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Mayor's Message



Langley City Council supports many non-profit groups and organizations whose services are enjoyed by residents of the City through our Community Grant program. Another way Council supports

local organizations and businesses is by attending local events, fundraisers and activities. This is one of the more glamorous roles that Council enjoys when we are not performing official duties and responsibilities.

To give you a little inside peek into the more exciting aspects of Council's role as elected officials, we were fortunate last weekend to celebrate the 2017 Langley Baseball Opening Day at City Park alongside baseball players, parents and coaches. The Langley Baseball Association has been a dedicated volunteer-based organization within the Langleys for over 50 years.

Upcoming Programs & Events:

April 19th

[National Film Day](#)

April 29th

[Pitch-In Day](#)

May 7th

[Langley Walk](#)



National Canadian Film Day 150

- Location: Grand Sheraton City Hall - 20380 Douglas Street
- Date: April 19, 2017
- Film Schedule: 10am-12:30pm - The Red Shoes (1948) - Rated PG
1pm-3pm - The Snow Maker (2013) - Rated PG
3:30pm-6:30pm - Blankets (2013) - Rated 14+





(Right to Left: Councillor Val van den Broek, Councillor Nathan Pachal, Councillor Paul Albrecht, Gayle Martin, Mayor Ted Schaffer and the newest Langley Baseball board member eLBe)

We also had the pleasure of participating as a team at last weekend's Big Brothers Big Sisters of Langley "Bowl for Kids Sake" hosted by Willowbrook Lanes. I would like to personally congratulate Big Brothers Big Sisters of Langley and event participants on raising funds in support of mentoring programs in our community. They have raised almost \$8,000, over halfway to meeting their goal!

As the rainy weather subsides (hopefully?!) and the sun starts beaming down, many of the ongoing infrastructure renewal projects will be moving toward completion, and the newly approved park and trail upgrades will get started. All of these projects will continue to move us into the future as a vibrant, safe and healthy community!

Sincerely,



Volunteer Today!

- Time: 8:30am to 12:30pm
- Location: Milliken Plaza - 2550 River Hwy
- Date: April 23, 2017
- Pre-Registration is not required.
- Participants arrive during the event and stay as long as you like.

Mayor Ted Schaffer



Langley City's First Roundabout

Information on How to Use a Roundabout

A roundabout is a circular intersection without stop signs or traffic signals. Traffic flows counterclockwise around a central island.

The benefits? Roundabouts improve traffic flow. They reduce serious crashes, injuries and fatalities because they virtually eliminate the chance of a head-on or right-angle collisions. They improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Roundabouts can even reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Tips for drivers

- You'll see crosswalks on the entry legs to the roundabout. You need to yield to any pedestrians or cyclists in the crosswalk and be sure you don't block it.
- Yield to traffic that's already inside the roundabout—it has the right of way.
- Drive counter-clockwise within the asphalt lane.
- There is usually a raised or coloured apron around the centre island in the roundabout. It's there for large trucks and emergency vehicles only. Stay off that area.

BCRPA-registered activity coach

- Developing a physical activity plan that fits into your routine
- Regular phone check-ins with your activity coach to keep you on track
- Four group meetings for learning, encouragement, and motivation

**It is not a fitness class or a personal trainer*

Choose to Move offers a gentle nudge and support to get you moving!

JOIN US!

Mark your calendars!

2017 Langley RCMP Town Hall Meetings

Please join us for our 3rd Annual Community Connections

Building our community

Walnut Grove/Fort Langley/Wiloughby Thursday May 4, 2017 6:30 pm Township of Langley Civic Centre (Fraser River Room 4th Floor) 20338 - 65 Avenue Langley, BC	Aldergrove Thursday May 11, 2017 6:30 pm Betty Gilbert Middle School (Gym) 26845 - 27th Avenue Aldergrove, BC
Brookwood/Murrayville Thursday May 18, 2017 6:30 pm Brookwood Secondary School (Small Gym) 20902 - 37A Avenue Langley, BC	City of Langley Thursday May 25, 2017 6:30 pm H.D. Stafford Middle School (Large Gym) 20441 Grade Crescent Langley, BC

distracted driving in B.C.

78 On average **78** people die every year in crashes where distracted driving is a contributing factor.

Distracted driving is responsible for more than **one quarter** (27%) of all car crash fatalities in B.C.

When you're distracted, you react slower. Most rear-end crashes resulting in injury are **caused by distracted drivers**.

did you know?

There are many types of distractions, but one of the **most common** is the use of personal electronic devices.

Studies show that drivers who are talking on a cellphone lose about **50%** of what is going on around them, visually!

5X You're **five times** more likely to crash if you're on your phone.

94% of B.C. drivers surveyed consider texting while driving to be risky, including 82% indicating extremely risky!

Approximately **2 out of 5** B.C. drivers admit to using their phone at least some of the time while driving.

the rules

The use of hand-held personal electronic devices while driving

The law also applies while you're stopped

- Keep moving while you're in the roundabout. If an emergency vehicle approaches, don't block its path.
- When you're leaving the roundabout, signal a right turn just before you exit. That lets drivers waiting to enter the roundabout and pedestrians waiting to cross know your intentions.
- Yield to pedestrians crossing the exit lane.

Tips for cyclists

- Cyclists can ride either with traffic or on the cycling pathway.
- If you're riding on the road, merge with traffic before you enter the roundabout.
- If you're using the cycle path:
 - Enter the roundabout via the ramp that extends from the shoulder of the road.
 - Watch your speed when you're on the pathway, and be aware of pedestrians.
 - Dismount and use the marked crosswalks to cross the intersecting streets.

Tips for pedestrians

- When you're crossing the legs of a roundabout, always use the marked crosswalks.
- Just like crossing any road, wait for a gap in traffic, or until all vehicles are stopped.
- Don't cross to the centre island.
- Be aware of cyclists sharing the crosswalk and pathways.

View the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure video on Roundabouts [here](#).

has been banned in B.C. since 2010. at a red light or slowed in traffic.

\$368 The penalty for using a hand-held electronic device while driving is a \$368 fine and four penalty points (\$175) for a total of **\$543**.

Multiple offences within a year* could cost you more than you think.

fifth offence	tenth offence
\$1,840 (3308 + 5 tickets) + \$3,760 penalty point premiums	\$3,680 (3308 + 10 tickets) + \$14,520 penalty point premiums
Total \$5,600	Total \$18,200

If you have your L or N, you're not allowed to use any personal electronic devices, even with a hands-free system.

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- Focus on the road and your driving. Avoid distractions. The best way to stay safe is to not use your phone at all, but if you must take a call, use a hands-free device and keep the conversation short.
- Make sure your hands-free device can be activated or deactivated with a single touch and is in a fixed location.

Source: BC's Access Information System, Police Traffic Accident System. *50 offences are applied within the 18-month period in relation to your 18-month. Penalties are available on [lic.com](#). Traffic safety penalties have decreased from 2010 to 2015.

This material was developed in a collaboration between Professor D.L. Strayer University of MD at a conference called "Cell Phones and Driver Distraction" (2015).

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Choose to Move

Are you 65+ and looking for
motivation to get physically active?



Choose to Move Starts April 24th

*Langley City aims to help seniors to set and meet
their fitness goals*

For Immediate Release

Langley City, BC – The Recreation, Culture & Community Department is partnering with the BC Recreation and Parks Association and the University of British Columbia's Centre for Hip Health and Mobility to pilot a new and exciting program, Choose to Move, which aims to help seniors (65+) to set and meet their physical activity goals.

The Choose to Move program is a six-month activity support program aims to assist people over 65+ years that are not currently active but want to become physically active again.

Program participants will meet at Timms Community Centre, 20399 Douglas Crescent, to work one-on-one with a certified activity coach to develop a personalized fitness plan that fits with their preferences and lifestyle. The Program includes private consultations, four group meetings for encouragement and motivation, and regular phone check-ins. For the first three months, participants will meet with their activity coach for guidance and will connect at least once a month with peers and their

coach for support. Unlike a fitness class, participants don't have to go to a gym or class; instead, they get to build their plan based on what they like to do.

“Choose to Move is a unique fitness program as it allows participants to choose how they want to be active and offers the support to guide them throughout the process, making it much more likely that they will continue with a healthier, more active lifestyle for life” said Christine Daum, Recreation Supervisor at Timms Community Centre.

Registration has already begun, and the *Choose to Move pilot program starts Monday, April 24, 2017 and costs \$40+ GST*. Subsidies are available for those in financial need. To find out more contact Christine Daum at 604.514.2941.



Recycle Grease!

The City of Langley operations division has been experiencing call-outs for sewer back-ups caused by Grease in many areas of the City. With restaurants, it is easy to pinpoint the problem property and work with the commercial kitchens to install and maintain properly sized grease traps, but with residential areas, it is harder to pinpoint a single culprit. These problems add up to increased operational costs which

can affect our City's tax rate – but they are easy to prevent. Instead of pouring grease down the drain or emptying food into a sink –garburator or garbage disposal – scrape or wipe pots and pans into your green bin.

If you live in a condo or apartment that does not have green bins available – talk to your strata or building manager about adding this service. Large amounts of grease – such as deep fryer oil – can be dropped off at some [recycling facilities](#).

For more information [click here](#).

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