



COMMITTEE REPORT

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject **Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) -
Picture Exchange Communication System for
Parks**

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From: Councillor Delaney Mack, Chair, Accessibility
Advisory Committee

Date: September 16, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends that council direct staff to consider the installation of Picture Exchange Communication System® (PECS®) boards at city parks and facilities.

SUMMARY:

The Picture Exchange Communication System®, or PECS®, allows individuals who are non-verbal or have limited speech express themselves using symbols and pictures. People using PECS® can point to a picture on the board to communicate their requests, answer questions and make comments. PECS® boards make playgrounds and public facilities more inclusive by creating welcoming spaces for everyone, regardless of their physical or mental abilities.

Langley City currently does not have PECS® available in parks or public facilities. A member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, Andrea Castro, has created the Forever Kind PECS® board and has offered to work with the city to provide the boards for installation at our parks and facilities. If approved, staff will apply for accessibility grant funding to pay for the supply and installation in either Douglas Park or City Park, pending site selection.

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This request aligns with the Accessibility Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference which is to identify, remove, and prevent barriers to individuals in or interacting with the City.

Respectfully Submitted,



Delaney Mack
Chair

Attachment:

1. PECS Board example