

RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7:00pm Salmon River Committee Room 4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:

E. Erickson (Community Co-Chair)
Councillor E. Woodward (Council Co-Chair)

R. Camparmo, M. Jackstien, K. Ludlam, M. Pratt, C. Profitt, and J. Wilkins

School Board Representative:

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Staff:

- C. Molina, Community Recreation Programmer
- A. Neufeld, Deputy Director, Public Spaces and Community Initiatives
- P. Tulumello, Director, Arts, Culture, and Community Initiatives
- R. Stare, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation
- K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee - November 13, 2019

Moved by M. Pratt, Seconded by M. Jackstien, That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the November 13, 2019 meeting. CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee - October 10, 2019

Moved by M. Pratt, Seconded by C. Profitt, That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the October 10, 2019 meeting. CARRIED

C. <u>DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS</u>

1. Older Adult/Senior's Programming

C. Molina provided a presentation regarding recreation opportunities for older adults. The following information was provided:

In 2016, 30% of the Township's population is over the age of 55. Recreation Programmers utilize the term "Older Adult" to identify/include more of the older population that would not identify themselves as a senior. Instead of offering programs in age categories, the focus is on the type of program regardless of it being in the adult or older adult section of the Leisure Guide.

Senior Specific Programs and Events:

- Seniors Week (June 1-7, 2019) Opportunity to demonstrate some of the programs the Township offers, including social opportunities.
- Let's Dig It Senior's Gardening Club at Derek Doubleday Arboretum.
- Registered and Drop-In Programs A variety of programs and classes that are geared towards older adults on land, water, and ice.

Pricing Options for Older Adults:

- The Township offers competitive rates for older adults, as well as the new Super Senior rate of \$1 for people 80 years and older.
- Financial assistance is available to all Township residents who meet the criteria.
- Many of the older adult programs are shorter in duration (time) and shorter sets (weeks) to help keep the prices lower.

The Township partners with different agencies such as Fraser Health and BC Recreation and Parks Association to offer specific programming for older adults with different physical limitations and to increase strength, stability and balance:

- TIME program for those with mobility issues.
- Choose To Move for those 65 years and older who are sedentary and need more movement.
- Get Up and Go entry level program to increase balance and mobility.
- Active Age group exercise based program to increase physical activity and abilities in those 65 and up.

New opportunities to explore in 2020 include:

- More socials
- More partnerships
- Exploring connections and opportunities with seniors living residences

2. 2019/2020 Capital Budget Program

A. Neufeld provided a presentation describing the highlights of 2019 capital program and the budgeted 2020 capital program. Some of the highlights include:

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Willoughby Area Park Infrastructure Improvements
- Jackman Wetlands Development
- Jericho Reservoir View Park
- McLeod Athletic Park Arrival Point and Plaza
- Nicomekl River Trail to McLeod Athletic Park
- Trails Planning and Development
- Alex Hope Trail to 216 Street Interchange
- Walnut Grove Skateboard Park Lighting
- Willoughby Community Park Bike Park Design & Construction
- Community Spray Park Upgrades (Aldergrove)
- South Langley Regional Trail
- McLeod Athletic Park Track and Field Improvements
- Fort to Fort Trail: Viewing Platform Replacement
- Salmon River Natural Area: Viewing Platform Repairs
- McClughan Park Bridge Repairs

D. <u>REPORTS</u>

1. Co-Chair Reports

Councillor Woodward reported that the motion forwarded to Council from the October RCPAC meeting regarding differential pricing based on residency, has been referred to staff for a presentation to Council.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Admission Rates

Action item from the October 10, 2019 Minutes:

MOTION

Moved by M. Pratt,

Seconded by K. Ludlam,

That the concept of a youth summer pass be deferred to the November meeting and that staff bring back the following information:

- How many youth discounted passes does the Township sell;
- The age breakdown of youth buying these passes (if this information is available);
- How many people apply for additional subsidies;
- How much income would the Township not generate if a free annual pass for youth was provided; and

CARRIED

F. WORK PROGRAM

R. Stare provided a presentation regarding the four questions asked by the committee at the last meeting. The following information was provided:

How many youth discounted passes does the Township sell? (10 visit card up to 12 month pass)

• 2312 per year

How many people apply for additional subsidies?

All ages:

- 528 subsidies per year \$63,620
- 2% of memberships are subsidized

Youth (age 13-18):

- 20 subsidies per year (age 13-18) \$1,424
- 0.9% of memberships are subsidized

How much income would not be generated if a free annual pass for youth was provided?

- \$153,309.70 from discounted passes (10 visit card up to 12 month pass)
- \$154,201 from drop ins and youth in family
- \$307,511 total (excluding waterpark admissions)

Staff recommend at \$20 Summer Youth Pass to include:

- Unlimited drop-in:
- Available for use from the end of June to Labour Day;
- Includes drop-in admission to pools, fitness centres, gyms, and public skate programs;
 - Does not include admission to the waterpark;
 - A Fitness Centre orientation would be required.

COUNCIL

Moved by M. Pratt,

Seconded by R. Camparmo,

That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee recommends that Council strongly consider implementing a \$20 residency-based, summer youth pass for 2020, as recommended by staff, with future consideration for a free youth pass or other "school's out" pass option, as soon as practical.

CARRIED

2. Performing Art Centre

Action item from the October 10, 2019 Minutes:

Action: This topic to be deferred to the November meeting to discuss a possible Terms of Reference for a Performing Arts Centre Task Force.

F. WORK PROGRAM

Further to the discussions at the October 10, 2019 RCPAC meeting regarding potentially striking a Performing Arts Centre Task Force, the committee agreed that they would still like to make this a priority and move ahead with asking Council for approval. If Council approves the task force, the committee, with the assistance of staff, will develop an appropriate Terms of Reference for further Council approval before bringing the Task Force into operation.

COUNCIL

Moved by K. Ludlam, Seconded by M. Pratt,

That Council consider giving the Recreation, Culture and Parks Advisory Committee permission to strike a community based task force to investigate the potential of a Performing Arts Centre in the Township of Langley; and further

That Council consider directing Staff to provide the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee with updates pertaining to deliberations and/or considerations of a Performing Arts Centre since the 2014 Study was undertaken, if any have occurred.

CARRIED

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. November 2020 Meeting Date

The committee discussed moving the November 11, 2020 meeting date to either Tuesday, November 10 or Thursday, November 12, and chose Thursday, November 12, 2020.

I. <u>NEXT MEETING</u>

Date: December 11, 2019

Location: Derek Doubleday Rotary Interpretive Centre

21559 Fraser Highway

Time: 7:00pm

J. **TERMINATE**

Moved by M. Pratt Seconded by J. Wilkins That the meeting terminate at 9:20pm. CARRIED

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Community Representative Co-Chair	Council Representative Co-Chair



COUNCIL PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Monday, November 18, 2019 at 1:30pm Fraser River Presentation Theatre 4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

CHAIR: Councillor M. Kunst

PRESENT:

Mayor Froese and Councillors P. Arnason, D. Davis, S. Ferguson, B. Long, K. Richter, B. Whitmarsh, and E. Woodward

M. Bakken, S. Scheepmaker, K. Sinclair, R. Seifi, and J. Winslade

W. Bauer, T. Rouse, and K. Stepto

A. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Council Priorities Committee Agenda – November 18, 2019

Moved by Councillor Ferguson, Seconded by Mayor Froese,

That the Council Priorities Committee adopt the agenda and receive the agenda items of the Council Priorities Committee meeting held November 18, 2019.

CARRIED

B. <u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u>

The following items were referred to the Council Priorities Committee at the July 22, 2019 Regular Evening Council meeting:

1. Accelerating Climate Action in the Township of Langley in Response to the Climate Emergency

Whereas:

The Legislature of British Columbia and the House of Commons have acknowledged the growing urgency for further action based on current and predicted climate breakdown highlighted in the October 2018 "Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Report" (IPCC);

The IPCC report underscored the need to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees celsius within a strategic framework designed to reduce global net

CO2 emissions by between 94% and 107% below 2010 levels, in order to reach negative net emissions by 2050;

A recent "Canada's Changing Climate Report" (CCCR) has stated that on average, Canada is experiencing warming at twice the rate of the rest of the world:

The world is currently on track for more than 3 degrees celsius warming based on existing policies and practices that do not meet any current benchmarks or targets outlined provincially, federally, or internationally in order to stave off the most catastrophic results of accelerated warming;

The cost incurred by climate change will be greater the less action we proactively take to mitigate and adapt to it. Among other things, climate change will test our diking systems, aquifers, and storm water and sewer systems. Some of the costs associated with climate inaction would be:

- 1) An estimated \$20+ billion in costs for the Lower Mainland to mitigate and rebuild affected areas subject to major coastal flooding,
- 2) Approximate cost of \$2 million a year to switch completely to GVRD water based on local aquifer depletion,
- 3) Economic costs related to the maintenance and replacement of sewer and water infrastructure with respect to storm water and other engineered structures affected by climate change,
- 4) Human and economic costs from heat waves and wildfires,
- 5) Healthcare costs associated with increased respiratory-related illnesses due to diminished air quality,
- 6) Increasing cost of dike construction and enhancement to protect personal property and infrastructure.

A growing list of cities across Canada, to now include Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster, and Halifax have recently declared a "climate emergency" based on the scientific information and the moral imperative to enhance accelerated action on climate change; and

A growing legion of young people from across the globe, whose activities coalesced on March 15 as part of the newly declared "Fridays for Future" initiative, are demanding that their local governments take more immediate and aggressive action towards addressing and ameliorating this emergency;

Therefore be it resolved:

That Council acknowledge the climate emergency as evidenced by scientific studies and policy predictions that indicate dire consequences arising from the breakdown of a stable climate arising from unprecedented global warming;

That Council direct staff to establish a draft "carbon budget" for both corporate and community emissions related to planning and land development and to include a broader transportation analysis, which policies are aligned with limiting warming to the 1.5C predictive "safe" limit;

That staff report back annually as to the depletion of our remaining local carbon budget in order to facilitate "real time" policy decisions and potential trade-offs;

That staff prepare a presentation at a future CPC meeting further to the 2020 budget discussions in order to advance more prescriptive policies and initiatives across all departments, designed to accelerate actions in order to expeditiously adopt more policies under the on-going Climate Action Revenue Incentive Programme (CARIP), as well other carbon-related initiatives across the Township; and

That Council direct staff to undertake any actions, including research and investigation with respect to "best practices" as action items to meet these goals, in order to identify any and all opportunities that could be adopted to enhance climate mitigation and adaptation measures.

MOTION TO DIVIDE

That the motion be divided.

CARRIED

MOTION #1

That Council acknowledge the climate emergency as evidenced by scientific studies and policy predictions that indicate dire consequences arising from the breakdown of a stable climate arising from unprecedented global warming;

CARRIED

MOTION #2

That Council direct staff to establish a draft "carbon budget" for both corporate and community emissions related to planning and land development and to include a broader transportation analysis, which policies are aligned with limiting warming to the 1.5C predictive "safe" limit;

That staff report back annually as to the depletion of our remaining local carbon budget in order to facilitate "real time" policy decisions and potential trade-offs;

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That Council direct staff to undertake any actions, including research and investigation with respect to "best practices" as action items to meet these goals, in order to identify any and all opportunities that could be adopted to enhance climate mitigation and adaptation measures.

REFERRAL

That this motion be referred to a future Council Priorities Committee Meeting for staff to provide further information on current activities and work. **CARRIED**

T. Rouse provided a presentation regarding the Township's Climate Action Response. She noted that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report in October of 2018 which states that we must limit global warming to a maximum of 1.5° C. With increased global warming, the Township will see an increased risk of extreme weather events and 8x more days over 30° C. The Township has joined over 400 cities across Canada who have declared a climate emergency.

The Township of Langley currently has many green initiatives and programs including:

- Green Building Rebate Program;
- BC Energy Step Code for new residential construction;
- Civic Facility is a certified LEED Silver facility;
- Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre uses solar collection plates to heat the water and has a rain water harvesting system;
- Low Carbon Mobility Plan;
- Eight EV charging stations;
- · Rain Gardens for storm water management;
- Water Management Plan and Water Wise Program; and
- Curbside Organics Program and Public Spaces Waste Management Project.

88% of the Township's emissions are attributed to the use of natural gas in buildings and gasoline used in vehicles. With provincial and federal legislation, the Township will see reductions in emissions. Metro Vancouver has a goal to reduce Green House Gas emissions by 45% by 2030, and 100% by 2050.

Staff have been developing a Climate Action Strategy which will be a set of actions to work towards meeting the targets set by Metro Vancouver. This Strategy will be based on mitigation and adaption best practices.

A Public Climate Action Event was held on November 5 with over 100 people in attendance. Through staff and public engagement, the following emerging priority areas have emerged:

- Zero Emission Mobility;
- · Zero Emission Buildings;
- Zero Waste:
- Thriving Agricultural Industry;
- Resilient Natural Environment and Water Resources;
- Resilient and Green Infrastructure; and
- Renewable Energy Innovation and Leadership.

The goal is to have the final Climate Action Strategy to Council by the end of 2020. The Strategy will help the Township develop energy efficient, carbon neutral neighbourhoods.

COUNCIL

Moved by Councillor Richter, Seconded by Councillor Arnason,

That the Council Priorities Committee recommends that Council adopt targets of 45% emission reductions from 2007 levels by 2030, and 100% emission reductions by 2050; and

That staff be authorized to identify funding requests related to climate action, as part of the annual budget process. **CARRIED**

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Arnason, Seconded by Councillor Richter,

- That Council direct staff to establish a draft "carbon budget" for both corporate and community emissions related to planning and land development and to include a broader transportation analysis, which policies are aligned with limiting warming to the 1.5C predictive "safe" limit;
- 2. That staff report back annually as to the depletion of our remaining local carbon budget in order to facilitate "real time" policy decisions and potential trade-offs;
- 3. That staff prepare a presentation at a future CPC meeting further to the 2020 budget discussions in order to advance more prescriptive policies and initiatives across all departments, designed to accelerate actions in order to expeditiously adopt more policies under the on-going Climate Action Revenue Incentive Programme (CARIP), as well other carbon-related initiatives across the Township; and
- 4. That Council direct staff to undertake any actions, including research and investigation with respect to "best practices" as action items to meet these goals, in order to identify any and all opportunities that could be adopted to enhance climate mitigation and adaptation measures.

Councillor Davis entered the meeting at 2:38pm.

REFERRAL

Moved by Councillor Woodward, Seconded by Councillor Ferguson, That paragraphs 1, 2, and 4 be referred to a future Council Priorities Committee.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Richter, Seconded by Councillor Long, That paragraphs 1, 2, and 4 be referred to staff for a report.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Woodward, Seconded by Mayor Froese, That this motion and staff report be referred to a Council Priorities Committee meeting in 2020. CARRIED

Councillors Arnason and Richter opposed

AMENDMENT, AS AMENDED

The question was called on the amendment, as amended, and it was **CARRIED**

Councillors Arnason and Richter opposed

REFERRAL, AS AMENDED

The question was called on the referral, as amended, and it was **CARRIED**

Councillors Arnason and Richter opposed

C. OTHER BUSINESS

D. <u>TERMINATE</u>

Moved by Councillor Davis, Seconded by Mayor Froese, That the meeting terminate at 2:51pm. CARRIED

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SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 7:00pm Salmon River Committee Room 4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:

S. Soheili, (Community Co-Chair)

Councillor P. Arnason (Council Co-Chair) Councillor S. Ferguson (Council Co-Chair)

E. Brett and M. Gill

Guest:

D. Riddle, President, Hidden Mobility Disabilities Alliance

Staff:

P. Ward, Strategic/Social Planner

C. Quin, Recording Secretary

As several visitors were present to observe the meeting, round table introductions took place.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee - November 20, 2019

Moved by M. Gill, Seconded by E. Brett, That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the November 20, 2019 meeting. CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee - October 16, 2019

Moved by M. Gill, Seconded by E. Brett, That the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the October 16, 2019 meeting. CARRIED

C. <u>DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS</u>

1. Hidden Mobility Disability

D. Riddle, President, Hidden Mobility Disabilities Alliance, provided a presentation on hidden mobility disability. Persons with a hidden mobility disability are independently mobile, but can only walk a short distance or stand unsupported for a brief time without serious health consequences. It was noted that a hidden mobility disability can impact independence and lead to social isolation, and that the Hidden Mobility Disabilities Alliance is seeking partners to pilot best practice initiatives.

At the request of the Seniors Advisory Committee, the presentation PowerPoint slides and handout are attached to the Minutes (see Attachment A).

MOTION

Moved by E. Brett, Seconded by M. Gill,

That the Seniors Advisory Committee consider the information presented on hidden mobility disability as part of the proposed age- and dementia-friendly planning project, anticipated to commence in 2020.

CARRIED

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chair Reports

Councillor Arnason reported that the Shepherd of the Valley affordable housing project is moving forward, that the BC Non-Profit Housing Association recently hosted an affordable housing conference, and that Council recently passed a motion to consider opportunities to utilize the Township's affordable housing reserve fund.

Councillor Ferguson reported that the Langley Seniors Resources Society has been busy with a number of initiatives, including reaching out to representatives of the provincial and federal governments.

S. Soheili provided a brief overview of CMHC's National Housing Co-Investment Fund, and noted that location criteria for new projects can create challenges.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. 2019 Age-friendly Strategy Progress Report

P. Ward provided a brief overview of the 2019 Age-friendly Strategy Progress Report, which was reviewed in draft by the committee at its October 16, 2019 meeting and was updated to incorporate the committee's input.

MOTION

Moved by E. Brett, Seconded by M. Gill,

That the Seniors Advisory Committee receive and endorse the 2019 Age-friendly Strategy Progress Report.

CARRIED

COUNCIL

Moved by E. Brett, Seconded by M. Gill,

That the Seniors Advisory Committee recommends that Council receive the 2019 Age-friendly Strategy Progress Report memorandum for information, in accordance with the monitoring required by the Age-friendly Strategy Implementation Plan (see Attachment B).

CARRIED

2. Draft Seniors Advisory Committee 2019 Annual Report

P. Ward provided an overview of the draft Seniors Advisory Committee 2019 Annual Report. Discussion ensued and suggestions were made to update the report to provide more detail about some of the topics the committee discussed throughout 2019 and add additional preliminary work plan items for 2020, including Council's motion regarding the possible re-naming of the committee. P. Ward noted that a revised Annual Report will be provided for the committee's consideration at the next meeting.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Green Burials

E. Brett inquired about the status of the funding required to develop a green burial area at the Langley Lawn Cemetery, and it was noted that Council had not yet considered the 2020 budget. For background, P. Ward noted that green burials were initially raised and discussed by the committee at its March 20, 2019 meeting, and at its May 15, 2019 meeting, the committee received a copy of Report to Council 19-81 (Cemetery Operations Review) for information, which identifies an area for green burials on the concept plan for the Langley Lawn Cemetery and identifies the required capital improvements as a high priority project, to be considered as part of future budgets.

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H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

MOTION

Moved by E. Brett, Seconded by M. Gill,

That the Seniors Advisory Committee endorse the development of a green burial area at the Langley Lawn Cemetery as a high priority project, as identified in Report to Council 19-81 (Cemetery Operations Review).

CARRIED

I. <u>NEXT MEETING</u>

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Location: TBA TIME: TBA

J. <u>TERMINATE</u>

Moved by E. Brett, Seconded by M. Gill That the meeting terminate at 8:48pm CARRIED

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Community Representative Co-Chair	Council Representative Co-Chair

Addressing Distance as an Accessibility Barrier

Dr. Dorothy I. Riddle HiddenMobilityDisabilites.com November 2019

What are hidden mobility disabilities?

Being independently mobile, but **not able to walk far** or **stand unsupported** more than a brief time.

The person:

- Appears to be "normal."
- Does not usually use a mobility aid (like a wheelchair or scooter or walker).
- May not even use a cane.
- May have "good" days where longer walking distances are possible.

What is "not too far"?

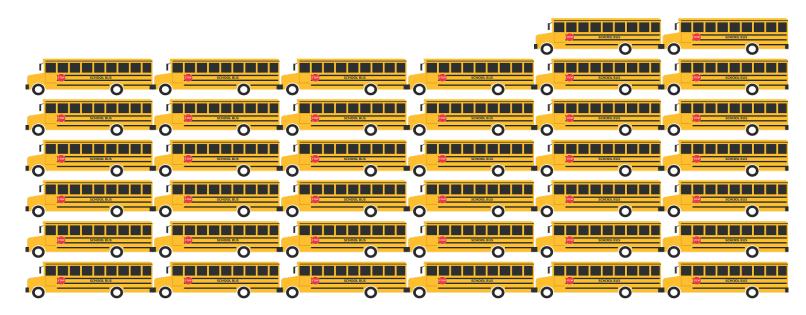
105 ft. or 32 m or 1/3 of a block often referred to as "short distance"



35 ft. or 10.7 m is a comfortable "short distance" for those with hidden mobility disabilities

A person without a hidden mobility disability may consider even 210 feet, or 6 school buses, to be a short distance.

A 5-minute walk in school buses:





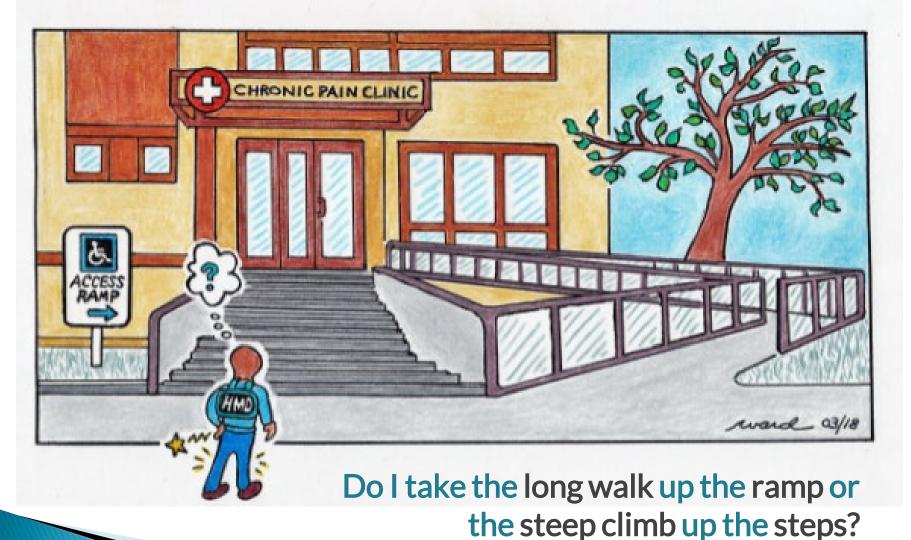
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Walking too far*results in significant health consequences:

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Increased joint pain
Walk more slowly until almost not moving
Increased difficulty breathing
Have trouble walking at all the next day
Begin to stagger and lose balance
Become immobilized by pain
Increased muscle spasms
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^{*}Only 50% can walk as far as 50 feet (15m)

Access ramps are not a pain-free option



Community participation consequences to be addressed

Limited independence

- "If I can't drive and park in close, I just don't go."
- Challenges reported:

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92% Finding a close enough parking space
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80% Having to stand in line for service

77% Shopping at a large supermarket or mall

55% Using public transportation

Social isolation

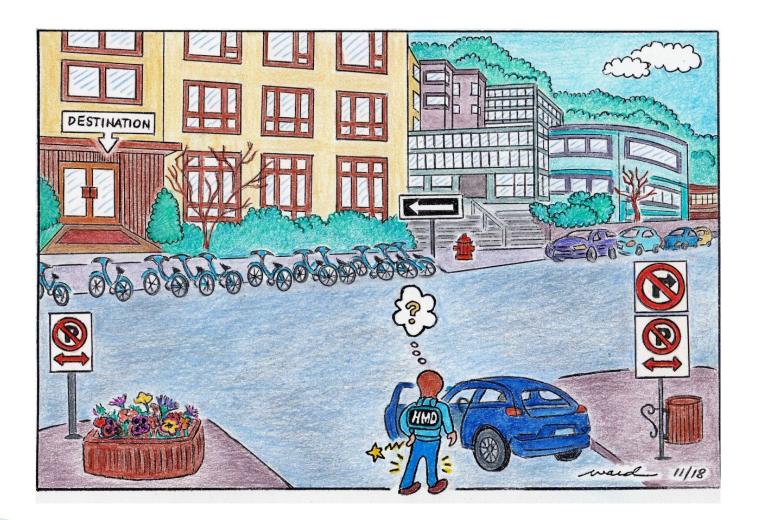
- "I only see people I invite over or who invite me."
- Challenges reported:

85% Attending events where everyone stands

Increase independence by improving external accessibility

- Place disabled parking within 35 feet of building entrance
- Manage HMD parking separate from wheelchair parking – i.e., closer to building entrances
- Provide seating at least every 35 feet along a path
- Offer a landing and seating after every 7 stairs
- Provide distance on wayfinding signs
- Reduce the distance from/to locations for users of public transportation to no more than 50 feet

I can't see anywhere to park!



Increase independence by improving internal accessibility

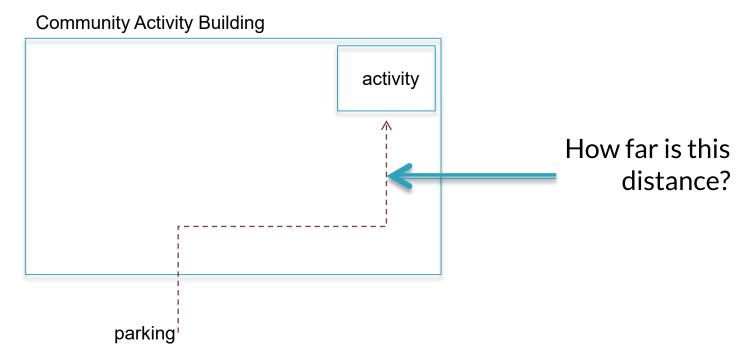
- Offer seating just inside building doorways
- Provide seating while waiting for elevators
- Position public washrooms within 35 feet of the entrance
- Ensure that seated service is at the front of the office

Too far to seated service – why not have it right here by the door?



Reduce social isolation by making community activities accessible

 Design and publicize community activities that require limited walking and standing



How can I participate in this consultation if I need to sit down?



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Reduce social isolation by facilitating serendipitous social interactions

Make it easier to interact with strangers ("not yet friends") by sitting down in public spaces







Request for a best practice pilot project partner

 Work with HMDA to identify 1-3 pilot changes, implement them, evaluate them, publicize them

"The built environment can either facilitate or hinder full participation in mainstream society and is considered fundamental to integration, inclusiveness and equality for all"



Hidden Mobility Disabilities Alliance:

HiddenMobilityDisabilities.com

Contact Dr. Dorothy Riddle
President, Hidden Mobility Disabilities Alliance
alliance@HiddenMobilityDisabilities.com



Potential Policies for Removing Distance as a Barrier

Persons with a hidden mobility disability (HMD) are independently mobile but can only walk a short distance or stand unsupported for a brief time without serious health consequences.

Pilot projects are needed to demonstrate how policies such as those below (confirmed as essential by research) could be implemented to increase independent community participation & reduce social isolation for those with HMD:

1. Outdoor Spaces and Buildings

- a. Reduce the distance to be walked one way:
 - Put distance on wayfinding signs.
 - Provide at least one universal rest room within 35 feet of a building's main entrance.

b. Increase the ability to sit and rest on benches or chairs until pain subsides:

- Provide seating for individuals waiting for elevators.
- Provide seating at intervals of least every 35 feet for:
 - o Building entrances when set back from the street more than 35 feet.
 - o Corridors longer than 50 feet.
 - o Shopping malls.
 - Public viewing sites
- For stairways, offer a landing and seating every 7 steps.

2. Transportation

- Facilitate the use of cars by persons with HMD rather than adopting car-free policies.
- Place disabled parking within 35 feet of a main building entrance.
- Manage HMD parking separate from wheelchair parking closer to the entrance.
- Position handicapped parking stalls so that the driver's door is within 35 feet of an elevator.
- Reduce the distance to/from public transportation to no more than 50 feet.

3. Respect & Social Inclusion

- Ensure that seated service is at the front of an office.
- Where individuals are expected to stand using service kiosks, provide a seated alternative.
- Where there is a line for service, provide a ticket number dispenser at the entrance with seating.
- Ensure no more than 35 feet from a seated waiting area to the service window/desk.
- Ensure no more than 35 feet from public parking to out-of-doors public amenities.
- Educate the public on HMD and self-care options.

4. Social Participation

- Include curved benches in public parks and walkways that encourage interaction.
- Design community events, including consultations, to occur sitting down.
- Publicize community activities that involve limited walking and standing.

Provided by the Hidden Mobility Disabilities Alliance www.HiddenMobilityDisabilities.com

Based on results from the Survey on Hidden Mobility Disabilities, January-October 2017, which are reliable within \pm 4 percent at the 95 percent confidence level. For a copy of the full research reports: www.HiddenMobilityDisabilities.com/research-report/.



MEMORANDUM

TO: SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATE: NOVEMBER 20,

2019

FROM: PATRICK WARD FILE NO: 6440-02-005

STRATEGIC/SOCIAL PLANNER

SUBJECT: 2019 AGE-FRIENDLY STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT

In September 2014, Council approved the Township's Age-friendly Strategy, which provides a number of strategies to create an age-friendly community. In November 2015, the Age-friendly Strategy Implementation Plan was finalized. The Implementation Plan includes specific actions for each strategy and establishes an implementation timeframe consisting of ongoing, short term (2016 – 2017), medium term (2018 – 2021), and long term (2022 – 2025) strategies. The Implementation Plan also states that a full progress report is expected to be completed every two years.

In accordance with the monitoring requirements under the Implementation Plan, a 2019 Age-friendly Strategy Progress Report (attached) has been prepared in consultation with the lead departments responsible for the management / administration of the Strategy's specific actions.

Since the implementation of the Age-friendly Strategy began in 2016:

- 10 short term strategies have been completed and 10 short term strategies are in progress (representing 100 percent of the 20 short term strategies)
- 4 medium term strategies have been completed and 10 medium term strategies are in progress (representing 88 percent of the 16 medium term strategies)
- 1 long term strategy has been completed and 5 long term strategies are in progress (representing 55 percent of the 11 long term strategies)

A detailed update on the status of all the strategies in the Implementation Plan is provided in Appendix A of the Progress Report.

Attachment 2019 Age-friendly Strategy Progress Report



AGE-FRIENDLY STRATEGY

PROGRESS REPORT

NOVEMBER 2019

Communities across Canada are aging, and the Township of Langley is no exception. This trend brings with it the need to adapt our physical environments; our approach to housing, transportation, and recreation; and the services and supports that we provide to our residents.

Endorsed by Council in 2014, the Township's award-winning Age-friendly Strategy provides a number of strategies to create an age-friendly community. In an age-friendly community, policies, programs, services, and infrastructure are designed to address the needs of people of all ages.

To implement the Age-friendly Strategy, an Implementation Plan was finalized in November 2015. The Implementation Plan includes specific actions for each strategy and establishes an implementation timeframe as follows:

ONGOING

Strategies to be implemented periodically or on an on going basis.

SHORT TERM (1-2 years)

Strategies to be implemented in 2016 - 2017.

MEDIUM TERM (3-6 years)

Strategies to be implemented in 2018 - 2021.

LONG TERM (7-10 years)

Strategies to be implemented in 2022 - 2025.

Note: While the work associated with some strategies may begin in the short or medium term, they may take several years to implement.



Based on the work undertaken as part of the Age-friendly Strategy, in June 2015, the Seniors' Healthy Living Secretariat of the Provincial Ministry of Health formally recognized the Township as an age-friendly community under the Age-friendly BC Recognition program.



TOWARDS AN AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY: OUR PROGRESS

The Age-friendly Strategy has reshaped the Township's organizational culture – an age-friendly lens is now being applied to all of our new policies and services. Since the implementation of the Age-friendly Strategy began in 2016:

- 10 short term strategies have been completed and 10 short term strategies are in progress (representing 100% of the 20 short term strategies)
- 4 medium term strategies have been completed and 10 medium term strategies are in progress (representing 88% of the 16 medium term strategies)
- 1 long term strategy has been completed and 5 long term strategies are in progress (representing 55% of the 11 long term strategies)

A full update on the status of all the strategies in the Implementation Plan is provided in Appendix A.

DEMONSTRATING LEADERSHIP: PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

In 2018, the Township piloted an Age-friendly Business Recognition Program to acknowledge local businesses that made a commitment to age-friendly business practices. In 2019, the program continues and focused on an activation during Seniors' Week in June in a single community, Walnut Grove, an area that is home to the highest number of seniors in the Township. Working with care facilities and social organizations, Walnut Grove seniors were invited to nominate area businesses they felt met baseline age-friendly business practice criteria. The businesses were then invited to complete a full business self-assessment and commit to continuously improve its practices to better serve people of all ages and abilities. In August, 13 businesses received certificates. Nominating seniors were equally acknowledged for illuminating both the buying power and needs of seniors today. This program is the first of its kind in BC.

For a list of acknowledged businesses and for more information about the Age-friendly Business Recognition Program, visit **tol.ca/agefriendlybusiness**.



APPENDIX A

Strategy	Specific Actions	Lead Department(s)	Key Partner(s)	Priority Level / Timeframe	Indicator / Measure	Status	Status Details
1. Ensure a diverse range of parks and public spaces that is well-distributed throughout the community to provide opportunities for active living and social interaction for people of all ages.	Continue to review the distribution and range of parks and public spaces as part of neighbourhood planning and development review process. Update existing maps, when needed.	• ACCI – PSPDD	Community Development Geomatics	Ongoing	 Inventory of parks and public spaces. Commentary on neighbourhoods without access to parks or identified as priority areas. 	Ongoing	The distribution and range of parks and public spaces is reviewed as part of community and neighbourhood planning and development review processes. Maps are updated when needed.
2. Review trail guidelines for accessibility provisions, such as width, grade, surface materials, wayfinding, and lighting.	Research good practices in trail design and accessibility standards. Develop accessibility criteria for local trails. Review trail guidelines with criteria as a new lens. Update the trail guidelines with a new standard for accessible trails.	• ACCI – PSPDD	Metro Parks Community Development	Short term	 Trail best-practices research completed. Accessibility criteria are established. Trail guidelines are updated. Commentary on number of trails that meet accessibility criteria. 	In progress	An update to the Township's trail planning document (Community Connections) is underway.
3. Expand opportunities for bench dedication in neighbourhood parks and public spaces.	Review and assess current practice for bench dedication. Update the program to make easier and more accessible for donors to dedicate benches and other features (e.g. tree planting) in parks, along trails, sidewalks, etc. Continue to promote program. Consider locating bench dedications in other priority locations such as outside facilities or public spaces.	• ACCI – PSPDD	Corporate Administration	Short term	 Review of bench dedication practices and siting completed. Bench dedication program updated. Number of benches installed. 	In progress and ongoing	The bench dedication pricing is under review. The bench dedication program continues to be promoted.

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4. Explore locations and funding sources to establish community gardens, both temporary and permanent, to foster connection with nature and social interaction between generations.	Review and assess potential locations for community gardens. Identify priority locations. Liaise with existing groups or promote the establishment of a new association to administer. Draft necessary agreements.	• ACCI – PSPDD	Healthier Community Partnership Fraser Health Langley Environmental Partners Society	Short term	 Review of potential locations completed. Number of new associations created. 	In progress and ongoing	• New community gardens at Yorkson Community Park and Northeast Gordon Estates opened in 2018 (there are now 417 Township-owned plots throughout the municipality).
5. Continue to involve the public in planning for new parks and public spaces, in the early community planning stages and in the design phase with the parks department and private developers.	Continue current practice of community engagement in the early community planning stages and in the design phase of parks and public space planning. Review policy and practice of community engagement and ensure it is inclusive and effective.	• ACCI – PSPDD	Community Development	Short term - ongoing	Review of existing engagement practices completed.	Completed and ongoing	A Public Engagement Strategy was endorsed by Council in 2016. The public continues to be engaged in the early stages of community planning and in the design phase of parks and public space planning.

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6. Develop criteria for age-friendly park design and identify priority locations where these elements should be added into existing parks and public spaces.	Research good practices for age-friendly parks and public spaces. Consult with health practitioners in determining the optimal distance between benches for older adults and those with mobility issues. Develop criteria suitable for local parks and public spaces, including elements such as benches, water fountains, washrooms, lighting, railings along pathways, and clear wayfinding signage. Assess existing priority locations for potential application. Develop an implementation schedule. Identify priority locations where these elements should be added into existing parks and public spaces.	• ACCI – PSPDD	Geriatric Specialists Gerontological Nurses Association of BC (GNABC) Seniors Advocacy Group Fraser Health	Medium term	Research of best practices completed. Consultation with health practitioners completed. Accessible parks criteria developed. Implementation schedule for priority locations developed.	In progress and ongoing	Pickle ball lines added to 11 tennis courts and, in 2019, 5 stand-alone pickle ball courts were installed at the Willoughby Community Park. Age-friendly exercise equipment installed at Derek Doubleday Arboretum in 2017. Trail systems continue to be developed with various distance loop options.

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7. Identify locations to create or improve physical connections between neighbourhood parks and other local destinations through sidewalks, bike routes, and off-street trail connections.	Review and assess physical connections between neighbourhood parks and other local destinations through sidewalks, bike routes, and off-street trail connections (Community Connections Trail Plan). Consult with health practitioners in determining the optimal distance between benches for older adults and those with mobility issues. Identify priority improvement areas. Schedule improvements.	• ACCI – PSPDD	Community Development Engineering	Medium term	Review of the physical connections between parks and other destinations completed. Consultation with health practitioners is completed. Improvement schedule is implemented.	In progress and ongoing	An update to the Township's trail planning document (Community Connections) is underway. Kelly Lake trail was resurfaced in 2017. A new accessible trail was added along the north side of Langley Airport and accessible trails were added at Jackman Wetlands Park.
8. Assess public buildings and facilities to identify potential accessibility upgrades, related costs, and implementation timelines.	Develop criteria to be considered as part of the design process for buildings that are to be upgraded. Develop guidelines to consider during new construction and major renovations. Develop a prioritized list and schedule for facility upgrades.	Engineering – Strategic Initiatives	Parks and Recreation Corporate Administration	Medium term - ongoing	Criteria and guidelines developed. Prioritized list and schedule established.	In progress	The Township awarded a community grant to the Langley Pos-Abilities Society in 2019 to support the development of accessibility criteria and an audit for buildings, and facilitated testing of the audit at the W.C. Blair Recreation Centre. The Township approved two separate capital budgets in 2019 to undertake projects that improve accessibility in various facilities.

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9. Work with Langley School District #35 to assess the potential to provide age-friendly features in schoolyards such as benches near playgrounds and outdoor water fountains.	Identify appropriate features such as benches near playgrounds, outdoor water fountains etc. Review and assess schools and prioritize locations to implement changes. Work with Langley School District on a comprehensive or site-by-site basis to implement. Review/survey the 19 joint-site development locations to identify locations and appropriate elements to install.	• ACCI – PSPDD	• Langley School District #35	Long term	 Inventory of services and facilities completed. Map is developed. 	Not started	• Scheduled for 2022 - 2025
10. Update map inventory to include relevant services and facilities.	Inventory a list of services and facilities, including shopping centres, publicly available washrooms, parks, Township facilities, other community venues, etc. Prepare a map that can be downloaded online showing locations. Ensure map is scalable to allow for neighbourhood-level display. Consider the development of a mobile app with the same content.	Corporate Administration - IT	Geomatics	Long term	Inventory of services and facilities completed. Map is developed.	Not started	• Scheduled for 2022 - 2025

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1. Continue to work with TransLink to ensure bus stops are accessible; provide seating, weather protection, and lighting, where possible; and to improve accessibility, comfort, and safety.	Continue to prioritize list of bus stops and shelters that require upgrades each year. Work with TransLink to implement upgrades each year.	• Engineering	Parks and Recreation TransLink	Ongoing	Inventory and schedule of bus shelter upgrades established.	Ongoing	Sidewalk and bus stop improvements continue under the existing Transit Related Road Infrastructure Program. TransLink introduced a new Walking Infrastructure to Transit program in 2017.
2. Implement the Township Cycling Plan.	Continue applying for grants for infrastructure improvements. Continue to implement upgrades and expansion of bikes lanes as outline din the Plan. Continue to incorporate bike lane improvements as part of major development projects or trail upgrading work.	Engineering	Parks and Recreation	Ongoing	Commentary on Cycling Plan implementation progress.	Ongoing	The Cycling Plan continues to be implemented through community planning and development. With assistance from TransLink grants, various network improvements have been implemented or are underway. Staff have identified projects for 2019 and 2020.
3. Review parking standards and consider introducing seniors parking spots at facilities offering services or programs for seniors (recreation centres, seniors centres, libraries, Municipal Hall); wider stalls located near building entrances; or time-limited restrictions during specific programs (see Walnut Grove Recreation Centre example).	Sponsor a trial program at a community centre that designates two-age-friendly parking spots. Walnut Grove would be a good location for pilot program.	Engineering		Short term	Pilot program has been established.	Completed	Pilot program established at Walnut Grove Recreation Centre (3 spots) in 2017.

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4. Advocate for improved transit service in areas that are currently underserved and identify priority areas for enhanced transportation services (HandyDart and taxi), and upgrades to transit exchanges to provide access to washrooms.	Conduct community outreach and liaise with various groups (eg. Chamber of Commerce, etc.) to identify underserved areas and services. Focus on bus service, HandyDart services and taxi program, as well as the addition of washrooms at the transit exchanges. Prepare an advocacy strategy, ie prepare letters and schedule meetings with TransLink to present feedback.	• Engineering	Chamber of Commerce TranskLink Langley Seniors Community Action Table (LSCAT)	Short term	Under-served areas identified. Commentary on community outreach activities. Advocacy strategy developed.	In progress and ongoing	The Township continues to advocate to TransLink for improved transit service. Recent transit improvements include new bus service along 208 Street, new community shuttle service along 72 Avenue and 203 Street in Willoughby, and articulated buses along Fraser Highway. TransLink is developing a plan for SkyTrain between Langley Centre and King George Station and will be introducing double-decker buses between Carvolth Exchange and Lougheed Station.

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5. Support alternative transportation options such as volunteer driver programs, community shuttles, and development of a co-op bus program for community use.	Support community service providers in their efforts to implement alternative transportation programs, such as the volunteer driver programs and secondment of underutilized buses. Provide information or communications support to community groups.	Corporate Administration	Engineering Community Groups involved in this work	Short term	Commentary on existing volunteer driver programs and underserviced areas provided. Commentary on communications with community groups provided.	Completed and ongoing	Volunteer driver programs are communicated in the Langley Seniors Directory (linked on the Township's website) Additional opportunities to enhance awareness of community services, including transportation programs, are being explored as part of the development of the Social Sustainability Strategy and the Economic Development Strategy.

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6. Conduct a pedestrian safety evaluation to identify intersections where sidewalks, curb cuts/letdowns, crosswalks, or pedestrian countdown timers can be introduced or improved. Prioritize actions for pedestrian network improvements based on available resources and opportunities.	Gather data from ICBC and RCMP on pedestrian-related incidents. Review best practices and consider past research and walkability studies. Establish criteria for prioritizing areas to evaluate and identify for improvement upgrades. Prioritize areas to evaluate for pedestrian improvements. For prioritized areas, conduct a physical survey/review of sidewalks, curb cuts/letdowns, crosswalks, countdown timers, etc. and identify types of improvements. Prioritize and schedule pedestrian network improvements.	Engineering	Community Development Parks and Recreation	Medium term	Data identifying incidents gathered. Research of best practices and walkability studies completed. Priority area criteria are established. Review of priority areas completed. Implementation schedule established.	Not started	Scheduled for 2020 2021. While formal evaluations have not yet started, pedestrian network improvements are considered on an ongoing basis.

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7. Update traffic calming policy and practice to acknowledge the Township's age-friendly objectives.	Review the current traffic calming policy and update the criteria to capture age-friendly objectives. Undertake an assessment of Township roads for walkability and sense of safety, following the development of revised criteria above. Update the list of areas/locations that have been identified for traffic calming. Identify a prioritized list of areas that would benefit from traffic calming implementation. Develop installation schedule.	• Engineering		Medium term - ongoing	 Traffic calming policy updated to reflect age-friendly criteria. Township road assessment completed. Priority areas identified. Installation schedule established. 	Not started	• Scheduled for 2020 – 2021.
8. Consider the impact of increasing motorized scooter use when reviewing road, sidewalk, and trail design standards. Also consider scooter use when reviewing parking requirements for residential, commercial, and institutional uses.	Undertake research on the impact of scooter and Segway use and innovative solutions for integrating scooters into design and construction of trails, roads, sidewalks, and buildings. Adapt current standards for parking, sidewalks, and trails as well as design standards for commercial and residential construction if necessary or where applicable. Consider introducing locations for scooter users to recharge their batteries.	Engineering	Community Development ACCI - PSPDD	Long term	Research on impacts completed. Parking and connections standards updated.	Not started	• Scheduled for 2022 – 2025.

HOUSING

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Review and update the Adaptable Housing Policy regularly.	Undertake BC-wide best practices research. Identify the challenges with updating the adaptable housing policy. Collaborate with the development industry in identifying potential amendments to the policy. Identify political and staff champions. Prepare communications materials to educate the public about what adaptable housing is. Update policy in a manner that is fair and reasonable to the development community on a regular basis.	Community Development – Community and Policy Planning	Development Industry Corporate Administration	Short term	Research BC best practices completed. Commentary on challenges with updating adaptable housing policy and potential amendments identified. Adaptable housing communications materials developed for public education.	Completed	The Adaptable Housing Policy was updated in 2016 in conjunction with the OCP update. The adaptable housing brochure has been updated and is available on the Township website.
2. Implement the recommendations of the Housing Action Plan to ensure a wide range of housing options are available in the Township.	 Prepare Housing Action Plan progress updates and identify priority areas of implementation. Cooperate with developers in marketing a range of housing options. Continue to work towards setting up the Sustainability Dashboard and regularly updating housing indicators. 	Community Development – Community and Policy Planning	Development Industry	Short term	Housing Action Plan progress updates completed. Commentary on Sustainability Dashboard progress.	In progress and ongoing	Implementation of the Housing Action Plan, including annual monitoring of the critical housing indicators, is ongoing. With the completion of the new Township website, work continues towards a Sustainability Dashboard.

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3. Encourage the construction of all new housing for older adults, including independent or assisted living, to be located in areas that are in proximity to transit and services.	Identify what housing type older adults are interested in. Undertake a market analysis to confirm where older adults would be interested in living and identify the level/type of incentives suitable. Support the development of housing for older adults near transit and services – such as parking requirement reductions, etc. Support the development of various housing options through community plans and neighbourhood plans.	Community Development – Community and Policy Planning	Development Industry	Short term	Market analysis completed. Commentary on the housing types preferred by older adults and the feasibility of their provision near transit and services. Number of older adult, independent or assisted living housing located near transit hubs.	Completed and ongoing	The Zoning Bylaw includes reduced parking requirements for seniors housing. A variety of housing options continues to be considered through community and neighbourhood plan processes.
4. Identify ways to support contractors and developers in the introduction of accessible or adaptable features in new homes.	Collaborate with Real Estate Board, developers etc. in promoting/marketing benefits of adaptable features.	Corporate Administration	Community Development	Short term	Number of new housing developments that features accessible and adaptable features.	Completed and ongoing	The benefits of adaptable housing continue to be promoted. The adaptable housing brochure has been updated and is available on the Township website.

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5. Work with the development community to identify ways to achieve more market rental and affordable units in the community.	Hold workshop/forum with developers, real estate community, organizations and the public to identify innovative ways. Liaise with other levels of government. Create an incentive package that is supported by the development community and non-profit sector. Amend necessary policies to support outcomes.	Community Development – Community and Policy Planning	Economic Development Fraser Valley Real Estate Board Development Industry	Medium term	Workshop/forum established. Commentary on policy alternatives for achieving more rental and affordable units. Policies updated to reflect engagement outcomes.	In progress	Incentives for new affordable housing projects are outlined in the OCP, which was updated in 2016. A DCC waiver bylaw for eligible affordable housing projects was adopted in 2018. Opportunities to host a workshop/forum with community partners is being explored.
6. Advocate for additional subsidized assisted living and residential care beds to be developed in the Township.	Consider supporting new developments through incentives of leased land. Advocate for subsidized long-term care, assisted living, and residential care beds.	Corporate Administration	Fraser Health Langley Division of Family Practice Economic Development Private contractors / service providers	Medium term	Number of residential care and assisted living beds in Township.	In progress	Township and Fraser Health staff have established recurring liaison meetings to discuss community health issues.
7. Support the development of a diverse range of housing options for older adults, such as co-housing, single-level housing, and townhouses with bedrooms and bathrooms on the ground level.	Continue to support various housing options through community plans and neighbourhood plans. Encourage developers to provide a range of housing for older people. Identify incentives for housing forms that accommodate older adults, eg. parking requirement reductions.	Community Development	Economic Development	Long term - ongoing	Policies supporting various housing options included in community and neighbourhood plans. Incentives for housing forms that accommodate older adults identified.	In progress and ongoing	Community and neighbourhood plan processes consider a range of housing options, including options for older people. The Zoning Bylaw includes reduced parking requirements for seniors housing.

RESPECT & SOCIAL INCLUSION

Strategy	Specific Actions	Lead Department(s)	Key Partner(s)	Priority Level / Timeframe	Indicator / Measure	Status	Status Details
1. Support programs and educational materials to encourage respectful behaviour, combat ageism, and prevent elder abuse.	Determine/define respectful behaviours. Identify organizations/agencies that are providing training and have materials/resources on how to be respectful. Collaborate with partners in marketing and distributing materials. Support BC Association of Community Response Networks (BCACRN).	Corporate Administration	Chamber of Commerce Healthier Community Partnership RCMP BCACRN	Short term	Criteria of respectful behaviours established. Training resources and organizations have been identified. Materials distributed.	In progress	Representatives from the local Community Response Network provided a presentation to the Seniors Advisory Committee in 2019, which provided groundwork for future opportunities to collaborate in supporting programs and educational materials.
2. Encourage and promote recognition programs that acknowledge and celebrate the achievements and contributions of seniors and youth in the community.	Create eligibility criteria of community achievements. Create appropriate award(s) – "Age-friendly leader". Advertise award winners at events, facilities, and website.	Corporate Administration	Langley School District #35 Langley Senior Resources Society	Medium term	Community achievement criteria established. Awards developed and promoted at facilities and on website. Awards distributed.	In progress and ongoing	The Township continues to support the Volunteer Awards and Douglas Day.
3. Implement programs or activities associated with Seniors Week, International Day of Older Persons, Grandparents Day, Family Day, or other recognized events.	 Prepare a list of current programs and activities that foster multi-generational interaction and promotion of age-friendly values. Partner with groups to develop a campaign of marketing and initiatives that can be implemented at established events. Partner with groups in implementing the campaign. 	Parks and Recreation	Arts, Culture and Community Initiatives Langley Seniors Resource Society Healthier Community Partnership	Medium term	 List of current programs completed. Marketing campaign developed. Campaign implemented. 	Completed and ongoing	The Township continues to support activities that promote age-friendly values, including numerous events during Seniors' Week.

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4. Develop programs and initiatives to bring multiple generations together to foster mutual understanding and respect for diversity.	Review current programs and initiatives that bring multiple generations together to foster mutual understanding and respect for diversity. Identify/create appropriate programs and initiatives. Update/create necessary guidelines and programming. Schedule and develop priority programs.	Parks and Recreation	Arts, Culture and Community Initiatives Langley Senior Resources Society Langley School District #35 Other seniors- serving organizations	Medium term	 Commentary on existing multi- generational programs. Policies and programs created or revised. 	In progress	Township and SD#35 staff assessed the feasibility of a seniors and youth community gardening program in late 2018, which identified the need to further explore potential funding sources.

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1. Assess the need for additional facilities and explore opportunities to develop or co-locate facilities to serve this need.	As part of the community planning process, ensure that age-friendly facilities are considered and designed to meet residents' current and future needs. Consider the development of a library and cultural centre.	Arts, Culture, and Community Initiatives Parks and Recreation	Community Development Engineering	Ongoing	 Co-location opportunities identified. Commentary on design features to meet resident's needs at facilities. Commentary on the need for a library and cultural centre. 	Ongoing	Parks and Recreation continues to review the need for facilities as the community grows and changes. Township staff meet regularly with FVRL staff to discuss planning.
2. Review the scheduling of recreational programs for older adults to provide opportunities for those who are working to also participate in social programs, fitness, and other recreational activities.	Continually review program offerings and schedules to provide opportunities for older adults and those who are working to participate in social programs, fitness, and other recreational activities. Revise program offerings and schedule where necessary. Create necessary programs to meet needs.	Parks and Recreation	Langley Senior Resources Society Healthier Community Partnership Other seniors- serving organizations	Short term	Review of programs completed. Program options identified to increase the number of registrants with scheduling challenges. Program offerings and schedule revised.	Completed and ongoing	Parks and Recreation continually reviews its programs and event offerings. Program descriptions that target "older adults" are provided early evening, morning, and weekends.
3. Expand opportunities for jointuse agreements and partnerships with Langley School District #35.	Explore how seniors could best utilize neighbourhood learning centres. Ensure seniors can capitalize on existing neighbourhood learning centre spaces.	Parks and Recreation	• SD#35	Medium term	Commentary of exploratory findings into best use of neighbourhood learning centres. Additional jointuse agreements with Langley School District #35 established. Commentary on the opportunities that exist to expand jointuse agreements to include additional sites.	Completed and ongoing	Parks and Recreation staff meet regularly with SD#35 staff concerning new schools and Neighbourhood Learning Centres (NLC's). Opportunities exist at NLC's for seniors groups to book rooms and for seniors' activities to be undertaken.

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4. Support efforts and create more opportunities to ensure low-income residents have access to social programs and services.	Continue to offer and promote reduced admission rates to Township recreation facilities and programs. Collaborate with community service agencies and resource centres to review existing financial assistance programs to ensure low-income residents and seniors have access to social programs and services. Township to provide grants or funding for programs (LSRS). Current funding for outreach programs does not reach full client base.	Arts, Culture, and Community Initiatives Parks and Recreation	Healthier Community Partnership Langley Senior Resources Society Other seniors- serving organizations.	Medium term	Review existing financial assistance programs completed. Commentary on financial assistance programs and whether existing programs are providing opportunities for lowincome residents and seniors. Grants for funding provided.	In progress and ongoing	The Township continues to offer reduced admission rates for seniors and, in 2019, introduced a "super senior" admission rate. The Township provides a grant to the Langley Care Foundation for outreach programs, and in 2019 provided funding to the Langley Seniors Resource Society for a capital project. A review of the financial assistance program and grants program is underway.

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1. Promote health and community service resources, such as phone lines, and update seniors' website regularly.	Identify available phone lines and resources to be promoted to the community. Corporate Administration to prepare, or collage, existing promotional material – posters, email content, handouts, etc. Host resource material on website and make sure that people are aware of information. Specifically, put posters up, talk about it in relevant classes, add to leisure guide, etc. Identify a contact person that can manage the website content and receive updated information from various departments and sources. Update seniors' content on website regularly.	Corporate Administration	Parks and Recreation	Short term	Frequency of website updates. Promotional material access/inventory replenishment required by locations.	In progress and ongoing	The Township's website was updated in 2017 and includes seniors' resources. Langley.ca, supported by the Township, equally contains current data and resources. Resource material is available at various Township facilities.

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2. Identify key locations in public spaces and buildings to install senior specific information boards (e-boards) for news and resources available in the community and ensure materials are updated regularly.	Identify locations that are most appropriate and prioritize the top facilities/community spaces where information will be distributed. Consider non-Township locations. Identify a staff person who would do the updating and key contacts at each community agency or department. Develop a schedule and approach for updating the information. Some information will stay up for a short time, long, flexible, etc.	Corporate Administration	Strategic Initiatives/ Facilities Recreation, Culture, and Parks Healthier Community Partnership IT	Short term	Number of sites with information boards. Frequency of updates.	In progress	Currently being considered as part of a broader advertising and marketing review.

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3. Develop a communication strategy and approach to ensure important information reaches all residents, including those with accessibility challenges.	Develop a communication strategy for the Township. Ensure all communication tools/methods are reaching all residents, including persons with accessibility limitations. Consider new technology to allow access to Township phone services by those people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or experience difficulty with speech. Identify effective ways of public notification, eg. Outreach to seniors that don't have access to the internet or large print OCP.	Corporate Administration	Engineering Parks and Recreation Arts, Culture and Community Initiatives Community Development IT Council Committees	Short term	Development of a communication strategy.	In progress	The development of a strategic communications plan is currently underway.

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4. Establish an age- friendly communications course and resources to Township staff, businesses, and service providers to help people learn to communicate effectively with people who are hearing impaired, or have communication challenges due to stroke, dementia, or other cognitive issues, and ensure front line staff is trained in how to communicated with and serve the needs of older customers.	Identify partners. Work with relevant groups to develop communication materials and workshop curriculum to assist staff and organizations to communicate effectively with people who are hearing impaired or who have communication challenges due to stroke, dementia, or other cognitive issues. Identify a lead group to run the class/workshop for Township staff, local businesses, and service providers. Assist group with communication, funding, logistics for hosting, etc. Schedule/offer the course for staff and Council on a regular basis.	Corporate Administration	Economic Development Human Resources Engineering Parks and Recreation Arts, Culture and Community Initiatives Community Development Chamber of Commerce Healthier Community Partnership Organization to help create curriculum	Long term	Communication course developed. Frequency of course offerings. Number of registrants.	Not started	• Scheduled for 2022 – 2025.
5. Designate a community age-friendly coordinator to work with agencies and community partners.	Designate a coordinator to facilitate communication and connections among agencies and community partners. The coordinator should be responsible for providing outreach to these agencies and partners and would facilitate strategies CI-1-5, CI-3-1, and CI-5-7.	Parks and Recreation		Long term	 Position was created. Number of agencies and community partners that liaise regularly with coordinator. 	Completed	A social planner position was established in 2017 to, among other items, work with agencies and community partners. Various staff and councillors continue to work with community agencies and organizations.

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1. Review Terms of Reference for all Township committees to ensure there are no barriers to participate from older adults, youth, or person with disabilities.	Continually update Terms of Reference to ensure broad participation.	Corporate Administration	All departments with an Advisory Committee.	Ongoing	Terms of Reference updated to be more inclusive and have potential barriers removed.	Ongoing	Committee Terms of Reference are continually reviewed and updated.
2. Develop a tool kit of methods to effectively target youth and older adults in stakeholder consultation when seeking public feedback on Township initiatives.	Cooperate with other community groups to identify a tool kit of methods for effective engagement with youth and seniors. Identify other community groups to work with in identifying effective methods of engagement. Determine how the toolkit is going to be used. What does tool kit need to include? Reach out to key groups to identify engagement tools and approaches. Summarize/synthesize the findings of outreach with key groups in a guide or other document as determined earlier.	Corporate Administration	Parks and Recreation Community Development Healthier Community Partnership	Short term	Tool kit developed. Include engagement methods for youth and older adults. Commentary of number of Township departments engaged and aware of tool kit.	In progress	A draft toolkit was developed in 2018 to support the engagement program for the preparation of the Social Sustainability Strategy.

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3. Develop criteria to define age-friendly businesses with a recognizable brand and certification process.	Partner with relevant groups, such as Better Business Bureau, and Chamber of Commerce. Look to develop strategies to develop age-friendly businesses. Consider developing certification criteria.	Corporate Administration – Economic Development	Chamber of Commerce Business Associations Better Business Bureau	Short term	 Developed criteria and branding program. Number of participating businesses. 	Completed and ongoing	Age-friendly business criteria have been developed and communicated in a brochure branded "Age-Friendly Business is Good Business." A recognition program was piloted in 2018 and reactivated in 2019.
4. Develop a plan to establish a centralised volunteer bureau as a source of information and portal to match people's interests, skills, abilities, and experience with community volunteering needs,	Explore how best to implement a centralized volunteer bureau, e.g. Contracting out potential. Research other volunteer database programs/systems to maintain an inventory of volunteers or organizations needing volunteers, e.g. City of Richmond model. Review different models and assess/determine what is the most suitable tool/system for Langley. Create/assign a volunteer coordinator position to set up, train local groups, future users etc. Consider non-Township users/groups to ensure it is more effective and has greater reach.	Corporate Administration	Parks and Recreation Engineering RCMP Healthier Community Partnership Chamber of Commerce Human Resources	Medium term	Research of different models completed. Coordinator position assigned. Volunteer bureau established.	Completed	The Langley Volunteers Bureau (a local organization supported by the Township) was launched in 2017.

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5. Provide support to community organizations to develop and promote programs and events in the community.	Identify organizations, programs and events that are aligned with Township age-friendly objectives. Cooperate with organizations in the development and marketing of programs and events.	Arts, Culture, and Community Initiatives Corporate Administration		Long term	Number of organizations supported. Number of events promoted.	In progress and ongoing	Through its community grants, program the Township supports local organizations in developing community programs and events. Tourism Langley (which is funded by the Township) has redeveloped its website and now offers a community calendar. Township staff are reviewing the corporate communications policy that will explore other opportunities to promote programs and events in the community.
6. Encourage institutions and facilities to recruit volunteers of all ages for community events.	Work with local organizations to foster volunteer positions that are intergenerational and age relevant. Permit local organizations to access Volunteer Bureau once developed (LSRS). Assist organizations in screening potential volunteers.	Arts, Culture, and Community Initiatives	Parks and Recreation Langley Senior Resources Society	Long term	Number of volunteers and agencies registered with Volunteer Bureau annually.	In progress	Township volunteer programs allow a range of ages to participate. The Township's inhouse expertise in screening is shared with external agencies.

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7. Encourage local businesses to identify employment positions for person with disabilities and older adults who want to remain in or re-enter the workforce.	Lobby other levels of government to incentivize positions. Encourage businesses to provide a range of shifts. Advocate putting issue on organization's agendas.	Corporate Administration – Economic Development	Chamber of Commerce Business Associations Healthier Community Partnership	Long term	 Commentary of the extent of liaison with local businesses and the level of support. Optional: survey local businesses with positions for older adults (55+) or persons with disabilities. 	Not started	• Scheduled for 2022 – 2025.

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1. Support Fraser Health and community service providers in addressing community health needs.	Work with Fraser Health and community service providers to identify community health needs. Prioritize and identify those needs the Township can support. Consider creating programs or refining existing programs to address those needs.	Corporate Administration – Economic Development	Langley Division of Family Practice (LDFP) Healthier Community Partnership Fraser Health	Short term	 Identified priority community needs health needs. Programs created or modified to address those needs. 	Completed and ongoing	Township staff continue to collaborate with Fraser Health staff on various issues. Township and Fraser Health staff have established recurring liaison meetings to discuss community health issues. The Township currently offers many active lifestyle programs through its recreation centres.
2. Promote information and resources for older adults through the web page (www.tol.ca/seniors or Langley.ca), including ""lifelong learning" opportunities at educational institutions.	Identify of information and resources to be made available. Routinely update website with relevant information.	Corporate Administration – Economic Development	• IT	Short term	 Frequency of website updates. Information about educational opportunities have been made available on the website and on information boards at facilities. 	Completed and ongoing	Agency and resource materials are available on tol.ca/seniors and in hard copy at various Township facilities.

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3. Support efforts to draw more geriatric specialists and health care professionals to the community.	Support promoting Langley lifestyle to medical community. Lobby government for compensation for specialists. Participate/support in the recruitment strategy of the Langley Division of Family Practice (LDFP) to attract and retain GP's. Research other recruitment strategies utilized by the Economic Development department in attracting other business. Assist Health Match BC in finding placements for health care professionals.	Corporate Administration – Economic Development	• LDFP • Tourism Langley	Medium term	Research of recruitment strategies completed in collaboration with the Langley Division of Family Practice. Number of General Practitioners.	Completed and ongoing	The Township supports the LDFP medical student tour as a means to encourage future location in the community.

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4. Work with Fraser Health to develop/enhance rehab, health, and fitness related programs available through Township facilities.	Identify the health, rehab, and fitness programs that would best complement Fraser Health patients needs and improve health related outcomes. Select individuals from Recreation, Culture, and Parks and Fraser Health who will work to develop the content for each program, class, or activity. Revise/develop programs. Implement collaboratively such that Fraser Health can refer clients to Recreation, Culture, and Parks programs. Through the Healthier Community Partnerships initiative, collaborate with Fraser Health to create new programs and update existing programs. The focus will be to agree on content and referral approach, particularly for rehabilitation type programming.	Parks and Recreation	Fraser Health Langley Division of Family Practice (LDFP)	Medium term	Identified health, rehab, and fitness programs that best complement patients' needs. Number of total programs developed with Fraser Health at Township facilities.	In progress and ongoing	Parks and Recreation collaborates with Fraser Health on Cardiac Rehab and Together in Movement and Exercise programs. Work with Fraser Health and other communities is ongoing to develop consistent approaches to referral programs.

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5. Advocate for additional access to home support and inhome health services.	Identify service providers. Advocate for more home support and inhome health services. Support community health service initiatives.	Corporate Administration	Fraser Health Langley Division of Family Practice (LDFP) Healthier Community Partnerships	Medium term	 Providers of home support and in-home health services identified. Number of total home support and home health service programs and/or number of clients services. 	In progress	Township and Fraser Health staff have established recurring liaison meetings to discuss community health issues.
6. Collaborate with Fraser Health in preparation of a Master Site Plan for the Langley Memorial Hospital.	Identify staff time and collaborate with Fraser Health on plans for Langley Memorial Hospital. Comments/encourage design and planning of hospital site and buildings to be friendly to all ages. Encourage better linkages between hospitals and seniors housing facilities.	Community Development	Fraser Health Healthier Community Partnership Other Health Service Providers	Long term - ongoing	Staff time has been identified. Commentary on the amount and quality of liaising with Fraser Health and what is required for the Township to encourage better linkages between hospitals and seniors housing facilities.	In progress	Township and Fraser Health staff have established recurring liaison meetings to discuss community health issues, including site planning at Langley Memorial Hospital.
7. Encourage active living and health promotion/illness prevention for people of all ages through education; appropriate and affordable recreation programs; and accessible parks and trails.	Consider ways to further enhance existing active living and health promotion efforts for all ages. Consider ways to work with other groups in this area. Collaborate with School District #35 in developing programs.	Parks and Recreation		Long term - ongoing	 Inventory of active living and health promotion programs at Township facilities and schools. Commentary on existing programs. 	In progress and ongoing	The Township continues to promote active lifestyles and healthy living through its recreation programs and facilities, parks, and trails.