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## **CENSUS PARTICIPATION CREATES BETTER COMMUNITIES**

Every five years, Statistics Canada conducts a census to collect demographic information on every person living in the county and Canadians who are abroad.

While the census is a national undertaking, its results can be felt very close to home.

“The 2016 Census will be conducted this May and we encourage all residents to participate,” said Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese. “The data collected is extremely valuable, as it plays a major role in creating our community’s future. This information is used to plan for and provide the vital programs and infrastructure that our residents depend on.”

“Having reliable, up-to-date information about our population directly impacts planning for services such as police and fire protection, public transit, housing, roads, hospitals, schools, and child care,” Froese said.

A statistical portrait of the country and its people, the census is used by governments, businesses, and organizations to guide decisions for the future. The population estimates gathered through the census are used to allocate transfer payments from the federal government to provinces and territories, which then allocate funds to municipalities. Census participation is mandatory.

“When the census package arrives at your home, please take the time to complete the questionnaire online or in writing,” Froese said. “By simply filling out the information, you will help shape Langley Township’s future.”

Statistics Canada will be hiring 35,000 people from across the country from March to July to help collect census information. Job opportunities will be available locally for those interested in temporary, part-time work.

The Census of Agriculture will also take place in May of 2016, to collect information from agricultural operators who intend to sell at least one agricultural product.

For more information, visit [census.gc.ca](http://census.gc.ca).