

**Fort Langley Community Association**  
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**FLCA Monthly Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 - 7:30 pm

Fort Langley Community Hall - 9167 Glover Road - Downstairs

**Attendance:**

*Present:* Alison Hewitt\*, Pam Sutherland, Betty Stockli, Mark Eisinger, Gralin Doubleday, Audrey Maschi\*, Michele Roy, Janine Twist\*, Andy Schildhorn\*, Malcolm Weatherston\*, Councillor T. Baillie, Councillor B. Martens

*Regrets:* Mike Barter\*, Leis Reimer\*, Megan Smith\*, Sue MacKenzie\*

- **Call to order:** 7:36 pm.
  
- **Land acknowledgement**
  
- **Approval of the agenda**  
Moved: J.Twist    Seconded: A. Maschi
  
- **Treasurer's Report**

Financial Report (J. Twist)

- a. Bank account has not changed since the last report: \$11,739.17
- b. We have imminent expenses. A lot of our money is already spoken for and budgeted, with much of it going into banners.

Motion to receive the Treasurer's Report

Moved: A. Maschi    Seconded: M. Weatherston

- **Business Arising from the Minutes**

**Committee Reports:**

**1. Waterfront Public Consultation**

- a. The Waterfront Committee sent a delegation (Alison Hewitt, Tom Annandale) to present the analysis of our completed survey to the Township of Langley Council at the Monday July 10, 2023 council meeting.
- b. Andy went over some of the notable highlights of the survey – particularly the first 6 “results of note”:
  - i. Preservation of Character and Heritage
  - ii. Community-Oriented Spaces and Amenities
  - iii. Public Access to Waterfront and Green Spaces

- iv. Balancing Development and Commercialization, to respect the existing character of the area.
  - v. Inclusion & engagement with the Indigenous Community. *(We did reach out to invite their participation in the Waterfront Committee & continue to send updates through our mailing list).*
  - vi. Maintaining and improving facilities for water sports.
- c. Next steps:
- i. The survey will be put on our website tomorrow and will be put in the newsletter that goes out to everyone on our mailing list.
  - ii. Consideration of a) On-site discussion b) Town Hall.
  - iii. We are willing to continue sharing & collaborating with the Township.
  - iv. Waterfront Committee will reconvene in the next week or so.

## **2. Mosquito Committee**

- a. We've been fairly lucky this year – dryness, Fraser peaked once and dropped gradually. None at Kanaka Creek this year.
- b. There have been no further committee discussions with Metro Van, Morrow or ToL on this issue since the last meeting
- c. Councillor Baillie has heard that the pipeline disturbed an area that is a breeding area, impacting mosquito population. Follow up to find out more on this.
- d. We have encouraged strategic planning - Metro Van and ToL staff are interested, recognizing we need to be prepared for a bad year. The future use of drones is being investigated.

## **3. Banners**

- a. We have a rough draft of a “Call for artists” to submit art for a new year-round Fort Langley banner. We need to get the design right as it will be up all year. The 28 red banners will be replaced.
- b. \$5,500 includes giving a small stipend to the artist, producing the banners and putting them up (and down). That will use most of our budget. Banners cost \$110 each. Every time the banners go up (or down), it costs us \$1400.00. We try to piggy back them so they go up & down at the same time. Essentially, it comes to \$1400, four times a year. Lots of research has been done on costs & quality (weather-proof). Vinyl is expensive. Nylon – new ones are \$110-\$130 & will last 5 years.

- c. When we get down to 2-3 submissions, we may put it out on social media for a vote so the choice is representative and it's not only the FLCA deciding. Once the art is chosen, we then get design approval from the Township (e.g. to avoid mention of commercial entities in public spaces etc.).
- d. *Kwantlen Pow Wow*: We received a email from Kwantlen about banners for the Pow Wow to be held Sept 8-9. They could put their banners up for August and have them up for 2 months.
- e. *Old, smaller banners*: There are certain stands that only have older, smaller banners that have not been changed in a long time. (on Church between the post office and Lee's; by railway tracks on Church; near artist's studio on Glover. The Artists' studio area wants a regular banner (the kind on the newer light standards) to feel more like a part of the village core.
- f. COBRA is the ToL approved company. They have a crane to put up banners and they do a lot of other work for the township. The banners are changed/put up Sunday mornings @ 5:00 am.
- g. If you have ideas about how to reach artists to encourage them to submit art, email the FLCA. (e.g. FLCC can put it in their newsletter once we send out the call in our newsletter/website). We already communicate with the Fort Langley Artists' Group, Langley Arts' Council, and the Fine Arts School. *Suggestion*: What about shop windows?
- h. *Fundraising* – depends on the artist and what they want – maybe make posters of the art to auction etc. Follow up on the suggestion of change boxes on counters in businesses so people can donate.
- i. What are the parameters for artists? Must represent Fort Langley but is essentially up to the artist. Consider: smaller print, larger art.

- **New Business / Discussion**

- 1. **Glover Mary Church Development proposal**

- a. This issue arose at the June 26th Langley Township Council meeting. The Heritage Advisory Committee sent their report on the development, making some suggestions on the proposal, and requesting that Council consider asking for public input. Council voted not to have public input.
- b. There was considerable discussion about the value of public input:
  - i. Councillor Baillie stated that it is not in the Heritage Advisory Committee's mandate to trigger public input – these

committees don't have the right to do that. (Brookwood area's was triggered by legislation.) Councillor Martens says rules have changed as to what triggers a public hearing (BC gov't law).

- ii. The Township has not done any public consultation on the Glover-Mary-Church proposal. The developer did some in the past. There is usually an opportunity for public input and now people are wondering about various impacts and why they are not being consulted. How do people get information? Why does Fort Langley not have input and other areas do?
  - iii. Over time, we are being overwhelmed by new buildings, one at a time, without consultation.
  - iv. It was noted that council can choose to initiate a public input process at any point.
  - v. We should have a public committee or Board for our Heritage Conservation Area, such as in the city of Victoria, where the city must consult the Board. New Westminster has just protected a significant Heritage Conservation area that was at risk.
- c. It should be noted that guidelines here are not part of the OCP. This has resulted in spot zoning in Fort Langley.
  - d. Will the new development respect the physical context of the Hall as the "jewel of Fort Langley"? People all over the world come to Fort Langley.
  - e. Single-storey businesses such as Wendel's and Beatnik's are thriving due to character, set backs, patios etc.

## 2. Round table

- a. Banners: let's concentrate on this project.
- b. Parking continues to be a significant issue:
  - i. painted yellow striping on Glover prohibits in certain areas & ticketing does happen. Farmer's Market is affected – they do let people know about the parking near the water park but are aware that that parking area is already in use. (Farmer's Market patrons average 12 minute visits). *Can the ToL look further at shuttles and buses?*
  - ii. Soon we'll have a big development in town.
  - iii. Townhouse developer by new Salishan Centre allows for only 200 cars.
  - iv. Area behind the Lions' Hall is the Hudson's Bay Park.
  - v. Visitors are parking on Trattle, affecting driving, and as far as Wright.
  - vi. There are only 100 commercial parking spots on Glover and all the side streets.

- vii. Q: Will the wooden seating area that was installed with a federal grant last year be removed?
- c. Clean-up?: Haldi House area by the old Laundry building: garbage pile, blackberries etc. Can it be cleaned up now?

**Next Meeting:** No August meeting. Next meeting will be the second Tuesday in September: Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Adjournment:** 8:40 pm.