



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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 October 9, 2025 agenda
- 3) **MINUTES**
Adoption of the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting held September 11, 2025
- 4) **DISCUSSION**
 1. Earth Day 2026
 2. Work Plan Standing Items
- 5) **STANDING ITEMS**
 1. Finalize Salmon Release Signs
- 6) **ROUND TABLE**
N/A

ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- November 13, 2025; December 11, 2025

Please notify Natasha Loewen at 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, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 AT 6:04 P.M.

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

Staff: Perry Browne, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator
Natasha Loewen, Clerk, Engineering, Parks & Environment

Absent: Alyssa Purse, Member at Large, with regrets
David Pollock, Director, Engineering, Parks & Environment, with regrets

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 SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 Agenda for the Environmental Sustainability Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the JULY 10, 2025 Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. DISCUSSION

1. Sustainability Roadmap Presentation – Focus on Climate Action Solutions
 - 1.1. Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Strategic Initiatives & Social Planning, City of Langley, provided a PDF presentation to the committee on the sustainability roadmap with potential collaborative outcomes.
 - 1.2. There was consensus on the presenter returning to provide roadmap workshops.
2. Finalize Ideas to Promote Bat Week
 - 2.1. The committee discussed the potential ideas to promote bat week, and the ideas were forwarded to the library for consideration.
3. Zero Waste Strategy Implementation at Community Events
 - 3.1. The City will be proposing a policy to Council that focusses on education in a phased approach that will expand overtime.
4. Earth Day 2026
 - 4.1. There was discussion around recycling opportunities, and the activities of the event.
 - 4.2. Committee members encouraged to explore ideas for discussion at the October meeting.
 - 4.3. There was consensus on the date of April 25, 2026. Staff to coordinate booking Douglas Park.

4. STANDING ITEMS

1. Salmon Release Signs
 - 1.1. There was discussion around a potential art competition for the signs.
 - 1.2. Committee members to formalize the art and wording at the October meeting for the City to install.

5. ROUND TABLE

1. LEPS is combining Rivers Day with the Township's Forest Fest on September 27 at Derek Double Day Arboretum.
2. LEPS WaterWeeks begins on September 27, and "Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story" will be showing at the museum in Fort Langley on October 2.
3. LEPS Repair Café is on October 4 in Aldergrove.
4. David Suzuki is attending the Langley Senior Resources Society on October 1.
5. LEPS is planting trees on October 18 at Gloucester Park.
6. The Terry Fox Run is on September 14.
7. The Langley City Film Festival is on October 18 at the Langley Community Music School

6. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:54 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:

Director of Engineering, Parks & Env.

Environmental Sustainability Committee 2025 Work Plan

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>
Objective 1				
A. Earth Day	Q1 – April 26, 2025: Event	Nichole Marples to spearhead ESC members as needed	Increased public awareness & participation	City Staff support
Objective 2				
A. Increase & Preserve Tree Canopy	Q2-Q4	Perry Browne/ Consultant ESC members as needed		
1. Tree Protection Bylaw		Perry Browne/ Consultant	Ongoing	City Staff support
2. Research Subsidized Tree Planting Strategy		ESC members	ESC members to research initiatives within the region	TBA
3. Mini-forest		ESC members	Research & ongoing	City Staff support
4. Tree Inventory		Perry Browne/ Consultant	Maintain publicly owned trees	City Staff support
Objective 3				
A. Bat Friendly Community	Q2/Q3	Staff Liaison & ESC members ESC members to coordinate	Education & advertising for the bat week in October 2025	City Staff/ facilities TBA
Objective 4				
A. Climate Action Goals/Climate Action Strategy	Q2/Q3	ESC members	Background research, review current strategic plan endorsed by Council surrounding climate initiatives	City Staff support
1. Dog Waste Strategy		City Staff	Improved dog waste diversion from landfills	City Operations staff
2. Walkability		ESC members	Improve active transportation	TBA
Objective 5				
A. Additional Community Gardens	Q4	ESC members to gauge community interest, assess current community garden usage	Update participation in existing gardens & possible expansions through developments	TBA

Potential Items if Priority Items Complete

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Objective 6				
A. Bee Friendly City				
Objective 7				
A. Light Pollution (New Developments)				

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.