

Regular Meeting Minutes of Council June 1, 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 – arrived at 3:20 p.m.

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
Rob Bosse, Climate Readiness Coordinator
Nicole Brown, Manager of Legislative Services
Jennifer Chamberlain, Executive Assistant
Danny Clarke, Airport Manager
Meeri Durand, Director of Community Safety & Development
Alex Hadfield, Manager of Human Resources
Deanna Hooper, Manager of Civic Works
Ryan Nidderly, Acting Director of Municipal Services
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:**

R139-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of June 1, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED.

3 **RESOLUTION TO RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

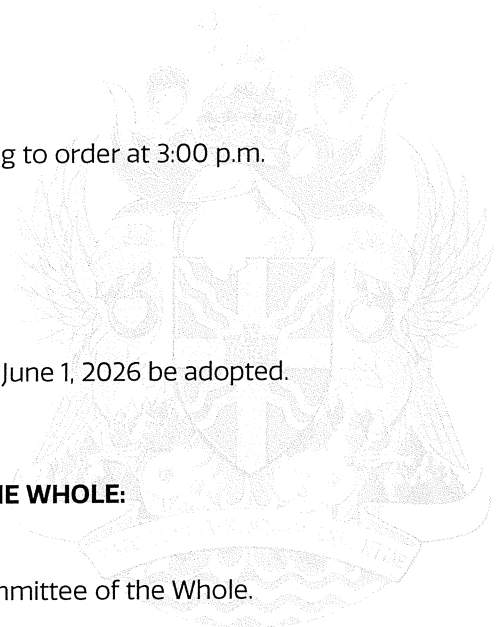
R140-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED: THAT Council now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

4 **DELEGATION:**

Cam Schute and Jayme Moyer on behalf of Kootenay Climbing Association provided Council with a presentation seeking support for Cube 2.0. Highlights of the discussion include:

- Background on the CUBE indoor climbing gym.
- The vision for a CUBE 2.0 Olympic size climbing and training facility.



- New facility will showcase local mass timber products.
- Overview of the economic development and tourism results of the facility.
- This project is a \$15 Million project. The group has been fundraising for over 3 years and has received several financial and in-kind grants.
- Nearing the end of final design.
- Asking Council for a letter of support for their grant applications.

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

(a) COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON VERBAL UPDATE

- Nil

(b) FIRE DEPARTMENT VERBAL UPDATE

- Nil

(c) Rob Bosse, Climate Readiness Coordinator presentation regarding the FireSmart Program and Implementation. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Overview of how fires spread, the behavior of fire, and the ladder fuels and continuity.
- Ways fire impact communities.
- Long range spotting vulnerabilities.
- Wildfire hazards and ratings.
- Castlegar Wildfire Mitigation Program and what individuals can do.
- Overview of how to set up an assessment, the work involved, and how to apply for potential rebates.
- The City's collaboration with Selkirk College.

(d) RCMP DETACHMENT VERBAL UPDATE

- Nil

(e) WEST KOOTENAY REGIONAL AIRPORT VERBAL UPDATE

- One of thirteen flights cancelled with 60% load factor.

(f) COMMUNITY SAFETY AND DEVELOPMENT VERBAL UPDATE.

The Director of Community Safety & Development provided a presentation on Emergency Management. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Legislative changes, and the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*.
- Local government requirements.
- Establishment of the City's Emergency Management Organization and Emergency Operations Centre, and emergency support services.
- Overview of the Emergency Management Organization Policy Group and proposed Bylaw.
- Overview of what an Emergency Operations Centre is, when and how it operates, activation levels, and staff resources.

(g) Emergency Management Organization Bylaw 1441 (Report No. 26-44)

Report from the Director of Community Safety & Development to seek Council consideration of the required readings of Emergency Management Organization Bylaw 1441.

COW072-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

THAT Council proceed with the required readings of Emergency Management Organization Bylaw 1441.

CARRIED.

COW073-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

THAT Council proceed with appointment of the Director of Community Safety & Development as the City's Emergency Program Director,

AND FURTHER;

THAT Council proceed with appointment of the Climate Readiness Coordinator as the City's Emergency Program Coordinator.

CARRIED.

COW074-26

Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

THAT Council appoint the Chair or delegate of the Community Wellness, Safety & Development Council Committee to the City's Emergency Management Policy Group.

CARRIED.

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

(a) COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON VERBAL UPDATE

- Update on Canada Day event planning.
- Castlegar and District Hospital Foundation AGM next week.
- Kootenay Gallery of Art will be hosting a Halloween event at the new 292 building.
- Derm Jackman is the Citizen of the Year 2025.
- Annual SculptureWalk gala.

7 FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES (Councillor Bogle, Chair)

(a) Finance and Corporate Services Community Liaison Verbal Update

- Chamber of Commerce breakfast.

(b) Corporate Services Verbal Update

- Update on current employment opportunities.

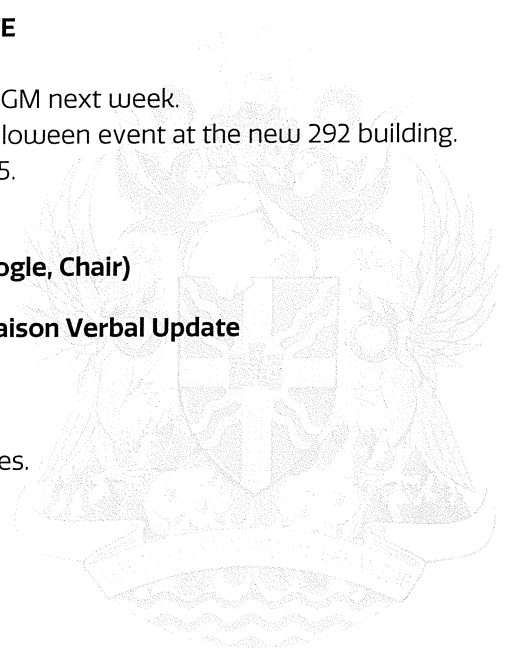
(c) Finance Department Verbal Update

- Nil

8 MUNICIPAL SERVICES (Councillor MacLeod, Chair)

(a) Municipal Services Department Verbal Update

- Pump broken at Millennium Park.
- Park maintenance and preparation for Sunfest.
- Update on Request for Quotations currently available.
- Hydrant maintenance and flushing ongoing into July.
- Paving for major section complete.



(b) **Ryan Niddery, Acting Director of Municipal Services gave a presentation on the Parks Master Plan. Highlights of the presentation included:**

- Overview of existing parks and green space, foundational work, why now, regional context, communication and engagement, next steps.
- Overview of Parks Asset Management Plan.
- Current levels of service.
- Direction and guidance from the City's Community Plan.

9 QUESTION PERIOD:

- Nil

10 RESOLUTION TO RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

R141-26

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.

R142-26

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]
- ***Community Charter Section 90(2)(B)***
The consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations another local government or with a third party

AND FURTHER;

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

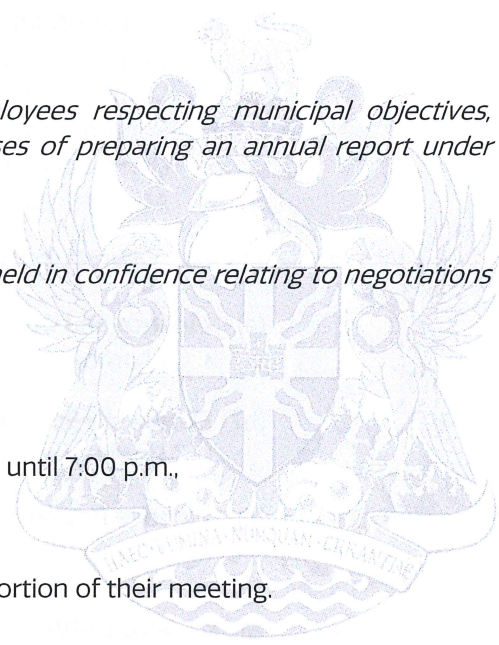
AND FURTHER;

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

CARRIED.

The meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m.

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



Members Present Deputy Mayor Brian Bogle
Councillor Darcy Bell
Councillor Sandy Bojecho
Councillor Shirley Falstead
Councillor Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff
Councillor Cheryl MacLeod

Absent Nil

Staff Present Chris Barlow, Chief Administrative Officer
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Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Technology
Ryan Nidderly, Acting Director of Municipal Services

Other Public and Media

13 DELEGATION: Nil

14 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

R143-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the following Minutes be adopted as presented:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2026

CARRIED.

15 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

The following resolutions were recommended at the May 19, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting and are presented for consideration of adoption by Council:

R144-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the following items considered and received for information at the May 19, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting, be adopted:

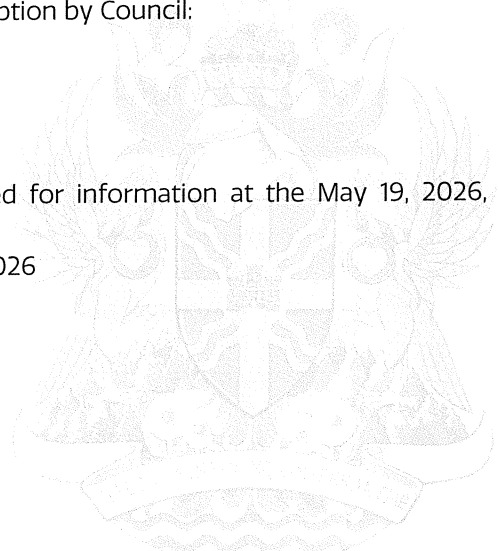
- Emergency Services Monthly Report – April 2026
- Building Permit Report – April 2026
- Business Licence Report – April 2026

CARRIED.

R145-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council instruct staff to amend Council Expense Allowance Bylaw 661 to incorporate the Council Remuneration Committee's recommendations to 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."

CARRIED.



R146-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council instruct staff to amend Council Expense Allowance Bylaw 661 to incorporate the Council Remuneration Committee's recommendations to 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.

CARRIED.

R147-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council instruct staff to amend Council Expense Allowance Bylaw 661 to incorporate the Council Remuneration Committee's recommendations to 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.

CARRIED.

R148-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council instruct staff to amend Council Expense Allowance Bylaw 661 to incorporate the Council Remuneration Committee's recommendations to have the provision of the \$400 monthly car allowance for the Mayor be explicitly stated in writing in the Bylaw.

CARRIED.

R149-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council instruct staff to amend Council Indemnity Bylaw 835, to incorporate the Council Remuneration Committee's recommendations to include 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.

CARRIED.

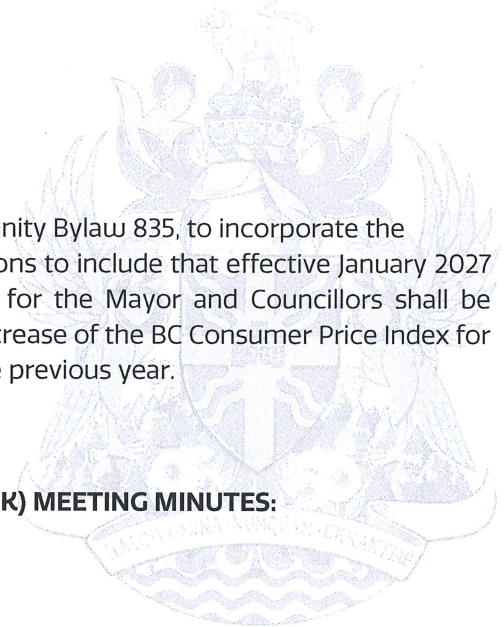
16 REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY (RDCK) MEETING MINUTES:

R150-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the following minutes be received for information:

- Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2026

CARRIED.



17 CORRESPONDENCE:

R151-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council approve the request from Fatima Ali on behalf of MitoCanada Foundation to illuminate the Kinnaird Overpass lights in green on September 19, 2026, in recognition of World Mitochondrial Disease Week.

CARRIED.

18 REPORTS OTHER:

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

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

- Sunfest this weekend. Council to wear their Adopt-a-Road t-shirts.
- Citizen of the year ceremony this week. Congratulations to Derm Jackman.

20 NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil

21 BYLAWS FOR CONSIDERATION:

False Alarm Bylaw 1439 – Adoption (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.

R152-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT False Alarm Bylaw 1439 be adopted.

CARRIED.

Municipal Ticketing Amendment Bylaw 1458 – Adoption (Report No. 26-41)

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

R153-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Municipal Ticketing Amendment Bylaw 1458 be adopted.

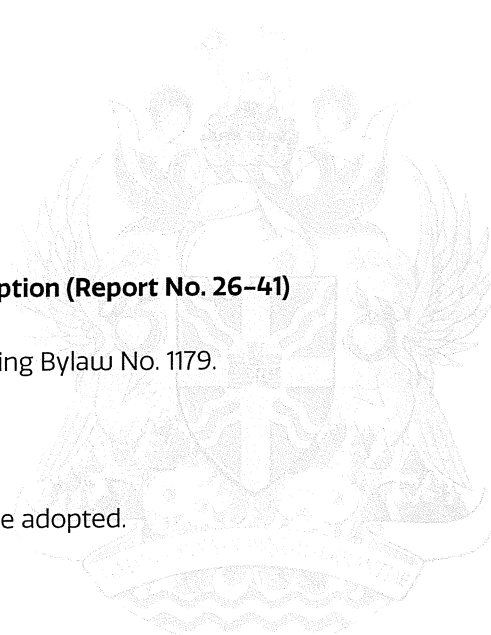
CARRIED.

Local Government Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw 1459 – Adoption (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.

R154-26

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:



THAT Local Government Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw 1459 be adopted.

CARRIED.

**Emergency Management Organization Bylaw 1441 – First, Second, and Third Readings
(Report No. 26-44)**

A Bylaw to establish an Emergency Management Organization for the City of Castlegar.

R155-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Emergency Management Organization Bylaw 1441 be read a first, second, and third time.

CARRIED.

22 NEXT MEETING(S):

June 15, 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:

R156-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED: THAT the Regular meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Bree Seabrook
Director of Corporate Services



Maria McFaddin
Mayor

