



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

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

**TUESDAY, February 24, 2026  
AT 6:03 P.M.**

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

Also in  
Attendance: Alyssa Koehn, Project Manager, Arcadis

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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 February 24, 2026 agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

2) **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the November 25, 2025 meeting minutes, of the Socio-Economic Development Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3) **FOR DISCUSSION**

- a) Update on the Glover Road Innovation District Plan - Alyssa Koehn, Project Manager, Arcadis

Ms. Koehn provided a PowerPoint presentation providing information to committee members on the area plan for Glover Road Innovation District Plan which has been in work since May 2025 and is intended to shape the physical spaces for the area plan.

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

A report from staff dated December 30, 2025, entitled “The Foodtech Working Group report to the Socio-Cultural Economic Development Committee” was circulated on table to committee members.

Ms. Dupley provided an update on the Foodtech Working Group, which has been meeting monthly since March 2025 and expanded to include Fraser Health representatives working with City staff on sustainable food system initiatives. The update outlined the group’s activities, findings, and recommended focus areas for 2026.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the the Socio-Cultural Economic Development Advisory Committee (SCEDAC) authorizes the Foodtech Working Group (FTWG) to continue their work during 2026 exploring the next steps that are outlined within this report and to report back to SCEDAC regularly.

CARRIED

- c) Langley City Citizens’ Assembly Recap and Next Steps – Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services and Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Beno provided an update on the Citizens’ Assembly recap and next steps, outlining Langley City’s integrated social, cultural, and economic strategy to enhance community safety and local well-being. The update also described how this integrated strategy informed the formation and

Terms of Reference of the Social, Cultural and Economic Development Council Advisory Committee.

- d) Langley City Citizens' Assembly Expert Data and Community Voices Panel Update – Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services and Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Beno provided an update on the Langley City Citizens' Assembly Expert Data and Community Voices Panel, facilitated by UFV's Community Health and Social Innovation Lab (UFV-CHASI). The panel includes representatives from the Langley RCMP, Fire and Rescue Services, Bylaws, Engineering, and Social Planning, with contributions from Recreation, Community Services, and Culture. The panel is informing best-fit community safety resource recommendations in support of Council's Citizens' Assembly resolution and will be formalized as a Data Collaborative.

- e) Langley City Village Café Series–Business Expo Series – Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services and Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Beno provided an update on the Village Café Business Expo series, noting that the 2023 Langley City Restorative Dialogue process identified a community desire to increase social, cultural, and economic access, opportunity, and inclusion. In response, Langley City's five-part Business Expo Series will be delivered as part of the 2026 Village Café Series, aligned with Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) funding priority groups. Ms. Beno also reported on the Black Canadian business workshop and networking event held on February 21, followed by a business expo and Black Heritage and Culture event. The next event, which focuses on Canadian women-owned businesses and entrepreneurs, is scheduled for March 21, 2026, and will include a community gathering recognizing International Women's Day.

- f) Walking the Social, Cultural and Economic Development Roadmap – Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services and Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Beno provided an update on the Walking the Social, Cultural and Economic Development Roadmap – Committee in Action Workshop, noting that in 2026 Langley City will strengthen its social, cultural, and economic development foundation through business expos delivered via the Village Café Series, alongside food security programs, social street initiatives, and the Resilient Neighbourhood Network. Ms. Beno explained that a data-driven approach will link economic growth and cultural vibrancy to a safer, more connected community through the City's Performance Evaluation and Reporting System and the Healthy City Data Dashboard, to be launched in Spring 2026.

- g) Committee Action: Slido Poll-Priority Setting – Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services and Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Beno reviewed the Slido Poll-Priority Setting. A suggestion was made to hold a hands-on Social, Cultural, and Economic Walking the Roadmap session with SCEDAC soon, with a Slido poll to be conducted at upcoming meetings.

4) **STANDING ITEMS**

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

5) **FOR INFORMATION**

6) **ROUND TABLE**

Chair Albrecht asked Committee members for their views on starting meetings at 5:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. Ms. Salh will circulate a poll to the Committee to determine the preferred meeting start time.

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

It was MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER