



Meeting Notes Economic Development Task Group

May 21, 2020
6:00pm
Via Zoom

In Attendance:

City Council Members

Mayor Val van den Broek
Councillor Gayle Martin
Councillor Rudy Storteboom
Councillor Rosemary Wallace

Task Group Members

- Councillor Teri James, Chair
- Councillor Paul Albrecht, Vice Chair
- Colleen Clark, Executive Director, Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce
- Marlyn Graziano, Vice President, External Affairs, KPU, representing post-secondary institution
- Peter Fassbender, Consultant, representing the Nexus Blue Ribbon Panel
- Rob McFarlane, Client Executive, Vice President, CapriCMW, representing Mid-size Business and Langley City resident
- Stephen Richardson, Director, Development Services, Township of Langley, representing community knowledge and interest, and Langley City resident

Regrets

- Shawn Bouchard, Vice-President, Quadra Homes, representing the development industry
- Njeri Kontulahti, Vancity Community Investment Manager, Vancity, representing financial sector

Staff

- Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Langley
- Carl Johannsen, Director of Development Services, City of Langley
- Anton Metalnikov, Planning Assistant II

Discussion

Councillor Teri James thanks Council members and task group members for spending their valuable time participating in the task group meeting.

Based on the discussions from the May 14, 2020 task group meeting, a draft Langley City Economic Restart Action Plan ("Plan") was sent to Council members and task group members in advance of the meeting for their review and comments. The Plan focuses on encouraging and supporting residents, businesses, investments, and job creation opportunities in the City in order to restart the economy from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Plan includes 16 action items under five (5) themes that will help restart the economy in supporting local residents and businesses:

1. Sharing Information
2. Outreach
3. Advocacy
4. Stimulating Economy
5. Financial Support

The CAO reviewed each action item and asked if there are other action items to be considered as part of the Plan.

Councillor James invited Council members and Task Group members to either lead or participate in spearheading some of the initiatives by developing the implementation and communication plan as well as implementing the plan. Councillor James asked those who are interested contact her or the CAO.

MOVED BY Member Fassbender
SECONDED BY Member Graziano

THAT the Economic Development Task Group recommend to City Council to endorse the Langley City Economic Restart Action Plan.

CARRIED

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Respectfully Submitted,



Councillor Teri James
Chair
Economic Development Task Group



Councillor Paul Albrecht
Vice-Chair
Economic Development Task Group

Attachment: 1. Langley City Economic Restart Action Plan