



COMMITTEE REPORT

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject **Environmental Sustainability Committee - Zero Waste Strategy**

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From: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Co-Chair
Environmental Sustainability Committee

Date: October 6, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation from the Environmental Sustainability Committee:

“THAT, pursuant to the strategy outlined in the Langley City 2023–2028 Strategic Plan, under Section 5d, the City of Langley implement a policy requiring all community events—including City-led events—to submit a zero-waste management strategy prior to event approval. The policy will include consideration of resource and budget implications.”

be received for information, and

2. THAT Council direct Staff to develop a phased Zero Waste Strategy for all events held in the City.

SUMMARY:

At the June 12, 2025 Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) meeting the committee members discussed how the City could provide zero waste facilities at City events. It was noted that the City’s current Official Community Plan (OCP) emphasises environmental sustainability and climate action and specifically promotes reducing waste and encourages sustainable resource use through waste diversion. This is also included in the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan which encourages a zero-waste approach and promote the practices at community events.

Following the discussion the following motion was passed:

“THAT, pursuant to the strategy outlined in the Langley City 2023–2028 Strategic Plan, under Section 5d, the City of Langley implement a policy requiring all community events—including City-led events—to submit a zero-waste management strategy prior to event approval. The policy will include consideration of resource and budget implications.”

The motion as presented is wide-ranging and includes all community events in the City, not just limited to larger City-led events. There may be additional costs placed upon events organized by private or local community organizations which are unknown at this time.

The development and implementation of a Zero Waste Strategy will require consideration of capital costs as well as operating costs for labour as well as waste disposal.

As such, it is recommended that staff be directed to develop a Zero-Waste Strategy for Council’s consideration that identifies a phased approach that will target large City events initially with possible expansion to all community events in future years. The details regarding timelines, resourcing and budget requirements will be presented at a future Council meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair

Attachment(s):

1. June 12, 2025 ESC minutes