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TERMS OF REFERENCE APPROVED FOR BROOKSWOOD-FERNRIDGE UPDATE

Terms of Reference that define the goals, scope, work plan, and key deliverables for a minor update to the Brookswood-Fernridge Community Plan have been approved, and the process to complete its undeveloped areas is now underway.

The Terms of Reference, which provide a clear understanding of the planning area's geography, the schedule and process for the update, as well as an outline for extensive public and stakeholder engagement, were approved by Township of Langley Council on April 11.

In January of this year, Council authorized staff to proceed with a minor update to the Brookswood-Fernridge Community Plan that would incorporate recommendations from the Township's new Public Engagement Strategy and build on research, information, and public input collected during a previous proposal to update the Plan in 2014.

As outlined in the Terms of Reference, the update will provide opportunities for growth and redevelopment in the undeveloped areas, while maintaining existing land uses and densities in previously developed areas.

The update process will be conducted in five phases of technical, analytical, and engagement work, and will get underway immediately with the creation of a Community Planning Team, community dialogues, and an open house. The process is anticipated to take about 18 months.

"Now is the time to move forward with plans for this community," said Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese. "The current Brookswood-Fernridge Community Plan was created in 1987. Almost three decades have passed and we need to update it to include environmental protection standards that have since emerged, and to consider current land uses and densities."

"We need to work together to ensure this community meets the needs of residents now and for generations to come by providing affordable housing options, services, amenities, and infrastructure that will enhance quality of life there," Froese said. "There are a lot of important decisions to be made and it is imperative that we hear from the public as we consider this area's future. The Terms of Reference for this update ensure there will be many opportunities to engage in meaningful dialogue every step of the way."

The updated Brookswood-Fernridge Community Plan will set out the vision, objectives, and planning policies that will guide change and development in that community over the next 20 to 25 years.

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