

CITY OF
LANGLEY



**MINUTES OF THE ARTS, RECREATION, CULTURE AND
HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
20399 Douglas Crescent**

TUESDAY, March 24, 2026

7:00pm

Committee Members: Councillor Rosemary Wallace; Councillor Leith White; Toqa Abu Alkas, Langley Community Services Representative; Lin Maxwell, Member at Large; Sandra Reams, Seniors Representative; Diane Gendron, Langley Arts Representative; Andrew Palmer, Member at Large; Sandy Dimond, Langley Performing Arts Representative; Ronald Trainor, Member at Large; Mandy Martens, Member at Large

Staff: Kim Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services; Michele Payne, Recreation Supervisor; Tera Edell, Recreation Supervisor

Regrets: Michael Paylor, Member at Large; Susan Magnusson Langley Performing Arts Representative; Jinsil Haveliwalla, Recreation Programmer

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 24, 2026, Agenda be adopted with the addition of Item 4d – Permanent Public Memorial for Those Affected by the Toxic Drug Crisis.

CARRIED

2. **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the February 24, 2026, minutes of the Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **PRESENTATION**

Tera Edell, Recreation Supervisor presented a PowerPoint highlighting some of our upcoming events, as well as some events that are still in the planning process.

4. **FOR DISCUSSION**

a) Douglas Park Pickleball Club mural request.

A written request was made from the Douglas Park Pickleball Club to have a mural painted on the south wall of the new washroom building at Douglas Park.

The committee discussed the request and the committee's desire to have an artist collective collaborate on the design, and that the artwork illustrate the history of the park, the diversity of park users, and events and activities that take place there. There is also a desire to consider a wrap that would cover the entire building, including the washroom doors.

ACTION: The Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services will estimate costs and prepare a Call to Artists to be discussed at the next meeting.

b) Aquatic Feasibility Study update

The Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services advised that the Aquatic Centre Feasibility Study has been completed and that many connections were made. Council has endorsed concept 2 – hybrid renewal. Invest Langley City is asking for feedback until May 1st through [Let's Chat Langley City](#).

c) Accessibility Survey and AccessAbility Week update.

The Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services shared that the Accessibility Plan is in development with Happy Cities Consulting. The plan is expected to go before council on May 25th.

Staff are planning National Accessibility Week activities for the week of May 31-June 6. Sensory Kits will be unveiled that week that will provide facility users an opportunity to borrow the kits during programs, events, and facility usage. A list of events will be shared when complete.

d) Permanent Public Memorial for Those Affected by the Toxic Drug Crisis.

The following motion was made at the March 9, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

Daniel Snyder, Lisa Weih, Michelle Gauvin, Langley Community Action Team.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the delegation from the Langley Community Action Team regarding the Proposal for a Permanent Public Memorial for Those Affected by the Toxic Drug Crisis be received for information.

Mr. Snyder provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding their proposal for a permanent public memorial for Those Affected by the Toxic Drug Crisis and requested Council provide support in principle for a permanent public memorial, explore collaboration with Langley Township, assist with identifying a park location, and consider financial or in-kind support.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the presentation from the Langley Community Action Team regarding "Proposal for a Permanent Public Memorial for Those Affected by the Toxic Drug Crisis" be referred to staff for report back to Council regarding permanent memorial location options, exploration of collaboration with the Township of Langley to deliver this permanent public memorial, and potential financial or in-kind contributions.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the foregoing motion be amended to replace the following"

"be referred to staff for report back to Council regarding permanent memorial location options, exploration of collaboration with the Township of Langley to deliver this permanent public memorial, and potential financial or in-kind contributions."

with the following:

"be referred to the Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Committee to report back to Council with next steps.

CARRIED

The committee decided that an in-depth discussion take place at the next meeting. Staff will reach out to Mr. Snyder and ask if he is able to attend the next meeting.

5. **2025 WORKPLAN** – Update as needed

- a) Rotary Centennial Park Road Naming. Ongoing. This is an ongoing initiative from 2024. It was suggested that this item be removed from our 2026 Workplan.
- b) Langley City Film Festival. April 2-3, 2027. Information will be sent out in April 2026.
- c) Glover Road Gateway Sculpture. Ongoing. It was discussed that this will be discussed at the May meeting.
- d) Heritage Markers. Ongoing. Further discussion to take place in July 2026. Salt Lane, Federal Building, Michaud House, Grove of Trees Music School, Langley Central School.
- e) Heritage Buildings and Artifacts. Task Group is Ms. Maxwell, Ms. Martens, Ms. Magnusson and Councillor White. Ongoing.
- f) Skytrain Car Upcycle. Ongoing.

Mr. Palmer reported that the Volunteer Rail Car Sub-Committee, formally the Sky Train Upcycle Task Group, convened to review subsequent steps for the project, acknowledging that the City currently lacks sufficient resources to undertake all tasks required for procurement.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Committee recommends that council support in principle the concept of acquiring and installing a retired Mark 1 Skytrain rail (expo) car from Translink as a community heritage and public engagement project within Langley City.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the foregoing motion be amended to include the following:

Further, the Volunteer Rail Car Sub-Committee continue assisting city staff by gathering additional information, identifying potential partners and donors, and developing fundraising opportunities.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED on the motion, as amended and it was

CARRIED

The motion now reads in its entirety as follows:

THAT the Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Committee recommends that council support in principle the concept of acquiring and installing a retired Mark 1 Skytrain rail (expo) car from Translink as a community heritage and public engagement project within Langley City, and that the Volunteer Rail Car Sub-Committee continue assisting city staff by gathering additional information, identifying potential partners and donors, and developing fundraising opportunities.

6. ROUNDTABLE

In a roundtable, the following was discussed:

The Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services advised that the murals have been installed at Douglas Park, and the unveiling will be scheduled in April. It was suggested that that signage be considered advising that security cameras are on site to deter vandalism.

Mr. Trainor brought forth a motion during roundtable.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Langley City Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Committee purchase one bat house at a cost of \$250 for installation at the Michaud House.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the foregoing motion be amended to the following:

THAT the Langley City Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Committee recommends the purchase of a bat house at a cost of \$250 for installation at the Michaud House.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED on the motion, as amended and it was

CARRIED

Earth Day will be held in Douglas Park on April 25th from 10am-2pm.

Theatre I the country will be April 8-25 the verdict will be showing. Tickets are on sale now.


Earth day will be on April 25th from 10-2 in Douglas Park. Will have an upcycle challenge and encourages everyone to participate and to spread the word.

ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the meeting adjourned at 9:34pm

CARRIED



CHAIR



RECREATION SUPERVISOR

Certified Correct:
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