RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 13, 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
Councillor T. Baillie, Council Co-Chair
Councillor M. Pratt, Council Co-Chair

E. Barbour, M. Brar, A. Castro, J. Clegg, T. Louie, and J. Watson

Staff:
V. Burnett, Council and Committee Clerk
T. Kingsbury, Community Centre Supervisor, Recreation, Arts, and Culture
K. Muirhead, Manager, Corporate Events
M. Vidal, Recreation Programmer, Recreation, Arts, and Culture
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 – May 13, 2026

Moved by J. Clegg,
Seconded by J. Watson,
That Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the May 13, 2026 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

Moved by T. Louie,
Seconded by M. Brar,
That Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the April 8, 2026 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Seniors Programs and Services

M. Vidal and T. Kingsbury provided information about seniors programs and services within the Township. They presented a calendar for Seniors Week 2025, which included a variety of activities for different interests and comfort levels. The most successful classes based on registration were Seniors Water Walking in the River, Learn to Play Pickleball, Seniors Yoga, Seniors Fitness Circuit, and Seniors Week Paint Workshop.

The feedback for 2025 was positive overall. Participants preferred registered programs over drop-in programs, and they appreciated printed information as opposed to online information.

In 2026, they are keeping previously successful programs and adding a few new programs, as well as extending these programs across different centres. A 2026 schedule was displayed.

Registration can be done online, over the phone, and in person. An RSVP line has been opened to reserve a spot by leaving a name and phone number. For more information visit tol.ca/seniorsweek.

Seniors Highlights for 2025

Recreation Offerings: Senior's Bridge, Adult Badminton, Adult Pickleball, and Adult Pickleball - Beginner.

Fitness and Aquatics Offerings: TIME Program, Minds in Motion, Arthosize, Cardiac Maintenance, Chair Pilates, Chair Yoga, and Fit for Life.

New and Upcoming Programs

Recreation Offerings: Casual Chess and Conversations, Walnut Grove Crafters, Drop-in Game and Coffee Club, Seniors Art Class, and Seniors Social Program.

Fitness and Aquatics Offerings: Balance and Stability for Life, Seniors Small Group Training, Restorative Yoga, Water Walking at ACC, and Aquafit Classes.

Seniors annual pass sales were shown, and statistics showed that purchase numbers are increasing each year. Seniors facility usage has also increased, with 2025 showing 173,164 pass scans in total, and 68,005 pass scans so far in 2026.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:

Do the programs fill up?
- Yes, some programs are more popular than others. Pickleball has very high demand. To help meet this interest, new "learn-to-play" style pickleball programs are being offered. Resident priority is also in place to ensure Township residents have better access to these programs.

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Do you gather feedback from seniors (e.g. surveys)?
- Yes, feedback is collected in a few ways. Participants often provide feedback during programs, and regular attendees share input directly with staff at community centres.

Does the Township offer any rehab programs for seniors?
- Some fitness staff are registered with the British Columbia Association of Kinesiologists (BCAK), and patrons can request support from a Kinesiologist.

D. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Vaisakhi Celebration 2027

K. Young shared M. Brar's email requesting consideration for a Vaisakhi event in Langley for April 2027. M. Brar expressed interest in bringing this event to a park in Langley. K. Muirhead inquired about the scope of the event and noted that a scaled down event may be possible. A third party would be responsible for the event in collaboration with the Township. McLeod Park would be recommended; further options will be discussed.

Councillor Baillie expressed interest in canvasing the temples in Langley and ensuring that the whole community is included in the event. There was discussion on what day the event would take place to best manage the number of patrons.

E. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairperson's Report

S. Cook reported that she went to the Township Volunteer Dinner, and that it was an excellent event.

Councillor Baillie asked K. Muirhead to give a report about the Langley Walk. He said it was very successful with 1,310 people registered. The Yorkson Spray Park opening was also a success. He noted that park staff are monitoring the park seven days a week to help prevent damage to the site. Councillor Baillie commended the event planning done by K. Muirhead and the Township. He noted that A. Castro was honored with an award.

Councillor Pratt reported that the Township's "Summer Nights" concert series starts in July, and live bands will be playing in partnership with the Langley Community Farmers Market. The farmers market opens on June 4. It will be held at Douglas Park on Wednesdays, and the Langley Events Centre on Thursdays. K. Muirhead added that FIFA events will be taking place this summer.

E. REPORTS

2. Museum Advisory Group Report

No report.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. WORK PROGRAM

1. Fees and Charges 2026

K. Young reported that 2026 fees and charges were passed by Council, and that the fees stayed the same as last year with the addition of some new fees.

There was discussion regarding the Access Two Card. This card allows access for those with diverse abilities and their caretakers to access certain facilities at a reduced rate. A. Castro explained that there can be hurdles to obtaining this information, and that the Township could further inform staff and perhaps advertise on the website. K. Young noted that she will follow up with staff. A. Castro also addressed terminology, and using terms such as “diverse abilities” to ensure inclusivity. K. Young explained that an accessibility report is being formulated, and it will include marketing strategy, training for staff, terminology, and more.

The agenda order was varied.

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2. Accessibility Week Documentary

J. Watson noted that the documentary *Heard* (2026) will be screening during Accessibility Week. She will provide an invite to the committee. The screening will have a question-and-answer period with the director. Sign language interpreters will be present throughout the show.

H. COUNCIL REFERRALS

I. NEXT MEETING

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

J. TERMINATE

Moved by A. Castro,
Seconded by E. Barbour,
That the meeting terminate at 8:18pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair