



Terms of Reference Socio-Cultural and Economic Development Advisory Committee (SCEDAC)

1.0 Background:

Langley City has often been described as the Hub of the Fraser Valley, not only geographically but also economically. From a historical perspective and into the future, Langley City is the vital link between Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley.

Langley City's articulated vision remains as ***The Place to Be***, while its mission updated in their Council Strategic Plan, is to be ***Building a vibrant, safe and inclusive community together with current and future generations.***

We have a unique opportunity to now embrace 'intelligent community' concepts in creating a Vibrant Economy for our City. By recognizing that people are central to policy and decision making and that social, cultural and economic initiatives are all interconnected as we strive for an accelerated, thriving community.

While we acknowledge the need to capitalize on the arrival of SkyTrain that is coming to Langley City, the train is the catalyst but it is not the reason. People are the reason — the ones who are already here and deserve an improved quality of life and better services, and the ones yet to come, who will bring new vitality to our city. It is integral to ensure the community has resources, opportunities and supports in place to support people and families needs to thrive and stay connected to community and by building on Langley City's rich history to sustain our community from a position of strength and diversity.

Imagine a future Langley City with an Innovation District that is driving research and entrepreneurship opportunities right at the community's heart, surrounded by a variety of new mixed-use developments that offer a diversity of housing, community services, education, jobs, and business opportunities for residents – all in one place. Imagine a thriving downtown core that provides meeting places for our residents young and old. Daytime and evening cultural activities, shops, restaurants and events drawing locals and visitors into the city centre. Imagine an inclusive community that fosters deep social and environmental sustainability by supporting residents of all income levels and newcomers who are seeking employment and business opportunities. These dreams and aspirations are part of our future, our connected, intelligent community. We can attain this and more and our collective vision will help us get there.

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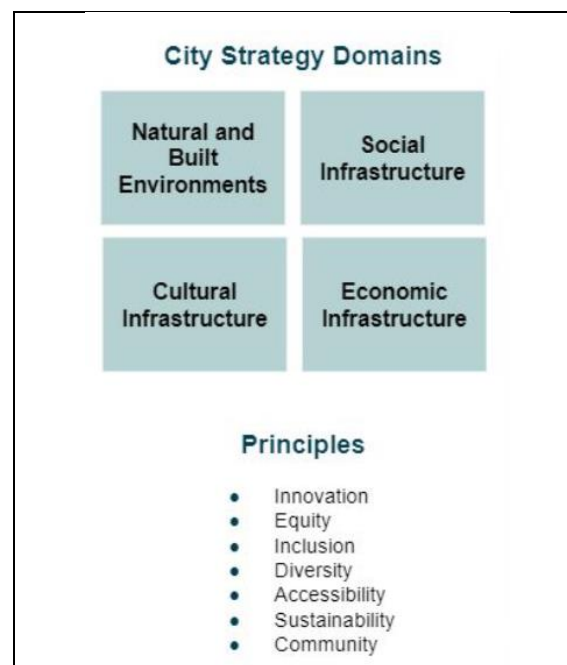
The Socio-Cultural and Economic Development Advisory Committee (SCEDAC) will contribute, support and advise on a number of key initiatives from Council's Strategic Plan including key initiatives that will advance social, cultural and economic development, collaborative partnerships, prosperity and most importantly improve quality of life for the residents of our Langley City; and community asset development that will focus work with current community assets to draw attention to the needs and vision of community health, well-being, social equity and inclusion that will be an integral part of creating a vibrant and sustainable community and economy.

2.0 Mandate:

The mandate of the group includes:

- Promote Langley City as the Regional Hub of the Fraser Valley, the Place to be; an intelligent and thriving community that embraces social, cultural and economic innovations that improve the quality of life for our residents.
- Create and embrace innovative opportunities and models across sectors and the community to foster prosperity, diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Provide advisory input to the creation of an innovative Socio-Cultural Economic Framework.
- Provide advisory input to update the Attract and Retain Business Plan.
- Develop policies that will support KPU 2050 Master Plan that will focus on student housing, employment opportunities, transportation, and support for international and commuter students and students with families.
- Develop strategies and partnership with KPU, businesses, entrepreneurs and others to realize the vision for the Glover Road Innovation District. A dynamic neighbourhood that encourages student housing, tech and research businesses, creative industries, start-ups, and maker spaces.
- Promote new investment opportunities with the development industry with emphasis on Transit Oriented Development with high performance and sustainable built form.
- Develop strategies and partnership with government agencies, community groups and entrepreneurs to secure capital funding for an iconic destination arts and cultural facility.
- Advocate to senior levels of government to create partnerships that support the City's progressive socio-economic pathways of equity, integration, diversity and inclusion through an implementation plan that emerges from the Socio-Cultural Economic Framework.

- Provide advisory inputs to the creation of a solutions-based social-economic implementation plan that supports outputs from community dialogues.
- Implement a comprehensive approach that integrates the City's Strategy Domains including Natural and Built Environments, Social Infrastructure, Cultural Infrastructure, and Economic Infrastructure through a principle-based approach (see diagram below).



3.0 Composition:

3.1 Membership:

- Two members of City Council to be appointed by Council
- One member from a First Nation within the unceded territories that Langley City resides on
- Two members from the community/social service sector
- One member who represent social and cultural diversity, inclusion, equity perspectives
- One member from social purpose business
- Two members from the development industry, preferably one from the residential sector and one from the commercial/retail sector
- Two members from the business community at-large

- Two members from a Post-Secondary Education Institution (KPU & Trinity Western), to reflect social and economic academia representation
- One member from the Downtown Langley Business Association
- One member from the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce

The Chair and Co-Chair shall be members of City Council.

3.2 Staff Liaison

- Two City of Langley staff to be appointed by the CAO that will represent both Economic Development and Social Planning perspectives
- Additional staff and/or consultants may be invited to provide technical advice and assistance

3.3 Affiliated Agencies:

Representative(s) from the Affiliated Agencies will be requested to provide expert advice when deemed appropriate to assist the Task Group to fulfill its mandate.

4.0 Reporting Relationship:

The Group will report to City Council through its meeting notes and by making recommendations to City Council.

5.0 Accountability:

The Group is accountable to City Council. The Group will not have the authority to give direction to staff or to commit to expenditures of funds.

6.0 Administration:

The City of Langley will provide administrative support to the Membership to carry out the mandates of the group.

7.0 Meetings:

The Group will meet on a regular basis at the call of the Chair but not less than (4) times per year, remotely via zoom, or in a facility provided by the participating partners.

A quorum shall be a majority of the total voting membership.

8.0 Terms:

The terms of the group shall cease at the next municipal election, October 17, 2026. The terms may be extended to allow the group to fulfill its mandate.