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Q & A with Alex:

Do you believe growth pays for growth in the Township of Langley? Explain.

Short answer, yes, but there is more than one way to determine this. On pure, upfront costs, no, the DCCs and CACs collected don't completely cover the costs associated with residential growth. There are many ways that new development benefits from the infrastructure that already exists in the ToL. DCCs and CACs contribute some funds to new roads, parks, schools, and utility hook ups, but new residents add to the costs of policing, fire-safety, and increase vehicle congestion on the existing roads. However, we need more housing for our growing population to make up for housing-start deficits over the last 20 years. The new residents also come to the ToL to potentially work, play, and shop here in our city, which adds economic growth, and that is why I feel that the growth pays for itself, though it is tricky (if not impossible) to completely measure.