
Township of Langley

NEWS RELEASE

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Booth, Fernridge, and Rinn Neighbourhood Plans are Ready for Review

Langley, BC – Draft Neighbourhood Plans (NPs) for the Booth, Fernridge and Rinn neighbourhoods in Brookwood-Fernridge are being released for final comments before going to Council for consideration of bylaw readings. The public is invited to provide feedback on the draft plans through a series of engagement opportunities in late February and early March. Full drafts of the three plans are available now at tol.ca/bfnp, along with details for the Virtual Open House, Presentation and Q&A Session, and 'Talk With a Planner' events.

The release of the draft Neighbourhood Plans represents the culmination of a process that began in 2017, with Council's adoption of the Brookwood-Fernridge Community Plan (BFCP) and direction to staff to proceed with the three NPs concurrently. The process, which evolved over the last number of years, included successive plan-building steps, intensive technical and policy analyses, and extensive public engagement. The discussions and findings of the process were consolidated into the three draft NPs, providing a "blueprint" for thoughtful development over the coming decades.

The draft NPs align with the Vision and Guiding Principles adopted by Council as part of the BFCP and the broader Township of Langley Official Community Plan (OCP), adopted in 2016. The Neighbourhood Character Goals and Policies in each of the NPs are intended to guide decision-making related to growth in these neighbourhoods, in a consistent and integrated manner.

Specifically, what has emerged for the neighbourhoods are policies that focus on the fundamentals of the BFCP, with a finer level of detail, including:

- environmental policies that focus on protecting and restoring creeks, streams and other water bodies, and the establishment of Nature Conservation Areas and other environmental features for the purposes of tree preservation, restoration, and enhancement, as well as environmental health and biodiversity on both public and private lands;
- mixed-use, commercial nodes that contribute to a 'small-town' character, complement existing commercial areas, and provide retail shops and offices for the day-to-day needs of the local residents; and
- residential areas close to the commercial nodes with a mix of housing forms, such as rowhouses, townhouses and low-rise apartments adjacent to the nodes, followed by single family, duplex, triplex, fourplex and Pocket Neighbourhoods, all with the purpose of supporting walkability and livability.

How to Get Involved in the Final Phase of Public Engagement:

1. Virtual Open House

Date and Time: Starting at Noon, Tuesday, February 22, 2022 to Noon, Friday, March 11, 2022

This Open House aims to engage the public in a convenient online format. Please visit tol.ca/bfnp during the Open House to find out more about the draft plans and provide your feedback.

2. Presentation and Q&A Session

Date and Time: Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 7:00pm

This webinar will provide an overview of the draft Neighbourhood Plans and allow for questions from the public to be answered by Township staff. Register for the presentation at tol.ca/bfnp.

3. Talk With a Planner

Date and Time: 15 - Minute Sessions Beginning Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Virtual meeting and call-in options will be available. The purpose of these conversations is to provide an opportunity for staff to respond to questions related to the draft NPs and ideas presented at the virtual Open House. Registration will be available soon at tol.ca/bfnp.

For more information, please visit tol.ca/bfnp.

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