

City of Langley
Mayor and Council

Mayor Van Den Broek,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am sending this note to yourself and all Council Members.

It has come to my attention that there was discussion at the City Council meeting on April 26th, 2021 pertaining to the Mayor's Gala held last year and the possibility that Langley Detachment members attended the Gala at taxpayers' expense. Please allow me the opportunity to clarify.

Every RCMP member and their guest who attended the Gala did so with their own money. The members attended out of a commitment to their community and an appreciation of the City as well as to contribute to a charity, benefitting our hospital partner, Langley Memorial.

I would not want there to be a belief that the police officers of Langley had done something untoward as a bonus to themselves. These are the same police officers who have worked tirelessly for the last year throughout the pandemic, routinely deal with violent offenders and courageously put their lives on the line every day to protect this community to the best of their abilities.

The fine men and women of the RCMP that are serving our community are proud to do so and we support our community partners. As the Watch Commander in charge of a large contingent of members who were able to attend the benefit Gala, I felt it my duty to ensure that any misunderstandings be clarified.

Thank you very much for your time and your service to this community.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Damian Volk', written over a horizontal line.

Staff Sergeant Damian Volk, 'D' Watch Commander, Langley RCMP