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**Economic Development – Population Growth Will Slow**

*This information provides an overview of past and future population growth in the Township*

*The Province is forecasting that the population of the Langleys (City plus Township) will slow to a much more sustainable compounded growth rate of 1.9% per year for the next 25 years.*

Completion of the Port Mann Bridge in 1963 served as a major catalyst for population growth in the Township of Langley. In fact, during the 30 year period 1966 to 1996, the Township's population expanded at a compound growth rate of 5.1% per year. However, no municipality can continually grow at such high rates forever, since there is a finite amount of land and densification does have a limit.

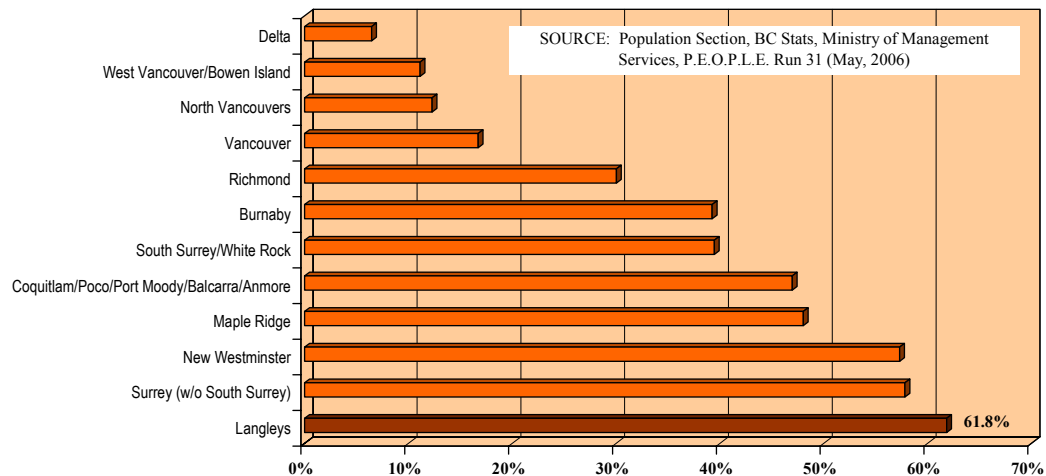
A May 2006 population forecast released by the Provincial Government

expects population growth will slow down in the Langleys. (The forecast is by local health area, rather than by local municipality. The Langley local health area is made up of the Township of Langley plus the City of Langley.) By the year 2031, the population of the combined Langleys is forecast to grow to 199,710 from the current level of 123,398 (see Table 1). While this translates into a much more sustainable compounded growth rate of 1.9% per year, it is still the highest growth rate of all the local health areas in the Greater Vancouver Regional District (see Graph 1).

**Table 1: Population Forecast to the Year 2031, by Local Health Area**

	2005	2031	% Incr.
Langleys	123,398	199,710	61.8%
Surrey (w/o South Surrey)	334,154	527,381	57.8%
New Westminster	57,480	90,417	57.3%
Maple Ridge	90,215	133,538	48.0%
Coquitlam/Poco/Port			
Moody/Balcarra/Anmore	210,428	309,262	47.0%
South Surrey/White Rock	78,873	110,000	39.5%
Burnaby	204,324	284,517	39.2%
Richmond	173,430	225,497	30.0%
Vancouver	593,273	692,438	16.7%
North Vancouvers	135,597	152,247	12.3%
West Vancouver/Bowen Island	51,538	57,270	11.1%
Delta	103,179	109,846	6.5%
<b>Greater Vancouver</b>	<b>2,155,889</b>	<b>2,892,123</b>	<b>34.1%</b>

**Graph 1: Forecast of Population Growth by Local Health Area – 2005 to 2031**



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