

# Community Opinion Vote

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### What is a Community Opinion Vote?

A Community Opinion Vote is a way for a municipality like Langley City to gather valuable feedback from residents. It helps Council understand community views before making future decisions.

### Is a Community Opinion Vote legally binding?

No. A Community Opinion Vote is non-binding, which means the results are for Council's information and consideration before making a particular decision. In this case, incoming Council will review the results before deciding whether to proceed with further planning of the projects.

### Why is the City holding a Community Opinion Vote?

It helps Council understand whether there is broad community support for the proposals before making a decision to continue further planning for projects.

## How is a Community Opinion Vote different from a referendum?

| Community Opinion Vote                                                        | Referendum (Assent Voting)                          |
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| Non-binding (results are often used to gather and understand community views) | Legally binding (results require a specific action) |

## Why isn't the City holding a referendum (or a binding vote)?

A referendum or assent voting process may be considered in the future. For now, Council is seeking community input to help determine whether there is broad support to continue planning the proposed projects.

## Who can vote?

Langley City voters who are eligible to vote in local government elections can vote. Find out if you're eligible [here](#).

## When can I vote?

On general voting day or during advance voting days as listed below:

### General Voting Day

October 17, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, Timms Community Centre, 20399 Douglas Crescent

### Advance Voting Opportunities

Timms Community Centre, 20399 Douglas Crescent

- October 6, 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- October 7, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
- October 8, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- October 14, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

## Does Council have to follow the results?

No. Council is not legally required to action the results. However, Council will give serious consideration to the results, along with other relevant information, before making a final decision on whether to continue further planning of the projects.

## **What happens after the Community Opinion Vote?**

The results of the Community Opinion Vote will provide Council with information about community views on continuing planning work for the proposed projects.

Council will consider the results along with other information, such as financial considerations, planning work, and community priorities, when making future decisions.

## **Where can I find more information about the proposals/projects?**

Visit [Let's Chat, Langley City](#), the City's public engagement tool to learn more and contact [communications@langleycity.ca](mailto:communications@langleycity.ca) to ask any specific questions.

## **Where can I learn more about Community Opinion Votes and referendums?**

Province of BC resources:

- [Public Engagement by Local Governments](#) (specifically non-binding community opinion vote/polls)
- [Assent Voting \(Referendums\): Processes and Considerations Guide](#)
- [Community Charter](#)
- [Local Government Act](#)