

A much-needed downtown revitalization means postponing Arts Alive and Fork and Finger until 2025.

On the heels of an exciting decision from Langley City, the event organizers at the Downtown Langley Business Association (DLBA) have had to make a difficult decision.

The two largest annual events that take place in Langley City (hosted by the DLBA), the Arts Alive Festival and the Fork and Finger Food Event, will both have to be postponed until August 2025.

The construction of the Fraser Highway one-way revitalization is scheduled to start in late June / early July of 2024 and will impact the event space for these two events for this coming summer.

“We briefly considered moving these events to another location in the downtown core, but our concern was that on the heels of a very successful event season in 2023, if vendors and attendees found the event less appealing than when it was on the one-way, that would do more damage than good”, explained DLBA Executive Director Teri James. “The good news is that we will have a beautifully revitalized one-way and a brand-new event space in 2025, and we will bring these events back bigger and better!”

Other, smaller events are still being planned, which will include pop-up music in and around the downtown core and potentially an event at Innes Corner, McBurney Plaza or Douglas Park.

“We won’t know what the events will be, or where they will be located until we know the full scope of the planned revitalization project, including a timeline”, stated DLBA Chair Bob Foster. “What we do know is that we will take every opportunity to ensure that people know **the businesses on the one-way will be *Open For Business* during the revitalization**, including as many events and contests as we are able to provide”.

The DLBA is starting to plan the larger events now for their return in 2025, so that when they’re back they will be exciting for everyone, and they will meet the very high standards that have been achieved in previous years.

“We want to thank the vendors, sponsors and attendees for their patience and understanding, as the events would not be successful without your support”.

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