



SOCIO-CULTURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SCEDAC)

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026 AT 5:00 p.m.

CKF Boardroom (2nd floor)
Langley City Hall, 20399 Douglas Crescent

A G E N D A

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

1) AGENDA

Adoption of the April 28, 2026 agenda.

2) MINUTES

Approval of the February 24, 2026 minutes.

3) FOR DISCUSSION

- a) Innovation District/Food Tech Branding – 30 minutes
Wendy Dupley, Economic Development Advisor
Verbal Report
- b) 2026 FoodTech Forum – 5 minutes
Wendy Dupley, Economic Development Advisor
Verbal Report
- c) Update re Resilient Neighbourhood Networks, Langley City Village Cafe Series, Asian Business Workshops, Expo, and Cultural Celebration – 10 minutes
Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Strategic Initiatives
Verbal Report
- d) Walking the Social Cultural and Economic Development Roadmap and Committee Poll – 15 minutes
Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Strategic Initiatives
See attached Roadmap Presentation and Committee Poll Questions
- e) Invest Langley City Presentation – 30 minutes
Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer
Verbal Report

4) **STANDING ITEMS**

Briefing on upcoming related events and activities

5) **FOR INFORMATION**

Email from GoByBike BC Society re Strengthening Bike-Friendly Business & Cycling Data in Your Community – Request opportunity to collaborate with Langley City

6) **ROUND TABLE**

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting will be held in the same location on May 26 at 5:00 pm.

2026 MEETING DATES

May 26, June 23, July 28, September 22, October 27, and November 24

Please notify Sheila Salh at ssalh@langleycity.ca if you are unable to attend the meeting.



**MINUTES OF THE SOCIO-CULTURAL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SCEDAC)**

**HELD IN THE CKF BOARDROOM
LANGLEY CITY HALL
20399 Douglas Crescent**

**TUESDAY, February 24, 2026
AT 6:03 P.M.**

- Present:** Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair
Councillor Leith White, Vice Chair
Vicky Dawe, Downtown Langley Business Association
Brent Elliot, Post Secondary Education Institution – via videoconference
Peter Fassbender, Development Industry
Dennis Martini, Business Community At-Large – via videoconference
Jaret Lang, Post Secondary Education Institution – via videoconference
Kate Ludlam, Community / Social Service Sector
Cory Redekop, Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce
- Regrets:** Awneet Sivia, Social and Cultural Diversity, Inclusion, Equity Perspective
Clinton Dewet, First Nations Representative
Shawn Caldera, Community / Social Service Sector
Johnny Webb, Social Purpose Business
Rick Orlando, Development Industry
- Staff:** Roy Beddow, Deputy Director Development Services
Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services and Strategic Initiatives – via videoconference
Wendy Dupley, Economic Development Advisor – via videoconference
Sheila Salh, Executive Assistant

Also in
Attendance: Alyssa Koehn, Project Manager, Arcadis

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

1) AGENDA

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the February 24, 2026 agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2) **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the November 25, 2025 meeting minutes, of the Socio-Economic Development Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3) **FOR DISCUSSION**

- a) Update on the Glover Road Innovation District Plan - Alyssa Koehn, Project Manager, Arcadis

Ms. Koehn provided a PowerPoint presentation providing information to committee members on the area plan for Glover Road Innovation District Plan which has been in work since May 2025 and is intended to shape the physical spaces for the area plan.

- b) Update on Foodtech working group – Wendy Dupley, Economic Development Advisor

A report from staff dated December 30, 2025, entitled “The Foodtech Working Group report to the Socio-Cultural Economic Development Committee” was circulated on table to committee members.

Ms. Dupley provided an update on the Foodtech Working Group, which has been meeting monthly since March 2025 and expanded to include Fraser Health representatives working with City staff on sustainable food system initiatives. The update outlined the group’s activities, findings, and recommended focus areas for 2026.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the the Socio-Cultural Economic Development Advisory Committee (SCEDAC) authorizes the Foodtech Working Group (FTWG) to continue their work during 2026 exploring the next steps that are outlined within this report and to report back to SCEDAC regularly.

CARRIED

- c) Langley City Citizens’ Assembly Recap and Next Steps – Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services and Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Beno provided an update on the Citizens’ Assembly recap and next steps, outlining Langley City’s integrated social, cultural, and economic strategy to enhance community safety and local well-being. The update also described how this integrated strategy informed the formation and

Terms of Reference of the Social, Cultural and Economic Development Council Advisory Committee.

- d) Langley City Citizens' Assembly Expert Data and Community Voices Panel Update – Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services and Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Beno provided an update on the Langley City Citizens' Assembly Expert Data and Community Voices Panel, facilitated by UFV's Community Health and Social Innovation Lab (UFV-CHASI). The panel includes representatives from the Langley RCMP, Fire and Rescue Services, Bylaws, Engineering, and Social Planning, with contributions from Recreation, Community Services, and Culture. The panel is informing best-fit community safety resource recommendations in support of Council's Citizens' Assembly resolution and will be formalized as a Data Collaborative.

- e) Langley City Village Café Series–Business Expo Series – Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services and Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Beno provided an update on the Village Café Business Expo series, noting that the 2023 Langley City Restorative Dialogue process identified a community desire to increase social, cultural, and economic access, opportunity, and inclusion. In response, Langley City's five-part Business Expo Series will be delivered as part of the 2026 Village Café Series, aligned with Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) funding priority groups. Ms. Beno also reported on the Black Canadian business workshop and networking event held on February 21, followed by a business expo and Black Heritage and Culture event. The next event, which focuses on Canadian women-owned businesses and entrepreneurs, is scheduled for March 21, 2026, and will include a community gathering recognizing International Women's Day.

- f) Walking the Social, Cultural and Economic Development Roadmap – Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services and Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Beno provided an update on the Walking the Social, Cultural and Economic Development Roadmap – Committee in Action Workshop, noting that in 2026 Langley City will strengthen its social, cultural, and economic development foundation through business expos delivered via the Village Café Series, alongside food security programs, social street initiatives, and the Resilient Neighbourhood Network. Ms. Beno explained that a data-driven approach will link economic growth and cultural vibrancy to a safer, more connected community through the City's Performance Evaluation and Reporting System and the Healthy City Data Dashboard, to be launched in Spring 2026.

- g) Committee Action: Slido Poll-Priority Setting – Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services and Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Beno reviewed the Slido Poll-Priority Setting. A suggestion was made to hold a hands-on Social, Cultural, and Economic Walking the Roadmap session with SCEDAC soon, with a Slido poll to be conducted at upcoming meetings.

4) **STANDING ITEMS**

Calendar of events and activities to be provided on-going.

5) **FOR INFORMATION**

6) **ROUND TABLE**

Chair Albrecht asked Committee members for their views on starting meetings at 5:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. Ms. Salh will circulate a poll to the Committee to determine the preferred meeting start time.

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held on March 24th at 6:00pm.

It was MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Langley City Social Cultural and Economic Development Committee

Walking the Social Cultural and Economic Development Roadmap

Social, Cultural and Economic Development

Committee Poll: Why is social and cultural development important in creating a vibrant economy, community safety, and well-being in Langley City?

(Select up to 3)

1. Strengthens local economic growth and business resilience
2. Builds safer, more connected neighbourhoods
3. Improves overall community well-being and quality of life
4. Supports inclusion, diversity, and belonging
5. Encourages civic participation and community leadership
6. Attracts investment, talent, and tourism
7. Supports vulnerable populations and reduces social risks
8. Other: _____



Local Government Planning for Sustainability and Resiliency

Positive economic, social and cultural, and environmental outcomes build community sustainability and resilience.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/planning-land-use/local-government-planning/planning-for-sustainability-resilience>



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Local Government-SCED Domains

Economic

- Encourage sustainable, resilient and diverse economic activities
- Anticipate and plan to reduce future costs of infrastructure, servicing, health care and climate change impacts as a way of encouraging investments in the local economy.

Social and Cultural

- Support community safety, health and diversity through access, opportunity, participation, and inclusion
- Encourage community design and civic participation that facilitates physical activity, community connection, housing affordability, aging in place, food security, substance abuse reduction, cultural diversity and accessibility to services (for example, education, childcare and health care)

Environmental (interdependent function and outcome)

- To support community sustainability and resilience, local governments are also encouraged to consider the integration of their official community plans and a range of other community plans and strategies, addressing such matters as transportation, housing, sustainability or the impacts of climate change.

Social, Cultural and Economic Development links to Community Safety and Well-being

Langley City Performance Evaluation & Reporting Integrated Outcome Framework SOCIAL, CULTURAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

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Print 30 x 13"



Legend

- Green square: Sustainable Outcome (SCE) - National leader in inclusive, innovative, and sustainable socio-cultural and economic development, where all residents and businesses thrive through opportunity, inclusion, cultural vibrancy, and resilience
- Blue square: Sustainable Outcome (SCE) - National leader in inclusive, innovative, and sustainable socio-cultural and economic development, where all residents and businesses thrive through opportunity, inclusion, cultural vibrancy, and resilience
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- Red circle: Sustainable Outcome (SCE) - National leader in inclusive, innovative, and sustainable socio-cultural and economic development, where all residents and businesses thrive through opportunity, inclusion, cultural vibrancy, and resilience
- White circle: Sustainable Outcome (SCE) - National leader in inclusive, innovative, and sustainable socio-cultural and economic development, where all residents and businesses thrive through opportunity, inclusion, cultural vibrancy, and resilience
- Yellow circle: Sustainable Outcome (SCE) - National leader in inclusive, innovative, and sustainable socio-cultural and economic development, where all residents and businesses thrive through opportunity, inclusion, cultural vibrancy, and resilience

SOCIAL, CULTURAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (SCE)

SCE01 Langley City is a national leader in inclusive, innovative, and sustainable socio-cultural and economic development, where all residents and businesses thrive through opportunity, inclusion, cultural vibrancy, and resilience

Inclusive Economic Opportunity & Innovation

SCE02 Langley City cultivates inclusive economic growth through workforce development, entrepreneurship, inclusive procurement, and strategic investments, leveraging diverse capital to drive innovation, opportunity, and community prosperity

Inclusion, Connection & Community Resilience

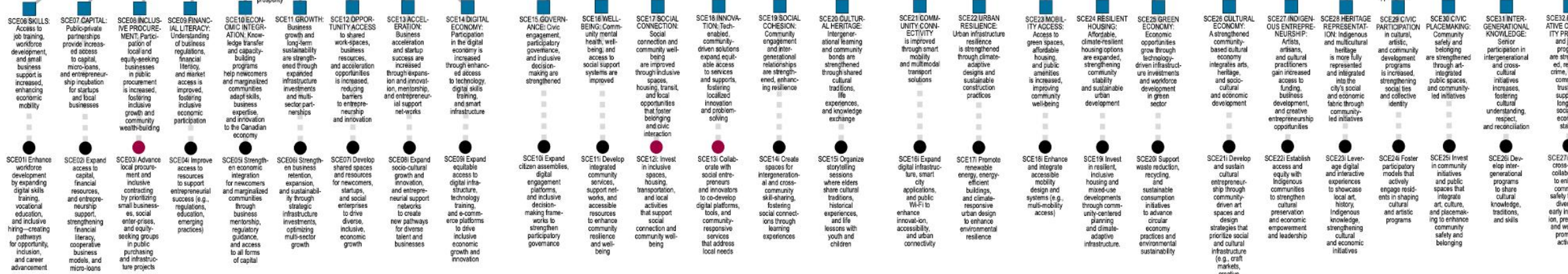
SCE03 LC strengthens an inclusive, connected community where residents thrive through equitable access to services, digital inclusion, civic engagement, and culturally-rooted social cohesion

Sustainable & Smart Infrastructure

SCE04 LC leads in sustainable, smart infrastructure by advancing green development, resilient design, integrated mobility, and community innovation

Inclusive & Sustainable Cultural Innovation

SCE05 LC fosters an inclusive cultural economy by integrating arts, heritage, and creative entrepreneurship into community development, strengthening tourism, community identity, and equitable business and artistic opportunities

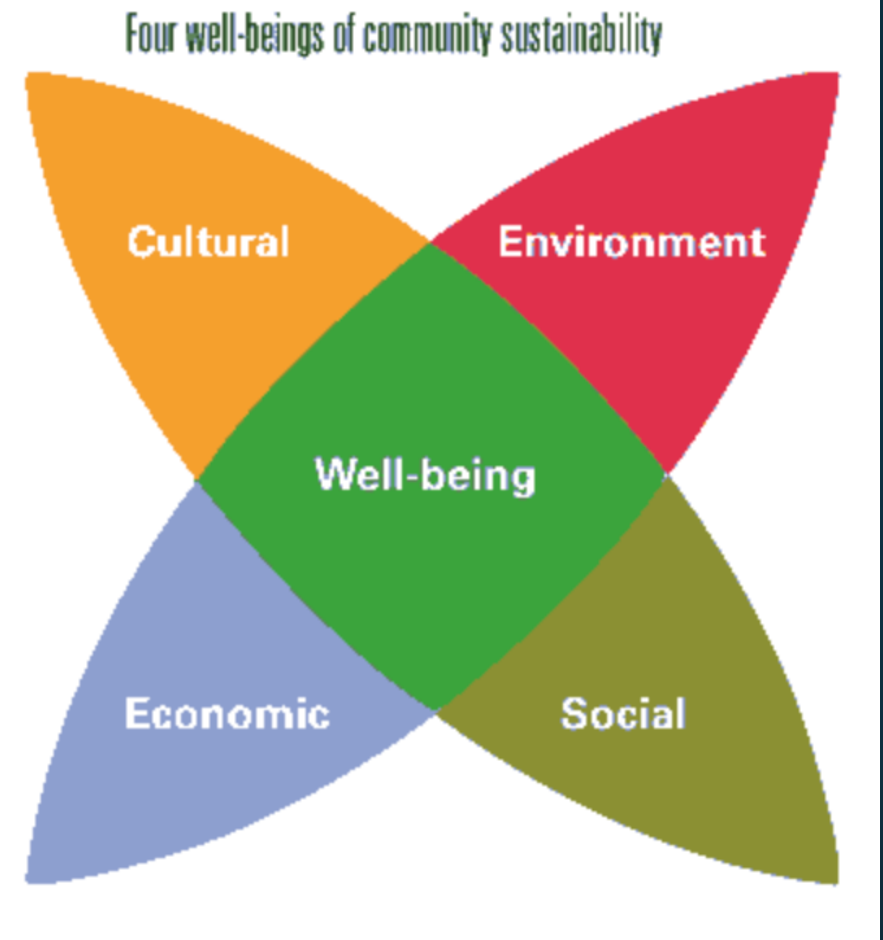


Langley City's SCED Long-Term Goal and Strategic Pillars

Long-term Goal: Langley City is a National Leader in Social, Cultural, and Economic Development; where all residents and businesses thrive through opportunity, inclusion, cultural vibrancy, and resiliency.

Four Strategic Pillars:

1. Inclusive Economic Opportunity and Inclusion
2. Inclusion, Connection, and Community Resilience
3. Sustainable and Smart Infrastructure
4. Inclusive and Sustainable Cultural Innovation



Social, Cultural and Economic Development

Which of the following strategic pillars do you feel should be emphasized moving forward?

(Select up to 2)

1. Inclusive Economic Opportunity
2. Inclusion, Connection, and Community Resilience
3. Sustainable and Smart Infrastructure
4. Cultural Innovation and Vibrancy





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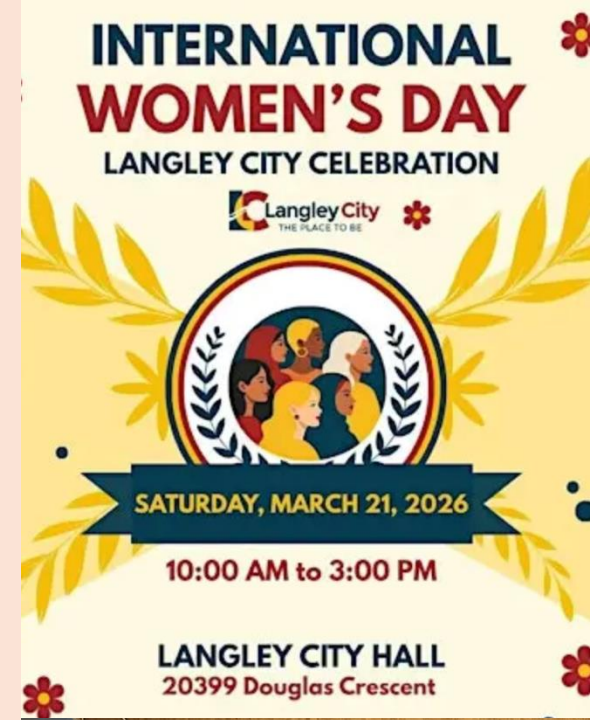


Langley City 2026
Canadian Business Expo
Celebrating Culture. Celebrating Community.

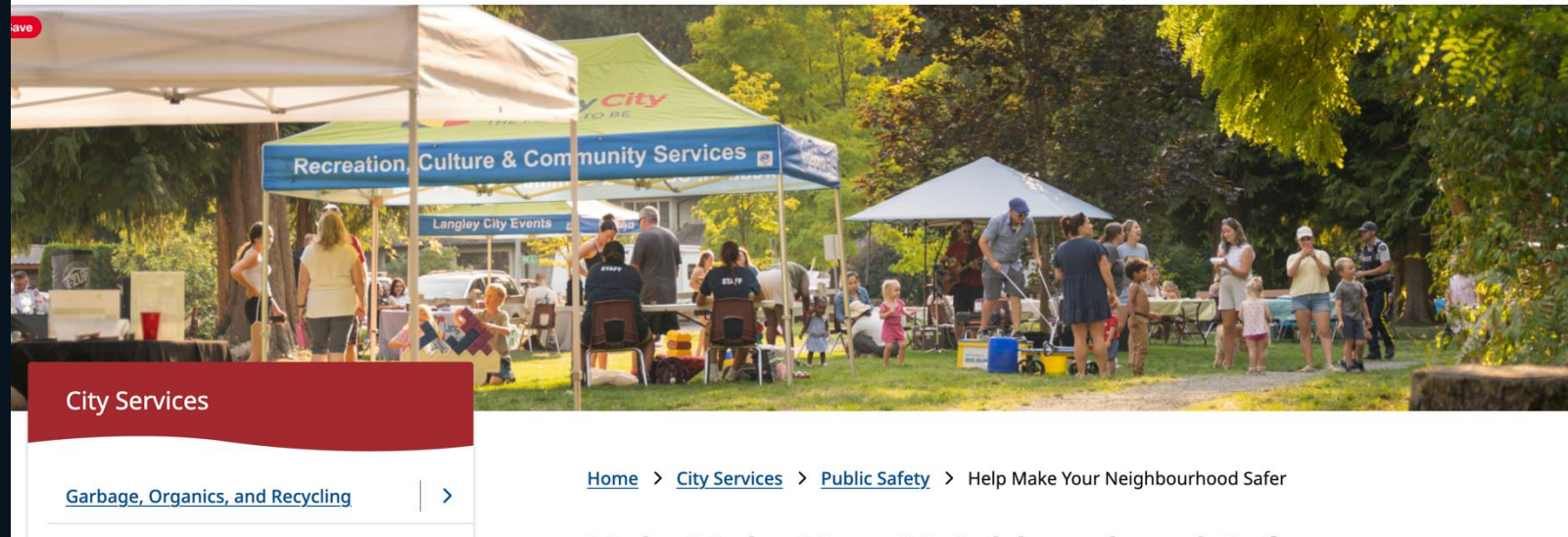
2026-Langley City's Social, Cultural and Economic Development in Action

- Business workshops, panels, resources, and networking
- Bank of Development Canada alignment with priority communities
- Local entrepreneur expos
- Community and cultural gatherings
- Resource and information sharing
- Community connection, relationship building, and civic participation
- Civic engagement in policy development and activation

Upcoming: Asian-Canadian, Latin-Canadian, Indigenous Business Expos



Langley City Resilient Neighbourhood Networks



Highlights

- **Feb/March**-Round 1: Call to Participate closed
- **March/April**-Research Design Team launches
- **May/June**-RNN activates, includes Social Streets events

Social, Cultural and Economic Development

Which current SCED activities are having the greatest impact?

(Select all that apply)

1. Business workshops, panels, and networking
2. Community and cultural events
3. Entrepreneur and business expos
4. Civic engagement and policy participation
5. Resource and information sharing
6. Partnerships (e.g., BDC, community organizations)
7. Not sure / need more information



Langley City Social Cultural Economic Development -Desired Outcomes

- Increase access to resources, information, capacity and support for entrepreneurs, new and established businesses
- Strengthen networks of support, activation, mutual reinforcing activities to enhance social, cultural, and economic activity
- Build awareness, education, and opportunity to actively participate in Langley City policy development, implementation, innovation, and solutions to key issues and priorities
- Activate a robust and integrated social, cultural and economic ecosystem to support Langley City to be a thriving, innovative, and resilient community



Social, Cultural and Economic Development

Committee Poll: What other outcomes would be important to focus on?



Social, Cultural and Economic Development

Committee Poll: Why is social and cultural development important in creating a vibrant economy, community safety, and well-being in Langley City?

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Social, Cultural and Economic Development

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From: [Kaelene Kirk](#)
To: [WebInfo](#)
Subject: Strengthening Bike-Friendly Business & Cycling Data in Your Community
Date: February 20, 2026 9:44:07 AM
Attachments: [PNG image](#)

You don't often get email from kaelene@gobybikebc.ca. [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Langley Economic Development (City),

I'm reaching out from GoByBike BC, a province-wide non-profit that encourages active transportation and cycling participation across British Columbia. Our programs include three GoByBike Weeks, LogMyRide, and Bike-Friendly BC, and are supported by the BC Ministry of Transportation & Transit and delivered in partnership with dozens of communities across the province.

We exist to increase cycling participation and provide tools that help communities leverage cycling as both an economic development and tourism asset.

There are two simple, no-cost ways your office and your community can engage:

Bike-Friendly BC Business Director

Our free, province-wide directory connects businesses to an audience of 50,000 + motivated cyclists. Learn more here <https://gobybikebc.ca/bc-bike-friendly-business-directory/>

- No cost to be listed
- Increases visibility among cycling visitors and residents
- Strengthens your community's positioning as a bike-friendly destination
- Businesses can sign up directly, or you can nominate them and we'll follow up
- Creating a list takes no more than 15 minutes

LogMyRide Data

Supported by the Ministry of Transportation & Transit, LogMyRide tracks local cycling trips and kilometres ridden. Communities use this data to:

- Demonstrate local demand for active transportation
- Support grant applications
- Inform planning and council discussions
- We'd welcome your help encouraging local participation

If these tools align with your current economic development priorities, we would welcome the opportunity to collaborate, whether that means sharing Bike-Friendly BC with local businesses, encouraging participation in LogMyRide to build stronger local data, or simply participating in one of our three GoByBike Weeks that take place across the province.

Together, we can increase business visibility, strengthen destination positioning, and provide measurable evidence of cycling demand in your community.

If helpful, I'm happy to provide short promotional copy or connect for a brief overview.

Sincerely,

Kaelene Kirk

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