

April 17, 2018

Mayor's Message



Like many of you, I'm ready to see the sunshine on a regular basis. While the weather has been less than ideal, Langley City Council and staff have been busy organizing the upcoming Neighbourhood Meetings which will take place at three different locations:

Simonds & Blacklock Neighbourhood Meeting

Tuesday, May 1

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Simonds Elementary School Gym

20190 48 Avenue, Langley

Douglas & Nicomekl Neighbourhood Meeting

Tuesday, May 8

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Douglas Park Community School Gym

5409 206 Street, Langley

Uplands & Alice Brown Neighbourhood Meeting

Wednesday, May 16

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Alice Brown Elementary School Gym

20011 44 Avenue, Langley

At 6:15 pm, along with my Council colleagues, I will provide a neighbourhood-specific update on the projects accomplished in 2017 and what residents should look forward to in 2018. An open house format with all departments present will follow. All residents are welcome and are encouraged to attend a meeting in their area. No RSVP required.

Upcoming Programs & Events:

April 18

[National Canadian Film Day](#)

April 21

[Pancakes in the Park - Hunter Park Grand Reopening](#)

April 28

[Pitch-In Day](#)

May 1

[Blacklock & Simonds Neighbourhood Meeting](#)

May 1 - 5

[Youth Week](#)

May 6

[Langley Walk](#)

May 6-12

Emergency Preparedness Week

May 8

[Douglas & Nicomekl Neighbourhood Meeting](#)

May 10

Earlier this week, my Council colleagues and I received an overview of the new Langley City Fire Rescue Truck and its features. The new fire engine will replace the 1993 Mack engine that has served the city well for the past 25 years. The customized engine was designed by a Langley City Fire Rescue committee to make sure it fits the needs of our community, and was built over a 14 month period. The new engine takes advantage of new technologies such as an onboard computer that allows firefighters to view building plans while responding to structure fires. It will service the community later this month once crews have completed training.



(left to right: Councillor Jack Arnold, Councillor Paul Albrecht, Councillor Rudy Storteboom, Mayor Ted Schaffer, Councillor Gayle Martin, Councillor Val van den Broek, Councillor Nathan Pachal)

In the spirit of Earth Day, the [Hunter Park Grand Reopening – Pancake Picnic in the Park](#) event will take place on Saturday, April 21 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Hunter Park's Grand Reopening is a unique event that captures the essence of community pride, forest management, environmentalism, youth and families. Join City Council and celebrate the newly redeveloped Hunter Park with musician Jessica Barbour and the Vancouver Green Team. The Langley City Youth Committee will be on site and providing a pancake breakfast by donation while selling boxes of Krispy Kreme donuts for \$10.00 in support of Youth Week. Hunter Park is located at 19959 45 A Avenue or it can be accessed from 19959 45 B Avenue. Additional parking is available at Penzer Park and along 198 C

Move For Health Day

May 11

[Al Anderson](#)

[Memorial Pool Opens](#)

May 16

[Alice Brown & Uplands](#)

[Neighbourhood Meeting](#)

June 2

[Food Truck Festival](#)

[View all of the upcoming Langley City events](#)

Recreation, Culture and Community Services
RECREATION GUIDE SPRING-SUMMER EDITION



National
CANADIAN FILM DAY

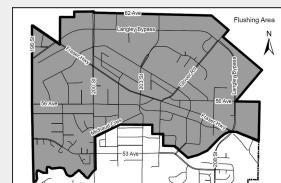
Free Screening:
Long Time Running (PG)



PITCH-IN
CANADA



56th Langley Walk 2018

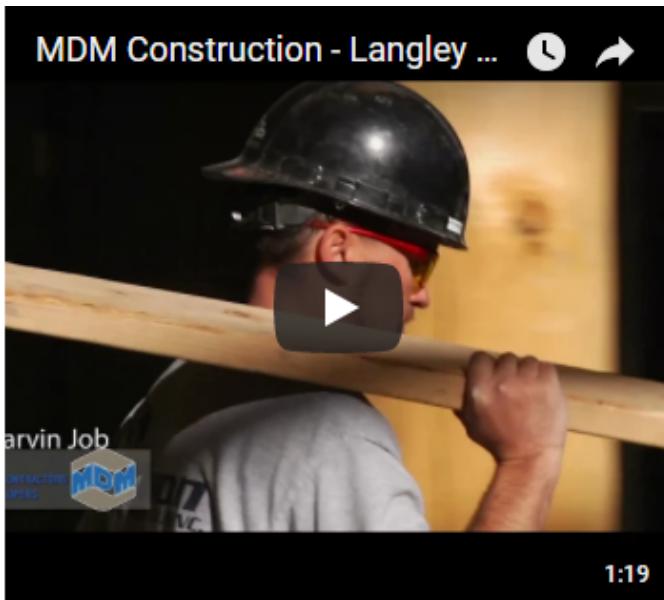


Watermain Flushing Program - North Zone

March 19 - May 15

Street. We ask all attendees to be respectful of neighbourhood residents in the area. Bring your picnic blanket or lawn chair, and join us for this fun, family pancake picnic in the park.

Langley City is a community of endless choices for your living, recreational and business needs. To showcase what the City has to offer, Langley City staff have developed a Video Spotlights campaign. Each video snippet is approximately 1-2 minutes long, and a new video will be presented at each Council meeting. Shortly afterwards, the video will be published on the [City's YouTube channel](#) and website, and shared via social media. Below are the two most recently released videos - take a look and feel free to share them on your social networks.



City crews conduct flushing in the spring and fall of each year - half the City at a time - to maintain high quality water for residents.

If flushing occurs in your area, you may experience discoloured water. Run your taps until the water becomes clear. The water is safe to drink and use during flushing.





You're invited to the Langley City's Annual Neighbourhood Meetings

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Langley City
The place to be



About HUB Cycling's Bike to School Week
HUB Cycling's Bike to School Week is a fun, free, week long celebration where schools across the country take part. Schools across Metro Vancouver take part, and HUB Cycling offers support such as resources and event ideas, prizes for schools that participate, and Bike to School Week packages to make tracking bike rides at your school easy!

Benefits for schools

- Builds community by getting parents, students and teachers working together
- Enhances on green initiatives already taking place at your school
- Makes schools a safer place – when more kids bike & walk to school, traffic is reduced in your school zone
- Students that bike & walk to school arrive feeling energized and ready to learn
- Carries on the momentum of a HUB Cycling course

How your school can participate

Parents, Teachers, or Admin can register their school for free at bitshub.ca/btsw. Schools choose how they would like to receive their event package.

Event packages include:

- Large poster and stickers to track students' trips
- Resources to help you get started
- Tip and Resource sheet with advice on how to make the event a success!
- Resources for students

You can find tips, stories, as well as tips and stories from past participating schools at bitshub.ca/btsw. Registration is open now!

Have questions about the event? E-mail schools@bitshub.ca



JOIN TODAY-
IT'S FREE!

Choose to Move



Visit www.choosetomove.info
to learn more!

Choose to Move is a free 6-month approach for anyone age 65 and older that wants to become active, regardless of ability.

Don't wait to take that first step...

- ✓ Feel more energetic
- ✓ Get support to be more physically active
- ✓ Take steps toward your fitness goals
- ✓ Choose activities that you like
- ✓ Learn how to fit activity into your daily routine
- ✓ Stay accountable to your plan
- ✓ Meet new people and have fun!

Join Choose to Move at:
Timms Community Centre: 20399 Douglas Cr.
Next Information Session: Monday May 7
Reserve your spot: 604-514-2940

Sincerely,

Mayor Ted Schaffer



Al Anderson Memorial Pool Opens May 11!

Al Anderson Memorial Pool offers a variety of swimming lessons from preschool to adult courses

including the Sharks and Minnows Leadership programs, and Lifesaving Society programs for individuals who are interested in becoming a lifeguard or water safety instructor.

The facility also offers a variety of drop-in pool activities such as aquatic fitness classes; length swims, parent and tot swims, youth only swims, public swims and loonie/toonie swims.

Did you know that you can also rent out the entire pool for your birthdays, sports teams and school or work functions?!

For more information about any of the courses or programs offered, please see our [2018 Spring and Summer Recreation Guide](#) or call 604-514-2860.



Langley City Elections

In BC, General Local Elections are held every four years. This year is an election year, and on October 20, 2018, qualified electors will be going to the polls to elect a Mayor and six Councillors to City Council and two School Trustees to the Board of School District No. 35.

You can find out more information on the [City's election webpage](#).

An advertisement for a "YOGA SCULPT" class. It features three women in athletic wear performing a pose on mats. Text includes: "Recreation, Culture and Community Services", "YOGA SCULPT HIGH INTENSITY, NON-IMPACT", "Using hand weights to help sculpt and tone as you move", "Thursdays Drop-in 9:00am-10:00am", "Times Community Centre Drop-in fees apply", "More options available", "MORE INFORMATION TIMMS COMMUNITY CENTRE 2000 108A AVENUE 604 514 5840 DOUGLAS RECREATION CENTRE 1000 108A AVENUE 604 514 5840 LangleyCity.ca recreation@langleycity.ca", and the Langley City logo.

An advertisement for a "Pancake Picnic in the Park" at Hunter Park. It features a couple walking in a park with a hammock. Text includes: "Engineering, Parks & Environment", "Pancake Picnic in the Park Hunter Park Grand Reopening", "Join City Council, musician Jessica Barbour, and the Langley Green Team volunteers at this Grand Opening event!", "Activities include: Pancake breakfast by donation, Grand Opening Celebration, Tree & Shrub planting", "APRIL 21, 2018 10:00AM - 12:00PM HUNTER PARK, 19959 45B AVENUE ADDITIONAL PARKING AVAILABLE AT PENZER PARK, 4757 155 C STREET", "BRING YOUR PICNIC BLANKET OR LAWN CHAIR", "COMMUNITY EVENT PLANTING, MUSIC & PANCAKES", "The picnic breakfast starts at 10:00am and the official ceremony will start at 11:00am. The Langley Youth Committee will be providing entertainment by donations and selling a box of Kringy Kreme donuts for \$1.00 in support of Youth Health.", and the Langley City logo.



Park and Infrastructure Updates

Langley City's mission statement is to continually make the City 'a vibrant, healthy, and safe community' for all. Ongoing improvements to parks, transportation and infrastructure reflect our mission statement. Every month, the Engineering, Park and Environment team works on projects and initiatives to create a vibrant place to live, work and play. In this new segment, the City will provide a snapshot of some of the projects and initiatives our staff are working on to make Langley City, 'the Place to Be'.

Michaud Crescent Traffic Calming Update



The Engineering, Parks and Environment department completed the interim curb bulges at Michaud Crescent & 201 A Street. Before the traffic calming initiative was implemented, many drivers were travelling 50km/hr in the 30 km/hr playground zone. After traffic calming was implemented, the average speed during daytime hours was 36km/hr.

New Lights in Downtown Langley



Three lights at the north lane of Fraser Highway and four street lights on Fuller Lane were installed.



Wire Theft in the Community

Wire theft is increasing in our community. Although staff have replaced and installed locking covers, the City is still experiencing wire theft from street lights and traffic signals which can take up to 2 weeks to

repair and in the last three month it's costed the City approximately \$35,000.

If you see someone tampering with a streetlight or traffic signal, please call the non-emergency RCMP line at 604.532.3200, or if you notice electrical tampering at any location in the City, please visit <http://rfs.langleycity.ca> to report wire theft.



**New Lawn and Garden Watering
Regulations - Stage 1 Lawn Watering
Regulations are in effect May 1 to
October 15**

In the Lower Mainland, water usage increases significantly by almost 50% due to swimming pools, growing food, and maintaining sports fields and community parks. During the periods of high demand we need to conserve our drinking water by reducing the lower priority uses, such keeping our lawns green and washing decks and driveways. The region-wide watering regulations are an effective way to help us use our drinking water wisely.

Metro Vancouver has updated the Water Shortage Response Plan with a new plan, called the [Drinking Water Conservation Plan](#), active as of May 1, 2018.

The City subsequently updated its own bylaw (previously the Water Shortage Response Plan bylaw has been rescinded and replaced with the new Drinking Water Conservation Plan Bylaw, 2017, No. 3037) to reflect the regional plan.

It includes changes to the water use regulations, and largely impacts the watering of lawns and gardens, playing fields and golf courses, and the operation of commercial car washes and pools.

	RESIDENTIAL LAWNS	TREES, SHRUBS, FLOWERS	VEGETABLE GARDENS
STAGE 1 May 1 – Oct 15	EVEN ADDRESS: Wednesday Saturday 4 am – 9 am ODD ADDRESS: Thursday Sunday 4 am – 9 am	 SPRINKLERS 4 am – 9 am, any day  HAND WATERING SOAKER HOSE OR Drip Irrigation Anytime	Anytime
STAGE 2	EVEN ADDRESS: Wednesday 4 am – 9 am ODD ADDRESS: Thursday 4 am – 9 am	 SPRINKLERS 4 am – 9 am, any day  HAND WATERING SOAKER HOSE OR Drip Irrigation Anytime	Anytime
STAGE 3	 LAWN WATERING PROHIBITED	 SPRINKLERS AND SOAKER HOSES PROHIBITED  HAND WATERING or Drip Irrigation Anytime	Anytime

All activities prohibited in emergency Stage 4.
 Visit metrovancouver.org for the complete regulations

In addition to lawn watering regulations, there are other water use restrictions when Stage 1 of the Drinking Water Conservation Plan is active. Some examples are:

- Outdoor car washing and boat washing with a hose is allowed with spring-loaded shut off nozzle only.
- Watering new, unestablished lawns outside of regulated times requires a municipal permit.
- Golf course operators are encouraged to reduce water use on fairways as much as possible.

- Watering school yards and sports fields are allowed from 7:00 pm to 9:00 am on any day.

These restrictions do not apply to the use of rain water, gray water, any forms of recycled water, or well water.

An hour of rain or watering per week is all the water you need for a healthy lawn. Find more information about how to maintain a healthy lawn throughout the year, while following the lawn watering regulations, with Metro Vancouver's [lawn care guide](#).

A healthy lawn is the best defence against chafer beetle, an invasive insect that has damaged lawns throughout the region. [Learn more](#) about chafer beetle and how to treat it within the lawn watering regulations.



April is Auto Crime Enforcement Month

Last year, more than 56,500 vehicle break-ins and over 11,600 vehicle thefts occurred in B.C. Valuables left in your vehicle are at risk. Remove electronics including smartphones, GPS and laptops and do not store your spare or valet key in your vehicle.

What car thieves are looking for is opportunity. Vehicle owners are being cautioned to not leave themselves vulnerable to victimization.

These are the [top ten most common items stolen from cars](#):

1. Smartphones

2. Personal electronic devices, ie. Tablets, laptops, GPS, etc.
3. Work tools
4. Credit cards
5. Documents and identification
6. Cash or change
7. Car parts and accessories
8. Garage door openers
9. Sunglasses
10. Keys

In order to keep vehicles safe, it requires a conscious effort by the owners. Some helpful tips include:

- Treat your keys like cash: secure at all times.
Don't leave your keys unguarded including at a restaurant or gym. Don't store your spare or valet key in your vehicle.
- Park in secure, well-lit areas. When possible, try to park in areas near pedestrian traffic.
- Always lock your doors and close your windows, even if you're away from your vehicle for just a minute.
- Remove electronics and valuables including smartphones, GPS and keys and put anything that could tempt a thief in the trunk – even loose change or empty shopping bags.
- Wait for garage door gates to close behind you.
Don't give thieves a chance to sneak in to a parkade.
- Keep your garage door opener out of sight. Store your garage door remote in a glove box or other concealed place, or take it with you.
- Use an anti-theft device like a steering wheel lock or install an immobilizer in your vehicle.
Older vehicles not equipped with an immobilizer have a higher risk of being stolen.

Thieves are looking for opportunities to steal or break into your vehicle, so keep your keys secure at all times and lock your car or truck. For more information and to see the top ten auto crime offenders, please visit: www.baitcar.com



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