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PROPOSED ENGAGEMENT CHARTER PUT TO THE PUBLIC

A high-level policy that will make public engagement a priority in the Township of Langley has been drafted, and the public is invited to review it and offer input.

The Public Engagement Charter for Planning and Development “commits the Township of Langley to strengthen a spirit of collaboration and to ensure meaningful community consultation contributing to the best possible quality of life for all residents, current and future.”

The draft document was received by Township Council on May 30. On Tuesday, June 7, an Open House will be held at the Langley Events Centre from 4 to 8pm, so that residents can have their say about the proposed policy. In addition to the Open House, residents can learn about the proposed Public Engagement Charter and offer their input online at tol.ca/engagetol.

“This document will play a very important role in the Township’s new Public Engagement Strategy, as it outlines the framework and processes that will be followed to ensure we are responsive to the community and have active citizen participation as we work together to shape our future,” said Mayor Jack Froese.

The draft Charter was a main component of the Strategy, which was put forward by the Mayor’s Standing Committee on Public Engagement, after months of public consultation and information gathering. The Strategy was adopted by Council in March 2016.

The proposed Public Engagement Charter outlines the Township’s aspirations to promote civic pride as the community grows and changes, and initiate deeper dialogue between the community, Council, and staff. It provides guiding principles that will set the direction and fundamental standards for public engagement, and builds on existing policies outlined in the Township’s Sustainability Charter and Official Community Plan. The draft Public Engagement Charter also outlines the commitments and responsibilities required by the Mayor and Council, staff, and citizens to ensure meaningful, long-term engagement is achieved.

The proposed Charter, which can be viewed at tol.ca/engagetol, will be considered for adoption by Council.

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