

Regular Meeting of Council Agenda May 19, 2026

Regular Meeting of the City of Castlegar Council held in Council Chambers at the Community Forum, 445 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C., and via Zoom live meeting, commencing at **3:00 p.m.** for **Committee of the Whole Meeting**, immediately followed by a **Closed Council Meeting** and reconvening at **7:00 p.m.** for **Regular Council Meeting**.

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- 1 **CALL TO ORDER (3:00 P.M.)**
- 2 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- 3 **RESOLUTION TO RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
- 4 **DELEGATION: Nil**
- 5 **COMMUNITY WELLNESS, SAFETY & DEVELOPMENT (CHAIR BELL / DEPUTY BOJECHKO / DEPUTY HEATON-SHERSTOBITOFF):**
 - (a) **COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON VERBAL UPDATE**
 - (b) **FIRE DEPARTMENT VERBAL UPDATE**
 - (c) **Emergency Services Monthly Report – April 2026**

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve to receive for information:

 - Emergency Services Monthly Report – April 2026
 - (d) **RCMP DETACHMENT VERBAL UPDATE**
 - (e) **WEST KOOTENAY REGIONAL AIRPORT VERBAL UPDATE**
 - (f) **COMMUNITY WELLNESS, SAFETY AND DEVELOPMENT VERBAL UPDATE.**
 - (g) **Building Permit and Business Licence Reports – April 2026**

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve to receive for information:



- Building Permit Report – April 2026
- Business Licence Report – April 2026

6 CULTURAL & CIVIC PRIDE (CHAIR HEATON-SHERSTOBITOFF / DEPUTY BOGLE / DEPUTY MACLEOD):

(a) **COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON VERBAL UPDATE**

7 FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES (CHAIR BOGLE / DEPUTY FALSTEAD):

(a) **FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMUNITY LIAISON VERBAL UPDATE**

(b) **CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT VERBAL UPDATE**

(c) **False Alarm Bylaw 1439 (Report No. 26-14)**

Report from the Legislative Services Assistant to seek Council consideration of the required readings of False Alarm Bylaw 1439.

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve:

THAT Council proceed with the required readings of False Alarm Bylaw 1439, 2026, a Bylaw to regulate and establish fees with respect to excessive false alarms.

(d) **Municipal Ticketing Amendment Bylaw 1458 (Report No. 26-41)**

Report from the Manager of Legislative Services to seek Council consideration of the required readings of the Municipal Ticketing Bylaw 1458.

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve:

THAT Council consider the required readings of the Municipal Ticketing Amendment Bylaw 1458.

(e) **Local Government Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw 1459 (Report No. 26-43)**

Report from the Manager of Legislative Services to seek Council consideration of the required readings of Local Government Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw 1459.

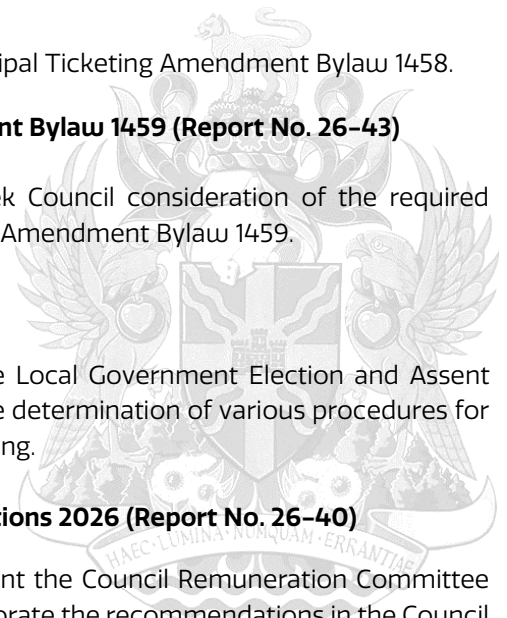
RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve:

THAT Council proceed with the required readings of the Local Government Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw 1459, a Bylaw to provide for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of local government elections and assent voting.

(f) **Council Remuneration Review Committee Recommendations 2026 (Report No. 26-40)**

Report from the Manager of Legislative Services to present the Council Remuneration Committee recommendations, and to seek Council direction to incorporate the recommendations in the Council Expense Bylaw 661, and Council Indemnity Bylaw 835.

RECOMMENDATIONS (to be considered individually) Council consider and resolve:



1. THAT Council instruct staff to amend Council Expense Allowance Bylaw 661 to incorporate the Council Remuneration Committee's recommendations to:
 - a) Strengthen the definition of "Council-related expenses" to: "Funds shall be provided to each member of Council to support the purchase of Council-related expenses incurred in fulfilling Council duties, including, but not limited to, technology upgrades or equipment and required apparel. All purchases shall be supported by receipts."
 - b) Update the provisions for attendance at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to permit for up to three Council members per year, funded by the City, to attend FCM conferences up to twice during their four-year term, with the added requirement that attendees provide a written summary report for a subsequent Council agenda.
 - c) Remove outdated references to telephone calls in Schedule A, Section D, as these costs are addressed elsewhere in the bylaw under Schedule A, Section C.3.
 - d) Update lost wage compensation language to clarify reimbursement up to \$300 per day, supported by a statement from the claimant's employer or business in the amount claimed for the lost wage compensation.
 - e) That the provision of the \$400 monthly car allowance for the Mayor be explicitly stated in writing.

2. THAT Council instruct staff to amend Council Indemnity Bylaw 835, to incorporate the Council Remuneration Committee's recommendations to include:
 - a) That effective January 2027 and each year thereafter, the annual indemnities for the Mayor and Councillors shall be increased by an amount equal to the percentage increase of the BC Consumer Price Index for the twelve-month period ending November 1 of the previous year.

(g) **FINANCE DEPARTMENT VERBAL UPDATE.**

8 MUNICIPAL SERVICES (CHAIR MACLEOD / DEPUTY BELL):

(a) **MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT VERBAL UPDATE.**

9 QUESTION PERIOD:

10 RESOLUTION TO RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

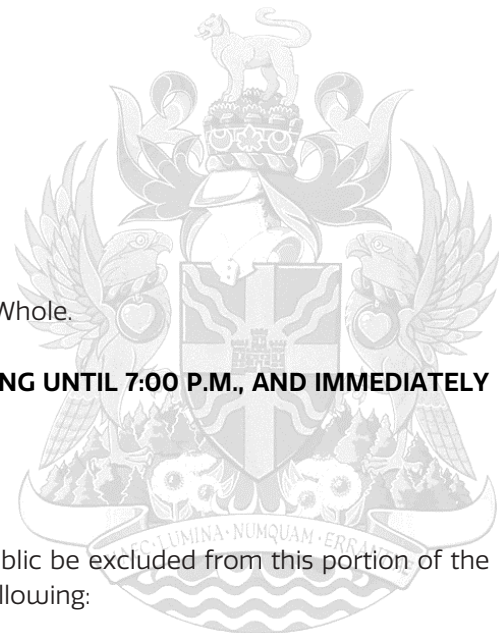
Council consider and resolve to rise from the Committee of the Whole.

11 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC, RECESS THE PUBLIC MEETING UNTIL 7:00 P.M., AND IMMEDIATELY CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

RESOLUTION:

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, the public be excluded from this portion of the meeting as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:

- ***Community Charter Section 90(1)(L)***
Discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report].



AND FURTHER;

THAT the public portion of the meeting be recessed until 7:00 p.m.,

AND FURTHER;

THAT Council immediately resolve into the closed portion of their meeting.

12 RECONVENE (7:00 P.M.) MAYOR TO RECONVENE AT THE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

13 DELEGATION:

(a) Doane Grant Thornton Auditors to present the City of Castlegar 2025 Audited Financial Statements.

14 FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES:

(a) 2025 Audited Financial Statements (Report No. 26-42)

Report from the Director of Finance & Technology to provide Council with key findings and results of the audit of the City's 2025 Financial Statements and to obtain approval of the 2025 Audited Financial Statements.

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve:

THAT Council approve the 2025 Audited Financial Statements as presented with Report 26-42 at the May 19, 2026, Regular Meeting.

15 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

RESOLUTION: THAT the following Minutes be adopted:

- (a) Regular Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2026
- (b) Special Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2026

16 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS:

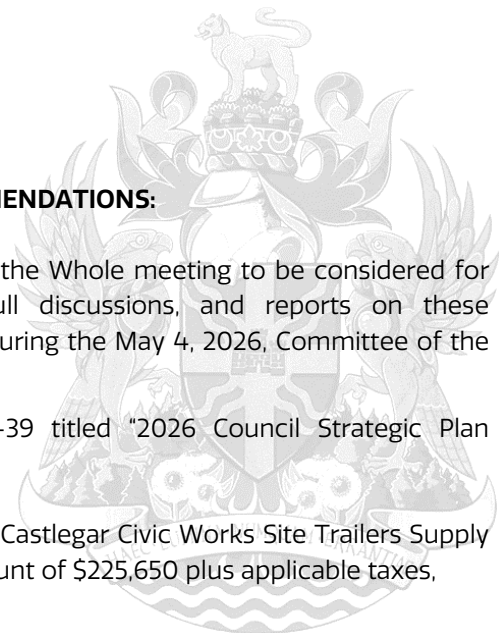
(a) Recommendations from the May 4, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting to be considered for adoption (Motions to be considered individually). Full discussions, and reports on these recommendations can be viewed on the City's website during the May 4, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

1. THAT Council receive for information Report #26-39 titled "2026 Council Strategic Plan Implementation Report – Quarter 1 Update".
2. THAT Council award Request for Quotations 2026-08 Castlegar Civic Works Site Trailers Supply & Install to ATCO Structures & Logistics Ltd. in the amount of \$225,650 plus applicable taxes,

AND FURTHER;

THAT Council direct staff to execute the necessary documents.

(b) Committee of the Whole recommendations from the May 19, 2026, meeting for adoption (Motions to be brought forward from the Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting to be considered



individually). Full discussions, and reports on these recommendations can be viewed on the City's website during the May 19, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

17 REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY (RDCK) MEETING MINUTES: Nil

18 CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

19 REPORTS OTHER:

(a) **Recreation Commission Member Verbal Update**

(b) **Councillor Falstead Report on attendance at the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG)**

20 MAYOR'S REPORT:

21 NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil

22 BYLAWS FOR CONSIDERATION:

(a) **False Alarm Bylaw 1439 – First, Second and Third Readings (Report No. 26-14)**

A Bylaw to regulate the use of Alarm Systems within the City of Castlegar and to establish fees to be paid by the owner or occupier of real property in which the RCMP provide services in response to a False Alarm of an Alarm System.

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve:

THAT False Alarm Bylaw 1439 be read a first, second, and third time.

(b) **Municipal Ticketing Amendment Bylaw 1458 – First, Second and Third Readings (Report No. 26-41)**

A Bylaw to amend City of Castlegar Municipal Ticketing Bylaw No. 1179.

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve:

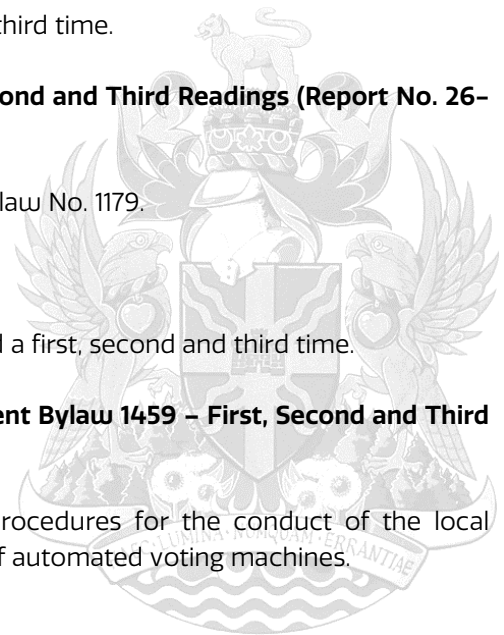
THAT Municipal Ticketing Amendment Bylaw 1458 be read a first, second and third time.

(c) **Local Government Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw 1459 – First, Second and Third Readings (Report No. 26-43)**

A Bylaw to provide for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of the local government elections and assent voting and for the use of automated voting machines.

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve:

THAT Local Government Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw 1459 be read a first, second, and third time.



23 NEXT MEETING(S):

June 1, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. for Committee of the Whole Meeting followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m., held in Council Chambers at the Community Forum, 445 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C. and via Zoom live meeting.

24 NOTICE OF MOTION: Nil

25 QUESTION PERIOD:

26 ADJOURNMENT:

27 2023-2027 STRATEGIC PLAN INFORMATION PAGE



EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

April 2026

This report has been prepared for the May 19, 2026 meeting to council, file number 7300-20.

Fire Department Operations:

The chart below compares the previous year 2025 to current year 2026.

Incident	2026		2025	
	April 2026	Year to Date	April 2025	Year to Date
Fires	1	9	4	12
Rescue (EMCR* Task)	1	5	0	8
Rescue (BCAS Assist)	28	104	34	113
Aircraft	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Accident/Incident	3	14	2	15
Hazardous Materials	0	4	0	8
First Responder Medical	5	17	2	9
False Alarms	5	37	10	23
Standby	4	24	15	66
Public Service	4	10	3	6
Complaints	5	12	23	44
Other	6	8	0	13
Monthly Totals	62	244	93	317
Service Charge (False/Nuisance)	0	0	0	0
Burning Permits	0	0	0	0
Reportable Fires (OFC)	1	4	0	1
Fire Damage Dollar Loss	\$340,000	\$435,000	\$0	\$5,000
Fire Dollar Amount Saved	\$96,000	\$2,562,300	\$0	\$0
Fire Injuries	0	0	0	0

TRAINING:

1. College of the Rockies Ch. 1-4 Test
2. NFPA 1001 Ch. 6 review and test
3. Completed wildland fire fighting skills for the members
4. Ropes Rescue review
5. Monthly Safety and Officers Meeting
6. Monthly Apparatus Checks

Other:

1. Hall Tour for Cadets
2. Attended the West Kootenay Trade Fair
3. Attended the Day of Mourning at Kinsmen Park
4. Attended FireSmart Demo at Kalesnikoff K3 Facility
5. Hosted Wildfire Mitigation Specialist 3 Day Course
6. Department meetings

Prepared by

Nick Ahfeld

Nick Ahfeld
Fire Chief

Building Permit Report

April 2026

This report has been prepared for the May 19th, 2026 meeting to Council, file number 3800-01.

Value of Work & Permits

The chart below compares the previous year 2025 to current year values in 2026.

	2026		2025	
	Value of Work	Permits Issued	Value of Work	Permits Issued
Residential, New Single/Duplex			\$365,000.00	1
Residential, New Multi-Family			\$150,000.00	1
Residential, New Garages/Carports	\$53,500.00	2		
Residential, Alterations & Additions	\$180,000.00	3	\$142,500.00	4
Secondary Suites				
Commercial, New				
Commercial, Alterations & Additions			\$80,000.00	1
Industrial, New				
Industrial, Alterations & Additions			\$5,000.00	1
Institutional/Gov't, New				
Institutional/Gov't, Alterations & Additions				
Demolition				
Monthly Totals	\$270,500.00	5	\$742,500.00	8
Year-to-Date Totals	\$32,560,506.00	34	\$16,609,290.00	33

Major Projects Started in April 2026

- 1209 1st Street – Renovation
- 556 9th Avenue – Garage Rebuild
- 1389 Forest Rd – Covered Deck Build

PART A. ONGOING MAJOR PROJECTS

Single Family Dwelling		
▪ 1564 Woodland Drive	▪ 508 3 rd Avenue	▪ 3702 Toba Road
▪ 3937 Grandview Drive	▪ 1513 Aspen Lane	▪ 2810 1 st Ave
▪ 3701 Powell Road	▪ 2632 9th Avenue	▪ 3730 Toba Road
Renovation		
▪ 2232 Columbia Avenue	▪ 1127 4 th Street	▪ 2001 Columbia Avenue
▪ 4190 Minto Road	▪ 630 17 th Street	▪ 608 7 th Avenue
▪ 2112 10th Avenue	▪ 2171 Crestview Crescent	▪ 614 12 th Street
▪ 3429 8th Avenue	▪ 1801 Connors Road	▪ 2905 9th Avenue
▪ 3937 Grandview Drive	▪ 1840 8 th Avenue	▪ 146 10th Street
▪ 3405 3 rd Avenue	▪ 316 8 th Avenue	▪ 630 17 th Street
▪ 1217 1 st Street	▪ 309 3 rd Avenue	▪ 1126 B 7 th Avenue
▪ 2185 Crestview Crescent	▪ 209 5th Avenue	
▪ 4400 Minto Road	▪ 1408 Meadowbrook Drive	
Miscellaneous		
▪ 704 Center Avenue, Addition	▪ 2408 11th Avenue, Suite	
▪ 4690 14th Avenue, New Industrial Building	▪ 2241 6th Ave, New Commercial Building	
▪ 2237 10 th Avenue, Covered Patio	▪ 2245 6th Ave, Shelter Renovation	
▪ 1680 Columbia Avenue, Restaurant	▪ 4600 14th Ave, New Commercial Building	
▪ 174 Crescent Street, Multi Family	▪ 709 10th Street, Fire System Upgrade	
▪ 1013 2 nd Street, Foundation	▪ 301 11 th Avenue, Restaurant Renovation	
▪ 215 Orchard Avenue, Office Building	▪ 2118 & 2120 8th Avenue, Duplex & Suite	
▪ 2108 & 2110 8th Avenue, Duplex & Suite	▪ 901 Columbia Ave – 78-unit dwelling	
▪ 1114 4 th Street, Mixed Use Building	▪ Unit 103 1502 Columbia Ave – Daycare	
▪ 1921 Arrow Lakes Drive Retaining Wall	▪ 1013 2 nd Street – 7-unit Mixed-Use Building	

PART B. NUMBER OF STEP CODE BUILDINGS

	Monthly	Yearly	Completed Step Code Compliance				
			1	2	3	4	5
Single/Multi Family Dwellings	1	2				1	
Renovations							
Commercial Buildings							
Industrial Buildings							
YTS Step Code Building Totals	1	2				1	

PART B. COMPLETED IN APRIL 2026

- 2101 6th Avenue, Exterior Door Repair
- 1537 Grandview Drive – Single Family Dwelling
- 215 Orchard Avenue, Warehouse

April 2026

This report has been prepared for the May 19th, 2026 meeting to council, file number 4320-20.

Monthly & Year-to-Date Totals

The below chart shows the newest ICBL and Business licences and the year-to-date totals.

	2026		2025	
	Fees Received	Qty Issued	Fees Received	Qty Issued
New Business Licences	\$1,800.00	13	\$800.00	5
New ICBL Licences	\$200.00	2	\$100.00	1
ICBL Licence Year-to-Date Totals	\$11,000.00	88	\$7,700.00	77
All Licence Monthly Total	\$8,300.00	39	\$3,550.00	24
All Licence Year-to-Date Totals	\$130,450.00	760	\$105,721.26	615

New Licences

BL# 3375 – Camille Loren Spooner
 Resident
 Castlegar, BC
Creation of Market & Event Products

BL# 3377 – Cat & Crescent Beauty Lounge LTD
 619 Columbia Avenue
 Castlegar, BC V1N 1G9
Salon & Spa

BL# 3381 – All In Fishing Adventures
 2133 Columbia Avenue
 Castlegar, BC V1N 2W9
Fishing & Outdoor Equipment Sales

BL# 3380 – Icon Fire Protection
 Non-Resident
 Surrey, BC
Fire Sprinkler Service & Install

BL# 3378 – Mountain Valley Maintenance
 Resident
 Castlegar, BC
Lawn Care & Exterior Pressure Washing

BL# 3382 – Nova Mountain Hardscape & Terrain
 Non-Resident
 Krestova, BC
Landscaping

BL# 3388 – J & M Gutter Cleaning
 Resident
 Castlegar, BC
Gutter Cleaning & Moss Removal

BL# 3386 – The Feedway
 2240 6th Avenue
 Castlegar, BC V1N 2V9
Pet & Livestock Retail

BL# 3384 – Kootenay Made Digital

Resident
Castlegar, BC
Web Design, Branding, & Web Services

BL# 3387 – ATCO Structures & Logistics

Non-Resident
Calgary, AB
Modular Trailer Supplier

BL# 3379 – Waterfall Plumbing & Heating

Non-Resident
Surrey, BC
Plumbing Contractor

BL# 3389 – Electron Electric LTD.

Non-Resident
Abbotsford, BC
Electricians

BL# 3385 – Counselling with Christina

1995 6th Avenue
Castlegar, BC V1N 4B7
Mental Health Counselling

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: May 19, 2026 **REPORT NO:** 26-14
SUBMITTED BY: Legislative Services Assistant **FILE NO:** 3900-20
SUBJECT: False Alarm Bylaw 1439

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council proceed with the required readings of False Alarm Bylaw 1439, 2026, a Bylaw to regulate and establish fees with respect to excessive false alarms.

PURPOSE:

A report seeking the required readings of False Alarm Bylaw 1439.

This report is for consideration at the May 19, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting, first three readings of the Bylaw at the May 19, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, and adoption at the June 1, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) expend staff time and resources each year responding to false alarms, requiring dispatch and officer attendance despite no actual emergency. These responses may divert resources from higher-priority calls and can impact overall service efficiency. Reducing false alarms can help ensure more effective use of policing resources and improve response capacity for legitimate incidents.

The Castlegar RCMP Detachment met with the Legislative Services Division to review Security Alarm System Bylaw 767, originally adopted in 1996. Since the Security Alarm System Bylaw 767, which governs this, was adopted in 1996, a comprehensive review was needed, along with improvements to the processes for collaborative enforcement.

Staff conducted a review of comparable municipal bylaws and best practices related to false alarms. The review found that many BC municipalities have implemented False Alarm Bylaws to establish a clear and efficient process for managing false alarms, mitigate impacts on police resources, and ensure a fair and consistent approach for property owners or occupiers.

Staff, in consultation with the RCMP prepared False Alarm Bylaw 1439 to replace Security Alarm System Bylaw 767. This is a Bylaw pursuant to Section 196 and Section 258 of the *Community Charter* to regulate the use of Alarm Systems within the City of Castlegar and to establish fees to be paid by the owner or occupier of real property in which the RCMP provide services in response to a false alarm or an alarm system. False alarms related to the Fire Department are addressed under existing Fire Department bylaws.

This new Bylaw provides the following improvements:

- Introduces prevention-focused measures.
- Strengthens accountability for alarm users and providers.
- Updates the fee structures to deter repeat false alarms.
- Supports efficient allocation of policing resources.
- Provides clarity and enforceability.

The fee schedule for False Alarm Bylaw 1439 will be contemplated in Report 26-41, as Schedule B-7. The schedule outlines escalating penalties where an owner, occupier, or keyholder fails to attend the premises or cancel the alarm within the required timeframe after being contacted by the Alarm System Provider or RCMP. Additional escalating penalties apply for repeated false alarms occurring in a twelve-month period, with higher penalties imposed as the number of false alarm responses increases.

If a property owner or occupier of a premises previously committed a False Alarm offence and has not committed a subsequent offence within a twelve (12) month period, the False Alarm Fee Schedule resets for that owner or occupier.

ALTERNATIVES:

Council could choose not to adopt False Alarm Bylaw 1439 and keep the existing Security Alarm System Bylaw 767. Staff do not recommend this as the current Security Alarm System Bylaw 767 is outdated.

IMPLICATIONS:

(1) Social

This False Alarm Bylaw helps set clear expectations regarding excessive false alarms. It aims to reduce the demand on RCMP staff time and resources while ensuring property owners take responsibility for addressing recurring false alarms.

(2) Environmental

N/A

(3) Personnel

Approximately 10 hours of staff time was spent researching, evaluating and preparing this Bylaw and report.

It is anticipated that this Bylaw may result in increases in Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement staff time as additional resources will be required to address and provide education on excessive false alarms.

(4) Financial

There are no direct costs to the City associated with adopting the Bylaw. Any fees collected will be included in the RCMP operational budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

This supports Council’s 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Principles of:

- Governance & Service Excellence: Goal 3 – Efficient and Effective Services
- Quality of Life: Goal 4 – Safety

IMPLEMENTATION:

If adopted, Staff will take the required steps to repeal Security Alarm System Bylaw 767. The new Bylaw will be uploaded to the City’s website.

The RCMP will maintain a record of false alarm incidents. If a false alarm is verified, the RCMP will inform Bylaw Enforcement.

Upon receiving notification of a false alarm Bylaw Enforcement Department will issue a written notice and provide education to the property owner. The notice will inform the owner of the occurrence of the false alarm, the relevant provisions of the Bylaw, and the potential fees for future false alarms. After the second incident, a ticket will be issued in accordance with False Alarm Bylaw 1439 and the Municipal Ticketing Bylaw.

COMMUNICATION:

If adopted, the new Bylaw will be included in the Council Highlights and will be provided to residents as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by



Nikki Zimmerman
Legislative Services Assistant

Chris Barlow, ASCT
Chief Administrative Officer



False Alarm Bylaw

Bylaw 1439

Effective Upon Adoption

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False Alarm Bylaw

Bylaw 1439

A bylaw to regulate the use of Alarm Systems within the City of Castlegar and to establish fees to be paid by the owner or occupier of real property in which the RCMP provide services in response to a False Alarm of an Alarm System.

WHEREAS Section 196(1) of the *Community Charter*, S.B.C. 2003, c 26 (the "*Community Charter*") provides that Council may, by a bylaw, impose fees that are to be paid by the owner or occupier of real property to which services are provided by or on behalf of the City of Castlegar, including policing services under section 3(2) of the *Police Act*, in response to a false alarm;

AND WHEREAS Section 196(2) of the *Community Charter* provides that a fee may vary in relation to the number of occasions on which services are provided in response to a false alarm;

AND WHEREAS Section 258(1)(b) of the *Community Charter* provides that special fees imposed under section 196 (1)(a) [fire and security alarms systems] may be collected as property taxes;

AND WHEREAS Council for the City of Castlegar (the "City") has determined that excessive false alarms in the City require emergency responses from the police and may result in delaying response to a true emergency, detracting from crime prevention and constitute a cost and a nuisance to the residents of the City and it is therefore desirable to exercise the authority granted under the *Community Charter*.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Castlegar, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

Citation

- 1) This Bylaw may be cited as the "False Alarm Bylaw No. 1439, 2026".

Definitions

- 2) In this Bylaw and schedule attached hereto unless context otherwise requires, the following definitions apply:

"Alarm System" includes but is not limited to any mechanical, electrical or electronic devices that are primarily intended or designed to be used for:

- i) detection of entry, attempted entry, or unauthorized entry onto a premises;
- ii) detection of damage on a premises;
- iii) emitting a sound, signal, message, or notification upon detection as defined in (i) or (ii).
- iv) for greater certainty, includes a device which registers an alarm which is not audible, visible, or perceptible outside the premises inside which it is installed.

But excludes any device that is installed inside of a motor vehicle or a device that is a Panic Button.

"Alarm System Provider" means a person, partnership, contractor, or company that offers the purchase of Alarm Systems, monitoring of Alarm Systems, or reports activations of Alarm Systems to the RCMP.

"City" means the City of Castlegar.

"Excessive False Alarms" means two (2) or more False Alarms involving any Hold-up Alarm, Panic Alarm, or Intrusion Alarm within a twelve (12) month period.

"False Alarm" includes but is not limited to the activation of an Alarm System that directly or indirectly notifies the RCMP and results in the RCMP responding to a premises where:

- i) There is no apparent emergency;
- ii) There is no apparent unauthorized or unlawful entry onto a premises;
- iii) An alarm is being tested by an alarm system provider;
- iv) An alarm reporting an attempt or completed criminal offence or an emergency situation occurring on or in relation to the address in which the alarm system is installed where no evidence exists or where no such event took place;
- v) An alarm actually or apparently activated by atmospheric conditions, excessive vibrations or power failure;
- vi) There are medical alerts.

"False Alarm Fee" means the fee or fees set out in Schedule "A" and forming part of this Bylaw.

"Keyholder" means a person, capable of gaining access to or securing the premises containing an alarm system, and who has been named by an owner or occupier as a person who can be contacted in the event of an alarm from an alarm system.

"Panic Alarm" includes but is not limited to an alarm system installed on the premises that is designed to notify or alert the immediate occurrence of a robbery, burglary, active shooting, hostage situation, or violent or similar offence.

"Police" means the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Castlegar Detachment.

"Premises" means any building, structure, commercial property, or facility of any kind.

Operation and Maintenance of Alarm Systems

- 3) The owner or occupier of a premises where an Alarm System has been installed must ensure the maintenance, proper use and operation of that Alarm System.
- 4) No Alarm System Provider shall report an alarm to the RCMP unless a representative of the Alarm System Provider has first placed a telephone call to the premises or to the appropriate contact person to determine whether the alarm is valid.

False Alarms

- 5) No owner or occupier of real property where an Alarm System is installed shall cause or allow a False Alarm to occur on the property.
- 6) An owner or occupier of premises is guilty of an offence under this Bylaw, where an Alarm System is installed and Excessive False Alarms occur.

Contact Information

- 7) Every owner or occupier of premises at which an Alarm System is installed must provide the names of at least three Keyholders to the Alarm System Provider.
- 8) The owner or occupier of premises where an Alarm System is installed and alerts an Alarm System Provider must ensure that the Alarm System Provider is provided with current contact information for Keyholders who are required to attend the premises. The owner or occupier must ensure contact information is maintained and updated.
- 9) The owner or occupier of premises is prohibited from designating the RCMP as a Keyholder.
- 10) The owner or occupier of premises must provide a Keyholder to be available to attend the premises, when an Alarm has caused the RCMP to respond, within 15 minutes of being requested by the Alarm System Provider or RCMP.

Offence and Penalty

- 11) A person who violates a provision of this Bylaw, or who permits any act or thing to be done in violation of any provision of this Bylaw, or who neglects to or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence against this Bylaw and is liable to the penalties imposed under this Bylaw.
- 12) Pursuant to Section 258 of the *Community Charter*, a fee required to be paid by this Bylaw which remains unpaid after December 31 of the calendar year, will be added to and form part of the property taxes in arrears on the subject property.

Severability

- 13) If any portion of this Bylaw is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.
- 14) In this Bylaw, references to statutes, regulations, bylaws or policies, positions, titles or ministries include the same, as they may be from time to time, amended, replaced or succeeded by.

Repeal

Security Alarm System Bylaw No. 767, 1996 and all amendments to are hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME this day of 2026.

READ A SECOND TIME this day of 2026

Mayor

READ A THIRD TIME this day of 2026.

ADOPTED this day of 2026.

Director of Corporate Services

CASTLEGAR

REPORT TO COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: May 19, 2026 **REPORT NO.:** 26-41
SUBMITTED BY: Manager of Legislative Services **FILE NO.:** 3900-20
SUBJECT: Municipal Ticketing Amendment Bylaw 1458

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council consider the required readings of the Municipal Ticketing Amendment Bylaw 1458.

PURPOSE:

A report seeking the required readings of Municipal Ticketing Amendment Bylaw 1458.

This report is for consideration at the May 19, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting, three readings at the May 19, 2026, Regular Meeting, and adoption at the June 1, 2026, Regular Meeting.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

In 2026, the City adopted a Good Neighbour Bylaw 1449 and repealed the former Noise and Property Maintenance Bylaws. As a result, updates to the Municipal Ticketing Bylaw are required to ensure it aligns with the City's current regulatory framework. Staff also completed a review of Municipal Ticketing Bylaw 1179 and identified housekeeping revisions to improve clarity and maintain currency.

The proposed updates support clear and consistent ticketing by confirming administrative responsibilities, reflecting the City's current bylaw enforcement model, and updating the schedules of ticketable offences and associated fines. The changes are administrative in nature and are intended to improve understanding and application for both the public and staff.

Key updates include the following:

- Updated staff titles to reflect the shift to an in-house Bylaw Enforcement Officer.
- Updated Schedule A to reflect current enforcement practices by recognizing Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Officers and removing Commissionaires British Columbia.
- Replaced Schedules B-2, B-5, and B-7 to update ticketable offences and fine amounts.
- Added new schedules B-19 (Signs)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Council could choose to not adopt the Municipal Ticketing Amendment Bylaw 1458. Staff does not recommend this as we can not currently enforce penalties under some Bylaws, and some of the information in the Municipal Ticketing Bylaw would remain not current.

2. Council could direct staff to make further amendments to the Municipal Ticketing Bylaw. Staff could support this if the revisions are in alignment with all applicable legislation.

IMPLICATIONS:

- (1) Social** This Bylaw encourages public safety and community well-being through stronger bylaw compliance.

- (2) Environmental** This Bylaw can support environmental health by discouraging behaviours that can contaminate, increase wildfire risk, or attract wildlife into unsafe human areas.

- (3) Personnel** Approximately 5 hours of combined staff time was spent drafting and reviewing this Bylaw and report.

- (4) Financial** There are no additional costs associated with adopting this Bylaw.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

This supports Council’s 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Principles of:

- Governance & Service Excellences: Goal 3 - Efficient and Effective Services.
- Quality of Life: Goal 4 – Safety.

IMPLEMENTATION:

If adopted, staff will amend the Municipal Ticketing Bylaw 1179. The amended Bylaw will be uploaded to the website and shared with all staff who may be impacted by the changes.

COMMUNICATION:

If adopted, the new Bylaw will be included in the Council Highlights and will be provided to residents as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Brown

Nicole Brown,
Manager of Legislative Services

Approved by

Chris Barlow

Chris Barlow, A.Sc.T.
Chief Administrative Officer

Municipal Ticketing Bylaw Amendment

Bylaw 1458

A Bylaw to amend City of Castlegar Municipal Ticketing Bylaw No. 1179

WHEREAS pursuant to section 264 of the *Community Charter*, Council may, by bylaw, designate a bylaw for the purposes of ticketing for bylaw offences;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the *Community Charter*, Council may designate bylaw enforcement officers for the purposes of administering and enforcing municipal bylaws;

AND WHEREAS the *Community Charter* authorizes a bylaw enforcement officer to lay an information by means of a ticket for contravention of a designated bylaw;

AND WHEREAS the *Community Charter* authorizes Council to establish penalties and fines for offences dealt with under Division 3 – Ticketing for Bylaw Offences;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest to amend Municipal Ticketing Bylaw 1179:

THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Castlegar, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

AMENDMENTS

Municipal Ticketing Bylaw 1179 is hereby amended by:

1. Updating all references of Manager of Planning, Development & Sustainability to Director of Community Safety and Development.
2. Updating all schedules under Schedule A to include Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Officer and remove Commissionaires British Columbia.
3. Replacing schedules
 - o B-2 Building
 - o B-5 Good Neighbour
 - o B-7 Property Maintenancewith the revised schedules B-2, B-5, forming part of this Bylaw.
4. Adding the new Schedule B-7 False Alarms, forming part of this Bylaw.
5. Adding the new Schedule B-19 Signs, forming part of this Bylaw.

CITATION

This bylaw may be cited as the "Municipal Ticketing Amendment Bylaw 1458".

This Bylaw shall come onto full force and effect upon final adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME this day of

READ A SECOND TIME this day of

READ A THIRD TIME this day of

ADOPTED this day of

Mayor

Director of Corporate Services

SCHEDULE B-2

Building Bylaw			
Relevant Section(s)	Description of Offence	Penalty Amount	Second Offence
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
5.1	Work without permit	\$200	\$400
5.2	Fail to obtain Occupancy Permit	\$200	\$400
5.5	Tamper with Notice	\$200	\$400
5.6	Work which varies from plans	\$200	\$400
15.23	Failure to obey 'Stop Work' order	\$200	\$400

SCHEDULE B-5

Good Neighbour Bylaw		
Relevant Section(s)	Description of Offence	Penalty Amount
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
3.1	Obstruct or interfere with a Bylaw Enforcement Officer in the exercise of their duties	\$100
4.2	Parks and Public Spaces violations	\$100
5	Noise violations	\$100
6	Property Maintenance violations	\$100
7	Nuisance Abatement violations	\$100
7.9	Excessive Nuisance Abatement Fee	\$200

SCHEDULE B-7

False Alarm Bylaw		
Relevant Section(s)	Description of Offence	Penalty Amount
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
5, 6, 11, 12	For attendance at a False Alarm of an Alarm System where the owner or occupier or Keyholders have not attended the premises or cancelled the Alarm within fifteen (15) minutes of being requested to do so by the Alarm System Provider or RCMP.	\$100
5, 6, 11, 12	For attendance at a False Alarm of an Alarm System, where there has been attendance at more than two (2) False Alarms of the Alarm System within the preceding twelve (12) month period.	\$200
5, 6, 11, 12	For attendance at a False Alarm of an Alarm System, where there has been attendance at more than (3) False Alarms of the alarm system within the preceding twelve (12) month period.	\$300
5, 6, 11, 12	For attendance at each False Alarm of an Alarm System occurring after the third instance in the preceding (12) month period.	\$400

SCHEDULE B-19

SIGNS		
Relevant Section(s)	Description of Offence	Penalty Amount
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
7, 11	Installing a sign against this Bylaw or without a permit	\$100
11	Failure to remove a sign after being issue a removal notice	\$100
11	Offences of a continuing nature against this Bylaw.	\$250

CASTLEGAR

REPORT TO COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: May 19, 2026 **REPORT NO.:** 26-43

SUBMITTED BY: Manager of Legislative Services **FILE NO.:** 4200-20
3900-20

SUBJECT: Local Government Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw
1459

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council proceed with the required readings of Local Government Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw 1459, a Bylaw to provide for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of local government elections and assent voting.

PURPOSE:

Report for Council to consider the required readings of Amendment Bylaw 1459. Local Government Election and Assent Voting Bylaw 1381 provides for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of local government elections and assent voting.

This report is for consideration at the May 19, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting, first three reads at the May 19, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, and adoption at the June 1, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the *Local Government Act*, any amendments to a Municipality's Local Government Election and Assent Voting Bylaw must be adopted by July 4, 2026.

Proposed Local Government Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw 1459 reflects minor amendments to align with revised provincial legislation on acceptable ballot marking.

Changes to legislation in 2026 allows for electors to now mark the ballot to clearly indicate the candidate or candidates for whom they wish to vote for, in accordance with the instructions provided for the voting opportunity. This means election officials will no longer be required to evaluate whether the mark used to indicate the voter's choice is a "cross" or a "tick" and placed in a particular location on the ballot when assessing the ballot for acceptance. Ballots that clearly indicate a choice for a candidate or candidates must now be accepted.

The following bylaw amendments are recommended:

- Update the definition of "Acceptable mark" to: "means marks that clearly indicate the intention of the elector to vote for a candidate or candidates in accordance with the Local Government Act Rules for accepting votes and rejecting ballots."

- Remove section 14.4(a) “Beside the name of each candidate of their choice, up to the maximum number of candidates to be elected for each of the offices to be filled.” and replace with the new 14.4(a) “Beside the name of each candidate of their choice, within the tabulator reading area, voters may mark up to the maximum number of candidates to be elected for each office to be filled.”
- Update section 14.4(c) to read “Within the voting tabulator reading area, either ‘yes’ or ‘no’ in the case of each bylaw or other matter on which the assent or opinion of the electors is sought.”

ALTERNATIVES:

Council could choose not to proceed with the required readings of Local Government Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw 1459. Staff does not recommend this as it would not align with or reference the most current legislation.

IMPLICATIONS:

- (1) Social** The proposed amendments improve accessibility, inclusiveness, and fairness in the process by ensuring ballots that clearly indicate voter intent are accepted. Aligning the bylaw with updated provincial legislation will also reduce unnecessary ballot rejections, support voter confidence, and improve administrative efficiency during elections.
- (2) Environmental** N/A
- (3) Personnel** Approximately 2 hours was spent preparing Bylaw 1459 and the accompanying report.
- (4) Financial** There are no direct costs associated with amending this Bylaw.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The authority for the conduct of Local Government Elections is found in Part 3 Electors and Elections of the *Local Government Act*.

IMPLEMENTATION:

If adopted staff will proceed with election preparations.

COMMUNICATION:

If adopted this amendment will be captured in the Council Highlights.

A 2026 Local Government Election section on the City’s website will be created in coming months with full details.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Brown
Manager of Legislative Services

Approved by



Chris Barlow, A.Sc.T.
Chief Administrative Officer

Local Government Election and Assent Voting Amendment

Bylaw 1459

A Bylaw to provide for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of local government elections and assent voting and for the use of automated voting machines.

WHEREAS under the *Local Government Act*, Council may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied to the conduct of local government elections and assent voting;

AND WHEREAS under the *Local Government Act*, Council may, by bylaw, provide for the use of automated voting machines, voting recorders or other devices for voting in an election;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to establish voting procedures and requirements under that authority;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest to amend Local Government Election and Assent Voting Bylaw 1381:

THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Castlegar, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

AMENDMENTS

Local Government Election and Assent Voting Bylaw 1381 is hereby amended by:

1. Updating the definition of "Acceptable mark" to: "means **marks that clearly indicate the intention of the elector to vote for a candidate or candidates in accordance with the *Local Government Act Rules for accepting votes and rejecting ballots.***"
2. Removing section 14.4(a) "*Beside the name of each candidate of their choice, up to the maximum number of candidates to be elected for each of the offices to be filled.*"

And replacing it with the new 14.4(a) "**Beside the name of each candidate of their choice, within the tabulator reading area, voters may mark up to the maximum number of candidates to be elected for each office to be filled.**"

3. Updating section 14.4(c) to read "**Within the voting tabulator reading area, either 'yes' or 'no' in the case of each bylaw or other matter on which the assent or opinion of the electors is sought.**"

CITATION

This bylaw may be cited as the "Local Government Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw 1459".

This Bylaw shall come onto full force and effect upon final adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME this day of
READ A SECOND TIME this day of
READ A THIRD TIME this day of
ADOPTED this day of

Mayor

Director of Corporate Services

CASTLEGAR

REPORT TO COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: May 19, 2026 **REPORT NO.:** 26-40
SUBMITTED BY: Manager of Legislative Services **FILE NO.:** 3900-20
0540-20
SUBJECT: Council Remuneration Review Committee Recommendations 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS (to be considered individually):

1. ***THAT Council instruct staff to amend Council Expense Allowance Bylaw 661 to incorporate the Council Remuneration Committee's recommendations to:***
 - a) ***Strengthen the definition of "Council-related expenses" to: "Funds shall be provided to each member of Council to support the purchase of Council-related expenses incurred in fulfilling Council duties, including, but not limited to, technology upgrades or equipment and required apparel. All purchases shall be supported by receipts."***
 - b) ***Update the provisions for attendance at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to permit for up to three Council members per year, funded by the City, to attend FCM conferences up to twice during their four-year term, with the added requirement that attendees provide a written summary report for a subsequent Council agenda.***
 - c) ***Remove outdated references to telephone calls in Schedule A, Section D, as these costs are addressed elsewhere in the bylaw under Schedule A, Section C.3.***
 - d) ***Update lost wage compensation language to clarify reimbursement up to \$300 per day, supported by a statement from the claimant's employer or business in the amount claimed for the lost wage compensation.***
 - e) ***That the provision of the \$400 monthly car allowance for the Mayor be explicitly stated in writing.***

 2. ***THAT Council instruct staff to amend Council Indemnity Bylaw 835, to incorporate the Council Remuneration Committee's recommendations to include:***
 - a) ***That effective January 2027 and each year thereafter, the annual indemnities for the Mayor and Councillors shall be increased by an amount equal to the percentage increase of the BC Consumer Price Index for the twelve-month period ending November 1 of the previous year.***
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PURPOSE:

To present the Council Remuneration Review Committee recommendations and receive Council direction to incorporate recommendations in the Council Expense Bylaw 661, and Council Indemnity Bylaw 835, to take effect at the Inaugural Council Meeting of November 2, 2026.

This report is for consideration at the May 19, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting and adoption at the May 19, 2026, Regular Council Meeting in order to provide sufficient time to prepare and adopt any recommended bylaw amendments prior to the 2026 election.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

The Council Remuneration Review Committee conducted a comprehensive review of Council remuneration, expense allowances, and related compensation practices, with consideration given to comparable municipalities of similar Council size, population, and operating budgets, as well as self researched applicable BC government and Interior Health Authority (IHA) rates.

Staff provided the Committee with expense and compensated related bylaws and policies from the following municipalities:

- Coldstream
- Grand Forks
- Kimberley
- Kitimat
- Ladysmith
- Merrit
- Nelson
- Osoyoos
- Rossland
- Summerland
- Trail
- Williams Lake

The Committee considered municipalities that are neighbouring and considered comparable in population and budgets. The annual compensation based on bylaws and policies reviewed is listed in the following chart.

Municipality	Approx. Population	Mayor	Councillor
Nelson	11,100	\$ 75,342.00	\$ 29,591.00
Williams Lake	10,945	\$ 63,588.00	\$ 22,965.00
Kitimat	8,645	\$ 52,260.00	\$ 28,980.00
Trail	7,920	\$ 39,425.00	\$ 18,525.00
Osoyoos	5,550	\$ 30,148.00	\$ 18,374.00
Merritt	7,050	\$ 36,582.00	\$ 17,394.00
Ladysmith	8,990	\$ 42,912.00	\$ 16,166.00
Kimberley	8,100	\$ 38,629.00	\$ 19,313.00
Rossland	4,140	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Grand Forks	4,110	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Summerland	12,040	\$ 41,558.00	\$ 18,701.00
Coldstream	11,170	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Castlegar	9,461	\$ 38,785.00	\$ 19,392.00
Average		\$ 42,556.08	\$ 19,953.92
Median		\$ 38,707.00	\$ 18,613.00

The Committee determined that Nelson, Williams Lake, and Kitimat would not be included in the final analysis, as they were not considered sufficiently comparable. These communities were noted to have remuneration levels for elected officials that were significantly higher than those under consideration. In addition, Nelson oversees a police and hydro operation, and the expectations of elected officials could be considerably more.

Municipality	Approx. Population	Mayor	Councillor
Trail	7,920	\$ 39,425.00	\$ 18,525.00
Osoyoos	5,550	\$ 30,148.00	\$ 18,374.00
Merritt	7,050	\$ 36,582.00	\$ 17,394.00
Ladysmith	8,990	\$ 42,912.00	\$ 16,166.00
Kimberley	8,100	\$ 38,629.00	\$ 19,313.00
Rosland	4,140	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Grand Forks	4,110	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Summerland	12,040	\$ 41,558.00	\$ 18,701.00
Coldstream	11,170	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Castlegar	9,461	\$ 38,785.00	\$ 19,392.00
Average		\$ 36,203.90	\$ 17,786.50
Median		\$ 36,582.00	\$ 18,374.00

Overall, the Committee found that the City of Castlegar's current practices, compensation, and expense allowances are average and in some cases above average compared to similar municipalities it reviewed.

The Committee reviewed the currently mileage rates, per diem, and meal allowance rates for travel and consider these to be fair and in line with averages or above average.

Council Indemnity Bylaw No. 835, the Committee recommends:

- Maintain the current annual remuneration rates for the 2026 elected Council, with the Mayor receiving \$38,785 and Councillors receiving \$19,392. The Committee further recommends that, effective January 2027 and annually thereafter, indemnities for the Mayor and Council be adjusted in accordance with the BC Consumer Price Index to ensure ongoing alignment with cost-of-living changes.

Council Expense Allowance Bylaw No. 661 the Committee recommends:

- Strengthen the definition of "Council-related expenses" to: "Funds shall be provided to each member of Council to support the purchase of Council-related expenses incurred in fulfilling Council duties, including, but not limited to, technology upgrades or equipment and required apparel. All purchases shall be supported by receipts."
- Update provisions governing attendance at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to permit up to three Council members, funded by the City, to attend FCM conferences up to twice during a four-year term, with the added requirement that attendees provide a written summary report for a subsequent Council agenda.

Administrative and technical amendments

- Remove outdated references to telephone calls in Bylaw 661 Schedule A, Section D, as these costs are addressed elsewhere in the bylaw under Schedule A, Section C.3.

- Update lost wage compensation language to clarify reimbursement up to \$300 per day, supported by a statement from the claimant's employer or business in the amount claimed for the lost wage compensation.
- That the provision of the \$400 monthly car allowance for the Mayor be explicitly stated in writing. Staff recommending including this in the Council Indemnity Bylaw 835.

Council meeting meals.

The Committee also reviewed Council meeting meal practices. While acknowledging uncertainty as to whether meals should be governed by bylaw, policy, or council resolution, the Committee recommends maintaining costs within the existing budget, up to \$300 per Council meeting, inclusive of Council members and required staff.

To support cost control and transparency, the Committee suggests offering simple, cost-effective meal options with reasonable variety throughout the year, and providing advance notice in the form of an annual schedule.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Council could choose to amend the Committee's recommendations. Staff notes that the Committee does not recommend this, as the recommendations are based on the Committee's thorough discussions, and research.
2. Council could choose to reject the recommendations. Staff notes the Committee does not recommend this, as the Bylaw last amended in 2022 would remain in place with no change over the next four years.

IMPLICATIONS:

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| (1) Social | Appointing members of the community to this Committee to provide input into the remuneration and eligible expenses for Council contributes to providing open government and being accountable to citizens. |
| (2) Environmental | N/A |
| (3) Personnel | Up to 20 hours staff time was required to organize and attend meetings, conduct the research to provide information and resources to the Committee, and an additional 4-5 hours to prepare reports and two amending bylaws if required. |
| (4) Financial | The 2026 budget includes funds for the recommendations outlined in this report and future budgets will be prepared to account for any increases to CPI and additional FCM conference travel. |

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Conducting this review ensures compliance with the provisions of Section 5 of Council Indemnity Bylaw 835.

Council Expense Allowance Bylaw 661 provides for travel expense allowances for the Mayor and Councillors.

Council Indemnity Bylaw 835 provides for an annual indemnity for the Mayor and Councillors.

This process and report support the Council 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Principle of:

- Governance & Service Excellence: goal of Fiscal Stewardship.

IMPLEMENTATION:

If the recommendations are approved staff will draft the amending Council Expense Allowance Bylaw 661 and/or Council Indemnity Bylaw 835 for Council consideration at the June 1, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

As per Bylaw 835 recommendations resulting from the review will take effect upon the date of the Inaugural meeting held on November 2, 2026, after the 2026 Local Government General Election.

COMMUNICATION:

Councils' consideration of these recommendations will be shared with the community through the Council highlights.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by

Nicole Brown

Chris Barlow

Nicole Brown
Manager of Legislative Services
For the 2026 Council Remuneration Review
Committee

Chris Barlow, A.Sc.T.
Chief Administrative Officer

CITY OF CASTLEGAR

BYLAW 835

A bylaw to provide for an annual indemnity for the Mayor and Councillors

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest that an annual indemnity be paid to the Mayor and Councillors:

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Castlegar, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as the "Council Indemnity Bylaw 835".
2. Effective November 7, 2022 there shall be paid out of the annual revenue of the municipality an annual indemnity of \$36,000 for the Mayor, and \$18,000 for each Councillor of the City of Castlegar. **(Bylaw 1386)**
3. Bylaw 600 is repealed.
4. This bylaw shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and from January 1, 1998.
5. A review of the remuneration paid to members of Council shall be undertaken 6 months prior to every Local Government General Election, with approved recommendations resulting from the review to take effect upon the date of the Inaugural meeting held after the Local Government General Election. **(Bylaw 1094)**
6. Effective January 2024 and each year thereafter, the annual indemnities for the Mayor and Councillors shall be increased by an amount equal to the percentage increase of the BC Consumers Price Index for the twelve-month period ending November 1 of the previous year. **(Bylaw 1386)**

READ A FIRST TIME on the 3rd day of February, 1998.

READ A SECOND TIME on the 3rd day of February, 1998.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED on the 3rd day of February, 1998.

RECONSIDERED, AND ADOPTED on the 17th day of February, 1998.

List of Amending Bylaws

1094	Nov. 17, 2008
1147	October 17, 2011
1206	Nov 17, 2014
1273	September 17, 2018
1386	August 15, 2022

Note to Users

This office consolidation is not an authoritative text of the law and is produced solely as a convenience to the user. The authoritative text of the law is in the original bylaw and the amending bylaw(s).

Mike O'Connor

Dianne Hunter
Clerk

CITY OF CASTLEGAR

COUNCIL EXPENSE ALLOWANCE
BYLAW 661

A bylaw to provide for travel expense allowances for the Mayor and Councillors

WHEREAS Section 267 of the Municipal Act authorizes Council by bylaw to provide for all or part of the expenditures made or incurred by a council member when the council member is representing the municipality, engaging in municipal business or attending a meeting, course or convention, including an allowance for expenses not otherwise covered

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest that expenses incurred by council members performing duties of the municipality be paid by the municipality

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Castlegar, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as the "Council Expense Allowance Bylaw".
2. The purpose of this bylaw is to set out the expenses which may be claimed by a member of Council when he represents the municipality, is engaged on City business or attending a meeting, course or convention.
3. Activities by Council members not otherwise authorized by this bylaw shall be subject to approval by Council resolution.
4. All Council Members are entitled to a once per term (4 years) grant of \$1,500, supported by receipt, for Council related expenses. **(Bylaw 1274)**
5. All members of Council are authorized to attend the following functions, and travel and other expenses relating to such attendance is hereby approved:
 - (a) the Annual Conference of the Union of B.C. Municipalities; and
 - (b) the Annual Conference of the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Municipalities.
 - (c) the Annual Conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), with the limitation of participation by any one Council member, to twice within a 4 year term for the term ending 2022 and thereafter to once within a 4 year term starting 2023; and **(Bylaw 1303)**
 - (d) participation at the Annual Conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), is restricted to a maximum of two (2) Council members attending in any given year, who's travel is paid by the City. **(Bylaw 1303)**

6. Where the City receives a written invitation or request that it be represented by the Mayor or another member of Council at a civic function, meeting, or other event, the invitation or request shall be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of Council for consideration if
 - (a) a regular or special meeting of Council is scheduled to be held more than 5 days prior to the date of the event, and
 - (b) the estimated total cost for Council to be represented at the event is in excess of \$250.00.
 7. Where an event referred to in paragraph 6 is to be held 5 or less days before the next City of Castlegar scheduled Council meeting at which the matter could be considered, or where the estimated total cost for Council to be represented at the event is \$250 or less, the Mayor is authorized to approve the travel and payment of necessary expenses in accordance with this bylaw.
 8. Allowable expenses for travel outside the municipality authorized by this bylaw are specified in Schedule "A" as attached.
 9. Allowable expenses for activities within the municipal boundaries authorized by the bylaw shall be the registration fee, if applicable, plus any other expenses specifically authorized by Council resolution. Mileage is not paid to Council members for travel within the Castlegar area. **(Bylaw 1274)**
 10. This bylaw shall come into in full force and effect upon final adoption.
- READ A FIRST TIME on the 2nd day of November, 1993.
- READ A SECOND TIME on the 2nd day of November, 1993.
- READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED on the 2nd day of November, 1993.
- RECONSIDERED, AND ADOPTED on the 16th day of November, 1993.

A.L. Moore
Mayor

Dianne Kunz
Clerk

A. TRANSPORTATION COSTS

1. Economy class air travel is the normal method of transportation except for short journeys or in other circumstances where another means of travel, including the use of a private vehicle, is more economical considering flight schedules, required travel time, etc.

Air travel arrangements are to be made far enough in advance, whenever possible, to take advantage of any discounts available. Where a discounted fare is obtained, trip cancellation insurance should be considered, and the cost of such coverage may be claimed as a travel expense.

2. Where travel by private vehicle is not more economical than air travel, the maximum amount payable for the use of a private vehicle shall be the applicable economy air fare plus related ground transportation costs.
3. Where travel is by private vehicle a mileage allowance, as per the Province of British Columbia - Core Policy and Procedures Manual - Travel, Section 10.3.8(1) Mileage, may be claimed, subject to paragraph 2 above.
4. Taxi, airport limousine, ferry, and parking charges may be claimed provided they are justified. Claims in excess of \$10.00 per day for any one item must be supported by receipts.

B. ACCOMMODATION COSTS

1. Claims for commercial accommodation must be accompanied by receipts.
2. If a government rate is available the Council member shall ensure that the rate is applied at the time of registration.
3. Where a Council member makes private arrangements for overnight accommodation, rather than staying in commercial facilities, an amount of \$20.00 per night may be claimed, and no receipt shall be required.

C. MEAL ALLOWANCES

1. Council members may claim expenses necessarily incurred for meals and incidentals when representing the City, or engaged on City business, or attending a meeting, course or convention. Claims for such expenses, when incurred on travel outside the municipal boundaries, need not be supported by receipts or other proof of expenditure, but shall in no case exceed:

Breakfast	\$20.00
Lunch	\$25.00
Dinner	\$40.00

2. Where meals are included in a workshop, conference or similar event, no amount may be claimed for meals.
3. A per diem of \$20 per day for incidentals, without receipt's, may be claimed for days traveling or attending a workshop, conference or similar event.

D. TELEPHONE CALLS

1. A Council member on travel status will be reimbursed the costs incurred for necessary local and long distance telephone calls made for business purposes. The City will reimburse one daily personal phone call of a short duration.

E. INCREMENTAL CAR INSURANCE

1. Council members in receipt of a car allowance as outlined in Policy 4-8 shall be reimbursed for the incremental costs of carrying commercial level liability insurance on their vehicle.

F. LOST WAGE COMPENSATION

1. Council members may claim \$300 per day, to a maximum of 5 days per year, for lost wage compensation, to attend workshop, conference, or similar event, when the Council member has lost wages or leave from their regular employment. A statement from their employer/business is required in support of the lost wage compensation.

G. CHILDCARE COSTS

1. Council members may claim reimbursement for childcare costs, for their own children under 12 years of age, in order to attend Castlegar Regular or Committee Meetings, \$10 per hour to a maximum of \$100 per month when supported by receipt. Reimbursement will not be paid when childcare is provided by a relative.

<i>List of Amending Bylaws</i>	
<i>812</i>	<i>April 15, 1997</i>
<i>1095</i>	<i>Nov. 17, 2008</i>
<i>1233</i>	<i>March 21, 2016</i>
<i>1274</i>	<i>September 17, 2018</i>
<i>1303</i>	<i>September 3, 2019</i>

<u>Note to Users</u>
This office consolidation is not an authoritative text of the law and is produced solely as a convenience to the user. The authoritative text of the law is in the original bylaw and the amending bylaw(s).

APPLICATION TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION BEFORE COUNCIL

Please submit to: castlegar@castlegar.ca

To: Director of Corporate Services, City of Castlegar
460 Columbia Avenue
Castlegar, BC V1N 1G7

We hereby ask to be placed on the agenda as a Delegation for the Regular Meeting of Council to be held:

_____ (1st Choice Date)

_____ (2nd Choice Date)

Name of Spokesperson(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Contact Person(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

On Behalf of: _____
(Organization, Business, Self, etc.)

Subject to be presented: *(a copy of the presentation must be received electronically by the Manager of Corporate Services no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday immediately preceding the meeting at which the delegation is to be heard);*

Purpose of delegation:

- Information only
- Requesting action by Council
- Requesting a letter of support
- Other _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

NOTE: All information provided in this application, as well as any additional pages submitted, may be included in the agenda package, which is published in print and online format and is part of the permanent public record.



CASTLEGAR

REPORT TO COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: May 19, 2026 **REPORT NO.:** 26-42
SUBMITTED BY: Director of Finance & Technology **FILE NO.:** 1680-20
SUBJECT: 2025 Audited Financial Statements

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve the 2025 Audited Financial Statements as presented with Report 26-42 at the May 19, 2026, Regular Meeting.

PURPOSE:

To provide Council with the key findings and results of the audit of the City's 2025 Financial Statements and to obtain approval of the 2025 Audited Financial Statements.

This report is for consideration and adoption at the May 19, 2026, Regular Council Meeting so the Financial Statements can be filed with the Province prior to May 31, 2026. Filing is required by May 15 of each year.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

Sections 98 and 167 of the *Community Charter* require that the City produce annual Audited Financial Statements. These statements reflect the City's overall financial position as of December 31, 2025, and have been prepared and audited in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards. The accounting firm of Doane Grant Thorton was retained to conduct the 2025 audit and to express an opinion as to whether the consolidated financial statements present fairly the financial position of the City as at December 31, 2025, and the results of its operations for the year 2025. The audited financial statements will be included in the City's 2025 Annual Report. Typically, the audited financial statements are approved and submitted to the Province by May 15 of each year.

2025 Financial Statements Overview

The Financial Statements contain two sections: Financial Information and Supplementary Financial Information. The first section includes the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Operations, Statement of Change in Net Debt, and Statement of Cash Flows. The budgetary figures reported are those that were approved by Council in the 2025 - 2029 Five-Year Financial Plan. The Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements provide further detail as to specific accounting policies and the composition of certain financial numbers and should be read in conjunction with the statements.

The Supplementary Financial Information section contains schedules for each City department as well as balances in reserve funds, schedule of government grants, revenues and expenditures by fund, Local Government Housing Initiatives Grant, and Growing Communities Grant.

Statement of Financial Position:**Financial Assets**

The financial statements show that the City's financial assets as of December 31, 2025, was improved by \$5.8 million over 2024. This was primarily due to land sales.

Liabilities

Total liabilities had a net increase of \$1.1 million, mainly due to:

- increases in long term debt transactions of \$1.2 million;
- a \$0.8 million increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities; and
- a \$0.8 million decrease in our asset retirement obligation liability.

The increase in liabilities are mainly linked to the budgeted capital program for 2025.

Non-Financial Assets

Tangible capital assets decreased by \$0.9 million primarily due to \$4.7 million of amortization in the year offset by the \$3.7 million in capital additions including work in progress capital items.

Statement of Operations:

Total revenues were higher than budget due to \$5.0 million in land sales in the year, plus \$0.6 million higher than budgeted investment income. Government transfers were lower by \$1.7 million in the year.

Overall expenses were \$1.6 million higher than budget expenses for the year. Much of this overage was related to an update to our statement presentation with regards to how interest on long term debt now is being presented on the statement of operations which was \$0.6 million. With the large amount of capital projects completed last year the resulting amortization increased by \$0.8 million in the year. These two items alone accounted for \$1.4 of the increase alone.

Environmental development was below budget by \$0.8 million, transportation and civic works was \$0.9 million under budget, protection was over budget by \$1.2 million, which is made up of Fire Protection and RCMP. Recreation and culture was over budget by \$0.5 million and sewer was over budget by \$0.4 million. The airport was under budget by \$0.2 million. Overall operational expenses were only \$0.2 million over budget on a net basis.

Financial Plan amendments approved throughout the year are not included in the budget figures presented on the Audited Financial Statements.

General Fund Surplus:

The General Fund had an operating surplus of \$3.8 million, largely due to land sales of \$5.0 million in the year. The surplus is higher than budgeted mainly due to the above land sale, and investment income.

Reserves:

The total of all statutory and non-statutory reserves at the end of 2025 is \$28.9 million, a net increase of \$7.9 million from 2024. The increase is primarily due to the land sale reserve \$5.1 million, and the general capital reserve surplus of \$1.0 million. The remainder of the reserves accounted for an overall increase in \$1.8 million.

Prior Period Adjustment

During the year, management identified that funding revenue under a 2023 Airports Capital Assistance Program agreement was not fully recognized for the year ended December 31, 2024. This resulted in some 2024 project costs being temporarily financed from internal reserves before long-term funding was received. As a result, the 2024 comparative financial information has been restated to recognize the funding revenue, with the adjustments recorded as a prior period adjustment made to the opening balances.

Auditors Comments

Doane Grant Thorton is satisfied that the City's 2025 Audited Financial Statements have been fairly stated in all material respects. The audit included consideration of financial controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Audited Financial Statements. Staff will continue to monitor the City's financial controls and adjust where appropriate.

ALTERNATIVES:

Council could choose to not approve the 2025 Audited Financial Statements as presented. Staff does not recommend this option as sections 98 and 167 of the *Community Charter* require that the City produce annual Audited Financial Statements and the deadline to have it approved and submitted was May 15, 2026.

IMPLICATIONS:

(1) Social	N/A
(2) Environmental	N/A
(3) Personnel	Preparing the annual Audited Financial Statements is an ongoing daily process that relies on internal finance policies and procedures that must be followed by all staff. To complete the annual audit, it took over 300 hours of Finance Department staff time.
(4) Financial	N/A

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Approval of the Audited Financial Statements allows the City to comply with required legislation as stipulated in the *Community Charter*.

The Audited Financial Statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Once approved, the Audited Financial Statements will be:

- Used to prepare the 2025 Annual Report.
- Used to inform the 2025 Local Government Data Entry reporting.
- Uploaded to the City's website.
- Included in the 2025 Statement of Financial Information.

COMMUNICATION:

The Audited Financial Statements will be included on website and annual report.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by



Steffan Klassen, CPA CA
Director of Finance & Technology

Chris Barlow, A.Sc.T.
Chief Administrative Officer

Regular Meeting Minutes of Council May 4, 2026

Regular Meeting Minutes of the City of Castlegar Council held by Zoom live meeting and available to the public for live streaming in Council Chambers at the Community Forum, 445 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C., commenced at 3:00 p.m. for Committee of the Whole, immediately followed by a Closed Meeting of Council and reconvened at 7:00 p.m. for Regular Council proceedings.

Members Present Mayor Maria McFaddin
Councillor Darcy Bell
Councillor Brian Bogle
Councillor Sandy Bojechko
Councillor Shirley Falstead
Councillor Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff
Councillor Cheryl MacLeod

Absent Nil

Staff Present Chris Barlow, Chief Administrative Officer
Bree Seabrook, Director of Corporate Services
Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Technology
Nick Ahlefeld, Fire Chief
Nicole Brown, Manager of Legislative Services
Meeri Durand, Director of Community Safety & Development
Alex Hadfield, Manager of Human Resources
Deanna Hooper, Manager of Civic Works
Ginger Lester, Communications Manager
Ryan Nidderly, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure
Anne Simonen, Project Manager
Monty Taylor, RCMP Sergeant

Other Public and Media

1 CALL TO ORDER: Mayor McFaddin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

R111-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of May 4, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED.

3 RESOLUTION TO RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

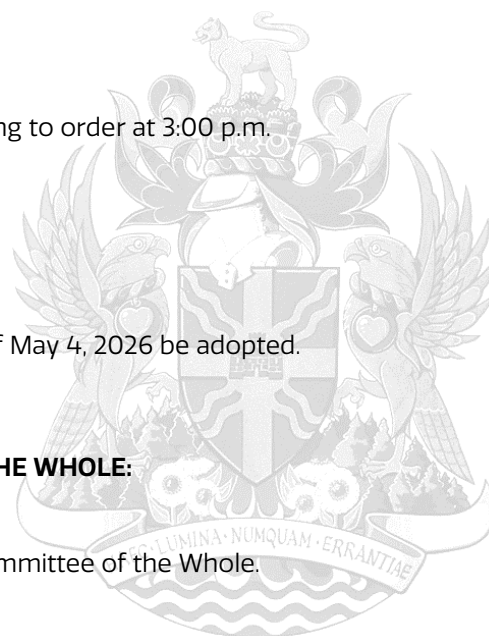
R112-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED: THAT Council now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

4 DELEGATION:

Tammy Verigin-Burk and Andrea Wilkey on behalf of Castlegar & District Economic Development Partnership attended to provide an overview of the 2026 strategic priorities presentation. Highlights of the discussion include:

- Overview of funding and partnerships.
- Where they began in 2020 and where they are today.



- An overview of key achievements: Thrive attraction strategy, Investment and Attraction Guide, new website, marketing campaign, Executive Pulse CRM Business Directory, completed stakeholder engagement with over 120 participants, Castlegar and District video.
- Overview of business retention and expansion activities.
- Overview of the 2026 Strategic Priorities.

5 COMMUNITY WELLNESS, SAFETY & DEVELOPMENT (Councillor Bell, Chair)

(a) COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON VERBAL UPDATE

- Nil

(b) FIRE DEPARTMENT VERBAL UPDATE

- Hosted a wildfire mitigation course.
- Update on community events attended.
- Exceeded the 2025 Fire Smart assessment requests already in 2026.

(c) RCMP DETACHMENT VERBAL UPDATE

- Currently have 14 of 17 members.
- Media release regarding 2022 homicide.
- Update on community events attended.

(d) WEST KOOTENAY REGIONAL AIRPORT VERBAL UPDATE

- 100% flight reliability with 50% load rate.

(e) COMMUNITY SAFETY AND DEVELOPMENT VERBAL UPDATE.

- Update on staff training and education.
- Climate Risk Assessment FCM submission.

6 CULTURAL & CIVIC PRIDE (Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff, Chair)

(a) COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON VERBAL UPDATE

- SHSS 75th Anniversary Open House May 21, 2026, 5-7 p.m.
- National Day of Mourning event on April 28.
- Canada Day event planning.
- Castlegar Together Group meeting.
- Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Committee fundraising for equipment at the Castlegar Health Centre.

Mayor McFaddin left the meeting at 3:48 p.m and Deputy Mayor Bogle assumed the Chair.

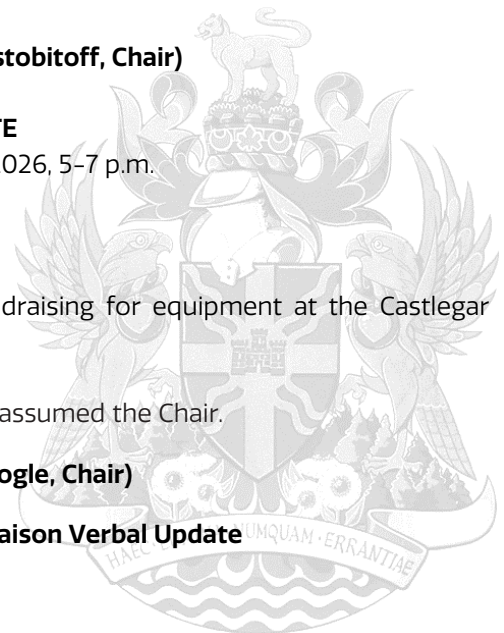
7 FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES (Councillor Bogle, Chair)

(a) Finance and Corporate Services Community Liaison Verbal Update

- Nil

(b) Corporate Services Verbal Update

- Update on the City's attendance at the West Kootenay Trade Show.
- Trash to Treasure last week.
- Free yard and garden waste drop off at the landfill for the month of May.
- Wildsafe awareness and limiting attractions media release going out this week.
- Update of current job hiring and recruitment.



(c) **2026 Council Strategic Plan Implementation Report – Quarter 1 Update (Report No. 26-39)**

Report from the Chief Administrative Officer to present council with the 2026 Council Strategic Plan Implementation Report – Q1 Update.

COW056-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

THAT Council receive for information Report #26-39 titled "2026 Council Strategic Plan Implementation Report – Quarter 1 Update".

CARRIED.

(d) **Finance Department Verbal Update**

- On schedule for sending tax notices.
- Working on audit.

(e) **Storm Water Management Parcel Tax Exemptions (Report 26-38)**

Report from the Director of Finance & Technology to seek Council approval to permit for all parcels previously exempted in accordance with the City of Castlegar Storm Water Management Parcel Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1240, 2016, remain exempted, and to permit three new exemptions in accordance with the City of Castlegar Storm Water Management Parcel Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1454, 2026.

COW057-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

THAT all parcels previously exempted in accordance with the City of Castlegar Storm Water Management Parcel Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1240, 2016, remain exempted in accordance with the City of Castlegar Storm Water Management Parcel Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1454, 2026.

CARRIED.

COW058-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

That Council exempt folios 201.04090.000 (1452 Selkirk Avenue), 201.00073.000 (813 4th Street) and 201.01520.000 (2234 11th Avenue) in accordance with City of Castlegar Storm Water Management Parcel Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1454, 2026.

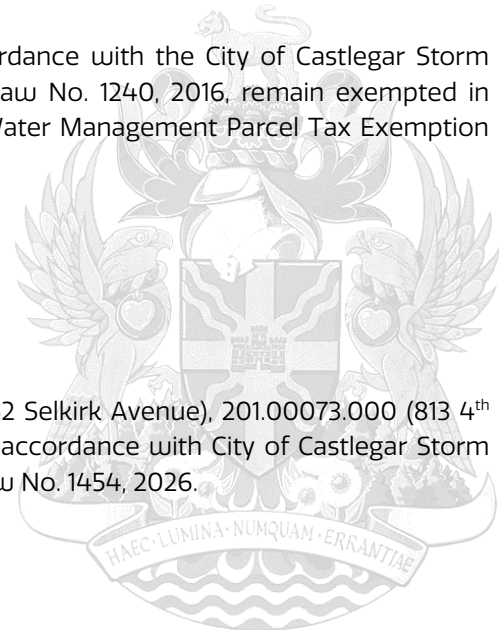
CARRIED.

COW059-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

That Council delegate the authority to grant exemptions in accordance with City of Castlegar Storm Water Management Parcel Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1454, 2026 in situations where more than one parcel is included in a single folio.

CARRIED.



8 MUNICIPAL SERVICES (Councillor MacLeod, Chair)

(a) Municipal Services Department Verbal Update

- Summer Students began today.
- Update on the Fleet Replacement Plan.
- Update on the North Lagoon odour concerns on the weekend.
- Adopt-a-Road program and update on Council clean up.
- Update on the 2026 paving program.
- Brandson Park construction has begun.

(b) Recommendation for Award of RFP 2026-07 – Castlegar Civic Works Site Improvements (Report No. 26-36)

Report from the Project Manager to seek Council approval to award Request for Proposals 2026-07 – Castlegar Civic Works Site Improvements to Simm Excavating & Snow Removal Ltd.

COW060-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

THAT Council award Request for Proposals 2026-07 – Castlegar Civic Works Site Improvements to Simm Excavating & Snow Removal Ltd. in the amount of \$90,000 plus applicable taxes,

AND FURTHER;

THAT Council direct staff to execute the necessary documents.

CARRIED.

(c) Recommendation for Award of RFQ 2026-08 – Castlegar Civic Works Site Trailers Supply & Install (Report No. 26-37)

Report from the Project Manager to seek Council approval to award Request for Quotations 2026-08 Castlegar Civic Works Site Trailers Supply & Install to ATCO Structures & Logistics Ltd.

COW061-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

THAT Council award Request for Quotations 2026-08 Castlegar Civic Works Site Trailers Supply & Install to ATCO Structures & Logistics Ltd. in the amount of \$225,650 plus applicable taxes,

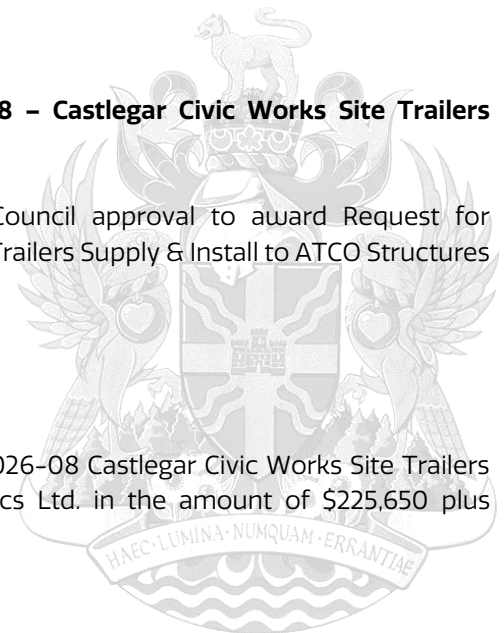
AND FURTHER;

THAT Council direct staff to execute the necessary documents.

CARRIED.

9 QUESTION PERIOD:

- Nil



10 RESOLUTION TO RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

R113-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED: THAT Council rise from Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

11 RESOLUTION TO RECESS THE PUBLIC MEETING UNTIL 7:00 P.M.

R114-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, the public be excluded from this portion of the meeting as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:

- ***Community Charter Section 90(1)(C)***
Labour relations or other employee relations.
- ***Community Charter Section 90(1)(L)***
Discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report].

AND FURTHER;

THAT the public portion of the meeting be recessed until 7:00 p.m.,

AND FURTHER;

THAT Council immediately resolve into the closed portion of their meeting.

CARRIED.

The meeting recessed at 4:32 p.m.

12 RECONVENE: Mayor McFaddin reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present Mayor Maria McFaddin
Councillor Darcy Bell
Councillor Brian Bogle
Councillor Sandy Bojchko
Councillor Shirley Falstead
Councillor Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff
Councillor Cheryl MacLeod

Absent Nil

Staff Present Chris Barlow, Chief Administrative Officer
Bree Seabrook, Director of Corporate Services
Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Technology
Nicole Brown, Manager of Legislative Services
Meeri Durand, Director of Community Safety and Development
Ryan Niddery, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure

Other Public and Media



13 DELEGATION: Nil

14 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

R115-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the following Minutes be adopted as presented:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2026

CARRIED.

15 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

The following resolutions were recommended at the April 20, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting and are presented for consideration of adoption by Council:

R116-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the following items considered and received for information at the April 20, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting, be adopted:

- Castlegar & District Public Library Regular Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2026
- Emergency Services Monthly Report – March 2026
- Building Permit Report – March 2026
- Business Licence Report – March 2026

CARRIED.

R117-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council authorize a three-year agreement extension, with the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for animal control and sheltering services,

AND FURTHER;

THAT Council authorize an annual cost of living increase equal to Consumer Price Index be added to each year of the contract,

AND FURTHER;

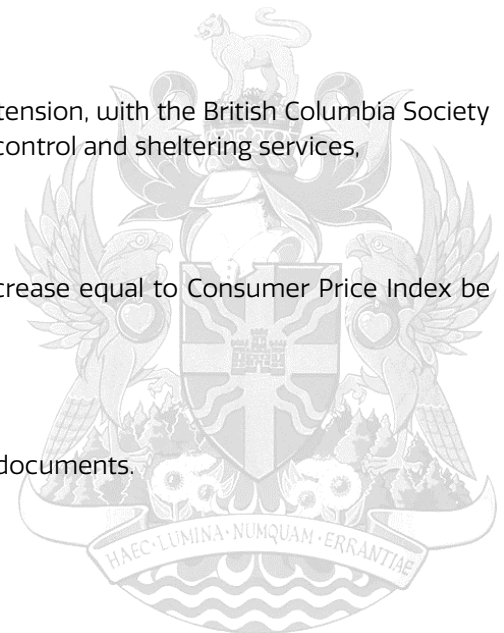
THAT Council direct staff to execute the necessary documents.

CARRIED.

R118-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council approve the establishment of an alternative municipal tax collection scheme pursuant to section 235 of the *Community Charter* for the 2026 taxation year,

AND FURTHER;



THAT a revised tax due date be set for Major Industry (Class 4) properties of December 30, 2026, representing a six-month deferral from the standard July 2 due date,

AND FURTHER;

THAT all other property classes remain subject to the general tax collection scheme with a tax due date of July 2, 2026,

AND FURTHER;

THAT Council consider the required readings of the associated Alternative Municipal Tax Collection Scheme Bylaw 1457, 2026.

CARRIED.

The following resolutions were recommended at the May 4, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting and are presented for consideration of adoption by Council:

R119-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT all parcels previously exempted in accordance with the City of Castlegar Storm Water Management Parcel Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1240, 2016, remain exempted in accordance with the City of Castlegar Storm Water Management Parcel Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1454, 2026.

CARRIED.

R120-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council exempt folios 201.04090.000 (1452 Selkirk Avenue), 201.00073.000 (813 4th Street) and 201.01520.000 (2234 11th Avenue) in accordance with City of Castlegar Storm Water Management Parcel Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1454, 2026.

CARRIED.

R121-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council delegate the authority to grant exemptions in accordance with City of Castlegar Storm Water Management Parcel Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1454, 2026 in situations where more than one parcel is included in a single folio.

CARRIED.

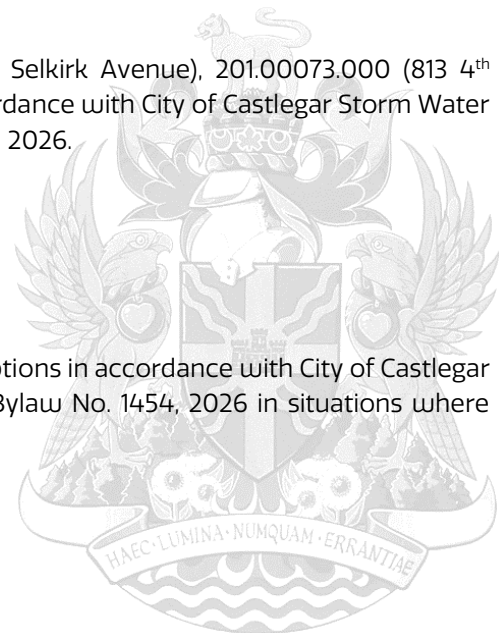
R122-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council award Request for Proposals 2026-07 – Castlegar Civic Works Site Improvements to Simm Excavating & Snow Removal Ltd. in the amount of \$90,000 plus applicable taxes,

AND FURTHER;

THAT Council direct staff to execute the necessary documents.



CARRIED.

16 REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY (RDCK) MEETING MINUTES:

R123-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the following minutes be received for information:

- Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2026

CARRIED.

17 CORRESPONDENCE:

R124-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council approve the request from Angel Anderson on behalf of Lipedema Canada to illuminate the Kinnaird Overpass lights in purple on June 11, 2026, in recognition of Lipedema Awareness Day.

CARRIED.

Council discussed the correspondence from Leeanna Kootnikoff on behalf of Molly Banerjei requesting Council consider raising the official Christian Heritage Month flag in honor of Canada's Christian Heritage.

Council suggests staff explore preparing a flag policy when they explore creating a banner policy to set guidelines on what flags are flown on City flag poles.

Council agrees to send a response to the sender providing them the option of requesting changing the overpass lights for their cause.

18 REPORTS OTHER:

(a) **Recreation Commission Member Verbal Update**

- Next meeting tomorrow at 4:00 p.m.

19 MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor reported on her attendance at the following:

- Council of Forest Industries (COFI) Conference.
- Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG).

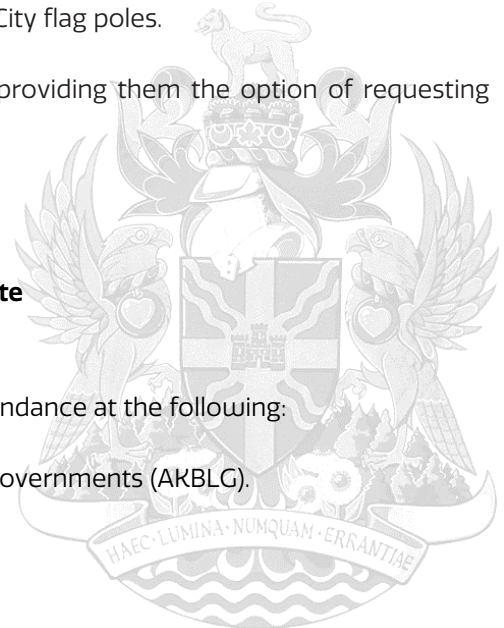
20 NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil

21 BYLAWS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Alternative Municipal Tax Collection Scheme Bylaw No. 1457– Adoption (Report No. 26–35)

A Bylaw to establish an alternative municipal tax collection scheme.

R125-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:



THAT Alternative Municipal Tax Collection Scheme Bylaw No. 1457 be adopted.

CARRIED.

22 NEXT MEETING(S):

May 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. for Committee of the Whole Meeting followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom live meeting and available to the public for live streaming in Council Chambers at the Community Forum, 445 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

23 NOTICE OF MOTION: Nil

24 QUESTION PERIOD: Nil

25 ADJOURNMENT:

R126-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED: THAT the Regular meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Bree Seabrook
Director of Corporate Services

Maria McFaddin
Mayor



Special Meeting Minutes of Council May 11, 2026

Special Meeting Minutes of the City of Castlegar Council held in Council Chambers at the Community Forum, 445 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C. and via Zoom live meeting, commenced at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present	Councillor Brian Bogle – Via Zoom Councillor Darcy Bell – Via Zoom Councillor Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff – Via Zoom Councillor Sandy Bojchko – Via Zoom Councillor Shirley Falstead Councillor Cheryl MacLeod – Via Zoom
Absent	Mayor Maria McFaddin
Staff Present	Chris Barlow, Chief Administrative Officer Bree Seabrook, Director of Corporate Services Nicole Brown, Manager of Legislative Services Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Technology
Other	Public and Media

CALL TO ORDER: Deputy Mayor Brian Bogle called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

1 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

S017-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the agenda for the Special Council Meeting of May 11, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED.

2 BYLAWS FOR CONSIDERATION:

2026 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1456 – Adoption (Report No. 26-34)

A Bylaw for the levying of property taxation rates for municipal and external taxing authorities for 2026.

S018-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

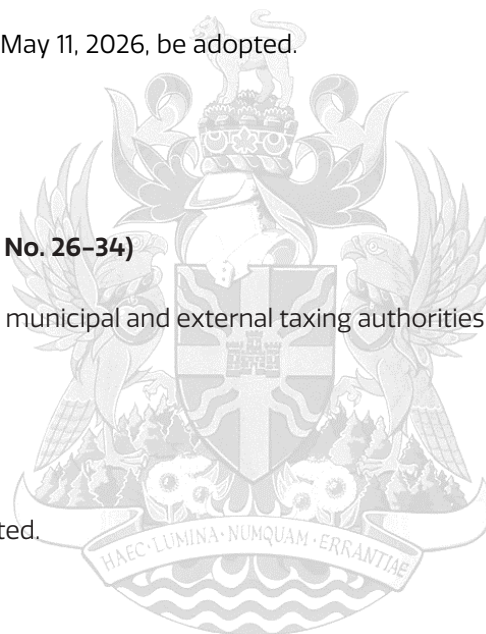
THAT 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1456, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED.

3 QUESTION PERIOD: Nil

4 NEXT MEETING(S):

May 19, 2026 at 3:00p.m. for Committee of the Whole Meeting followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00p.m., held at Council Chambers at the Community Forum, 445 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C. and via Zoom live meeting.



5 ADJOURNMENT:

S019-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED: THAT the Special meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Bree Seabrook
Director of Corporate Services

Brian Bogle
Deputy Mayor



Shirley Falstead AKBLG Report 2026

OVERVIEW - Lots packed into long days

There was an election for AKBLG Directors which was interesting.

I visited all of the sponsors and while some were for information I did ask at the COFI booth 'What can I do as a City Councillor to support your organization?'

I toured Teck and the Teck interpretive center, which I recommend everyone do.

Presentations from the podium included:

- BC burning conversation and presentation
- Interesting presentations by Trail Mayor, Interior Health and Teck that were so proud that the lead in the blood of the Trail children were going down a lot.
- Chris Kalesnikoff gave an awesome presentation on mass timber and how six story apartment style buildings are the most amenable to modular building
- Conversations from the podium about building the next OCP and Rural retention
- Sunday was interesting for most as the topic was what the Cowichan Decision Means for Local Governments
- Chat with Hon. Josie Osborn, Minister of Health – advocating for health outcomes

BUSINESS

AKBLG Resolutions included but not all...

- Health authority asset plans, long term care
- Community safety
- Bear smart resourcing
- Sustainable public library funding
- Land use and housing
- Municipal ethical oversight independent office
- Improve cellular reliability in rural and remote areas
- Health and social development- provincial support for rural development and safety needs
- Housing – federal tax breaks
- Transportation
- Environment-biosolids
- Ethical and inclusive local government
- Community economic development
- Youth detox treatment centre
- Replacement for Community Housing Fund



False Alarm Bylaw

Bylaw 1439

Effective Upon Adoption

CASTLEGAR

False Alarm Bylaw

Bylaw 1439

A bylaw to regulate the use of Alarm Systems within the City of Castlegar and to establish fees to be paid by the owner or occupier of real property in which the RCMP provide services in response to a False Alarm of an Alarm System.

WHEREAS Section 196(1) of the *Community Charter*, S.B.C. 2003, c 26 (the "*Community Charter*") provides that Council may, by a bylaw, impose fees that are to be paid by the owner or occupier of real property to which services are provided by or on behalf of the City of Castlegar, including policing services under section 3(2) of the *Police Act*, in response to a false alarm;

AND WHEREAS Section 196(2) of the *Community Charter* provides that a fee may vary in relation to the number of occasions on which services are provided in response to a false alarm;

AND WHEREAS Section 258(1)(b) of the *Community Charter* provides that special fees imposed under section 196 (1)(a) [fire and security alarms systems] may be collected as property taxes;

AND WHEREAS Council for the City of Castlegar (the "City") has determined that excessive false alarms in the City require emergency responses from the police and may result in delaying response to a true emergency, detracting from crime prevention and constitute a cost and a nuisance to the residents of the City and it is therefore desirable to exercise the authority granted under the *Community Charter*.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Castlegar, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

Citation

- 1) This Bylaw may be cited as the "False Alarm Bylaw No. 1439, 2026".

Definitions

- 2) In this Bylaw and schedule attached hereto unless context otherwise requires, the following definitions apply:

"Alarm System" includes but is not limited to any mechanical, electrical or electronic devices that are primarily intended or designed to be used for:

- i) detection of entry, attempted entry, or unauthorized entry onto a premises;
- ii) detection of damage on a premises;
- iii) emitting a sound, signal, message, or notification upon detection as defined in (i) or (ii).
- iv) for greater certainty, includes a device which registers an alarm which is not audible, visible, or perceptible outside the premises inside which it is installed.

But excludes any device that is installed inside of a motor vehicle or a device that is a Panic Button.

"Alarm System Provider" means a person, partnership, contractor, or company that offers the purchase of Alarm Systems, monitoring of Alarm Systems, or reports activations of Alarm Systems to the RCMP.

"City" means the City of Castlegar.

"Excessive False Alarms" means two (2) or more False Alarms involving any Hold-up Alarm, Panic Alarm, or Intrusion Alarm within a twelve (12) month period.

"False Alarm" includes but is not limited to the activation of an Alarm System that directly or indirectly notifies the RCMP and results in the RCMP responding to a premises where:

- i) There is no apparent emergency;
- ii) There is no apparent unauthorized or unlawful entry onto a premises;
- iii) An alarm is being tested by an alarm system provider;
- iv) An alarm reporting an attempt or completed criminal offence or an emergency situation occurring on or in relation to the address in which the alarm system is installed where no evidence exists or where no such event took place;
- v) An alarm actually or apparently activated by atmospheric conditions, excessive vibrations or power failure;
- vi) There are medical alerts.

"False Alarm Fee" means the fee or fees set out in Schedule "A" and forming part of this Bylaw.

"Keyholder" means a person, capable of gaining access to or securing the premises containing an alarm system, and who has been named by an owner or occupier as a person who can be contacted in the event of an alarm from an alarm system.

"Panic Alarm" includes but is not limited to an alarm system installed on the premises that is designed to notify or alert the immediate occurrence of a robbery, burglary, active shooting, hostage situation, or violent or similar offence.

"Police" means the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Castlegar Detachment.

"Premises" means any building, structure, commercial property, or facility of any kind.

Operation and Maintenance of Alarm Systems

- 3) The owner or occupier of a premises where an Alarm System has been installed must ensure the maintenance, proper use and operation of that Alarm System.
- 4) No Alarm System Provider shall report an alarm to the RCMP unless a representative of the Alarm System Provider has first placed a telephone call to the premises or to the appropriate contact person to determine whether the alarm is valid.

False Alarms

- 5) No owner or occupier of real property where an Alarm System is installed shall cause or allow a False Alarm to occur on the property.
- 6) An owner or occupier of premises is guilty of an offence under this Bylaw, where an Alarm System is installed and Excessive False Alarms occur.

Contact Information

- 7) Every owner or occupier of premises at which an Alarm System is installed must provide the names of at least three Keyholders to the Alarm System Provider.
- 8) The owner or occupier of premises where an Alarm System is installed and alerts an Alarm System Provider must ensure that the Alarm System Provider is provided with current contact information for Keyholders who are required to attend the premises. The owner or occupier must ensure contact information is maintained and updated.
- 9) The owner or occupier of premises is prohibited from designating the RCMP as a Keyholder.
- 10) The owner or occupier of premises must provide a Keyholder to be available to attend the premises, when an Alarm has caused the RCMP to respond, within 15 minutes of being requested by the Alarm System Provider or RCMP.

Offence and Penalty

- 11) A person who violates a provision of this Bylaw, or who permits any act or thing to be done in violation of any provision of this Bylaw, or who neglects to or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence against this Bylaw and is liable to the penalties imposed under this Bylaw.
- 12) Pursuant to Section 258 of the *Community Charter*, a fee required to be paid by this Bylaw which remains unpaid after December 31 of the calendar year, will be added to and form part of the property taxes in arrears on the subject property.

Severability

- 13) If any portion of this Bylaw is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.
- 14) In this Bylaw, references to statutes, regulations, bylaws or policies, positions, titles or ministries include the same, as they may be from time to time, amended, replaced or succeeded by.

Repeal

Security Alarm System Bylaw No. 767, 1996 and all amendments to are hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME this day of 2026.

READ A SECOND TIME this day of 2026

Mayor

READ A THIRD TIME this day of 2026.

ADOPTED this day of 2026.

Director of Corporate Services

Municipal Ticketing Amendment Bylaw

Bylaw 1458

A Bylaw to amend City of Castlegar Municipal Ticketing Bylaw No. 1179

WHEREAS pursuant to section 264 of the *Community Charter*, Council may, by bylaw, designate a bylaw for the purposes of ticketing for bylaw offences;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the *Community Charter*, Council may designate bylaw enforcement officers for the purposes of administering and enforcing municipal bylaws;

AND WHEREAS the *Community Charter* authorizes a bylaw enforcement officer to lay an information by means of a ticket for contravention of a designated bylaw;

AND WHEREAS the *Community Charter* authorizes Council to establish penalties and fines for offences dealt with under Division 3 – Ticketing for Bylaw Offences;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest to amend Municipal Ticketing Bylaw 1179:

THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Castlegar, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

AMENDMENTS

Municipal Ticketing Bylaw 1179 is hereby amended by:

1. Updating all references of Manager of Planning, Development & Sustainability to Director of Community Safety and Development.
2. Updating all schedules under Schedule A to include Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Officer and remove Commissionaires British Columbia.
3. Replacing schedules
 - o B-2 Building
 - o B-5 Good Neighbour
 - o B-7 Property Maintenancewith the revised schedules B-2, B-5, forming part of this Bylaw.
4. Adding the new Schedule B-7 False Alarms, forming part of this Bylaw.
5. Adding the new Schedule B-19 Signs, forming part of this Bylaw.

CITATION

This bylaw may be cited as the "Municipal Ticketing Amendment Bylaw 1458".

This Bylaw shall come onto full force and effect upon final adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME this day of

READ A SECOND TIME this day of

READ A THIRD TIME this day of

ADOPTED this day of

Mayor

Director of Corporate Services

SCHEDULE B-2

Building Bylaw			
Relevant Section(s)	Description of Offence	Penalty Amount	Second Offence
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
5.1	Work without permit	\$200	\$400
5.2	Fail to obtain Occupancy Permit	\$200	\$400
5.5	Tamper with Notice	\$200	\$400
5.6	Work which varies from plans	\$200	\$400
15.23	Failure to obey 'Stop Work' order	\$200	\$400

SCHEDULE B-5

Good Neighbour Bylaw		
Relevant Section(s)	Description of Offence	Penalty Amount
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
3.1	Obstruct or interfere with a Bylaw Enforcement Officer in the exercise of their duties	\$100
4.2	Parks and Public Spaces violations	\$100
5	Noise violations	\$100
6	Property Maintenance violations	\$100
7	Nuisance Abatement violations	\$100
7.9	Excessive Nuisance Abatement Fee	\$200

SCHEDULE B-7

False Alarm Bylaw		
Relevant Section(s)	Description of Offence	Penalty Amount
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
5, 6, 11, 12	For attendance at a False Alarm of an Alarm System where the owner or occupier or Keyholders have not attended the premises or cancelled the Alarm within fifteen (15) minutes of being requested to do so by the Alarm System Provider or RCMP.	\$100
5, 6, 11, 12	For attendance at a False Alarm of an Alarm System, where there has been attendance at more than two (2) False Alarms of the Alarm System within the preceding twelve (12) month period.	\$200
5, 6, 11, 12	For attendance at a False Alarm of an Alarm System, where there has been attendance at more than (3) False Alarms of the alarm system within the preceding twelve (12) month period.	\$300
5, 6, 11, 12	For attendance at each False Alarm of an Alarm System occurring after the third instance in the preceding (12) month period.	\$400

SCHEDULE B-19

SIGNS		
Relevant Section(s)	Description of Offence	Penalty Amount
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
7, 11	Installing a sign against this Bylaw or without a permit	\$100
11	Failure to remove a sign after being issue a removal notice	\$100
11	Offences of a continuing nature against this Bylaw.	\$250

Local Government Election and Assent Voting Amendment

Bylaw 1459

A Bylaw to provide for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of local government elections and assent voting and for the use of automated voting machines.

WHEREAS under the *Local Government Act*, Council may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied to the conduct of local government elections and assent voting;

AND WHEREAS under the *Local Government Act*, Council may, by bylaw, provide for the use of automated voting machines, voting recorders or other devices for voting in an election;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to establish voting procedures and requirements under that authority;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest to amend Local Government Election and Assent Voting Bylaw 1381:

THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Castlegar, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

AMENDMENTS

Local Government Election and Assent Voting Bylaw 1381 is hereby amended by:

1. Updating the definition of "Acceptable mark" to: "means **marks that clearly indicate the intention of the elector to vote for a candidate or candidates in accordance with the *Local Government Act Rules for accepting votes and rejecting ballots.***"
2. Removing section 14.4(a) "*Beside the name of each candidate of their choice, up to the maximum number of candidates to be elected for each of the offices to be filled.*"

And replacing it with the new 14.4(a) "**Beside the name of each candidate of their choice, within the tabulator reading area, voters may mark up to the maximum number of candidates to be elected for each office to be filled.**"

3. Updating section 14.4(c) to read "**Within the voting tabulator reading area, either 'yes' or 'no' in the case of each bylaw or other matter on which the assent or opinion of the electors is sought.**"

CITATION

This bylaw may be cited as the "Local Government Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw 1459".

This Bylaw shall come onto full force and effect upon final adoption.

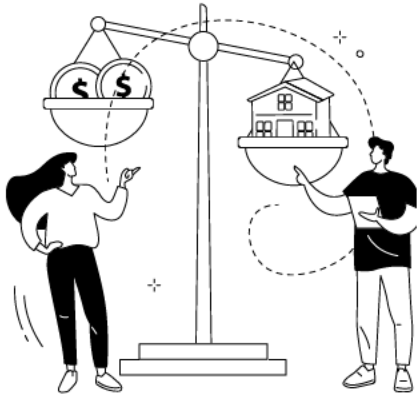
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Mayor

Director of Corporate Services

Our Principles

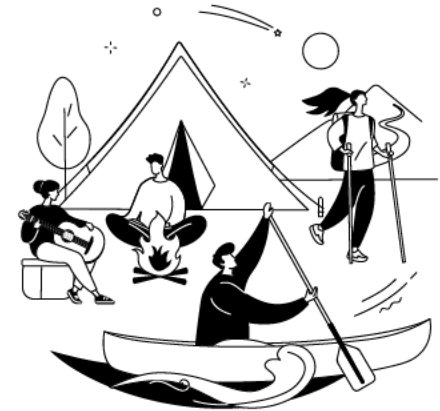
These principles shape both short and long-term planning and decision making and they help set the direction the City of Castlegar takes during a Council's four-year term.



1 GOVERNANCE & SERVICE EXCELLENCE



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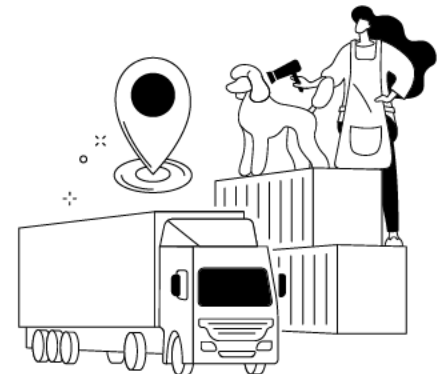
3 QUALITY OF LIFE



4 WEST KOOTENAY REGIONAL AIRPORT EXCELLENCE



5 ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE



6 A PROSPEROUS CITY