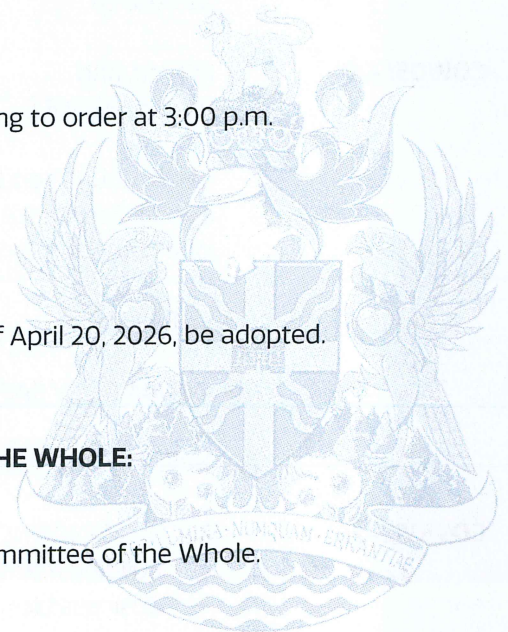


Regular Meeting Minutes of Council April 20, 2026

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 Bojecho
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
Jennifer Chamberlain, Executive Assistant
Danny Clarke, Airport Manager
Deanna Hooper, Manager of Civic Works
Ginger Lester, Communications Manager
Ryan Niddery, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure
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:**
- R099-26** Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:
THAT the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of April 20, 2026, be adopted.
CARRIED.
- 3 **RESOLUTION TO RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**
- R100-26** Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED: THAT Council now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole.
CARRIED.
- 4 **DELEGATION:** Nil
- 5 **COMMUNITY WELLNESS, SAFETY & DEVELOPMENT (Councillor Bell, Chair)**
- (a) **COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON VERBAL UPDATE**
- Nil



(b) **Castlegar & District Public Library Regular Meeting Minutes**

COW049-26

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve to receive for information:

- Castlegar & District Public Library Regular Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2026

CARRIED.

(c) **FIRE DEPARTMENT VERBAL UPDATE**

- Wildfire training for members.

(d) **Emergency Services Monthly Report – March 2026**

COW050-26

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve to receive for information:

- Emergency Services Monthly Report – March 2026

CARRIED.

(e) **RCMP DETACHMENT VERBAL UPDATE**

- Currently at 14 of 17 members.

(f) **WEST KOOTENAY REGIONAL AIRPORT VERBAL UPDATE**

- Consistent increase in aircraft loads.

(g) **Transport Canada Airport Capital Assistance Program Grant – Runway Sweeper (Report No. 26-33)**

Report from the Airport Manager to seek Council's endorsement of an application to the 2026 intake of the Airport Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) for up to \$700,000 funding assistance.

COW051-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

THAT Council endorse an application to the 2026 intake of the Transport Canada Airport Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) for up to \$700,000 in funding to support the purchase of a new runway sweeper for the West Kootenay Regional Airport.

CARRIED.

(h) **COMMUNITY SAFETY AND DEVELOPMENT VERBAL UPDATE**

(i) **Building Permit and Business Licence Reports – March 2026**

COW052-26

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve to receive for information:

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

CARRIED.

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

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

- Kootenay Gallery Young Visions Display begins April 23, 2026.
- Update on the Kootenay Gallery new location and upcoming fundraisers.

- Castlegar and District Hospital Foundation fundraising.
- Canada Day event planning underway.
- Castlegar together group meeting.

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 communications including:
 - The water quality communications.
 - Adopt-a-Road relaunch.
- Update on the 2026 WildSafe funding and WildSafe Coordinator.

(c) British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Animal Control and Sheltering Agreement Extension (Report No. 26-32)

Report from the Manager of Legislative Services to seek Council authorization to extend the agreement with the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BCSPCA) for an additional three years.

COW053-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

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.

(d) Finance Department Verbal Update

- Update on the parcel tax process.

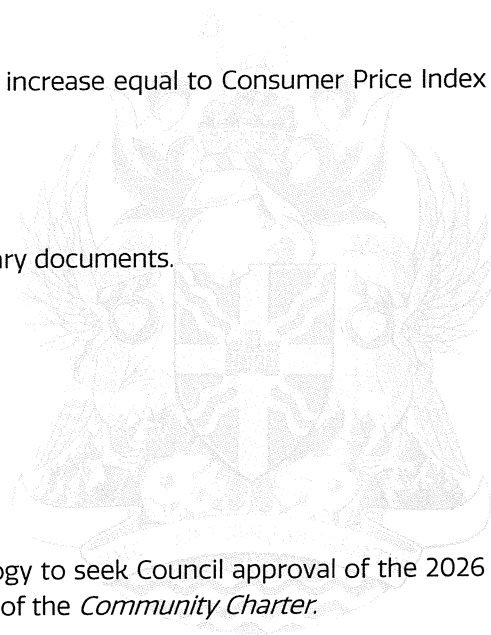
(e) 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw 1456 (Report No. 26-34)

Report from the Director of Finance & Technology to seek Council approval of the 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw 1456 as required by Section 197 of the *Community Charter*.

COW054-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

THAT Council proceed with the required readings of the 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw 1456, a Bylaw for the levying of property taxation rates of municipal and external taxing authorities for 2026.



CARRIED.

(f) **Alternative Municipal Tax Collection Scheme – Three–Month Deferral of Property Taxes for Major Industry (Class 4) (Report No. 26–35)**

Report from the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Finance & Technology to provide Council with background information and legislative authority to consider a temporary three–month deferral of municipal property taxes for the Major Industry property tax class, and to recommend adoption of an alternative municipal tax collection scheme bylaw.

COW055–26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

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 the 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.

8 MUNICIPAL SERVICES (Councillor MacLeod, Chair)

(a) **Municipal Services Department Verbal Update**

- New service installs.
- Event preparation.
- Summer students.
- Street sweeping will be completed in next two weeks.
- Sidewalk washing was completed today.
- Line painting scheduled for May.
- Update on the West Kootenay Regional Airport Project and Brandson Park project.
- Asphalt project scheduling and locations.
- Update on the temporary dewatering at the treatment plant.
- Update on the North Well testing success.

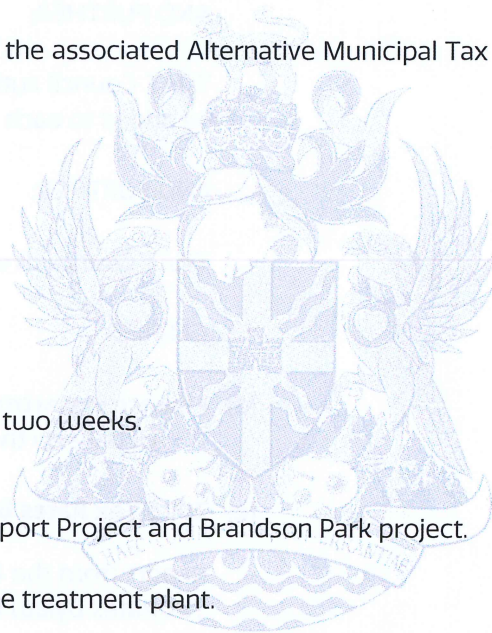
9 QUESTION PERIOD:

- Nil

10 RESOLUTION TO RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

R101–26

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.

R102-26

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)(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].
- ***Community Charter Section 90(2)(B)***
The consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

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 4:18 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 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 Nicole Brown, Manager of Legislative Services Jennifer Chamberlain, Executive Assistant Ryan Niddery, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure
Other	Public and Media



13 DELEGATION:

- (a) Carol Sommerville on behalf of the Castlegar Queen Committee to introduce the 2026 Miss Castlegar Candidates:

- Miss Kel Print.
- Miss Rotary.
- Miss West Fashions.
- Miss Royal Canadian Legion.
- Miss Sunlife Financial.
- Miss Adira Financial.
- Miss Sunrise Rotary.
- Miss Castlegar 2025 Lauren Lafreniere – Candidate for BC Ambassador.

14 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

R103-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the following Minutes be adopted as presented:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2026
- Special Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2026
- Special Community Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2026

CARRIED.

15 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

The following resolutions were recommended at the April 7, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting and are presented for consideration of adoption by Council:

R104-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the following items considered and received for information at the April 7, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting, be adopted:

- Castlegar & District Public Library Regular Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2025
- Castlegar & District Public Library Regular Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2026

CARRIED.

R105-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council rescind Harassment Policy No. 5-5 from the City of Castlegar Policy & Procedures Manual, effective immediately.

CARRIED.

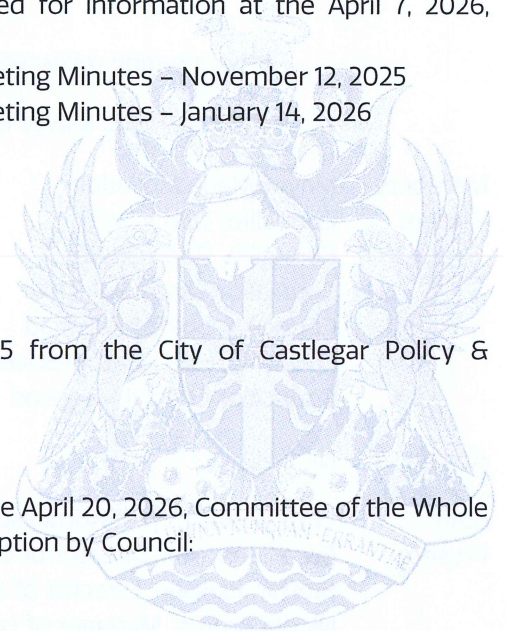
The following resolutions were recommended at the April 20, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting and are presented for consideration of adoption by Council:

R106-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council endorse an application to the 2026 intake of the Transport Canada Airport Assistance Program (ACAP) for up to \$700,000 in funding to support the purchase of a new runway sweeper for the West Kootenay Regional Airport.

CARRIED.



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

17 CORRESPONDENCE:

R107-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council receive for information the following items:

- Correspondence from Carolyn MacKinnon and Kere MacGregor re: information for an AED for the Millennium Park Area concession.

CARRIED.

18 REPORTS OTHER:

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

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

- COFI Conference.
- AKBLG Conference.

20 NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil

21 BYLAWS FOR CONSIDERATION:

2026 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1456 – First, Second, and Third Readings (Report No. 26-34)

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

R108-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1456 be read a first, second, and third time.

CARRIED.

Alternative Municipal Tax Collection Scheme Bylaw No. 1457– First, Second, and Third Readings (Report No. 26-35)

A Bylaw to establish an alternative municipal tax collection scheme.

R109-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

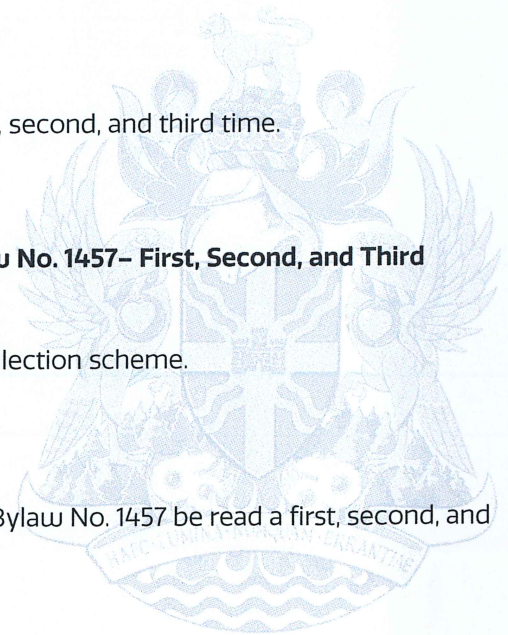
THAT Alternative Municipal Tax Collection Scheme Bylaw No. 1457 be read a first, second, and third time as amended.

CARRIED.

22 NEXT MEETING(S):

May 4, 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:

R110-26

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

CARRIED.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Bree Seabrook
Director of Corporate Services



Maria McFaddin
Mayor

