



CITY OF LANGLEY

MOTION

Establishing Langley City as a Heart and Hearth Community – Mayor Pachal

THAT the Mayor be authorized to send correspondence, on behalf of Council to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs to inquire as to next steps the City could take toward establishing Langley City as a HEART and HEARTH community, in particular, proceeding with a Memorandum of Understanding between Langley City and the Province.

Background:

In 2023, the provincial government launched the HEART (Homeless Encampment Action Response Team) and HEARTH (Homeless Encampment Action Response Temporary Housing). The programs offer comprehensive support to the unhoused living in encampments through the provision of shelter, outreach, and complex care housing.

Since the launch of these provincial programs, Langley City Council has advocated, through resolutions to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and Union of BC Municipalities, for expanded eligibility of these programs to municipalities like Langley, that do not have encampments, but rather dispersed clusters of unhoused vulnerable individuals.

Council members recently met with the Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs at the 2025 UBCM convention, at which time, Council discussed with the Minister, the potential for the City to collaborate with the province to pilot an adaptive approach to establishing Langley City as a HEART and HEARTH community.