



PLATFORM 04

RESPECT FOR OUR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

A LANGLEY KIDS CAN FLOURISH IN – AND AFFORD TO STAY IN.



A Positive Path Forward
Vote October 17, 2026

THE PROBLEM

Raised here. Priced out.

Too many young people who grew up in Langley can't afford to build a life here.

5,000+

New school spaces delivered by Langley's school trustees, without any help from Council.

DELIVERED BY TRUSTEES

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Tables, one team. Township Council and the School Board, pushing in the same direction from day one.

ONE TEAM, TWO TABLES

22%

Another property tax hike is baked into a single year of the next term, in the current mayor and his majority's own financial plan.

2026-2030 FINANCIAL PLAN

Ask anyone who grew up in Langley what they remember, and you'll hear the same handful of things: a field to play on, a pool to swim in, a school with great teachers, a street safe enough to walk to a friend's house.

That childhood shouldn't depend on which corner of the Township your family can afford. Langley Strong will invest in what makes this a great place to grow up: outstanding schools, parks, playgrounds, sidewalks, childcare, and recreation in every community.

We will do it as one team, working at two tables. Our Township Councillors and School Trustees will advocate together from day one, instead of wasting years fighting one another.

And, when they're grown, we will make sure those kids can stay. Too many young people who grew up here can't afford to build a life here – the quiet sadness in thousands of Langley homes. Langley Strong will champion homes young families can afford, speed up approvals, and keep needless costs off new homebuyers.

Our goal: make Langley the most child-friendly community in the Lower Mainland.

Langley Strong believes every child deserves a great place to grow up, and the chance to build a life in the community that raised them.

How Langley Strong will restore respect for our children

- 01 Advocate as one voice for the schools our growing communities need – new schools in Willoughby and Brookwood, expansions where classrooms are bursting, and faster provincial approvals to get them built. When the School Board and Council push in the same direction, the provincial government listens.
- 02 Make every new school a community hub: work with the school district to plan parks, sidewalks, childcare and recreation alongside new schools, so the whole neighbourhood gains every time a school opens.
- 03 Restore the policy of the Township buying land next to school sites to enhance park options.
- 04 Build up the childcare pipeline: identify daycare sites, streamline approvals, and where necessary discount licences and permits for licensed providers.
- 05 Expand free admission to Township recreation facilities to children under 12. Expand the Summer Fun Pass program for teenagers to other seasons of the year. These would be funded by doubling admission and program fees paid by non-Township residents, and pursuing sponsorships and grants.
- 06 Create a Langley Youth Council of local high school student council presidents that brings its ideas and priorities to Council at least once a year – if we want young people to stay, start by listening to them.
- 07 Invest in sidewalks, wild spaces, parks, accessible playgrounds and recreation in every community – not just the ones with the newest rooftops.
- 08 Give young Langley artists and performers a Township-wide stage: rotating displays of Kindergarten through Grade 12 student art in community facilities and offices, and regular performance spots for young musicians and dancers at events the Township already runs. Build on the annual youth art exhibitions our local arts and culture groups already deliver, and extend them to every corner of the Township with sponsors and volunteers.
- 09 Create a *Key to Langley Kids' Passport* with local businesses, where children who visit amenities like the zoo, farms, pool, museums, the Events Centre, and other stops, get a passport stamped. When completed, they turn it into the Township and receive a special *Key to Langley* pin from the Mayor. The program would be funded by private operators wanting to be listed on the Tour.

A great place to grow up, and a reason to stay

- 10 Bring the *Hidden Disabilities Sunflower* program, or one like it, to Township recreation centres, pools and public counters, so residents with silent disabilities like autism, dementia or hearing loss can quietly signal trained staff that they may need extra time or help. Work with partner community groups and foundations to help fund it.
- 11 Partner with the School District to investigate and pilot a lifeguard accreditation program for students looking to expand their skillset and job options. This would also develop more lifeguards who could do casual work for the Township and open more swimming lesson availability.
- 12 Partner with the School District to investigate and further expand a formalized swimming lessons program that runs during school hours, as part of physical education curriculum. This would lessen the pressure on afterschool swimming lesson availability.
- 13 Partner with local youth organizations to launch a youth jobs initiative, focused on encouraging Langley businesses to hire local teens.
- 14 Champion housing options young families can actually afford, measured by one test: can our kids make a life here?
- 15 Speed up approvals and keep needless costs off new homebuyers and encourage multi-generational housing options where appropriate.

OUR GOAL

**Make Langley the most child-friendly
community in the Lower Mainland.**

OUR COMMITMENT

Our Langley Strong commitment

ONE TEAM, TWO TABLES

Langley's trustees delivered more than **5,000 new school spaces** — without Council's help. Imagine what one team at two tables delivers, pushing in the same direction from day one.

RAISED IN LANGLEY, A LIFE IN LANGLEY

Every kid deserves a field to play on, a pool to swim in and a school close to home – and, when they're grown, the chance to make a life in the Langley that raised them.

NOT ON YOUR TAX BILL

Free rec admission for kids under 12, more childcare and housing options, and fewer costs piled onto new homes – paid for by out-of-town user fees and sponsors, not your tax bill.

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langleystrong.ca



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