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To the City of Langley

In 2015, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that it was unconstitutional to begin a municipal council session with a sectarian prayer as it violated the state's duty of religious neutrality.

However, in reviewing the minutes of your City's 2018 inaugural session, we note that a religious representative provided an invocation or prayer.

We kindly ask that you confirm that your council will take steps to ensure future inaugural sessions are compliant with the Supreme Court's ruling.

Sincerely

Ian Bushfield
Executive Director

Reference: Mouvement laïque québécois v. Saguenay (City), 2015 SCC 16, [2015] 2 S.C.R. 3

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Executive Director

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Pronouns: He/him



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