



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

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

**TUESDAY, April 22, 2025
AT 6:00 P.M.**

- Present:** Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair
Councillor Teri James, Co-Chair
Shawn Caldera, Community / Social Service Sector
Vicky Dawe, Downtown Langley Business Association
Clinton Dewet, First Nations Representative
Peter Fassbender, Development Industry
Tanya Gabara, Business Community At-Large
Jaret Lang, Post Secondary Education Institution
Kate Ludlam, Community / Social Service Sector
Dennis Martini, Business Community At-Large
Cory Redekop, Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce
Awneet Sivia, Social and Cultural Diversity, Inclusion, Equity Perspective
Johnny Webb, Social Purpose Business
- Regrets:** Brent Elliot, Post Secondary Education Institution
Rick Orlando, Development Industry
- Staff:** Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer
Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services
Roy Beddow, Deputy Director of Development 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 April 22, 2025 agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2) **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the November 5, 2024 and February 25, 2025 minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3) **FOR DISCUSSION**

- a) Citizens' Assembly process update and upcoming activities, Call for participation on the Citizens' Assembly community-centered supports and business panels that are integrated into the process and Village Café Series update and upcoming activity calendar

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

- I Citizens' Assembly process is fully underway and will soon be moving into the third assembly session which will be collaborative and focus on risk prevention, emergency preparedness and community safety;
- The Solutions Lab in early June will include an expert community support panel which will bring together service providers, volunteers and grassroots organizations;
- The Business panel will commence with an easy to complete document for business owners and representatives to inform of economic and social insights;
- Research design teams and panels will contribute to solutions labs, dialogue events and final recommendations;
- Village Café has launched on a trial basis with a focus on engaging a broad cross-section of Langley City residents, businesses, and organizations with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives about civic life;
 - Recent events include:
 - Photovoice art and storytelling projects
 - Dialogue events including Black History, International Women's Day, National Indigenous Language Day, International Pink Day, and Mental Health Awareness Month.
 - Upcoming events include:
 - Earth Day;
 - Sikh Heritage Month,;
 - Community Day; and
 - Asian Heritage Month.
- Committee members were asked to support by:
 - Visiting Station Café;
 - Share the word about the June 26 Community Forum;
 - Suggest projects or partner in the Village Café series; and

- Connect with their network to help shape Langley City's future.
- b) Update, demo and launch on the Data Visualization Tool
Wendy Dupley, Economic Development Advisor

Ms. Dupley provided an update, demo and launch on the Data Visualization Tool:

- Ms. Dupley reviewed the online tool with the committee;
- The tool will be available on the Economic Development page of the City website;
- The platform uses various queries for data which produce interactive graphs;
- Ms. Dupley requested Committee members try the site and provide their feedback directly to her.

- c) Approval of the SCEDAC 2025 Work Plan
Wendy Dupley, Economic Development Advisor

Ms. Dupley reviewed the SCEDAC 2025 Work Plan, advising of amendments made to the work plan since it was first presented to the committee at the February meeting:

It was MOVED and SECONDED

1. THAT the SCEDAC committee approves its 2025 SCEDAC Work Plan..
2. THAT Council approve the SCEDAC 2025 Annual Work Plan.

CARRIED

4) **STANDING ITEMS**

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

5) **FOR INFORMATION**

None

6) **ROUND TABLE**

- Ms. Ludlam informed the Committee about the Volunteer Fair on May 3rd at the Langley Senior Resources Society.
- Ms. Ludlam also advised the Committee of the loss of Zosia Ettenberg, Langley businesswoman, who founded the non-profit organization, Pos-Abilities.
- Ms. Gabara advised the Committee that Coast Langley City Hotel/Cascades Casino Resort turns 20 this year.

7) **MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED MEETING**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee meeting immediately following this meeting be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered relates to an item which complies with the following closed meeting criteria specified in Section 90 of the Community Charter:

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

CARRIED

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:02 p.m.

CARRIED



CHAIR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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