



PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE MASTER PLAN

SUMMARY OF DRAFT PLAN

Context and Purpose

Langley City is at an exciting stage of its evolution. In 2013, when the previous Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan (PRC Master Plan) was completed, the City was well on its way to becoming an urban centre. With significant population growth, the impending arrival of SkyTrain, and an increasingly multicultural population, Langley City is becoming a dynamic community that provides unique opportunities to residents and visitors alike. The City has significant parks, trails, and diverse indoor and outdoor recreation and culture amenities, many of which have been added or improved in the past 10 years.

The purpose of this project is to prepare a comprehensive 10-year Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan that will provide direction to City Council and staff on the acquisition and development of parks and open spaces, recreation and cultural facilities, and the delivery of services to best meet the needs of the growing and changing community.

Community Engagement

A successful Parks, Recreation, and Culture (PRC) Master Plan requires input from the community. A diverse engagement process was used to understand the community's interests, desires, and priorities for the future of parks, recreation, and culture.



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Community Survey

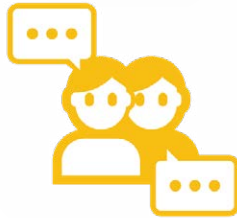
September 23 – October 14, 2021



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Virtual Visioning Workshops

September 23–28, 2021



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Interviews

October 13 – 22, 2021



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Pop-Up Engagement

November, 2021



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Community Review

March, 2022

Vision and Goals

The following vision and goals are a synthesis of the City's existing strategies and community input:

Vision

*Langley City is
“the Place to Be” for
dynamic parks, diverse
recreation activities, and rich
cultural experiences. These
opportunities strengthen
community connections,
support healthy and active
lifestyles, protect and
enhance the environment,
and welcome all residents.*

Goals

**Inclusive, accessible,
affordable**

**Community
safety**

**Improved
connectivity**

**Healthy
environment**

**Quality
infrastructure**

Key Findings and Recommendations

The following are the key findings and recommendations in the draft PRC Master Plan.

Parks

Summary of Findings	Key Strategy
Langley City has a diverse supply of parks that offer nature experiences and amenities for play and sport	Develop new parks and add amenities to keep up with growth and development

Land Acquisition

- P1.** Acquire new parkland within developing areas with an ideal minimum size of 0.6 hectare per park based on guidelines and amenities in the OCP.

- 🌳 Locate parks so residents are a ten-minute walk (800 metres) to City-wide or community parks, and a five-minute walk (400 metres) to a neighbourhood park

Planning and Design

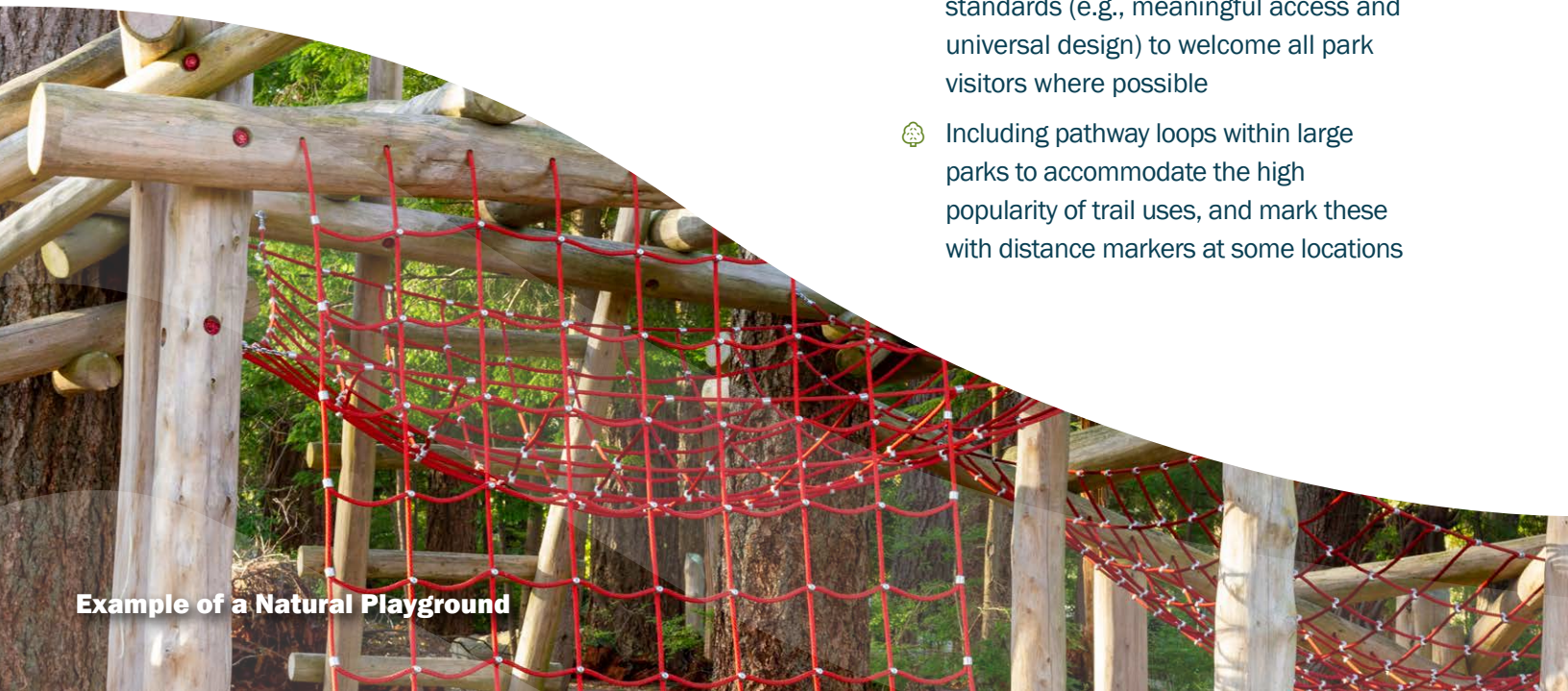
- P2.** Update the Park Master Plans for the following parks, including a full community communications and engagement process:

- 🌳 Buckley Park
- 🌳 City Park (portion)

- P3.** In all park planning and design, consider the following guidelines:

- 🌳 Include unique amenities in parks to build on Langley City's achievements
- 🌳 Use modern accessibility principles and standards (e.g., meaningful access and universal design) to welcome all park visitors where possible
- 🌳 Including pathway loops within large parks to accommodate the high popularity of trail uses, and mark these with distance markers at some locations











Example of a Natural Playground









Planning and Design (Cont.)

- 🌳 Encourage gathering places in parks, with seating and spaces appropriate for eating and group activities according to the type and size of the park
- 🌳 For parks that include parking areas, design the parking for efficiency and pedestrian safety, minimize the amount of hard (or gravel) surface, and keep the parking as close to the perimeter of the park as possible
- 🌳 For large parking lots, include trees, planting, and rain gardens when upgrading projects or public facilities
- 🌳 Plant trees in parks to the degree possible for shade and as a contribution to the urban forest
- 🌳 Use Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles, balancing these with the need to protect and enhance habitats
- 🌳 Provide seating with diversity of design (e.g., with and without armrests and backrests) in all parks and along multi-use trails
- 🌳 Design parks with the goal of increasing creativity and interest, e.g., more interactive play environments and equipment, allow children to experience more nature in parks, and provide options for all ages and abilities
- 🌳 Provide spaces for food trucks at high use parks, staging areas, and event spaces, with electrical connections and nearby spaces for eating
- 🌳 Explore opportunities to integrate universal-designed outdoor exercise equipment in or near larger playgrounds
- 🌳 When planning and designing new parks, consider life cycle cost analysis and water and energy consumption
- 🌳 Design parks with consideration for protection and enhancement of environmental resources and include rainwater/stormwater infiltration where possible

Planning and Design (Cont.)

-  Incorporate the work of local artists in parks, particularly Indigenous and multicultural creatives, with more public art such as murals, mosaics, and sculptures
 -  Recognize Langley City's heritage, Indigenous and settler, through design, public, and interactive art, and signage
 -  Introduce more active uses into parks, such as play and sport areas particularly in locations where there are challenges with those experiencing homelessness
 -  Integrate diverse forms of small-scale urban agriculture including community gardens, demonstration gardens, and bee pollinator plants to enhance food security and social benefits
 -  Provide sufficient waste receptacles in parks
 -  Provide lighting where night-time use is significant, and motion-activated lighting where needed
- P4.** Conduct planning processes with stakeholder input for parks that need a moderate level of upgrade:
-  Douglas Park
 -  Penzer Park
 -  Sendall Gardens
 -  Uplands Dog Off Leash Park

Capital Projects

- P5.** Conduct major upgrades, including the following improvements and potential new amenities, to the following parks:
-  **City Park** – drainage improvements, perimeter trail with trees at south end, new use for south end, washroom at south end, facilities for food trucks
 -  **Buckley Park** – perimeter looped paths, enhanced path to Penzer Park, terraced seating, new playground, potential uses such as beach volleyball, skate park, bike pump track, and grass fields
 -  **Douglas Park** – drainage improvements, shade structure over playground, rebuild paths, perimeter trail with loops and connection to south, more trees
 -  **Penzer Park** – replace bike skills park with a new activity, wetland feature, loop pathways with boardwalk, more vegetation, more benches or picnic areas, space for food trucks
 -  **Conder Park** - increase connection with the lower pond, improve playground, field and washrooms
 -  **Rotary Centennial Park** – more amenities

Capital Projects (Cont.)

- 🌳 **Nicomekl Floodplain** – more looped paths and viewpoints
- 🌳 **Innes Corners Plaza** – re-envision, rebuild and improve CPTED
- 🌳 **BC Hydro Corridor** – upgrade some paths, benches, potentially some urban agriculture such as community gardens and educational gardens
- 🌳 **Sendall Gardens** – rebuild house as a visitor / event support centre, potentially as a partnership
- 🌳 **Uplands Dog Off Leash Park** – new washroom facility with dog wash stations, expand parking to the north

P6. Conduct minor upgrades to the following parks including potential amenities as noted:

- 🌳 **Linwood Park** – expand and improve drainage in dog park, perimeter trails, more trees and picnic spaces, food trucks
- 🌳 **Portage Park** – creative nature playground
- 🌳 **Dumais Park** – more trees, seating area, perimeter path
- 🌳 **Iris Mooney Park** – more trees
- 🌳 **Nicholas Park** – expand parking
- 🌳 **Brydon Lagoon** – expand interpretive information and features





Example of a Pump Track

Trails

Summary of Findings	Key Strategy
Langley City has some excellent and popular trails with the highlight being the Nicomekl floodplain trail	Add new trails that will improve connectivity

Land Acquisition

- T1.** Acquire land as opportunities arise to support trail connectivity.
- T2.** Coordinate trail planning and development with the active transportation component of the Transportation Master Plan.
- T3.** As land is developed, identify potential trail corridors that can be acquired to improve connectivity.
- T4.** Explore lighting where night-time use is significant, e.g., along Nicomekl Trail.
 -  Consider an application such as solar lights in locations subject to flooding
 -  Consider “dark skies” and potential environmental effects on trails through natural areas

Capital Projects

- T5.** Expand the trail system to provide connectivity, with links to potential destinations, e.g., parks, schools, downtown, per other City plans.
- T6.** Work with Kwantlen Polytechnic University on the development of a trail along the creek through their campus.
- T7.** Increase the number of wayfinding signs, especially in the Nicomekl Floodplain.
- T8.** Convert some trails to paving to increase accessibility, e.g., between Penzer Park and Buckley Park.
- T9.** Provide more infrastructure along trails, including benches, waste bins (including dog waste and recycling), and bike racks.
- T10.** Upgrade trails as needed, e.g., 204th Street stairs and a bridge in Pleasantdale Creek corridor.

Service Delivery

- T11.** Partner with local organizations or volunteers to improve surveillance of trail system.



Example of Boardwalk with Interpretive Sign

Outdoor Amenities

Summary of Findings	Key Strategy
Langley City has a diverse and unique supply of outdoor amenities that offer dynamic opportunities in parks	Add new amenities to retain this as an area of excellence for Langley City

Planning and Design

OA1. Evaluate the use of facilities perceived as being at over- or under-capacity to confirm future needs:

- ⌘ Review potential for some smaller ball diamonds, more accessible ball diamonds, and the potential need for more diamonds if field improvements and schedule changes cannot address needs
- ⌘ Review opportunities to reduce the size of the lawn bowling green to allow for an additional use in that space

Capital Projects

OA2. Improve park amenities in need of upgrading:

- ⌘ Upgrade older multi-sport courts – City, Douglas, Portage, Brydon; could consider lights at Douglas
- ⌘ Provide more shade at playgrounds with trees, shade sails, and covered shelters
- ⌘ Upgrade washroom facilities with relocation as appropriate to reduce vandalism

Capital Projects (Cont.)

OA3. Provide additional park amenities based on needs:

- ⌘ Provide access to universal-designed washrooms in new parks
- ⌘ Provide more community gardens, including fully accessible with raised garden options, in new parks
- ⌘ Consider an off-leash dog area in the northeast, at Rotary Centennial Park or one of the new parks, to serve population growth
- ⌘ Increase the number of covered picnic tables, and benches throughout parks and trails, and consider picnic shelters where appropriate
- ⌘ Consider increasing the number of tennis courts in partnership with the user group, with the potential for multi-use opportunities on some courts – minimum two together
- ⌘ Plan for a spray park in the northwest portion of the City

Capital Projects (Cont.)

OA4. Provide new park amenities to address needs:

- 🌿 Add a skatepark, potentially at Penzer, Buckley, or Douglas Park
- 🌿 Develop a bike pump track at Penzer or Buckley Park
- 🌿 Add beach volleyball courts to Buckley Park
- 🌿 Add artificial turf field for soccer and baseball in partnership with the school district

Customer Service and Marketing

Summary of Findings

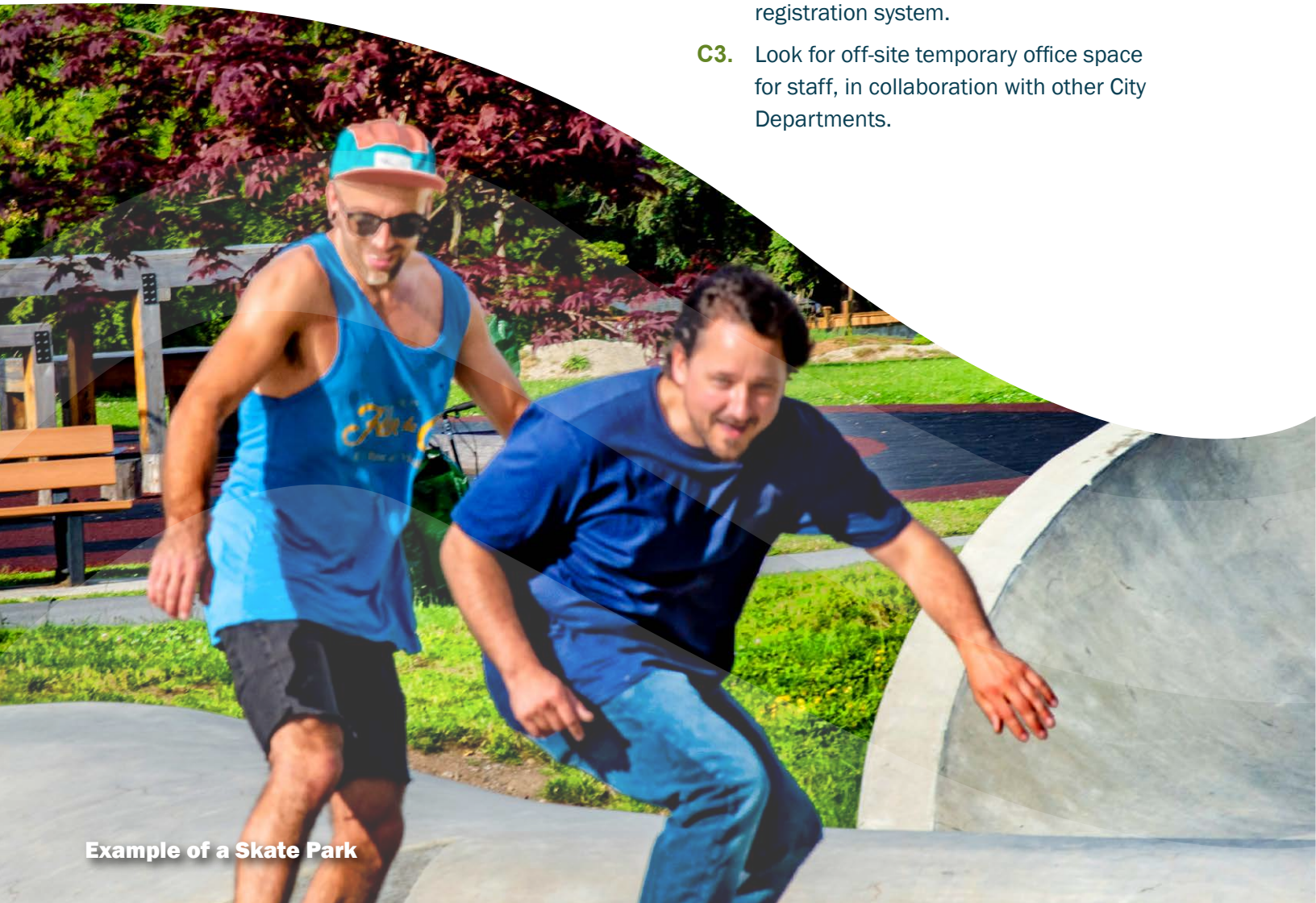
Langley City provides a high level of customer service for parks, recreation, and culture services

Key Strategy

Enhance resources for marketing of recreation and culture services

Service Delivery

- C1.** Acquire an additional staff position to support and enhance marketing capacity.
- C2.** Improve the online program guides and registration system.
- C3.** Look for off-site temporary office space for staff, in collaboration with other City Departments.











Example of a Skate Park

Recreation Programs

Summary of Findings	Key Strategy
The City offers a broad range of services directly and in partnership with community organizations and the private sector	Work with community partners to ensure all residents are aware of the recreational opportunities and are encouraged and supported to participate

Service Delivery

- RP1.** Prepare a transition plan for the move from Red Cross aquatic programs to Lifesaving Society Canada programs.
- RP2.** Provide opportunities for participation in fitness through live virtual/online classes, accessed through registration and payment.
- RP3.** Offer more recreation programs as space becomes available such as the following:

-  More fitness classes
-  Lifestyle programming such as cooking, sewing, crafting
-  More preschool programs
-  More programming for children
-  More programs for youth
-  More social programs for seniors, youth, adults, children
-  Childminding along with fitness classes/weight room
-  More outdoor programs/activities

- RP4.** Review staffing needs as services increase.
- RP5.** Work with community youth organizations to determine ways of attracting youth over the age of 15 to use the facilities and participate in programs and activities.
- RP6.** Develop unique ‘Introduction to sport’ programs in co-operation with minor sport organizations and the Middle School to attract and support girls aged 11 to 14 to participate in a variety of sports.
- RP7.** Continue to support the work of the Youth Hub and Foundry.
- RP8.** Continue to support the Langley Seniors Centre in their provision of subsidized programs for seniors.

Arts and Culture Programs

Summary of Findings

The City had a good variety of arts and culture activities available prior to COVID-19

Key Strategy

Continue to encourage and support arts and culture organizations in re-establishing, expanding, and enhancing their activities

Service Delivery

- AC1.** Increase the variety and number of arts and culture programs offered by the City such as the following:
-  More visual art classes
 -  More performing art classes
- AC2.** Add a staff position with responsibility for arts and culture.
- AC3.** Enhance the relationship with the Langley Arts Council to jointly provide programming.
- AC4.** Explore opportunities for “artist in residence” opportunities.
- AC5.** Consider adding a heritage component to the City’s programs.

Festivals and Events

Summary of Findings

Langley City hosts and supports many festivals and events, most of which are free

Key Strategy

Finalize the Special Events Strategy and provide support for organizations that are struggling to re-start their traditional events and tournaments

Service Delivery

- E1.** Complete the Special Events Strategy.
- E2.** Allocate more resources to support community-run events, including funding, space, and equipment.
- E3.** Encourage and support more events that will draw newcomer and diverse groups that are not currently represented, and more events in fall and winter.



Example of a Healthy Food Festival

Partnership and Inclusion

Summary of Findings	Key Strategy
The City has many successful partnerships with community organizations, government, and the private sector that help to make the City more inclusive	Continue to work with community partners that support a healthy, active population and opportunities for all


Planning and Design

- PI1.** Consider multi-modal transportation in the siting and transportation planning around facilities and parks.
- PI2.** Integrate inclusive design in all new construction and renovation of facilities and parks following the principles of meaningful access and the seven principles of universal design.

Service Delivery

- PI3.** Focus more on partnerships with cultural, Indigenous, immigrant, and gender inclusive groups to increase equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- PI4.** Work with community partners to access funding and find solutions to those experiencing homelessness and poverty.
- PI5.** Explore ways to increase the efficiency of collaborating with partners.

Service Delivery (Cont.)

- PI6.** Work with partners and participants on timing programs to meet diverse needs.
 - PI7.** Continue to work with the Langley Volunteer Bureau, using their expertise to recruit and train volunteers.
 - PI8.** Update policies as needed to ensure inclusivity in programs, and design to accommodate all under-represented groups.
-  Under-represented groups include women and girls, persons with disabilities (including intellectual disabilities), LGBTQIA2S+ community, marginalized youth, Indigenous people, socio-economically disadvantaged, newcomers, and older adults.





Indoor Recreation Spaces

Summary of Findings	Key Strategy
Langley has some popular and unique indoor facilities, especially at Timms Community Centre, with some needs for upgrading at Douglas Recreation Centre and gaps including childminding and an indoor pool	Upgrade Douglas Recreation Centre as an interim measure and redevelop it to serve future needs




Planning and Design

- IR1.** Address contemporary expectations and standards in all facility projects, addressing universal design as the method to create inclusive environments and communities, water and energy efficiency, gender-sensitive washrooms, and durable materials and details.
- IR2.** Undertake planning and design for a new or significantly renovated and expanded Douglas Recreation Centre.
- IR3.** Undertake planning and design for an expansion of Timms Community Centre.

Capital Projects

- IR4.** Upgrade and expand Timms Community Centre to improve efficiency and address needs:
 -  Expand Weight Room
 -  Provide additional/improved storage in gymnasium to expand space for activities and spectators
 -  Add equipment for bodyweight-related strength training near the Track
 -  Expand childminding space

Capital Projects (Cont.)

- IR5.** Renovate Douglas Recreation Centre as an interim measure.
 -  Renovate park washrooms
 -  Renovate existing childminding space
 -  Relocate stored items to free up possible program space and repurpose games room for childminding
- IR6.** Construct a replacement or significant renovation/expansion of Douglas Recreation Centre.

Service Delivery

- IR7.** Plan for the additional maintenance, operations, and programming staff that will be required for new facilities as they are developed.

Aquatic Facilities

Summary of Findings	Key Strategy
The existing outdoor pool is very popular; however, the type of pool, seasonal use, and energy consumption do not meet the City's sustainability targets	Consider an indoor leisure pool to meet existing and future needs in addition to the possible retrofitting of Al Anderson Memorial Pool

Planning and Design

AF1. Undertake a planning and design process to develop plans for an indoor aquatic facility, ideally co-located with a community recreation centre.

- ⌘ Integrate the planning and design work for the new aquatic centre, Timms Community Centre expansion, and Douglas Recreation Centre redevelopment to maximize the effectiveness and completeness of facility services
- ⌘ Determine if Al Anderson Memorial Pool will be retained once a new aquatic facility is developed, a decision that will be based primarily on social considerations
- ⌘ Explore potential partnership opportunities for an indoor aquatic facility

AF2. Analyze methods for improving the energy performance and service delivery of Al Anderson Memorial Pool.

- ⌘ Establish dedicated monitoring of the pool facility related to energy performance and identify improvements to limit environmental impacts

Planning and Design (Cont.)

- ⌘ Assess the merits of modifying the existing lap tank to improve leisure activity opportunities

Capital Projects

AF3. Construct a new purpose-built indoor aquatic facility with complementary community recreation opportunities.

AF4. Monitor upgrade requirements of Al Anderson Memorial Pool to improve the energy use and recreation opportunities

- ⌘ Determine if these improvements will be interim or long-term based on AF.1

Service Delivery

AF5. Plan for the additional maintenance, operations, and programming staff that will be required for new facilities as they are developed.



Example of Indoor Aquatic Pool

Sendall House

Summary of Findings

Sendall House is an attractive feature, but its condition cannot support public use

Key Strategy

Replace Sendall House with an environmental and multi-use facility

Planning and Design

SH1. Conduct planning and design for a new facility to replace Sendall House as an environmental and multi-use centre, potentially as a public-private partnership.

Capital Projects

SH2. Build a new facility to replace Sendall House.

Service Delivery

SH3. Establish an “artist in residence” in Sendall House on an interim basis if possible.

Facilities Managed by Others

Summary of Findings

Langley City residents benefit from the use of multiple facilities operated by partners

Key Strategy

Continue to maintain collaborative partnerships with operators of facilities

Planning and Design

FM1. Continue to maintain collaborative partnerships with operators of facilities.

FM2. Explore opportunities for more joint projects with the school district, e.g., an artificial turf field.



Example of Environmental Multi-Use Centre

Performing Arts Centre

Summary of Findings

Langley City is in the process of reviewing the potential for a performing arts centre

Key Strategy

Continue the process of reviewing the potential for a performing arts centre

Planning and Design

- PA1.** Proceed with phase two of the Performing Arts and Cultural Centre Study.
- PA2.** Explore opportunities for a Public Private Partnership in the development of a Performing Arts Centre (with approximately 350 seats) in the City, as well as art gallery space and “artist in residence” opportunities.

Implementation Plan

An implementation plan that identifies the phasing and relative costs of recommendations will be added to the PRC Master Plan based on community input received during this stage of the process.