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Message from Ida Chong  
*Minister of Healthy Living and Sport*



On behalf of Premier Campbell and the Province of British Columbia, I would like to congratulate everyone involved with Langley Soccer for your commitment in signing the Respect Pledge.

Langley Soccer has been a leader in promoting the Province's efforts to encourage more sport and physical activity and a healthier lifestyle for all British Columbians.

Now, not only are you getting our young people active at an early age, but in guiding them to sign this pledge you are helping them to learn the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, and the advantages a respectful attitude, respectful words and respectful actions can bring to team play and competition.

Playing soccer is a great way to reinforce the importance of respect, and it can be key in helping our young people become active, healthy and well-rounded adults. It's one of the most popular of all sports and it is the largest participation sport in B.C.

Congratulations to the players, the parents, the volunteers and the coaches of Langley Soccer as you become the first athletic community in Canada to have a sports day committed to respect. I hope you have fun at today's Respect Concert and I hope that you continue to play sports and stay active as you get older.

And, again, thank you to Langley Soccer for your leadership in helping kids across the province get involved in physical activity and recreation and inspire them to stay active and be respectful while they play!

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ida Chong".

Ida Chong, FCGA  
Minister of Healthy Living and Sport