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The City of Langley  
20399 Douglas Crescent  
Langley BC  
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January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

RE: CITY OF LANGLEY CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOWNSHIP AQUATIC SUBSIDIES

Dear Mayor Pachal and City of Langley Council,

As you know, the Township of Langley operates three public aquatic facilities, two of which are indoors. W.C. Blair Recreation Centre resides in close proximity to the City of Langley, the Walnut Grove Community Centre provides the only 50-meter pool in the Langley area, and Aldergrove Community Centre offers year-round outdoor options and a unique summer experience.

While we welcome and appreciate patronage by City of Langley residents, we must consider the annual subsidies required to operate and maintain these facilities. The significant annual cost for programming, staffing, maintenance and capital renewal isn't recoverable from fees and charges. These costs are subsidized solely by taxpayers of the Township of Langley.

Given the frequency of use by non-residents from the City of Langley, without complementary facilities, it's fair and equitable to request collaboration to jointly fund the true cost. Therefore, we are requesting an annual, multi-year financial commitment from the City of Langley to assist with the ongoing annual subsidy needed to support Langley's only indoor aquatic facilities.

In exchange for a mutually acceptable confirmation to assist, I could then recommend to Township of Langley Council that it not proceed with a non-resident additional surcharge likely to be considered in 2025. Please confirm your response for our Council's consideration no later than March 21, 2025. As always, on any issue, I am available to discuss this further, if needed.

Sincerely,

Eric Woodward  
Mayor  
Township of Langley