# Fort Langley Community Association

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## PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2025
Fort Langley Community Hall (downstairs)

*We would like to acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples–in particular, the Kwantlen, Katzie, Matsqui and Semiahmoo Nations.*

**Directors present:** Sue MacKenzie (Chairperson), Cathy Massey (Vice-Chairperson), Andy Schildhorn (Past Chairperson), Alison Hewitt (Secretary), Janine Twist (Treasurer), Megan Smith, Sarah Lane, Taylor Lodge, Amy Read, Malcolm Weatherston.

**Call to Order:** 7:35 pm

**Agenda:** adopted.

**Approval of Minutes** from March 11, 2025 (Taylor/Janine) - Passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

1. Financials - Janine
    a. Total money in account: $7,640.66
    b. See attached report (Janine).

**Committee Reports**

1. Banners - Andy
    a. Change over to spring banners next week.
    b. Fully booked with banners through to Remembrance Day.
    c. Plan for the old red banners: give-away at the May 8th Open House.

2. Community grants - no updates at this time.

3. Open House: *Fort Langley Connections* - May 8, 2025 - Sue
    a. Purpose: This event is to raise awareness and promote what is happening in our town.
    b. Promotion:
        i. Emails have been sent inviting groups to participate in the *Fort Langley Connections Open House.*

ii. Sarah has designed a poster for the event; a flyer is in the works. The posters are ready to go to the printer.

c. Participation:
   i. 17-18 groups/events/activities are currently committed to having reps at tables. That is enough to proceed, but there is still room for more.
   ii. There will be a call-out on Facebook's My Fort Langley to ask for other groups who may wish to have a table. (Andy will talk to Jeanette).
   iii. Groups have been asked to respond by April 17th, but any group/person after that may contact Sue to ask if there's still an available table.

d. Volunteers needed:
   i. Volunteers to put up posters in Fort Langley and beyond. Watch for an email about this.
   ii. May 8th set-up in the Fort Langley Community Hall - upstairs. Please let Sue know if you can help with:
      1. Table/chairs set-up at 3:00.
      2. Clean-up, tables/chairs afterwards.

e. Malcom & Taylor to communicate regarding refreshments, coffee.

4. Welcome bags - Sarah
   a. 9 businesses to date have agreed to participate in Welcome Bags for new residents, giving flowers, discounts etc. Salishan Place also has some materials. (Sarah will also ask Salishan Place if they want to participate in May 8th Open House).
   b. We can find out who new residents are (at least homeowners).

5. Mosquito Committee - Alison
   a. We recently emailed staff involved in nuisance mosquito programs: Lovena Morton at the Township of Langley; Rhea Leroux and David Leavers at Metro Vancouver.
   b. We are appreciative that email responses were received quickly following their initial spring 2025 meeting:
      i. Rhea informed us that the certification of drones for the distribution of pesticides is now being made a priority at the provincial level after delays. Once this happens, Metro Vancouver is on board and Morrow BioScience is ready to use drones to distribute the current biological larvicide as needed in hard-to-reach areas (such as the underbrush on Brae Island) - likely in 2026.
      ii. Lovena says that Morrow BioScience is planning to have an outreach booth at the 2025 Fort Langley May Day event as in previous years. The FLCA will contact them for details so we can help promote this opportunity for the public to ask questions about mosquito control. She also attached a detailed 2025 Early Season Report from Morrow about the anticipated mosquito season.

iii. Morrow has previously shared the Snow Conditions & Water Supply Bulletin that is published monthly and allows us to follow conditions and changes.
iv. By all accounts, we are anticipating an average freshet, which means nuisance mosquito levels at a reasonable level. This can change if there is a heat wave and the snowmelt is expedited or if there is significant rain in May/June. See documents cited for details.

6. Waterfront / Haldi House
    a. Work has started on the Haldi House - this will help preserve the building.

7. Dredging - Sue
    a. Email received from Councillor Richter about getting more funding partners to move forward with dredging.
    b. Sue forwarded our previous email in support of dredging to Mr. Chanpreet Kooner, administrator at the Township of Langley. Mr Kooner replied with thanks, sharing the emails with Tumia Knott (Kwantlen Nation).
    c. Dredging was discussed at the April 8th Township Council meeting today, introduced by Tim Baillie. There is slow forward movement, but the Township, Kwantlen and other groups are working together on this.
    d. The Kwantlen Nation has requested that the material that gets dredged be deposited for use on Kwantlen reserve.

**Business**

1. Fort Anniversary - Andy
    a. 2027 is the 200th Anniversary of the Fort. A celebration, perhaps on May Day in 2027, is in order.
    b. Possible ideas: banners; something commemorative. There may be federal grants available.
    c. Meeting with Grant Rawstron (Legacy Foundation) and Brigitte Wieronski (Fort Langley Historic Site Manager) will be meeting with Andy soon. They will invite Kwantlen people to be involved.

2. Cenotaph /Remembrance Day - Andy
    a. Mayor Woodward wanted to see the100-year-old Fort Langley cenotaph revitalized - perhaps cleaning and refreshing. A staff report was initiated to look into the state of the cenotaph, to determine whether restoration or demolition/rebuilding was called for. An identical cenotaph exists in Murrayville.
    b. The staff report made to the Township council recently said that, upon inspection, the cenotaph appeared damaged and there may be risk of more breakage. Several different preliminary concepts were included. See report.
    c. The Township council suggested further consultation with FLCA, Heritage Committee and the Remembrance Day Committee, Aldergrove Legion.

d. This cenotaph is iconic. We get up to 5000 people at the Remembrance Day event. We need to get the right monument there.
e. [Addendum: short article in April 9th FVC on Fort Langley cenotaph]

3. Rezoning Church/ Mary/ Glover properties has been requested by Fort Langley Properties.
    a. The application looks to rezone to increase density from 47 to 76 residences, plus commercial premises. 3-storey building. The site is already C-2 zoning (commercial). Link to application - click on Site Plan under Documents for visual details.
    b. Andy has contacted the Township to see if it will trigger a public hearing (Heritage area).
    c. What will the impact be on power, water & sewer infrastructure with the density and commercial component?

4. Truck traffic - no updates at this time.

5. Decision on process for approval of FLCA meeting minutes (Sue)
    a. In order for meeting minutes to be shared in a timely fashion, then approved by people who were in attendance, we have further defined the approval process. We will:
        i. Publish the draft minutes on the website after proofreading & acceptance by directors.
        ii. Bring minutes to the next public meeting for formal approval

6. Township of Langley Volunteer Appreciation night. - April 10th
    a. We have been left off the list for several years, but have followed up each year to ask to be put on the list.
    b. This year, they asked another group (Jazz Festival) if they knew of a deserving group, so the FLCA and Remembrance Day were mentioned. An invitation for two FLCA reps was sent to Sarah. It was made clear that invitation decisions are made year to year.
    c. Chairperson Sue & director Sarah will attend this event this year.

7. Cool Blues Show (Jazz Festival) - Friday night, July 25th, evening
    a. Takes place in the park by LFAS (Fine Arts School).
    b. We are invited to have a display table to promote the FLCA
    c. We'd need 2 people to be there for the evening. Let Andy or Sue know.

8. Township of Langley Event: new OCP public input - May 8th - West Langley Hall. 4:00 - 7:30 PM
    a. FLCA Directors have discussed this by email because it is in the same time slot as our Open House.

b. We decided to go ahead with ours as both events are drop-in. We will ask the Township for some materials to promote that West Langley Hall OCP event at the Open House.

9. Discussion:
    a. The Fort Pub has been sold. New events & activities happening.
    b. Waterfront: no updates on the plan presented in May 2024, but work to move & restore the Haldi House has begun.

**Motion to Adjourn** (Amy/Cathy)
Adjournment 8:35 pm.

**Next public meeting:** June 10, 2025. 7:30 pm at the Fort Langley Community Hall.

*The purpose of the society is to create and promote a flow of information which affects Fort Langley and to foster an enhanced community spirit.*