



## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 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 April 10, 2025 agenda
- 3) **MINUTES**  
Adoption of the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting held March 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

- 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, MARCH 13, 2025 AT 6:01 P.M.

Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair  
Amika Watari, Youth Representative  
Ellen Hall, Member at Large  
Lisa Boughen, Member at Large  
Lisa Dreves, Langley Field Naturalists  
Navneet Sandu, Member at Large  
Nichole Marples, Langley Environmental Partners Society

Staff: Perry Browne, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator  
Natasha Loewen, Clerk, Engineering, Parks & Environment  
Tera Edell, Recreation Supervisor

Absent: Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Vice Chair, with regrets  
Mallory Palliyaguru, Member at Large, with regrets  
David Pollock, Director, Engineering, Parks & Environment, 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 MARCH 13, 2025 Agenda for the Environmental Sustainability Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

### 2. MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the FEBRUARY 13, 2025 Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting be adopted as amended relating to item 3.2.12 should be KFN instead of KPU.

CARRIED

### **3. DISCUSSION**

1. Earth Day 2025
  - 1.1. Scheduled on April 26, from 10am to 2pm, with setup tentatively at 9am.
  - 1.2. Nichole Marples of LEPS has been coordinating with Metro Vancouver regarding the water wagon display. Nichole to confirm Metro Vancouver's requirements (water and power) and update Tera Edell.
  - 1.3. The Committee discussed the amount of detergent that is required for washing clothes, and that less could be used. Councillor Paul Albrecht is gaining further information from Metro Vancouver, and the topic may be included with the water wagon display.
  - 1.4. Tera Edell confirmed the Recreation Centre, washrooms and parking lot are still under construction.
  - 1.5. The City may be renting semi-permanent toilets as the washrooms are under construction. Tera Edell, Perry Browne and David Pollock to discuss if the semi-permanent toilets will be available at the event.
  - 1.6. The Committee discussed the possibility of the art competition entries being transported to Douglas Park to be displayed at the event. Staff support tentatively requested for transporting the entries.
  - 1.7. There was discussion around the possibility of having live music on stage and it was confirmed there is a power source on stage.
  - 1.8. Nichole Marples of LEPS has requested 150 native plants for the event.
  - 1.9. The Crime Prevention Committee will manage the bike valet. There was consensus that the bike valet should be close to the stage and the HUB e-bike trials to gain more attention. Perry Browne to coordinate fencing.
  - 1.10. Amika Watari suggested a videographer for the event and will forward the details to Natasha Loewen to obtain the guide and regulations.
  - 1.11. There was discussion around KFN's edible plants booth, and Nichole Marples of LEPS will connect with KFN to gauge interest in attending.
  - 1.12. The Station Café is interested in attending with a booth focusing on social development and the café's story.
  - 1.13. Nichole Marples of LEPS to email updated information to Tera Edell to coordinate City website updates.
  - 1.14. City Staff will be on site on April 26 at 8:30am to transport material from City Hall to Douglas Park.
  - 1.15. There was discussion on planting a tree in the community garden as the tree planting was successful in 2024. Due to lack of space in the garden, the tree planting will be on hold for 2025.
  - 1.16. There was agreement that a bat booth would be welcomed. Lisa Dreves of LFN to coordinate.
2. ESC Work Plan
  - 2.1. The Committee discussed the draft objectives for this year.
    - 2.1.1. There is demand for more community gardens, but LEPS does not have the capacity to coordinate additional gardens. Perry Browne and David Pollock to review capacity with the Operations and Parks departments.
    - 2.1.2. There was discussion around the hazard of dog waste left around city parks and streams and the need for additional signage at trail heads. The Committee to discuss the best approach and put forth to Council for funding approval.
    - 2.1.3. There is interest from the Committee in becoming a bee friendly city.

**4. STANDING ITEMS**

N/A

**5. ROUND TABLE**

1. Additional Members
  - 1.1. Council approved the senior member at large position, which is open for applications.
2. There is a UFMS presentation for a tree bylaw tentatively scheduled for the May meeting.
3. LEPS hosting Seedy Saturday on March 22.
4. LEPS' rain barrel sale details to follow at the next meeting.
5. Climate Crisis Action Partners inquired with LEPS if Langley City would be interested in green walls that provide shade in various parks. Lisa Dreves of LFN to provide more information when available.
6. The Citizens' Assembly welcoming party will be at the Station Café on March 15.
7. There was agreement that the Volunteer Appreciation event was favorable, and there were no complaints.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:44 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
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 1</b>				
A. Earth Day	Q1 – April 26, 2025: Event	Nichole Marples to spearhead ESC Members as needed	Increased public awareness and participation	City staff support
<b>Objective 2</b>				
A. Increase & Preserve Tree Canopy	Q2/Q3	Perry Browne ESC Members are needed	Tree planting strategy, mini forest	City staff support
<b>Objective 3</b>				
A. UFMS Workshops (Tree Bylaw & Tree Inventory)	Q4	Perry Browne ESC Members are needed		Staff Liaison
<b>Objective 4</b>				
Bat Friendly Community	Q2/Q3	ESC Members to consider strategies for implementation	Education, advertising for bat week in October 2025	City staff – bat houses?
<b>Objective 5</b>				
A. Climate Action Goals (Walkability & Dog Waste)	Q2	ESC Members to propose a strategy	Supporting bike lanes, buses Education around dog waste	Signage & bags for dog waste Bylaws, fines?
<b>Objective 6</b>				
A. Additional Community Gardens	Q4	ESC Members – container gardens		
<b>Objective 7</b>				
A. Sustainability Charter (Educate & Empower, Definition of Sustainability)	Q4		Education & Action	

## Potential Items if Priority Items Complete

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Objective 8				
A. Bee Friendly City				
Objective 9				

**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.*