

News Release



**PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY:
2015 DRAFT FINANCIAL PLAN & NEW PARKS CONCEPTS**
Two-in-One Open House Scheduled for February 4 at Douglas Recreation Centre

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City of Langley, BC – On Wednesday, February 4 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. the City of Langley will host an open house at Douglas Recreation Centre to present the draft 2015 financial plan, as well as the new design concepts for Buckley Park and Penzer Park.

“In order to be effective, municipal governments require involvement from the community,” said Darrin Leite, director of corporate services at the City of Langley. “Feedback from our community members strengthens the quality of policy making, programs and service delivery, so we encourage everyone to come out and share their thoughts and ideas on these two important subjects.”

The 2015 financial plan currently has a gap of \$670,075 between total revenues and planned expenditures, which would equate to a 2.95 per cent increase in property taxes to balance the budget. Including utility rate increases, the impact on an average multi-family home (assessed at \$200,728) would be a decrease of 2.90 per cent or (\$37) and an average single family home (assessed at \$486,931) would see an increase of 2.30 per cent or \$63.

An initial Buckley-Penzer parks public input session was held last November. The event was followed by an online survey to collect resident feedback on design options and priorities for various parks amenities. The upcoming February 4 open house will showcase the initial concepts based on that feedback. Final plans are subject to budget and council approval.

“We had great public input in the fall, with more than 130 residents providing feedback on their priorities for this underutilized park space,” said Rick Bomhof, City of Langley director of engineering, parks & environment. “We hope to continue with that momentum in taking the design comments back to the public and user groups for fine tuning.”

Douglas Recreation Centre is located at 20550 Douglas Crescent in the City of Langley. Coffee and tea will be served. For more information about the development of Buckley Park and Penzer Park, please contact the City of Langley engineering department at 604-514-2997. For more information about the 2015 financial plan, please call the City's finance department at 604-514-2800.

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