



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

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

**TUESDAY, April 28, 2026  
AT 5:01 P.M.**

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

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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 April 28, 2026 agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2) **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the February 24, 2026 meeting minutes, of the Socio-Economic Development Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3) **FOR DISCUSSION**

- a) Innovation District/Food Tech Branding – Wendy Dupley, Economic Development Advisor

Ms. Dupley provided an update on the Innovation District/Food Tech initiative, including:

- An overview of the proposed branding elements such as the symbol, logo, colour palette, and typography.
- Potential advertising and marketing ideas.

Committee discussion included:

- Considerations around street food culture.
- Removing the term “the lab”
- Positioning the project more broadly within the Innovation District rather than specifically Langley City
- Connections to Kwantlen College research
- Strategies to raise awareness and generate interest
- Potential fundraising and investors
- Suggested next steps.

- b) 2026 FoodTech Forum – Wendy Dupley, Economic Development Advisor

Ms. Dupley provided an update on the 2026 FoodTech Forum, including:

- Proposed streams and the concept of a food fair featuring global cuisines.
- Meetings are planned with Mr. Elliot regarding hosting the Forum at KPU and with Mr. Redekop to explore partnering again with the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce.

Shawn Caldera joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

- c) Update on Resilient Neighbourhood Networks, Langley City Village, Café Series, Asian Business Workshops, Expo, and Cultural Celebration, Walking the Social Cultural, Economic Development Roadmap and Committee Poll – Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services and Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Beno provided an update on the Resilient Neighbourhood Networks, Langley City Village Café Series, Asian Business Workshops, Expo and Cultural Celebration, and the Social, Cultural, and Economic Development Roadmap including:

- Sharing that, the Committee will be focusing on Pillar One (Inclusive Economic Opportunity and Innovation).
  - Langley City has been designated a Smart City.
  - Updates related to the Village Café events and food resilience initiatives.
  - The Committee was surveyed on desired social, cultural, and economic development outcomes, expressing support for Option 2, *“Langley City is a vibrant, inclusive, and resilient city where people, culture, and business thrive,”* and Option 4, *“Langley City is building a welcoming, vibrant, and resilient community where everyone can succeed.”*
  - Upcoming launch of the Resilient Neighbourhood Network.
- d) Invest Langley City Presentation – Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer

Mr. Cheung provided an update on Invest Langley City including:

- Proposed capital projects to support a vibrant future for Langley City, including expansion of the Timms Community Centre with a new Performing Arts and Cultural Centre, expansion of the Al Anderson Pool to provide year-round access, and development of a new RCMP Detachment Centre.
- He reviewed the estimated costs of the projects and noted their importance in bringing people together, boosting tourism, creating jobs, and supporting economic growth.
- Committee members discussed phasing the projects, identifying the pool as a priority, construction impacts, public engagement and the use of a plebiscite, polling commercial and industrial taxpayers separately, potential costs and funding related to an RCMP Detachment Centre, parking considerations in the area, and the need to clearly communicate the positive economic benefits to local businesses.

#### 4) **STANDING ITEMS**

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

5) **FOR INFORMATION**

The Committee discussed the email from GoByBike Society's request to collaborate with Langley City regarding strengthening bike-friendly business and cycling data and decided to discuss this again at another meeting.

6) **ROUND TABLE**

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

It was MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER