



## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 31, 2025

3:00 pm

Council Chambers, Langley City Hall  
20399 Douglas Crescent

Present: Mayor Pachal  
Councillor Albrecht  
Councillor James  
Councillor Mack  
Councillor Solyom  
Councillor Wallace  
Councillor White

Staff Present: F. Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer  
G. Flack, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services  
C. Johannsen, Director of Development Services  
S. Kennedy, Fire Chief  
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer  
D. Pollock, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment  
R. Ollenberg, Manager of Engineering Services

### 1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Pachal acknowledged that the land on which we gather is on the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations.

### 2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the March 31, 2025 special meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. REPORTS**

a. Excavation & Shoring Policy

David Pollock, Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment

Rachel Ollenberger, Manager of Engineering Services spoke to the staff report dated March 24, 2025.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT "Council Policy No.CO-87 - Excavation and Shoring" be approved.

CARRIED

**4. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council commence Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

a. 2025 Community Grant Allocation - 2 hours - 3:15pm

Graham Flack, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, outlined the City's community grant allocation process, advising there is \$168,000 from which to allocate community grants

Staff responded to questions from Committee members regarding the Community Grant Policy and grant review process.

Mr. Flack advised of the following grant applications that are pre-approved per City Policy:

Langley 4-H District Council

Langley School District Foundation

Langley Senior Resources Society

Youth Parliament

Langley Fine Arts School Dry Grad

Langley Senior Secondary Dry Grad

R.E. Mountain Senior Secondary Dry Grad

The committee reviewed and considered the 2025 grant applications received from the following organizations:

**Arts & Culture Grant Applications:**

BARD in the Valley

Before Consideration of the next grant request, Councillor James declared a conflict of interest as she is an employee of the Downtown Langley Business Association (DLBA) who puts this event on and left the meeting at 3:15 pm.

DLBA Arts Alive

Following Council's consideration of the above grant request, Councillor James returned to the meeting at 3:16 pm.

Langley Arts Council – Kids Zone

Kat Moon Band

Golden Ears Chamberfest

**Child/Youth Grant Applications:**

Big Brothers Big Sisters Langley

Boys & Girls Club of South Coast BC

British Columbia Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation

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Douglas Park Community School Society

Following Council's consideration of the above grant request Councillor James returned to the meeting at 3:26 pm.

Fraser Region Community Justice Initiatives Association

HD Stafford Middle School (PAC)

It was suggested that HD Stafford Middle School (PAC) be invited to provide a presentation to Council in order to provide more information to Council on their grant request.

KidSport Langley

Langley Literacy Association

PLEA Community Services Society

2<sup>nd</sup> Langley Mavericks Scout Group  
Harmony Kids Foundation

**Health/Social Grant Applications:**

Encompass Support Services Society  
Fibromyalgia Well Spring Foundation  
Langley Community Services Society  
Rick's Heart Foundation  
Ron Cares Society  
Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society  
Zajac Ranch Society

**Community Events Grant Applications:**

Langley Community Farmers Market  
Langley Rotary Club Charitable Foundation – Rib Fest  
Lower Fraser Valley Aboriginal Society  
Run for Sobriety Association  
stałew Arts and Cultural Society

Following discussion of the above grant request, Mayor Pachal advised he will get clarity and report back on issue with branding of the City not being on advertising for the past city sponsored event.

Councillor Wallace left the meeting at 3:54 pm.

Terry Fox Run Langley

Councillor Wallace returned to the meeting at 3:55 pm.

VAYA Youth Arts Society

Waceya Metis Society

**Other Grant Applications:**

- Langley Animal Protection Society
- Langley Field Naturalists Society
- Langley Lawn Bowling Club
- Rotary Club of Langley
- Langley Amateur Radio Association
- Douglas Park Charity Pickleball Tournament

**Late Grant Applications**

- Agri-Kids Society
- Bright Beginnings Academy Inc.
- Langley Fastball Association

The Committee revisited several grant applications and finalized their decisions on specific grant amounts.

Before revisiting the Douglas Park Community School Society's grant request, Councillor James declared a conflict of interest as she sits on the Board of the society and left the meeting at 4:06 pm.

Following the Committee's consideration of the above grant request Councillor James returned to the meeting at 4:09 pm.

The Committee made the following two recommendations:

THAT Council receive the March 25, 2025 Report to Council titled "2025 Community Grants" from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for information.

THAT City Council award community grants totaling \$168,000 to the following organizations:

Langley 4-H District Council	\$	150.00
Langley School District Foundation	\$	4,950.00
Langley Seniors Resources Society*	\$	15,000.00
Youth Parliament	\$	1,000.00
Langley Fine Arts School Dry Grad	\$	500.00
Langley Senior Secondary Dry Grad	\$	500.00
R. E. Mountain Senior Secondary Dry Grad	\$	500.00

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BARD in the Valley	\$	22,584.98
DLBA Arts Alive	\$	13,403.60
Langley Arts Council - Kids Zone	\$	2,500.00
Kat Moon Band	\$	551.25
Big Brothers Big Sisters Langley	\$	4,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of South Coast BC	\$	2,260.00
British Columbia Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation	\$	1,050.00
Douglas Park Community School Society	\$	2,305.00
Fraser Region Community Justice Initiatives Association	\$	1,000.00
HD Stafford Middle School (PAC)	\$	12,876.17
KidSport Langley	\$	4,000.00
Langley Literacy Association	\$	2,500.00
PLEA Community Services Society	\$	1,000.00
2nd Langley Mavericks Scout Group	\$	1,000.00
Encompass Support Services Society	\$	3,000.00
Fibromyalgia Well Spring Foundation	\$	1,050.00
Langley Community Services Society	\$	5,000.00
Ron Cares Society	\$	2,170.00
Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society	\$	1,000.00
Zajac Ranch Society	\$	7,000.00
Langley Community Farmers Market Foundation - Rib Fest	\$	2,700.00
Lower Fraser Valley Aboriginal Society	\$	5,000.00
Run for Sobriety Association	\$	2,500.00
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Terry Fox Run Langley	\$	4,750.00
VAYA Youth Arts Society	\$	1,670.00
Waceya Metis Society	\$	3,000.00
Langley Animal Protection Society	\$	10,000.00
Langley Field Naturalists Society	\$	5,000.00
Langley Lawn Bowling Club**	\$	2,000.00
Rotary Club of Langley	\$	1,400.00
Langley Amateur Radio Association	\$	2,000.00
Douglas Park Charity Pickleball Tournament	\$	582.75
Agri-Kids Society	\$	6,126.25
Langley Fastball Association	\$	4,000.00
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>168,000.00</b>

**5. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - RISE AND REPORT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED

**6. RATIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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Langley Rotary Club Charitable		

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**7. MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED MEETING**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Council Meeting immediately following this meeting be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered relates to items which comply with the following closed meeting criteria specified in Section 90 of the Community Charter:

1 (c) labour relations or other employee relations.

CARRIED

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:39 pm.

CARRIED

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Signed:

MAYOR

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Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER