



Terms of Reference Economic Development Task Group

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 nexus and vital link between Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley. Langley City has articulated our vision in the document entitled Langley City: Nexus of Community.

We have a unique opportunity to capitalize on the new fixed rail rapid transit line that is coming to Langley City in the next eight to ten years. The train is the catalyst but it is not the reason. The reason is people—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. The families that will grow and stay, building on our rich history and sustaining our community from a position of strength.

Imagine a future Langley City with 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 activities, shops, restaurants and events drawing locals and visitors into the city centre. Imagine walkable neighbourhoods, with an emphasis on greenspace and sustainable living, connected by efficient public transit. At the nexus of these dreams and aspirations is our future city. We can attain this and more and our collective vision will help us get there.

A number of recommendations from the visioning document include an update on the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw, develop districts plans and strengthen the role of promoting economic development through a concerted and concentrated effort by creating an Economic Development Office¹.

It is anticipated that the updated Official Community Plan, with various districts plans, will be adopted by City Council in the Fall of 2021 and the updated Zoning Bylaw will be adopted by City Council in early 2022. The Economic Development Task Force will contribute, support and drive the City's effort with a number of key initiatives from these plans to advance economic development, partnership and prosperity in the City.

¹ There are two separate but interrelated functions of the Economic Development Office. One is an economic promotion and advocacy role. The second is an advisory role that uses the expertise of outside advisors with the best interests of the City in mind.

2.0 Mandate:

The mandate of the group includes:

- Work with KPU to develop strategies and initiatives that will support KPU 2050 Master Plan.
- Develop strategies and partnership with KPU, businesses, entrepreneurs and others to realize the vision for the Innovation Boulevard on Glover Road that encourages student housing, tech and research businesses, media and film industries, start-ups, and maker spaces.
- Develop strategies and partnership with land owners and developers to encourage the development industry to invest in building Transit Oriented Development with high density residential and mixed uses around the 196 Street and 203 Street SkyTrain stations and streets immediately along and adjacent the guideway alignment such as Industrial Avenue, Fraser Highway and 203 Street.
- Develop strategies and partnership with government agencies, community groups and entrepreneurs to secure capital funding for an iconic destination arts and cultural facility.

3.0 Composition:

3.1 Membership:

- Two members of City Council to be appointed by the Mayor
- One member from the Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC) accredited or the British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects (BCSLA) accredited
- One member from a First Nation within the unceded territories that Langley City resides on
- One member from a Post-Secondary Education institution
- One member from the Downtown Langley Business Association
- One member from the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce
- Two members from the development industry, preferably one from the residential sector and one from the commercial/retail sector
- Two members from the community at-large

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

3.2 Staff Liaison

- One City of Langley staff to be appointed by the CAO

- 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, 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 on December 31, 2022. The terms may be extended to allow the group to fulfill its mandate.