



TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY

PLATFORM 07

RESPECT FOR OUR FARMERS & HERITAGE

Protecting what makes Langley, Langley.



A Positive Path Forward
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THE PROBLEM

Old plans. New pressures.

Rising costs, tougher rules and growth at the fence line, with a rural plan that predates all of it.

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Years since the Township's Rural Plan was adopted. It needs a review to stay relevant to current farming trends and challenges.

RURAL PLAN, YEARS OLD

2013

The year of the Township's Agricultural Viability Strategy. Langley Strong will review, update and implement it.

AGRICULTURAL VIABILITY STRATEGY

Calgary

The closest veterinary school to Langley. The one that accepts the most B.C. students is in Saskatoon.

NEAREST VETERINARY SCHOOL

Langley's farms and heritage aren't obstacles to growth – they're a major reason people love this place. Langley Strong will protect our farmland, update the rural plan, and respect farmers' ability to use their land the way farming requires.

We will also protect Langley's history: our historic sites, our landmarks, and the character and stories of the communities that built this Township. Growth and heritage can live side by side, but only if Council respects both.

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Farmland stays farmland, and the stories of the people who built this Township are protected.

How Langley Strong will restore respect for farmers & heritage

- 01** Do whatever it takes to ensure farmland stays farmland. Review and update the Township's Rural Plan, which was adopted 33 years ago, to ensure it is still relevant to current farming trends and challenges.
- 02** Respect farmers' ability to use their land the way farming requires, and encourage the business of farming, with faster, simpler answers, not years of process or needless overlapping regulation.
- 03** Review, update and implement the Township's 2013 Agricultural Viability Strategy, and help farms with agri-tourism marketing and fair rural signage.
- 04** Make rules for farm-based agricultural businesses equitable, whether the business is in the ALR or not.
- 05** Petition BC Assessment and other relevant provincial agencies to allow farm status for horse boarding. Animal care should be considered a legitimate farm practice. It doesn't make sense that the sale of an animal counts toward the status, but not the care of a farm animal.
- 06** Work with the Agricultural Advisory Committee and others to create an emergency management plan for livestock in the rural areas, focusing on getting animals to safety in potential disasters.
- 07** Work with the provincial government and post-secondary institutions to attract a veterinary school to Langley. Currently, the closest option is in Calgary, and the one that accepts the most B.C. students is in Saskatoon.
- 08** Protect Langley's heritage and historic sites, landmarks, and the stories of the people who built this Township. Require new development to fit the form and character of the neighbourhood around it.
- 09** Draw on the local knowledge of our heritage volunteers and advisory committees – the people who know this history best – to identify priorities and opportunities.

OUR COMMITMENT

Our Langley Strong commitment

FAST ANSWERS FOR FARMERS

Farmers know their land better than Township Hall does – give them fast answers and get out of their way.

ONCE THEY ARE GONE, THEY ARE GONE

Langley's farms, landmarks and old buildings hold our families' stories, and once they're gone, they're gone.

EARN MORE, WITHOUT COSTING MORE

Agri-tourism, fair farm status and an updated Rural Plan help rural Langley earn more without costing taxpayers more.

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