Fort Langley Community Association

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Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2025 7:30 pm.

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, Sarah Lane, Janine Twist, Amy Reid, Malcolm Weatherston, Cathy Massey, Andy Schildhorn, Alison Hewitt
Regrets: Taylor Lodge, Megan Smith

Call to order:

Guest Community Presentation:

- *Jenna DeWitt, Community Centre Supervisor - Recreation, Arts and Culture at* salishan Place by the River - jdewitt@tol.ca
- Jenna spoke about programs, events, (camps, tours, school bookings etc.), rentals & bookings, exhibits at *salishan Place* by the River.
  Those interested in further information may sign up for the *salishan Place* by the River e-newsletter via this Township link : choose Arts, Culture, Museum.
- Temporary exhibits are anticipated at *salishan Place* by April 2026. Langley Township issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) Nov 4, closing Nov 25. Once a consultant is hired, there will be a chance for community input into the exhibit & space. The FLCA requested an opportunity to support the input initiative – Jenna will pass that request on to her colleague Ryan Schmidt, Manager of Arts and Culture.
- In response to a question about the long delay in opening the museum, Jenna explained that reasons for the delay are

multifaceted, including an issue with HVAC (humidity) and the need for completion of some spaces. An HVAC analysis has been done and recommendations are expected. Wayfinding signage & completion of some spaces are also anticipated.

- There are currently 20 docents, of whom 8 are new.
- Parking: 50 stalls in underground; 17 in behind. Bus parking out front.
- A suggestion was made that *salishan Place* consult personnel from School District 35 who had experience with exhibits, field trips and docents at the old Centennial museum. These experienced teachers could suggest what was successful. It was also suggested Jenna look into a resource on BC Field Trips.

Regular Meeting:

I. Agenda Approved: (Andy/Cathy).

II. Minutes Approved: October 14, 2025 – (Amy/Cathy).

III. **Presentation:** Dr. Grant Rawstron, *Fort Langley Legacy Foundation.*

a. Fort Langley turns 200 in 2027, going back to building of the first fort at Derby Reach in 1827.
b. Goal: Plan Commemorative events to highlight where we've come from, including the significance of what was here before and what's happened since.
c. Several groups involved in the original building were: Kwantlen, Metis, Kanaka, Iroquois and Europeans.
d. Dr Rawstron cited examples of re-enactments such as one done last year that commemorated the arrival of James MacMillan in 1824. That event included representatives from different groups and could serve as a model for what we could do in Fort Langley. Connections with other groups and First Nations that were involved last year can also be made.

e. **A meeting is scheduled for December 12th, 2025 at 1:30 pm at Fort Langley National Historic Park.** Representation from different local groups is sought.
f. Motion (Andy/ Cathy) Have 1-2 FLCA directors attend the December 12th meeting as representatives of the FLCA.

IV. Treasurer's Report
a. Financials - Janine – New FLCA meeting sandwich board has been paid for.
b. Current Balance: $11, 470.53, the majority of which is earmarked for banners.
c. No further expenses anticipated between now and the end of the year.

V. Committee Reports and Old Business
a. Membership online applications – up to 80 members, doubled since we included a link for membership application in the e-newsletter.
b. Newsletter and Website – Taylor has taken over the responsibility from Megan.

VI. Other business:
a. Community Presentations at meetings:
    i. A suggestion for January 2026 is the Fort Langley National Historic Site. Sue will reach out to Brigitte Wieronski, site manager.
b. Meeting sign and sandwich board type holder is now being used.
c. Township of Langley Council Meeting from November 17, 2025 – Sue attended.
    i. Pedestrian Plaza on Glover Rd near Mary Ave:
        1. Initially, the Township sent out potential 6 sites as options for a new pedestrian plaza and asked 7 businesses to respond. Six businesses responded - all negative. A 7th option site was then suggested on Mavis St. close to Glover. Truck traffic and loss of parking continues to be a concern and consideration.

2. A motion to eliminate the current Glover pedestrian plaza and look for a design consultant for the possible 7th site was approved. The motion was inclusive of both and did not separate 2 items.

ii. Cell Tower: Township Council unanimously opposed the cell tower proposal for the property on Rawlston next to Glover at their November 17th, 2025 meeting. Official opposition was submitted to ISED (Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada) as this is a federally regulated issue. The location did not meet the criteria for placement (eg. too close to salmon habitat etc.).

iii. Andy pointed out that there is a need for a new tower as the one on Wright St is insufficient and was meant to be temporary.

VII. Meeting dates:

a. AGM - February - date and election of Directors.

i. Motion: That we hold the FLCA AGM to coincide with our regular public meeting on February 10, 2026. (Sara/Janine). Carried.

ii. We invite members to consider running as a director of the FLCA. Current directors please inform Sue if you wish your name to stand again.

b. There will be no December 2025 meeting.

VIII. Adjourn (Cathy/Amy)

Next public meeting - Tuesday, January 13, 2026

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.