



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

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

**TUESDAY, November 25, 2025
AT 6:13 P.M.**

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

Also in
Attendance: Chris Rynic, Principal, Rynic

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 November 25, 2025 agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2) **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the June 24, 2025 and October 1, 2025 meeting minutes, of the Socio-Economic Development Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3) **FOR DISCUSSION**

- a) Update on the Innovation District Brand Discovery Session - Chris Rynic, Principal, Rynic

Mr. Rynic provided a PowerPoint presentation providing information to committee members on learnings from the brand discovery session he facilitated at the Food Tech Forum on September 23, 2025, with respect to developing a new foodtech brand.

The PowerPoint presentation will be forwarded to committee members requesting feedback on specific aspects of the Innovation District Brand Discovery process within a set deadline.

Mr. Rynic left the meeting.

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

Ms. Dupley provided an update on work of the Foodtech working group, which has been meeting monthly since March, and will be providing an end-of-year report for the committee identifying next steps and recommendations for the working group in 2026.

- c) Citizens' Assembly Process Update and Next Steps – Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services and Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Beno provided an update on the preparation of the Citizens' Assembly's final report and timeline for its presentation to Council for endorsement of its recommendations and subsequent presentation to the public.

- d) 2025 Village Café Series Update and Upcoming Final Event – Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services and Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Beno provided an update on events held as part of the 2025 Village Café series, which focused on community safety and wellbeing; and advised of the final event taking place on December 6 in recognition of National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

- e) 2026 Village Café Series Calendar and Social, Cultural and Economic Development Focus – Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services and Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Beno provided an update on the 2026 Village Café Series Calendar of events and the focus on social, cultural and economic development activities.

- f) Defining Langley City's Food System through a Food Asset, Equity, and Policy Lens through a Collaborative, Community Development Approach – Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services and Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Beno provided information on the City's receipt of a grant under Plan H Healthy Communities grant program, which is administered by BC Healthy Communities (BCHC) and funded by the Ministry of Health which will be used to conduct a food asset inventory in the City of Langley, the results of which will help inform other food initiatives.

- g) REACT - Now Digital Application Roll-Out – Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services and Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Beno provided information on REACT, a digital health platform designed to prevent drug poisonings and overdose deaths that the City and the Engaged Canadian Communities Society (ECCS) will be testing after receiving funding from Health Canada for this initiative.

4) **STANDING ITEMS**

- Calendar of events and activities to be provided on-going.
- Chair to provide report to Committee on Council members' trip to Ottawa at which the subject of Food Tech was discussed with various Federal contacts.

5) **FOR INFORMATION**

6) **ROUND TABLE**

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held in January 2026 – the schedule is to be determined.

It was MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER