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Community Forest Management Strategy Open House

Langley, BC – As the Township of Langley continues to focus on the long-term health of our forests in both urban and rural areas, community engagement is set to begin in the coming days that will help build a strategy for trees and woodlands on publicly and privately owned lands.

The Community Forest Management Strategy will provide an opportunity for Township residents to help establish a shared vision and priorities for protecting and enhancing our community forest over the coming decades.

The public are invited to learn about the state of the community forest and the work completed to date at an online Open House scheduled for Thursday, May 6 from 6:30 to 8:00pm. It will include a presentation and opportunities for questions. You can register to join the virtual event at tol.ca/cfms.

“Our trees help make the Township of Langley a great place to be,” said Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese. “The Community Forest Management Strategy is part of our continuing effort to strengthen our forests and leave an impactful legacy for generations to come.”

Starting May 6, residents will also be able to complete an online survey on why trees and woodlands are important to them. In addition, the community engagement process will provide opportunities to highlight and comment on important areas of forest in their communities.

In 2019, Township Council identified tree canopy protection as one of the strategic priorities. Since then, a Tree Protection Bylaw was adopted in July 2019 and a Tree Protection Advisory Committee has been struck in 2020 to review the bylaw and guide the preparation of the Community Forest Management Strategy. The work of the committee is expected to wrap up by the end of 2021.

To learn more about the Community Forest Management Strategy process, visit tol.ca/cfms.

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