

Township of  
**Langley**



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### **2016 CENSUS: TOWNSHIP FASTEST GROWING MUNICIPALITY IN METRO VANCOUVER**

It's official: The Township of Langley has been recognized as the fastest growing municipality in Metro Vancouver.

According to the latest census poll by Statistics Canada, the Township's population grew 12.6% between 2011 and 2016, from 104,177 to 117,285 residents. That is nearly double the growth rate for the region, as the census metropolitan area of Vancouver increased by 6.5% during that period.

Mayor Jack Froese is not surprised that so many people are choosing to make the Township of Langley their home.

"This is a unique place with beautiful parks and natural spaces, vibrant urban centres, and abundant opportunities for housing, employment, education, and recreation," he said. "The Township truly offers an exceptional quality of life."

Langley Township's growth rate works out to 2.52% per year, which is within the municipality's projected growth rate of 2.5% to 3.0% per year. The Township's Regional Context Statement, which provides a link between its Official Community Plan and Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy, specifies a 2.9% growth rate per year for the Township.

"We have been growing according to our historic projections," said Ramin Seifi, the Township's General Manager of Engineering and Community Development. With the Metro Vancouver region expecting a projected population increase of one million people over the next 25 years, Seifi said the Township's growth is being managed by creating a balanced and sustainable community.

The growth is great news for the Township's economy, added Val Gafka, Senior Manager of Corporate Administration, who notes that the municipality's commercial climate is thriving.

"With more than 7,000 businesses operating in over 550 diverse industries, the Township offers one job for every member of the workforce," she said. "We have been named one of the top five Best Cities for Work in BC and we take pride in being able to provide our residents with great opportunities for employment near where they live."

To discover why the Township of Langley is such a great place to live, work, and play, visit [invest.tol.ca](http://invest.tol.ca) or watch the video here: [youtube.com/watch?v=3JCkyy23Vd0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JCkyy23Vd0).

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