



## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025 AT 6:00 p.m.  
Langley City Hall  
20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley, BC

### A G E N D A

- 1) **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
- 2) **AGENDA**  
Adoption of the March 13, 2025 agenda
- 3) **MINUTES**  
Adoption of the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting held February 13, 2025
- 4) **DISCUSSION**
  1. Earth Day
  2. 2025 Committee Work Plan
- 5) **STANDING ITEMS**  
N/A
- 6) **ROUND TABLE**  
N/A

### ADJOURNMENT

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### FUTURE MEETING DATES

- April 10, 2025; May 15, 2025; June 12, 2025; July 10, 2025; September 11, 2025; October 9, 2025; November 13, 2025; December 11, 2025

Please notify Natasha Loewen at [nloewen@langleycity.ca](mailto:nloewen@langleycity.ca) of your **confirmed attendance** to be able to meet the quorum requirements to hold the meetings.



## MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Langley City Hall – CKF Room  
20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley, BC

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025 AT 6:07 P.M.

- Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair  
Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Vice Chair  
Amika Watari, Youth Representative  
Lisa Boughen, Member at Large  
Lisa Dreves, Langley Field Naturalists  
Navneet Sandu, Member at Large
- Staff: David Pollock, Director, Engineering, Parks & Environment  
Natasha Loewen, Clerk, Engineering, Parks & Environment
- Absent: Ellen Hall, Member at Large, with regrets  
Mallory Palliyaguru, Member at Large, with regrets  
Nichole Marples, Langley Environmental Partners Society, with regrets  
Perry Browne, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, with regrets

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The Chair acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations.

### 1. AGENDA

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the FEBRUARY 13, 2025 Agenda for the Environmental Sustainability Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

### 2. MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the DECEMBER 12, 2024 Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting be adopted as amended relating to item 5.2 of Mountain Equipment Company, instead of Mountain Equipment Co-op.

CARRIED

### **3. DISCUSSION**

1. Introduction of New Committee Members
  - 1.1. Welcome and brief orientation of the new members.
2. Earth Day 2025
  - 2.1. Scheduled on April 26, from 10am to 2pm, with setup tentatively at 9am.
  - 2.2. Members are encouraged to volunteer at the event and to bring family and friends.
  - 2.3. Metro Vancouver is interested in participating in the event and is considering showing the water wagon display. Staff Liaison to coordinate attendance with Metro Vancouver.
    - 2.3.1. Staff Liaison to coordinate water supply with the Parks Department, as the Committee expressed concerns regarding the feasibility of supplying water.
  - 2.4. Councillor Paul Albrecht to coordinate with the Nutrifor (Biosolids) department at Metro Vancouver to gauge interest in attending the event.
  - 2.5. Staff Liaison noted that Tera Edell with the Recreation Department has confirmed that Douglas Park has been reserved for the event as the Committee was waiting for final confirmation.
  - 2.6. There was discussion around the various types of workshops for the event and the Committee agreed on leaf imprinting.
  - 2.7. Staff Liaison confirmed that the washrooms would likely still be closed at Douglas Park and noted that toilet trailers would be more favorable than porta-potties. Nichole Marples of LEPS budgeted for porta-potties but will email Staff Liaison to confirm funding.
  - 2.8. The Committee discussed requesting donation prizes for the event. B&B Contracting Group (contractor for the Fraser One-Way project) is delighted to provide prizes for the event. MEC will also provide prizes.
  - 2.9. The Arts Display has removed the age categories this year and replaced with 2D art and 3D art categories for any age to enter. The applications will be displayed at City Hall prior to the event and the winners will be awarded by People's Choice. The winners will be announced at the Earth Day event.
  - 2.10. Councillor Rosemary Wallace will distribute the Art Display poster to surrounding schools and the Raphael House. The Committee is encouraged to share with the community, friends and family.
  - 2.11. Staff Liaison has been coordinating with Earthday.org regarding a workshop at the event about renewable energy-related projects with the 2025 Earth Day theme, Our Power, Our Planet. The Committee discussed the workshop and expressed that the slogan might not align with the event.
  - 2.12. The Committee is eager to have KPU attend the event to present local and edible plants.
  - 2.13. The Committee discussed the Station Café's potential attendance at the event to provide an indigenous perspective. Staff Liaison to connect with the café to gauge interest regarding attendance at the event.
3. ESC Work Plan
  - 3.1. The Committee discussed the 2024 accomplishments and the draft objectives for this year. City staff to compile the draft and email to committee members to review.
  - 3.2. A brief update to the 2024 ESC Work Plan is as follows:
    - 3.2.1. The UFMS bylaw is nearly complete. There are two (2) workshops anticipated with the Committee in 2025.
    - 3.2.2. Repair-it Café events will be recurring throughout the year.
    - 3.2.3. Langley City received the Bat Friendly Community certification.

- 3.2.4. The Sustainability Charter is in progress with Perry Browne and City staff.
- 3.2.5. The Nicomekl River cleanup is tentatively scheduled on August 16, 2025.

#### **4. STANDING ITEMS**

- 1. City Provided Gabage, Green Waste, Dog Waste and Recycling Containers
  - 1.1. Staff Liaison proposed a pilot project of segregated waste bins for City staff to implement at trail heads and City parks.

#### **5. ROUND TABLE**

- 1. Councillor Rosemary Wallace to connect with Metro Vancouver regarding the Air Quality presentation for the Committee.
- 2. There was discussion around Alyssa Purse's application to join the Committee. There isn't currently a member at large position open, but the Committee acknowledges the benefit of having additional resources on the Committee. Staff Liaison to discuss the possibility of adding an additional position with the Administrative Department.
- 3. The Committee discussed the following events:
  - 3.1. LFN backyard bird count this weekend.
  - 3.2. LFN butterfly presentation at Fort Langley Hall.
  - 3.3. Derby Reach Brae Island Park Association AGM on February 24 at Fort Langley Community Hall.
  - 3.4. LFN Birds & Bryophytes on March 13 at Derby Reach Park.
  - 3.5. LEPS and MEC Repair-it Café on March 8 at MEC Langley.
  - 3.6. LFN invasive plant pulls in May and June at Portage Park.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:51 pm.

CARRIED

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CHAIR

Certified Correct:

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Director of Engineering, Parks & Env.

# Environmental Sustainability Committee 2025 Work Plan

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## Mandate

The overall mandate of the Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) is to provide advice to Council with respect to environmental sustainability issues which is consistent with the City of Langley's Strategic Plan.

## Objective

Specific responsibilities of the Committee include, but are not limited to, the following:

- To provide advice to Council on a wide range of existing and emerging environmental sustainability issues and trends including strategic planning initiatives, bylaws, and policy development;
- To provide a local perspective on the environment while giving due consideration to the balance between social, environmental and economic aspects;
- To identify and review opportunities for environmental protection and enhancement within the City and advise Council of the same;
- To advise Council on issues of environmental importance to stakeholder groups and to the community at large; and
- To identify and advise on ways to build local environmental awareness and promote environmental stewardship within the City.

## Action Plan Items

Action Items	Timeline	Responsibility	Expected Outcomes	Resources
<b>Objective 1</b>				
A. Earth Day	Q1 – April 26, 2025: Event	Nichole Marples to spearhead	Increased public awareness and participation	Recreation staff support
		ESC Members as needed		
<b>Objective 2</b>				
A. Annual Tree Planting Strategy	Q2/Q3	Organization: ESC & Staff Liaison Plating: Parks Department		Different neighborhood each year
<b>Objective 3</b>				
A. UFMS – Workshops (Tree Bylaw & Tree Inventory)		Private or city trees? How strict?		Climate action program provides funding each year
<b>Objective 3</b>				
A. Climate Action Goals				Metro Vancouver publishes tool kits
<b>Objective 4</b>				
A. Community Gardens				High in demand? Introduce new gardens? LEPS manages
<b>Objective 5</b>				
A. Sustainability Charter (Educate & Empower, Definition of Sustainability, Tree Bylaw)			Education & Action	

## Potential Items if Priority Items Complete

Action Items	Timeline	Responsibility	Expected Outcomes	Resources
Identify specific action items integral to the stated objective (add or delete objectives or rows as needed).	Identify estimated timeline and/or end date for action items.	Identify working groups, subcommittees, and/or committee member(s) responsible for completing each action item, as appropriate.	Outline expected achievements and deliverables from each action item. Ideally, these are measurable indicators of success.	Identify any resources (e.g. staff liaison, City staff other than staff liaison, City funds) that will be needed in order to complete the action items. <i>(See Notes below)</i>
<b>Objective 6</b>				
A. Rain barrels LEPS program				Not enough time?
<b>Objective 7</b>				
A. Mini Forest				10m x 10m with 300 plants Derek Doubleday Arboretum
<b>Objective 8</b>				
A. Bee Friendly City				Langley Bee Club
<b>Objective 9</b>				
A. TBD				

**Notes:**

*The advisory body may undertake multiple initiatives; however, if staff resources are required, the advisory body shall undertake only one initiative at a time. The advisory body does not have the authority to give direction to staff or to commit to expenditure of funds. Action recommended by the advisory body must be done by resolution to City Council and with their approval prior to implementation.*