



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

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

**TUESDAY, May 27, 2025
AT 6:00 P.M.**

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

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 May 27, 2025 agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2) **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the April 22, 2025 meeting minutes, and the April 22, 2025 Closed Committee meeting minutes, of the Socio-Economic Development Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3) **FOR DISCUSSION**

- a) Langley City Citizens' Assembly Process, Invite to June 11 Community Dialogue and June 26 Community Forum

Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Social Planning, provided information on the following:

- The Local Government Act empowers municipal governments to convene, facilitate, inform, leverage, share resources and advocate in social, community safety, and housing issues.
- Langley City's restorative community dialogue process informed the Citizens' Assembly structure and current process; this includes direct civic participation with individuals from traditionally less engaged communities and invited in broader community participation.
- This has evolved into the Langley City Village Café Series. The 2025 series focus on civic engagement and direct participation by community members through activities, arts, culture, and dialogue related to safe and inclusive communities, with findings being circulated to Citizens' Assembly.
- There will be a Citizens' Assembly deliberation session on June 7 which will help guide the group for the solutions lab on June 11, where Assembly members, expert panel members, and key community partners will provide deeper insight into the preliminary recommendations.
- This will be followed by a June 26 Inaugural Community Forum at Langley Seniors Centre, where the assembly will present its preliminary recommendations and inform the policy development through broader community partner participation and input.

- b) KPI Dashboard Goes Live in June 2025

Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Social Planning, provided information on the following:

- Langley City's Key Performance Indicator (KPI) dashboard launches in June 2025 and will be linked to Langley City's website.
- The first version will focus on community safety, wellbeing, and resiliency.
- The dashboard is a living system and will evolve over time to provide consistent data across other Langley City function areas, support

organizational effectiveness, and provide transparent and accountable data to the public.

- Strategic mapping was conducted to align the Official Community Plan with key plans, policies, strategies and frameworks to inform a Performance, Evaluation and Measurement System that informs the KPI Dashboard that generates organizational performance measures, while providing transparent and accountable outcomes to the public.

c) Langley City Village Café Series – April/May Recap and Looking Forward

Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Social Planning, provided information on the following:

- Village Café events allow for community participation and dialogue in safe, supported, and inclusive ways that provide diverse input into Langley City's strategic initiatives, like-Citizens' Assembly, Community safety, wellbeing and resiliency policy development, food systems planning, and social, cultural, economic and community development.
 - The series supports multiple ways to learn and work together across diverse facets of the community and share ideas that positively effect lives.
- The April Village Café series included International Day of Pink, Earth Day, and celebrated Sikh Heritage month.
- Mental Health Awareness Month, Moosehide Campaign, Coffee with a Cop, and Asian Heritage Month were held during the Village Café series in May.
- The Committee was invited to join the June 11 Community Dialogue on Community Safety Wellbeing and the June 26 Inaugural Community Forum.
- Upcoming Village Cafe 2025 Series summer events will include social streets initiatives that will provide neighbourhood specific pop-up event and participation at upcoming events (e.g., Seniors Week, Community Day, National Indigenous Peoples Day).

d) Economic Development Strategy: Update on Tactics Underway

Wendy Dupley, the Economic Development Advisor, provided an update to the Committee on the tactics identified in the Economic Development Strategy.

Ms. Dupley reviewed the Strategy with the group and identified the items that were already complete, underway or will commence during the remainder of 2025. Highlights included:

- Achievement of Smart 21 ICF recognition in March.
- Launch of the Data Hub, plus data additions and updates completed since the Council presentation and webinar launch event.
- The work undertaken in key markets and sectors by Invest Vancouver to ensure the Langley City opportunities are showcased.

- The plan to complete an annual Business Survey and Walks Program in collaboration with partners and building the BRE program.
- Working with Communications on a Marketing Plan that will be refreshed every year.
- Exploring to deliver a three or four topic podcast series on key topics as new communication channel.

e) Food Tech Working Group Updates and Food Tech Forum

Wendy Dupley, The Economic Development Advisor, provided information on the following:

- An update of the working group's activities to date and those that are upcoming included: presentations from the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Canadian Agriculture Automation and Innovation Network with presentations upcoming from the BC Food & Beverage Association and Alberta government entities such as Leduc Food Processing Centre and Biomass Centre in Edmonton.
- The Working Group is focused on identifying food and beverage opportunities and solving the challenges the sector is facing.
- The working group has met three times, with the next meeting scheduled for June 9.
- The group has been exploring sustainable funding options that can support FoodTech and Innovation District activities.
- The work with inter-governments is continuing to strengthen partnerships and collaborations including with Invest Vancouver who are active in international markets promoting food tech opportunities in Langley City in partnership with KPU.
- Inaugural FoodTech forum planning is underway and scheduled for Tuesday, September 23 at the Coast Hotel and Conference Centre.
- The regional picture Food Tech ecosystem mapping, which has been completed by the Invest Vancouver team using and federal program funding is almost complete.
- The FoodTech forum draft agenda was reviewed by the Committee.

4) STANDING ITEMS

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

5) FOR INFORMATION

Chair Albrecht informed the Committee that the SCEDAC Work Plan was reviewed and approved by Council.

Mr. Beddow notified the Committee that the City had retained a planning consultant to prepare an area plan for the Glover Road Innovation District, the corridor area joining Downtown Langley, Langley City Centre SkyTrain station and Kwantlen Polytechnic University's Langley Campus. This Committee will be included in a substantial public engagement program for the project.

6) **ROUND TABLE**

The next meeting will be held on June 24, 2025 at 6:00 pm with location to be determined.

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

CARRIED



CHAIR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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