



## CITY OF LANGLEY

### MOTION

#### **Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Public Awareness & Prevention Opportunity – Councillor Wallace**

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**WHEREAS** Statistics Canada reports that about one in four women have been physically or sexually assaulted by an intimate partner since age 15, and the rates are higher for Indigenous women; and

**WHEREAS** In B.C., a 2025 independent review shows very high lifetime Intimate Partner Violence prevalence among women, with even higher rates for Indigenous women; and

**WHEREAS** To effectively break the cycle of violence against women, it is crucial to acknowledge and address the significant challenges faced by repeat victims of abuse and without adequate measures to tackle the abuses they endure, these women remain trapped in a cycle of violence; and

**WHEREAS** Data confirms local leadership matters-in prevention, outreach, and support, alongside policing and justice; and

**WHEREAS** Community safety and well-being are important priorities for Langley City;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Gender-Based Violence public awareness, prevention, and education be incorporated into the Village Café Series event on December 6, 2025 (National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women), to coincide with the November 25 International Gender-Based Violence Awareness Day and 16 Days of Activism.

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#### **BACKGROUND**

This motion advances Langley City's commitment to safety, equity, and inclusion through community-centred engagement and direct involvement and builds directly on the City's Village Café Series, which brings traditionally less engaged residents into the conversation to shape policy and action.