# Fort Langley Community Association

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**PUBLIC DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES**
**September 9 2025, 7:30 pm**
**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.*

Present: *Sarah Lane, Sue MacKenzie, Andy Schildhorn, Megan Smith, Taylor Lodge, Janine Twist, Cathay Massey, Amy Read, Alison Hewitt, Malcolm Weatherston.*
Regrets: *Megan Smith.*
In attendance: Members of the public as per sign-in list.

**Guest Presenter: Janine Chow, Fort Langley Library Supervisor (FVRL).**

- Thank you to Janine for coming to tell us about the Fort Langley Library and its programs. The library is located in the new Salishan Centre on Mavis Ave., opposite the Fort Langley Historic site. Open EVERY DAY except Monday.
- FVRL: Est 1930. There are now 25 regional libraries in the FVRL, making it the largest public library system in BC.
- The Library Board creates an annual strategic plan. Its values, history, and vision are noted here. The FVRL mission statement is: "Opening minds. Enabling dreams." Libraries have made significant efforts to support reconciliation. They strive for a fun, friendly, and inclusive environment and offer a broad and dynamic range of services.
- You can borrow more than books! The library lends out: radon detectors, sun lamps, air quality monitors, ukuleles, nature & birdwatching backpacks, blu-ray players, solar panels, Spheros, telescopes, disc golf, sun lamps, and other useful kits.
- New event: **Free monthly film night starting September 18**, 6:00-7:30. There will be place-based and relevant films & conversations. First film: Indian Horse. One film each month. In the new presentation theatre at Salishan Place. 2 hr time frame will determine the amount of discussion time.
- Kanopy is a streaming service that the FVRL provides, and the film is available from there. FLCA will support advertising for the film. Kanopy also has lots films and shows you can watch from home via the app, including popular British programs.
- Other Fort Langley Library Programs: Story times; Baby times; Drop-in knitting; Saturday afternoon STEAM program for school-aged kids.
- The FVRL offers digital books on the Libby app, in addition to print books. There are also many online databases: Ancestry, Music, Mango (Language learning), Car repair manuals etc.

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- Illume BC Interlibrary Loan: if FVRL doesn't have a book, they can borrow from within the rest of the province (not media). See a librarian.
- Fort Langley Library has print copies of newspapers: Langley Advance, Globe & Mail, and The Province. There are also three public access computers

**Agenda Approved.** Taylor/Janine.
**Minutes approved -** August 12, 2025. Andy/Taylor.

I. **Treasurer's Report -** Janine.

$11,808.68 - current bank balance. The majority of this is earmarked for banners.

**II. Committee Reports and Old Business**

1. **Banners** - no update.
2. **Here and Home** - Sarah - Businesses have contributed to Welcome Bags, which Sarah has delivered to new residents to welcome them to the community. Sarah is giving back to donors by featuring them on the ***Here and Home*** Instagram.
3. **Membership -** Online application process
    a. Applications can be completed online through the newsletter, and this process is working well.
    b. 7 new members in the last few weeks. Membership is up to about 70. Members can vote at the AGM.
    c. Suggestion to put a donation button in the newsletter. We are not a charity, so we cannot issue tax receipts.
4. **Mosquito update** - No news is good news!
5. **Guest Presenters** for October 14 meeting: Salmon River Enhancement Society - Doug McFee and Matt Foy.
6. **Wright Street Speeding** - Sue - A concern about speeding was brought to us by a resident. The FLCA has contacted:
    a. Township of Langley - letter sent; file opened.
    b. RCMP Speedwatch - volunteer setup - came once - no further information received.
    c. RCMP Black Cat data collection process: Summary of Findings:
        i. Monitoring Period: August 23rd, 2025 – August 31st, 2025
        ii. Total Vehicles Recorded: 4,095
        iii. Average Speed (85th Percentile): 47 km/h
        iv. Speed Limit: 50 km/hr (unposted)
        v. The 85th percentile speed (47 km/hr) indicates that the majority of drivers were travelling at or below this speed, which is below the median average for a 50 km/h zone. Only (.007%) of the total vehicles recorded (30) were going (11 km/hr) over the posted speed

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limit. These are considered outliers and do not establish a pattern of consistent speeding behaviour.

vi. Conclusion: Based on the above data, there is insufficient evidence to warrant the deployment of additional enforcement resources at this time

- Lack of flashing light; rumble strips etc.
- FLCA has followed up on this issue in several ways. If a delegation of residents from Wright St. wishes to take this further, the file # with the Township is: **Service Request File number: 141707.**

**III. Other business - Round Table discussion**

1. **Meeting Presentations - Lombardy Park** - Andy contacted them about an Open House - it's early in the process. McBride Station representatives will be making a presentation to Council.
2. **Fort Langley Development Applications** - no updates.
3. **Haldi House** update - TBA
4. **By-election for Township Councillor** - October 25, 2025. This is the vacancy left by Councillor Van Popta as she is currently serving as an MLA. Candidates are putting their names forward. The FLCA will try to hold an All-Candidates Meeting on a Tuesday or Thursday prior to the by-election. Sue will get hold of Brigitte to confirm hall availability and then publish a date. Township information re by-election.
5. **Newsletters and Website** -
    a. Thank you to Megan for putting together the newsletter. Taylor has agreed to help with this - with Andy.
    b. Megan will continue to oversee the online membership information.
6. **Significant date:** September 28th is the 140th Anniversary of St Andrew's United Church. It is the 2nd-oldest serving church in BC. This will be acknowledged at the Farmer's Market.
7. **Rainbow Crossing:**
    a. Suggestion: from a member that when it's time to clean it up next time, perhaps it could be moved to Mary Ave. between Planet Java and the empty lot. Some people present suggested this may not stop the issue.
    b. Further suggestions: What about orange rumble strips? Perhaps all crosswalks should be coloured for safety (like green bike lines).

**IV. Motion to Adjourn**

1. Next public meeting - Tuesday, October 14, 2025

*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.*