



## Langley City's COVID-19 Update

The City has re-opened additional amenities and spaces on May 19. Park users must still maintain physical distancing of 2 metres as directed by the Provincial Health Officer, and adhere to all signage posted in the parks. The full list of open park amenities includes:

- ✓ Public Parking Lots
- ✓ Park Trails and Open Spaces
- ✓ Park Washrooms
- ✓ Dog Off-Leash parks
- ✓ Tennis Courts
- ✓ Pickleball Courts
- ✓ Baseball Diamonds
- ✓ Community Gardens
- ✓ Bike Skills Park and Pump Track at Penzer Park

✓ Effective June 1, [Property taxes can be paid online](#), through your bank online, or the Finance Department at Langley City Hall will be open to taxpayers paying their property tax bills. Other departments within Langley City Hall, will continue to operate, but public access will continue to be restricted until further notice. The public is asked to make an appointment for services from the other departments by calling 604.514.2800 or emailing [meeting@langleycity.ca](mailto:meeting@langleycity.ca).

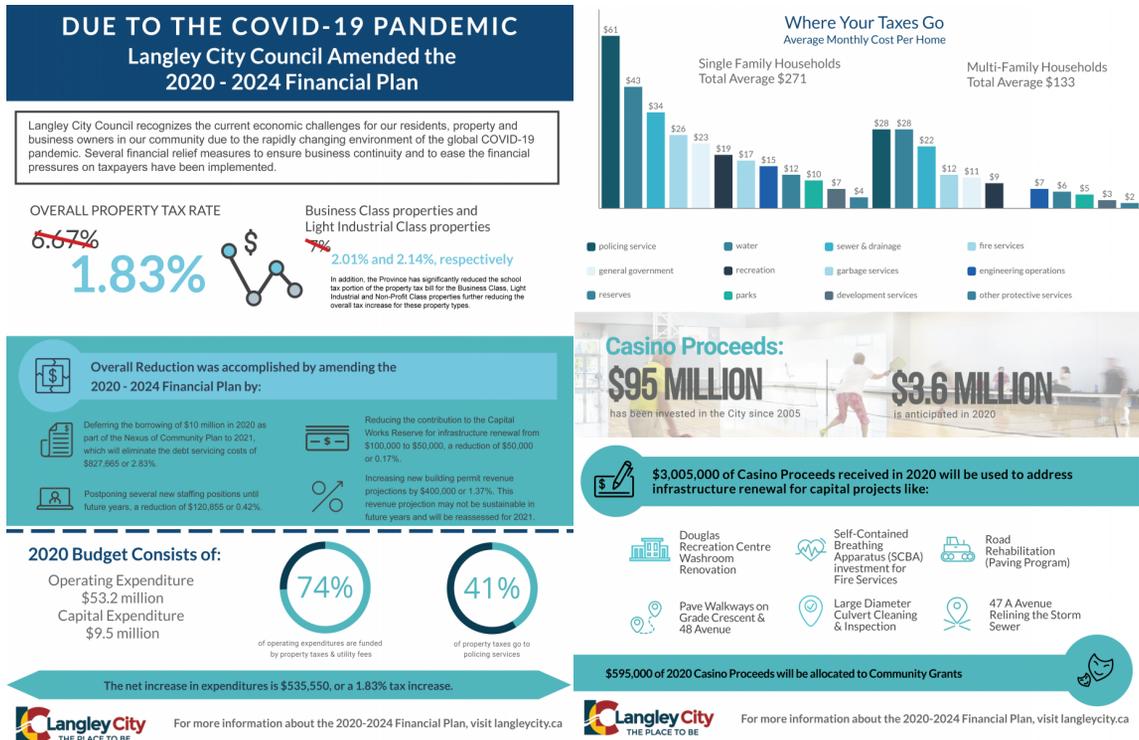
✓ Parking Enforcement will resume on June 1. [Parking tickets can be paid online](#), by mail, or at the Finance Department in Langley City Hall. Parking offences can be disputed by calling 604.514.2800 or by filling out a dispute form that can be picked up outside the northside entrance to the Langley City Hall. There will be no access granted to the facility for in-person parking disputes.

### Other city facilities remain closed to the public until further notice:

- ✗ Playgrounds
- ✗ Sports Courts
- ✗ Sports Boxes
- ✗ Basketball Courts
- ✗ Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- ✗ Parkour course at Penzer Park
- ✗ Sendall Gardens' Greenhouse
- ✗ Booking Picnic Shelters
- ✗ Spray Parks and Water Parks
- ✗ Al Anderson Memorial Pool
- ✗ Timms Community Centre
- ✗ Douglas Recreation Centre
- ✗ Operations Yard
- ✗ Fire Rescue Service Firehall
- ✗ Community Police Office

For the most up-to-date information on Langley City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, please check the [langleycity.ca/covid-19](http://langleycity.ca/covid-19) webpage regularly.

## Langley City Council Amended the 2020-2024 Financial Plan



City Council recognizes the current economic challenges for our residents, property and business owners in our community due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, City Council has decided to take substantial measures to mitigate the taxation impact outlined in the Financial Plan to ease the financial pressures on the taxpayers of the City of Langley. The amended 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan has reduced the increase to bridge the funding gap to \$536,000 from \$1.95 million. The amended overall property tax increase will be 1.83%.

Although the total net increase in expenditures results in a 1.83% overall taxation increase, including utility rate increases, the average changes in 2020 are as follows:

Classification	Average Assessed Value	Annual Increase	Monthly Increase	% Increase
Single family	\$858,799	\$ 78	\$ 6.46	2.44%
Multi-family	\$401,664	\$ 37	\$ 3.12	2.41%

The amended average increase for Business class properties and Light Industrial class properties will see an average increase of 2.01% and 2.14% respectively. This rate maintains a competitive ratio between residential and business class properties, ensuring that Langley City remains an attractive municipality to locate a business.

The pandemic has necessitated the closure of Cascades Casino. The Capital Improvement Plan has been redrafted to reduce the anticipated casino proceeds to be received in 2020 from \$7.2 million in half, to \$3.6 million. This change in funding will necessitate deferral of future year capital projects, but the current year 2020 plan can continue to be carried out.

Municipal Governments are required under the Provincial Community Charter to adopt a balanced budget and cannot use debt to pay for operating expenditures like the Province, and Federal governments are able to do. Property taxes are collected halfway through the year and provide the City with the cash flow to ensure the City can provide essential services such as water, sewer, roads, fire and police services. As well, the City has to pay other taxing authorities like Translink, Metro Vancouver and the BC Assessment Authority on time. Therefore, City Council will maintain the July 2, 2020 property tax payment deadline.

The property tax penalty for residential property owners was previously 5% after the July 2 tax due date and a further 5% after August 2. In 2020, the penalty will be reduced to 2% after the July 2 tax due date, and the second penalty date will be extended to October 1 at 8%. The Province has mandated that the Business, Light Industrial and Non-profit classed properties will have one penalty date of October 1 at 10%.

City Council believes that the reduction in the property tax rate will help to ease the financial burden for the residential and business property taxpayers. We will work together to overcome the current economic crisis and restore hope for an exciting future.



## Property Tax Notices will be mailed June 1, 2020.

### Claim Your Home Owner Grant and Pay Your Taxes Online!

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, we recommend that you pay your taxes and claim your home owner grant online instead of attending City Hall.

Your bank will offer internet or telephone banking and you can add Langley City Taxes as a payee using your six-digit Folio number as your account number. Claim your Home Owner Grant and pay your taxes using your credit card online, by clicking the buttons below:

[Claim Your Home Owner Grant!](#)

[Pay Your Taxes Online Now!](#)

### Property Tax Deferral Program

Certain residential property owners may be eligible for property tax deferral. Property tax deferral is an existing low-interest loan program that helps qualified B.C. home owners pay their annual property taxes on their principal residence. Homeowners that are 55 or older, a surviving spouse, a person with disabilities or a family with children may qualify for deferral.

In addition to [general information](#) about property tax deferral and the required steps, there is information about the two specific programs:

- [Regular Property Tax Deferral Program](#), for those aged 55 or older or in other specified circumstances
- [Families with Children Tax Deferral Program](#), for those financially supporting children.

### Are You on the Tax Prepayment Plan?

Langley City has a Tax Prepayment Plan that allows you to pay **next** year's taxes (2021) by automatic monthly deductions from your bank account. The plan is **convenient** in that you do not have to worry about paying one lump sum on the tax due date. Your money is secure as you authorize the plan to start and you may stop payments at any time if you feel the necessity to do so.

The Tax Prepayment Plan is a **good investment**. We pay interest on your prepayments at the prime rate less than 3%, normally our rate is higher than you could earn on a typical saving account or by paying with

your mortgage. Note: Currently due to a very low prime rate no interest is being paid.

The Tax Prepayment Plan is also **easy to start!** All you have to do is [complete the form](#) found on our website, sign the bottom portion of the form, enclose a personal cheque marked as VOID and mail, email [taxes@langleycity.ca](mailto:taxes@langleycity.ca), or drop off the application to City Hall. If we receive it by July 10<sup>th</sup>, we can start you on the plan in July.

## How much will my payments be?

In the middle of your tax notice we have estimated next year's tax prepayment amount; you can either use this amount or pay a lesser amount, whichever better suits your budget.

We have estimated your instalment amount on your tax notice and will withdraw 11 equal payments on the 15th of each month between July and May each year. You may request a lesser amount should it better suit your financial situation. Your property tax notice the following May will show the total actual taxes, less your prepayments, and then a balance owing by you (or owing to you) depending on the accuracy of the estimate of taxes. If taxes are still owing, then these taxes must be paid by the normal tax due date of July 4, in order to avoid penalty addition and interest charges and to continue on the prepayment plan. If you have overpaid your property taxes the City will refund the overpayment by directly depositing it back to your bank account at the beginning of July each year. The plan will automatically continue from year to year unless you advise us otherwise.

To be eligible for enrolment in the plan all 2020 outstanding property taxes and utility charges must be paid in full prior to starting the plan. The Collector may cancel the privilege of continuing in the Tax Prepayment Plan if for any reason two consecutive prepayments fail to be honoured by the bank (ie. NSF). The City will debit your tax account with a \$30.00 service charge to process a dishonoured payment.

Tax prepayments may be accepted from persons other than the assessed owner, however, only the assessed owner may request a refund. The City will not provide notice of non-payment. It is important to remember that the Home Owner Grant (on the tax notice) must be claimed each year and the Tax Prepayment Plan is not a substitute for claiming the grant.

If at any time you would like to cancel the plan, you must inform us in writing. In addition, if you would like your prepayment refunded, it will be subject to a \$20.00 charge and all interest earned on the prepayments will stay with the tax account.

## Development Services Department Update



***As we enter Phase 2 of the Provincial Restart Strategy, more businesses can reopen. These tips and resources can assist local businesses through this process.***

### Ready to Reopen?

For businesses part of the [BC Restart Plan, Phase 2](#), find resources to reopen and operate safely.

### COVID-19 Safe Plan

WorkSafeBC has created a [Returning to Safe Operation page](#) that lays out a 6-step process to

### Online Gift Card Platform

SupportLocalBC in partnership with LOCO BC has created a website for gift card sales direct-to-consumer at no cost to local businesses. Businesses don't need to supply cards as customers will purchase digital cards. Businesses will receive the full value paid by e-transfer each

reduce the spread of COVID-19 when reopening. A planning tool will soon be available to help employers apply these guidelines.

### Tip Sheets

Use these [tip sheets](#) from the CCOHS as a guide to operating safely. Sector-specific health and safety tips for both employers and workers are available.

### Obtaining Personal Protective Equipment

As our business reopen, demand has increased for PPE. The [Rapid Response Platform](#) matches Canadian supply with demand, and provides a source for what you need.

month. Visit [SupportLocalBC](#) and sign up for this free service.

### Downtown Langley Business Association

The [Downtown Langley Business Association](#) continues to work with its members to promote economic activity, provide assistance in accessing financial supports, and offer guidance on navigating the reopening process.

### Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce

The [Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce](#) is providing a range of resources and supports to its members, including helping local businesses follow Provincial guidelines.

### City of Langley

For a more comprehensive collection of information and resources available to support businesses through the pandemic, visit the [City of Langley's Invest page](#).

## Engineering, Parks & Environment Update



Douglas Park Community Gardens has new growth.



The City of Langley Parks Department, the Langley Parks Foundation installed a memorial at Brydon Lagoon. The Langley Field Naturalists memorial is in honour of the late Rhys Griffiths, a dedicated volunteer and guardian of Brydon Lagoon.



Rotary Park Community Garden is complete.



New washroom doors installed at Linwood Park.

## Recreation, Culture & Community Service Update

Recreation, Culture and Community Services

### REST & RESORE YOGA

WITH TRACY

Unwind and retrieve peace of mind! Enjoy slow, passive stretching for extended periods of time combined with centered breathing to calm the mind and body. No Yoga experience needed. Participants must be comfortable with floor work.

Video Length: 27 minutes  
Non-impact, low intensity

[Rest & Restore Yoga Video](#)

THE CITY OF LANGLEY FITNESS STAFF ARE BEING YOUR SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE INSTRUCTORS! MAKE IT A TOGETHER MOVEMENT FOR YOU TO DO AT HOME SO YOU CAN KEEP YOUR ROUTINE AND SPIRITS HIGH!  
IF YOU ARE NEW TO FITNESS OR HAVE BEEN ILL OR INJURED PLEASE COMPLETE THE PARKS FITNESS ASSESSMENT BEFORE YOUR CLASS.

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### CARDIO COMBO

WITH AMBER

Cardio exercises combined with light strength and toning exercises aimed at getting your heart rate up to burn calories and tone your muscles. Equipment recommended: light weights, resistance band, step, mat.

Video Length: 43 minutes  
Low impact, low intensity

[Cardio Combo Video](#)

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### BODYSULPT

WITH LYNN

A total body workout designed to build strength, add definition and increase your lean muscle mass. Using a combination of body weight exercises and toning equipment every muscle group will get a workout!

Video Length: 43 minutes  
Moderate impact, high intensity

[BodySculpt video](#)

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### GENTLE-FIT

WITH SUE

A low impact class that can be done using a chair for balance. Focus is on building endurance, strength, flexibility and coordination. Equipment recommended: chair, light weights, resistance band.

Video Length: 34 minutes  
Low impact, low intensity

[Gentle-Fit Video](#)

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## Online Youth Programs

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# NEW ONLINE YOUTH PROGRAMS

Being inside doesn't mean you can't have fun! Check out Langley City's new online youth programs. Take part in activities from the comfort of your home. All you need is a phone or computer!

Online Teen Time Tuesdays and Thursdays 3pm-4:30pm	Wellness Wednesdays Wednesdays 3:00pm	Active Fridays Friday's 3:00pm
Hang out virtually with Langley youth staff and other youth as we play games, make art and have fun all online!	Tune in every Wednesday for tips on staying healthy and activities to help you destress, relax and improve your mental wellness	Tune in every Friday for tips on being physically active, home workouts and more!
To Join! 1. Download the Zoom app on PC or Mobile 2. Check our Instagram page @langleycityyouth for the ID and password 3. Join the activities!	To Join! Check our Instagram account @langleycityyouth and watch the live video! Length of video varies depending on the activity. If you miss the live video watch out story to see what we did!	To Join! Check our Instagram account @langleycityyouth and watch the live video! Length of video varies depending on the activity. If you miss the live video watch out story to see what we did!

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# JUNE YOUTH PROGRAMS

Join in on the fun in our physically distanced outdoor programs this June at Douglas Park!

Weekly Challenges Challenge yourself each week to see how good you can be! Mondays 5pm-6pm	Art in the Park Draw paint and more with the sun, trees and nature to inspire you! Tuesdays 5pm-6:30pm
<b>Wellness Wednesday</b> Learn to improve your wellness with fun activities and games! Wednesdays 5pm-6pm	<b>Teen Time</b> Teen time is back! Hang out and have fun outside. Thursdays 5pm-6:30pm
<b>Outdoor sports</b> Play sports with the fresh air to give you energy! Fridays 4pm-6:00pm	

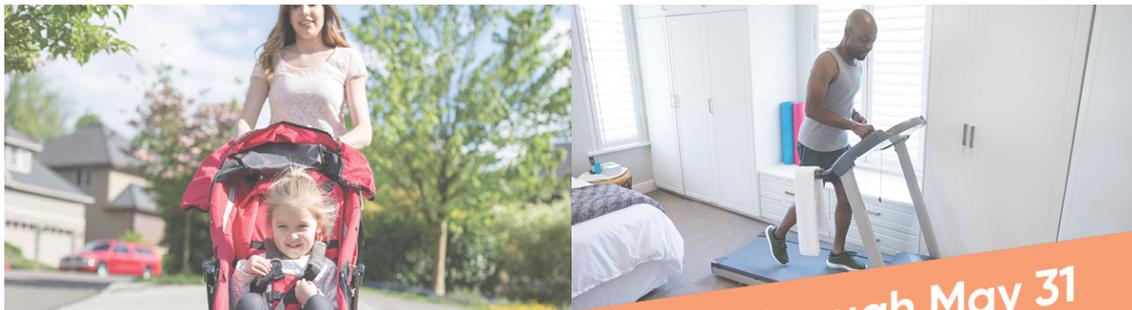
All programs take place outdoors at Douglas Park. Additional measures have been taken to ensure the safety of all participants.

**FREE DROP-IN**  
with valid Games & Track Pass

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TRIMIS COMMUNITY CENTRE  
20199 Douglas Crescent, 524 514 2999  
langleycity.ca/youth youth@langleycity.ca

## Langley Walk Goes Virtual



Walk, stroll, or roll on your own at the

# 58<sup>TH</sup> VIRTUAL LANGLEY 20 WALK 20

Now through May 31



Whether you walk around the block, take to the treadmill, or do laps around the yard, there are plenty of ways to participate in the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Langley Walk.

Since 1963, the Langley Walk has been hosted in various communities and presented by the Township of Langley and Langley City to encourage residents to get active and enjoy the great outdoors.

The longstanding tradition is going virtual this year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and residents of the Township and City can take part by walking five kilometres while keeping safe and practicing social distancing.

Participants can walk on their own or with members of their own household to complete the 5K, either in one go or broken up into several sessions. Residents have until Sunday, May 31 to complete the Walk, and the first 1,000 Walkers to email [events@langleycity.ca](mailto:events@langleycity.ca) with their contact information, mailing address, and participant list will be sent a 2020 Langley Walk commemorative crest in the mail.

Those who finish their 5K are encouraged to capture the moment and share their stroll by taking a Virtual Langley Walk selfie and posting it on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter using #LangleyWalk.

When walking in your neighbourhood, remember to practice two metres of physical distancing from others.

For more information, contact Langley City at 604.514.2940 or [events@langleycity.ca](mailto:events@langleycity.ca).

## **Information from Langley Animal Protection Society (LAPS)**



In these uncertain times, we are here to support you and your companion animals in any way we can. We offer a pet food bank to anyone who may be facing challenges in caring for their animals. By providing dog food, cat food and basic care necessities, the pet food bank ensures that families can stay together; Without this extra support, many more families would be forced to surrender their beloved animals to shelters.

In addition to this, we are also providing financial assistance for veterinary care to pet guardians who are homeless, low-income and those who have been seriously affected by COVID-19. For more information on this program please contact us at 604 857 5055.

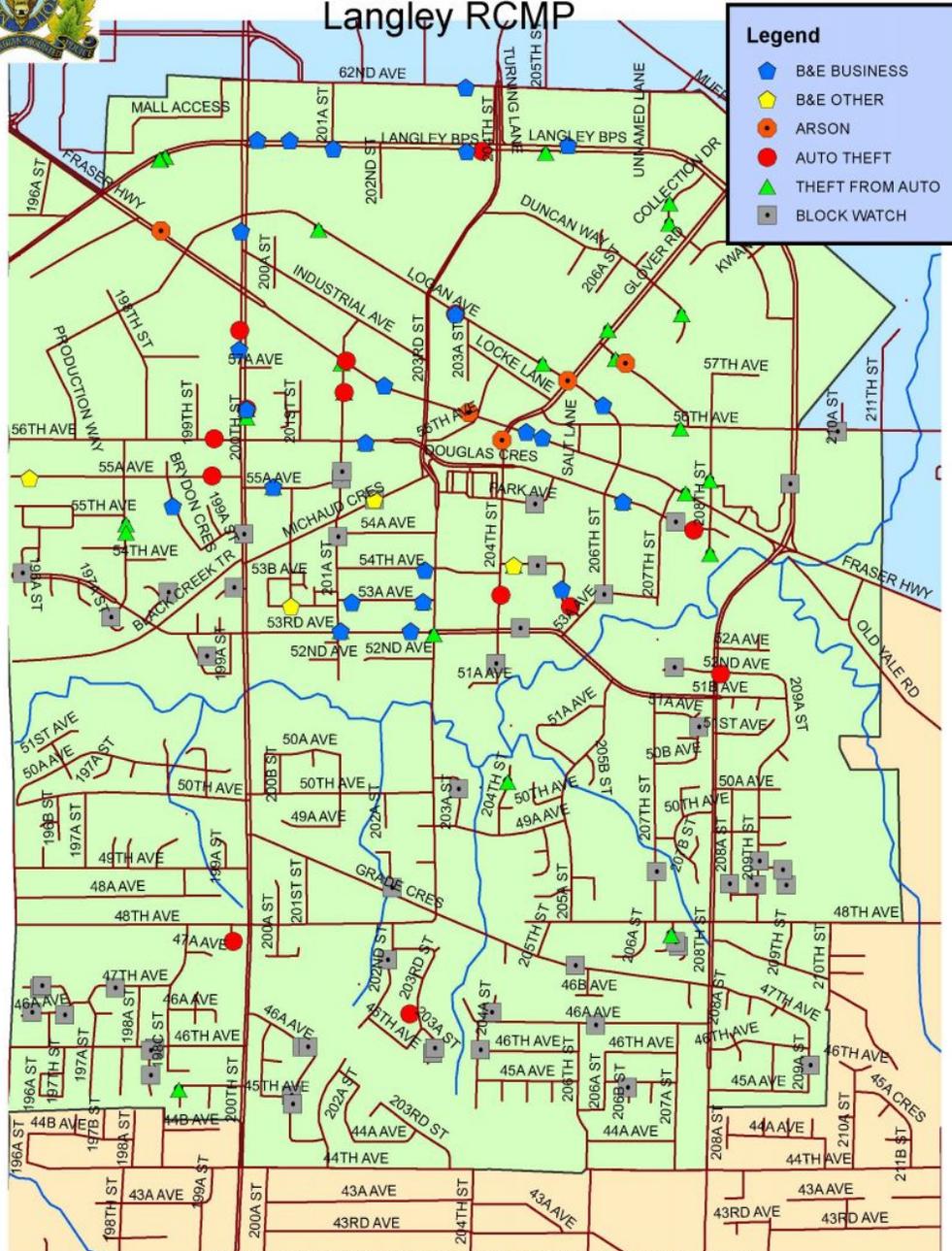
The LAPS pet food bank is open seven days a week. Please call or stop by the shelter if you need help feeding your dog or cat. Healthy communities include healthy animals and we are here to offer support for those who need it most.

We rely on donations from individuals and businesses to sustain this program. Any donations of dry and canned dog or cat food are greatly appreciated! You can drop off donations at the Patti Dale Animal Shelter 7 days a week 9-5:30.

## **Information from Langley RCMP**



# Langley City Property Crime 2020-Apr-01 to 2020-Apr-30 Langley RCMP



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**Information from Langley City FVRL Library**



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