting.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. **Accessibility Week**

J. Watson commented that accessibility week is held on the last week of May. She noted that the documentary *Heard* (2026) will be screening during this week.

2. **Clean Up Langley Day**

L. Stepney reported that Clean Up Langley Day will be held on April 18, 2026, and participants are welcome to join at their local park. Registration online is filling quickly.

Nicomekl Fish Release

E. Barbour commented that the Nicomekl Fish Release will be held on April 25. It will be from 11:00am - 2:00pm.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: May 13, 2026
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by J. Watson,
Seconded by J. Clegg,
That the meeting terminate at 8:04pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair	Council Representative Co-Chair

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From: Kerry Young
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 2:14 PM
To: 'Manjit [redacted]
Cc: Kevin Muirhead <kmuirhead@tol.ca>
Subject: RE: Subject: Request to Host Vaisakhi Celebration, Nagar Kirtan and Sikh heritage month in Willoughby Community Park – April 2027

Hello Manjit,

Thank you for your email and for sharing this thoughtful proposal on behalf of the local Sikh community. We appreciate you reaching out regarding the possibility of holding a Vaisakhi celebration in the Township of Langley in April 2027.

As I mentioned when we spoke by phone, the Township does not have dedicated event or festival parks in the same way some other municipalities do. Our parks are generally designed and used primarily for sport and recreation purposes. That said, we do accommodate a limited number of events within Parks facilities each year, and any new event proposal would be subject to the Township's Parks Allocation Policy and related review process.

To begin, the appropriate first step would be to submit a Parks booking request form, which can be found here:
Parks Booking Request Form

I have also included our Manager of Corporate and Special Events, who also supports the Parks Division, and would be the best first point of contact to help guide you through the booking process and connect you with the appropriate staff in other areas as needed (ie. road permits should they be needed, etc).

As you requested during our phone conversation, I have also asked that your email be included on the Recreation, Culture and Parks Advisory Committee agenda for May 13 for discussion/information.

Thank you again for bringing this forward. We appreciate your interest in creating a meaningful community event in the Township and encourage you to begin with the booking process so staff can help assess feasibility, location options, and requirements.

Sincerely,

Kerry Young (she/her) | **Deputy Director**
Recreation, Arts and Culture | Township of Langley
20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC V2Y 3J1
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To: Kerry Young <kyoung@tol.ca>
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To

Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee

On behalf of the local Sikh community in the Township of Langley, I am writing to respectfully request permission and support to organize a Vaisakhi celebration in April 2027, tentatively planned for the 3rd week of April.

Vaisakhi is a deeply significant cultural and religious celebration for Sikhs, marking the birth of the Khalsa in 1699, as well as a time to honor Sikh heritage during Sikh Heritage Month in April. Across Metro Vancouver, large and well-attended Vaisakhi Nagar Kirtan events are successfully held each year, including in Surrey and Vancouver, bringing together people of all backgrounds in a spirit of unity, service, and cultural sharing.

We would like to bring a similar community-focused celebration to the Township of Langley, ideally at Willoughby Community Park or another suitable public park location identified by the Township. The proposed event would include a Nagar Kirtan (religious procession), community Langar (free vegetarian meal), cultural performances, and educational elements to promote multicultural understanding and inclusivity.

We are committed to working closely with Township staff to ensure all necessary permits, safety requirements, traffic management, sanitation, and community guidelines are properly followed.

This celebration would not only serve the Sikh community but would also provide an

opportunity for the broader Langley population to learn about Sikh values of equality, service (seva), and community harmony.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to meet with Township representatives to discuss planning requirements, suitable venues, and next steps.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your positive response and the possibility of working together to bring this meaningful cultural celebration to Langley.