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BEST CITIES FOR WORK IN BC: LANGLEY MAKES TOP FIVE

The Township of Langley strives to provide conditions that create an exceptional job market, and has once again been recognized as amongst the best in the province.

For the third year in a row, Langley has moved up the list of BC Business Magazine's Best Cities For Work in BC. In its third annual ranking, BC Business has Langley sitting soundly in 5th place, up from the sixth spot last year, and #7 the year before.

To determine the best cities for work in 2017, the magazine studied 36 communities and examined economic indicators that reflect the health of each area's job market, including the average household income, population growth, spending on housing and recreation, and the unemployment rate.

"We are proud to be recognized amongst the top five in BC," said Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese. "This is a community where people can live, work, play, and thrive. Langley Township has a desirable geographical location in the centre of the Lower Mainland and is accessible by an extensive road and highway network, as well as by rail and by air. We are close to international borders, have a skilled workforce, and our Council and staff are dedicated to helping businesses succeed here."

"The Township of Langley offers an exceptional quality of life that attracts people to our community, so whether they are starting a large company or a home-based business, business owners will find everything they need to prosper here," Froese said. "The result is a strong, diversified economy, excellent job availability, and a thriving commercial climate. We are really pleased that this has once again been recognized in BC Business Magazine's rankings and that we are amongst the top five."

More than 7,000 businesses – from retail and commercial ventures to applied manufacturing and agriculture-based industries – operate in the Township of Langley, in more than 550 different economic activities.

"The result is a diverse, stable business base," said Township of Langley Senior Manager of Corporate Administration Val Gafka. "As well, our economy benefits from the number of recognized post-secondary institutions and research facilities in the area. The Township offers competitive commercial and light industrial levy advantages to businesses, and those looking to expand or create a new business will find an inventory of land uses and available, affordable property in the Township."

“The Township of Langley is *the* place to do business in BC,” she said, “and we will continue to build on that success by focusing on attracting, retaining, and supporting business in our community. We invite business owners and entrepreneurs to take a look at what Langley Township has to offer. Visit LangleyTownship on YouTube and have a peak at our Business Attraction video. We welcome the opportunity to meet and talk about making the Township of Langley your business destination.”

A new website spotlighting the Township’s investment and economic development opportunities was launched earlier this year at invest.tol.ca.

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