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## **AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY AND ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 7:00pm  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

### **MINUTES**

#### **Present:**

C. Clark, Community Co-Chair  
Councillor D. Davis, Council Co-Chair

K. Ballantine, J. Caldarella, P. Kathuria, V. Pontaletta, and A. Smith

#### **Staff:**

V. Gafka, Senior Manager, Economic Investment and Development  
M. Gunn, Planner, Community and Policy Planning  
R. Nelson, Senior Planner, Community and Policy Planning  
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

#### **Guests:**

A. Reeve, Langley Environmental Partners Society

R. Nelson welcomed the members back and reported that T. Knight had to step down from the committee.

#### **A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **1. Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee - September 23, 2020**

Moved by P. Kathuria,  
Seconded by J. Caldarella,  
That the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee approve  
the agenda and receive the agenda items of the September 23, 2020 meeting.  
**CARRIED**

#### **B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

##### **1. Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee - January 29, 2020**

Moved by A. Smith,  
Seconded by K. Ballantine,  
Recommendation that the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement  
Committee adopt the Minutes of the January 29, 2020 meeting.  
**CARRIED**

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**2. Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee - Notes  
February 26, 2020**

Moved by K. Ballentine,  
Seconded by J. Caldarella,  
That the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee receive  
the Notes of the February 26, 2020 meeting.

**CARRIED**

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**1. The Langley Local Farm Organization Study**

A. Reeve, Coordinator, Langley Environmental Partners Society, provided a report and presentation on the Langley Local Farm Organization Study. She noted that this study was an action item in the Agricultural Viability Strategy:

*"Farmers need a stronger voice. As the community continues to urbanize and farmer numbers decline relative to the non-farm community, it will continue to be difficult for farm-related issues to receive attention."*

*The Township of Langley, in the medium term, request the Agricultural Advisory Committee review the merits of having a local farm organization such as a Farmers' Institute to better represent the views of the entire farm community and to promote the development of a local organization if considered important by the farm community".*

The implementation of this action involved:

- Reviewing the effectiveness of farm organizations in other BC municipalities,
- Review possible models for farm organizations, and
- Report results of review.

Eleven (11) gaps were identified in the support of the agricultural community in the Township and also opportunities for agencies to fill these gaps, including partnerships.

Based on the Terms of Reference for the Local Farm Organization Study, next steps include forwarding the full report and presentation to Council for their information, and integration of the Langley Farmers' Institute.

**COUNCIL**

Moved by Kendall

Seconded by Amanda

That the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee receive the report and endorse the recommendations; and further

That staff forward the report to Council for presentation and information.

**CARRIED**

A. Reeve left the meeting at 7:26pm.

D. **REPORTS**

E. **CORRESPONDENCE**

F. **WORK PROGRAM**

1. **Fall 2020 Work Program**

Staff presented a revised and condensed 2020 Work Plan for the committee's endorsement. It was noted that the Work Plan was presented to the committee in February but due to lack of quorum, it could not be endorsed. This was the committee's first meeting since February.

**MOTION**

Moved by J. Calderella,

Seconded by P. Katuria

That the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee endorse the Fall 2020 Work Program.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL**

Moved by J. Calderella,

Seconded by P. Kathuria,

That the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee recommends that Council endorse the Fall 2020 Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Work Plan (See Attachment A).

**CARRIED**

2. **Future of Farming Task Force**

a. **Terms of Reference**

The draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Future of Farming Task Force were circulated to AAEEC members via email during the week of April 6, 2020 for comments and suggestions. As there were none, consensus was reached to endorse the TOR and they were forwarded to Council for approval on April 20, 2020. A hard copy of the TOR were presented to the AAEEC for information.

b. **Defining the Five Lenses**

The TOR will focus on the following five areas:

Future of Farming

- The Township's ability to continue to provide a welcoming environment for farmers to use normal farm practices while encouraging new farmers to

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enter the industry and the current non-farmed land in the Agriculture Land Reserve be utilized for farming.

**Farming Protection**

- The preservation of farmland and farm operations conducting normal farm practices on all available agriculture land.

**Assistance to Small and Medium Sized Farms**

- Provide assistance to Langley Farmers that identify as small and medium sized farms and are farming on a relative smaller-scale.

**Food Security**

- To encourage more locally produced food to become a more self-reliant community to deliver food to all people at all times to meet most of their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life.

or

- To encourage more locally produced food in a sustainable manner to adapt to a changing climate becoming a more self-reliant community to provide food to all people at all times.

**Regulations**

- The Township of Langley plans, strategies, bylaws, policies, and regulations that guide the use of land in the ALR and associated farming activities farmers must abide by to conduct their farming business, along with other policy and regulatory frameworks of other levels of government who have jurisdiction.

**G. COUNCIL REFERRALS**

**H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**1. Annual Farm Tour cancellation**

Staff noted that the tour had to be cancelled for 2020 due to safety protocols for COVID-19.

**2. Ministry of Agriculture Press Release – Suggested policy changes to meat processing in rural areas**

M. Gunn reported that an intention paper from the Ministry of Agriculture regarding supporting rural ranchers and abattoir operators to increase livestock production and processing, has been issued. Feedback is requested by November 16, 2020. More information can be found at the following links:

H. **OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/food-safety/meat-inspection/ministry\\_of\\_agriculture\\_intentions\\_paper\\_rural\\_slaughter\\_modernization.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/food-safety/meat-inspection/ministry_of_agriculture_intentions_paper_rural_slaughter_modernization.pdf)

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AGRI0051-001713>

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/rural-slaughter-modernization/>

I. **NEXT MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020  
**Location:** Nicomekl River Meeting Room and Zoom  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue  
**Time:** 7:00 pm

J. **TERMINATE**

Moved by J. Caldarella,  
That the meeting terminate at 8:20pm.  
**CARRIED**

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Community Representative Co-Chair

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Council Representative Co-Chair

# Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee

## Proposed Fall 2020 Work Program

The Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee proposes to undertake the following work in Fall 2020 consistent with the Committee's purpose and mandate. COVID-19 Pandemic and resulting health authority guidelines led to the suspension of meetings for much of the year. Calendar months show the approximate time and duration of the work.

Project & Associated Tasks	Sept	Oct	Nov
<b>Agricultural Viability Strategy (AVS)</b> Provide advice, support, input and direction in the implementation of AVS.	√	√	√
2.3.1 Establish a Task Force, pending Council's direction, to investigate the future of farming, the need for farming protection and assistance to small and medium sized farms, food security provisions and related regulations; and including the understanding why farmland is not being used as such and possible ideas and a review of farming bylaws	√	√	√
2.4.7 Identify next steps for the Langley Ecological Services Initiative (LESI) project			√
2.1.3 Support the completion of the research review on establishing a Langley Small Farm Network in the Township	√		
2.2.6 Contribute to the Langley Community farmers' market Society 're-visioning' process, as needed.		√	
2.4.1 Work with Metro Vancouver Air Quality branch in advancing best practices for Open Air Burning		√	
<b>Economic Development Strategy (EDS)</b> Provide advice, support, input and direction in the implementation of EDS.	O	O	O
<b>Business Resiliency – Disaster/Emergency Preparedness for Economic Recovery</b> Provide advice, support, and input as required	O	O	O
<b>Buy Local</b> Provide advice, support, input and direction, as required.	O	O	O
<b>Age-Friendly Business Recognition Program</b> Provide advice, support, and input as required for program adoption expansion	O	O	O
<b>Consider or inquire into matters as requested by Council</b> Respond to on-going requests as they arise.	√	√	√

### Key:

√ = Committee-led, Council initiative

O = On-going initiative, based on staff work programs and respective strategies such as AVS and EDS

L = Project led by the Langley Sustainable Agriculture Foundation



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## HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 7:05pm  
Nicomekl River Meeting Room and Zoom  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

### MINUTES

**Present:**

C. Boughen, Community Co-Chair  
Councillor B. Long, Council Co-Chair

T. Annandale, R. Genberg, S. Jacobsen, W. Mufford, F. Pepin, and H. Whittell

**Guest:**

G. E. MacDonell, Principal Researcher, Fraser Valley Heritage Research Services

**Staff:**

J. Aldag, Cultural Services Manager  
E. Horricks, Heritage Planner  
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

#### **A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Heritage Advisory Committee  
October 7, 2020**

Moved by T. Annandale,  
Seconded by H. Whittell,  
That the Heritage Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the  
agenda items of the October 7, 2020 meeting.  
**CARRIED**

#### **B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Heritage Advisory Committee  
September 2, 2020**

Moved by H. Whittell,  
Seconded by T. Annandale,  
That the Heritage Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the September 2,  
2020 meeting.  
**CARRIED**

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Langley's Historic Railways**

G. MacDonell, Principal Researcher of Fraser Valley Heritage Research Services, provided a presentation on the Great Northern Railway (GNR) and its history in Langley. The GNR was founded in 1889 by James Jerome Hill who purchased the Vancouver, Victoria, and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company (VV&E) in 1897 from William Mackenzie and Donald Mann. Mackenzie and Mann also owned the charter for the Vancouver, Fraser Valley and Southern Railway, a line that later became the British Columbia Electric Railway's Fraser Valley line. The GNR had over 400 amalgamations in its lifetime, and has now formed the nucleus of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) coastal route from Blaine, Washington to Vancouver, British Columbia. The BNSF main line from the Fraser River Junction across the New Westminster Bridge to Vancouver is still shared today with CN.

He provided further detail on the history of the people and the stations that formed the line through Langley, and concluded his presentation with a brief overview of the two other railways that also served Langley in the early part of the twentieth century.

The committee conveyed their appreciation to G. MacDonnell for his detailed presentation, and expressed an interest in receiving a copy of the presentation. Staff will forward the presentation documents to the committee membership.

**D. REPORTS**

**1. Co-Chairs' Reports**

No reports.

**2. Heritage Planner's Report**

E. Horricks reported that the final call for applications to the Heritage Building Incentive Program is Friday, October 9 at 4:30pm. The Heritage Review Panel will review applications during the week of October 19.

**3. Museum Manager's Report**

J. Aldag reported that the Museum has been given approval by the Emergency Operations Centre for a soft reopening on an appointment basis. The goal is to be open by Remembrance Day to small groups who have pre-booked. "The Roaring 20's" exhibit is now online.

**4. Heritage Review Panel**

No report.



**D. REPORTS**

**5. Douglas Day 2020 Planning Committee Report**

R. Genberg noted that in lieu of an event this year, correspondence is being sent to those who would have attended providing updated details on the 2020 pioneers.

**6. Museum Advisory Group Report**

F. Pepin reported that the Museum Advisory Group had a workshop with the museum consultants to provide input on the layout of the new building, and added that the MAG is pleased with the plans.

**E. CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Letter from the Langley Heritage Society re: the water supply for the Murrayville Pumphouse**

Correspondence was received from the Langley Heritage Society expressing concern that the Murrayville Pumphouse has been altered by turning off the water without any consultation. It was noted that when the water was tested it showed a higher than acceptable level of arsenic, so the pump was shut off until the problem can be rectified. The Manager of Engineering Operations will provide an update on the background and status of the Murrayville Pumphouse water at the November 4 meeting.

**2. Emails from W. Martin re: Murrayville five corners development**

Correspondence was received from W. Martin, regarding his concerns with the recently proposed development at five corners in Murrayville. An additional email was also received and provided on-table from Mr. Martin expressing further concerns. It was noted that the proposal received first and second reading from Council on October 5 and will be going to Public Hearing on October 26, 2020.

**Action:** Staff to draft a letter of reply to Mr. Martin regarding both emails received, referring him to the Heritage Advisory Committee's decision of September 2, and asking him to direct any further correspondence to Council as part of the Public Hearing for this project.

**F. 2020 WORK PROGRAM**

**1. Update on the Heritage Register Evaluation Methodology and Criteria**

E. Horricks commented that staff is currently working with the consultant to tailor the Heritage Register criteria to the Langley context. The revised criteria seeks to encompass the values used to establish significance in the past, while expanding the criteria to respond to themes identified in the Thematic Framework endorsed in 2016. A presentation to the committee along with further discussion on the proposed methodology is planned for the December meeting.

**F. 2020 WORK PROGRAM**

**2. Heritage Register Recognition Program**

Staff noted that the most recent additions to the Register are sites that have been under restoration this past year, including the Murrayville Elementary School and the Rizun Residence. The school is now complete and the residence is still under construction.

The committee recommended that the Murrayville Elementary School be recognized with a bronze plaque in 2021, and noted that further plaques can be considered pending updates from staff on the progress of their construction. Staff will provide a construction update on the Rizun Residence at the November meeting. The annual presentation of plaques has typically taken place during Heritage Week, which occurs during the third week of February each year.

**MOTION**

Moved by T. Annandale,

Seconded by W. Mufford.

That the owners of the Murrayville Elementary School project be awarded a Heritage Building Recognition Plaque in 2021.

**CARRIED**

**3. Update on the Township's Heritage Inventory**

Staff reported that the Heritage Inventory review is almost complete and the Inventory will be live on the Township website soon. This initiative completes goal 8.1 of the Heritage Strategy related to making heritage information more accessible, through preparing digital mapping for inventoried sites within the Township's GIS system, and developing online access to the Heritage Program and the Community Heritage Register.

Staff also provided an overview to the committee of all the aspects of the heritage program that are now online. A question was raised regarding how this information might be made easier to locate on the landing page of the Township's website. Staff will look into possible ways to achieve this and report back to the committee at a future meeting.

**G. COUNCIL REFERRALS**

**H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**1. Langley Heritage Society Update**

F. Pepin commented that the tourist activities at the CN Train Station in Fort Langley have stopped due to COVID-19, but many people are still visiting the site daily. A new eco-roof has recently been installed on the station building with good results. The same roofing is being considered by the society for the historic Wark/Dumais Residence located at Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

**H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**2. Alder Grove Heritage Society Update**

H. Whittell commented that the Telephone Museum had a day at the Legion to display many of its artifacts, and had over 80 people attend. The society also held their Annual General Meeting recently where they appointed new members and directors.

**3. Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program  
(Deadline: October 29, 2020)**

Provided in package for information.

**4. Heritage BC Update, September 30, 2020**

Provided in package in information.

**5. Fraser Highway Mile Marker Locations in the City of Langley**

A question was raised regarding whether the committee should reach out to the City of Langley to see if they are interested in reconstructing the last two mile markers through their jurisdiction to complete the Fraser Valley Marker project for both of the Langleys.

**MOTION**

Moved by T. Annandale,

Seconded by S. Jacobsen,

That the Heritage Advisory Committee ask staff to contact the City of Langley Engineering department to see if they are interested in borrowing the Township's mould to reconstruct the two Fraser Highway mile markers that are missing in the City of Langley.

**CARRIED**

**6. Presentation on Langley's Railways**

Following receipt of the evening's presentation from G. MacDonnell, the committee expressed an interest in exploring an interpretive railway initiative related for the historic GNR in the Township.

**MOTION**

Moved by C. Boughen,

Seconded by H. Whittell,

That an interpretive history project related to the GNR be added to the preliminary list of work plan items for consideration in 2021.

**CARRIED**

**6. On table email received from W. Martin regarding the proposed Murrayville five corners development**

See item E.2.

H. **OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

7. **Climate Action Strategy Survey**

In response to recent correspondence from staff regarding a Climate Action Strategy survey, members of the committee expressed an interest in receiving a presentation on the proposed strategy currently being developed by the Township. Staff will arrange a presentation for the November meeting.

I. **NEXT MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, November 4, 2020  
**Location:** Nicomekl River Meeting Room and Zoom  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue  
**Time:** 7:00pm

J. **TERMINATE**

Moved by T. Annandale,  
Seconded by S. Jacobsen,  
That the meeting terminate at 9:06pm  
**CARRIED**

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Community Representative Co-Chair

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Council Representative Co-Chair

Township of  
**Langley**



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## RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 14, 2020 at 7:00pm  
Nicomekl River Meeting Room and virtual Zoom Meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

### MINUTES

**Present:**

E. Erickson (Community Co-Chair)  
Councillor K. Richter (Council Co-Chair)

D. Gendron, M. Jackstien, D. Kang, K. Ludlam, and M. Pratt

**School Board Representative:**

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**Staff:**

P. Tulumello, Director, Arts, Culture, and Community Initiatives  
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

#### **A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee - October 14, 2020**

Moved by M. Jackstien,  
Seconded by D. Gendron,  
That the Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee approve the  
agenda and receive the agenda items of the October 14, 2020 meeting.  
**CARRIED**

#### **B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

##### **1. Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee – September 9, 2020**

Moved by K. Ludlam,  
Seconded by M. Pratt,  
Recommendation that Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee adopt  
the Minutes of the September 9, 2020 meeting.  
**CARRIED**

## **C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Heritage Centre Update**

P. Tulumello provided an overview of the new Fort Langley Museum and Heritage Centre, “Salishan Place by the River”. He noted that Council recently approved Demolition and Development Permits for the building site. Houses on the properties are currently being prepared for demolition, and a hazardous materials assessment is underway. Prior to the issuance of permits, designs for the new centre were presented to the Heritage Advisory Committee who reviewed the plan’s adherence to heritage guidelines. The committee provided additional input on facility design and grounds aesthetics.

The first floor will house the library, a café kiosk, two exhibition halls, and school program spaces. The second floor will house the First Nations Museum, a community archive, print making studio, and collection storage area. All of the Township’s artefacts, documents, photographs and art collection can be stored in one location, once the centre is built. The third floor will have a 167-seat presentation theatre and a reception area, with access to a rooftop amenity space which will be ideal for conferences and large gatherings.

The outdoor landscape will have numerous green spaces including a rain forest style path and indigenous gardens. The indigenous gardens will include many plant species that were used by First Nations for medicinal and spiritual purposes. An outdoor gathering area will provide for programs and events and the hill slope on the south side of the building could be developed into a future amphitheatre. A green roof, green parking lot, and green buffer beside the residential will also be included. The old Booth Store delivery bus that was restored in 2007 but in storage for all these years, will be part of the permanent displays at the new facility.

Site preparation and building construction will begin in 2021 with an official opening goal of April 24, 2023, coinciding with the Township of Langley’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## **D. REPORTS**

### **1. Co-Chairperson’s Report**

Councillor Richter reported that Council received an update from staff regarding the opening of WC Blair Recreation Centre (WCB) pool. This pool was chosen to open first over Walnut Grove Community Centre (WGC) pool because it is easier to control access and cleaning, and it also hosts many therapeutic programs. Some Councillors questioned the validity of opening this pool before WGC pool and have asked staff to come back with options to open WGC pool first. This will be discussed further at the next Council meeting. Council will also be receiving public input regarding the future of the Fort Langley outdoor pool site.

Metro Vancouver Parks is accepting public input regarding the Campbell Valley Park and the park will continue to have dog and horse trails when the new bike trail is added. The purpose of the bike trail is to keep bikes and animals

**D. REPORTS**

separated. Metro Vancouver Parks have shattered all previous attendance records during the pandemic.

The Social Sustainability Strategy and the Child Care Action Plan have been referred to the Council Process Committee to review whether some of the activities in these plans are in the realm of the Township's jurisdiction.

A rainbow crosswalk between the RCMP building and the School Board office has been approved.

**E. CORRESPONDENCE**

**F. WORK PROGRAM**

**1. Museum Advisory Group**

K. Ludlam reported that the Museum Advisory Group has been asked to provide input regarding future exhibits and programs at the new museum. She will report back to the committee when a final report has been completed.

**G. COUNCIL REFERRALS**

**H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**N. NEXT MEETING**

**Date:** THURSDAY, November 12, 2020  
**Location:** Nicomekl River Meeting Room and virtual Zoom meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue  
**Time:** 7:00 pm

**O. TERMINATE**

Moved by D. Gendron,  
Seconded by M. Jackstien,  
That the meeting terminate at 8:00pm  
**CARRIED**

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Community Representative Co-Chair

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Council Representative Co-Chair