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Langley City Named One of the World's Smart21 Communities of 2025

Langley City, B.C. – The Intelligent Community Forum (ICF) has recognized Langley City as one of the world's Smart21 Communities of 2025, placing it among a respected group of cities and regions leading the way in innovation, digital transformation, and economic development.

Langley City is one of 21 communities across nine nations and five continents to receive this honour. The Smart21 recognition marks the semi-finalist stage of ICF's annual Intelligent Community of the Year Awards Program, which recognizes communities using technology, innovation, and inclusive economic growth to build a thriving future for residents and businesses.

"We are honoured to be named one of the world's Smart21 Communities," said Mayor Nathan Pachal. "This recognition is a testament to our efforts in making Langley City a forward-thinking and connected community that improves life for our residents and businesses. It's a proud achievement for our city and employees."

The announcement was made on March 6, 2025, at the Communities in Transition conference in Hamilton, Ontario. The summit brings together global smart city advocates, policymakers, and industry leaders to discuss pressing issues, including the housing crisis, public-private partnerships, and the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in infrastructure, healthcare and more.



Langley City's application shows a strong commitment to social, cultural and economic programs and initiatives. The Smart21 selection process evaluates communities based on ICF's Community Accelerator Strategy, which considers six key factors: connectivity, workforce, innovation, engagement, sustainability, and digital inclusion.

The Smart21 distinction is a significant achievement. Up to 400 communities worldwide submit nominations each year. From this group, the Top7 Intelligent Communities of 2025 are selected for the next phase of the program.

For more information about the Intelligent Community Forum and the Smart21 Communities of 2025, visit <u>intelligentcommunity.org</u>. For the complete list of Smart 21 Communities for 2025, visit <u>The Smart21</u> Communities of the Year.

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