Regular Meeting Minutes of Council October 19, 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 Cherryl MacLeod
Absent	Councillor Shirley Falstead Councillor Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff
Staff Present	Chris Barlow, Chief Administrative Officer Bree Seabrook, Director of Corporate Services Crystal Bazar, Assistant Manager of Operations Chris Hallam, Director of Municipal Services Nick Ahlefeld, Fire Chief Nicole Brown, Manager of Legislative Services Jennifer Chamberlain, Executive Assistant Meeri Durand, Director of Community Safety & Development Ali Garcia, Sea to Sky IT Deanna Hooper, Manager of Civic Works Ginger Lester, Communications Manager Ryan Niddery, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure Monty Taylor, RCMP Sergeant Alex Wilde, Manager of Human Resources
Other	Public and Media

1 CALL TO ORDER: Mayor McFaddin called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

R262-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of October 19, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED.

3 RESOLUTION TO RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

R263-26 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) **FIRE DEPARTMENT VERBAL UPDATE**

- Nil

(c) **RCMP DETACHMENT VERBAL UPDATE**

- Interviewing for the Victim Services position.
- New Sergeant should be appointed in the next couple of weeks.

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

- Nil

(e) **COMMUNITY SAFETY AND DEVELOPMENT VERBAL UPDATE.**

- Update on the new shelter opening.
- Update on the Luma development at the old Pioneer site.

6 CULTURAL & CIVIC PRIDE (Councillor Bogle, Deputy Chair)

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

- Update on the Communities in Bloom awards.

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 elections final accounting.
- Update on HR, payroll and recruitment.

(c) **Finance Department Verbal Update**

- Nil

8 MUNICIPAL SERVICES (Councillor MacLeod, Chair)

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

- The Assistant Manager of Operations provided a presentation on recycling, waste, and organics statistics and education.

9 QUESTION PERIOD:

- Nil

10 RESOLUTION TO RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

R264-26 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.

R265-26 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)(E)***
  The acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

- ***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.,

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

CARRIED.

The meeting recessed at 3:40 p.m.

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

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Staff Present	Chris Barlow, Chief Administrative Officer Bree Seabrook, Director of Corporate Services Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Technology Meeri Durand, Director of Community Safety and Development Chris Hallam, Director of Municipal Services Nicole Brown, Manager of Legislative Services Jennifer Chamberlain, Executive Assistant
Other	Public and Media

13 DELEGATION: Nil

14 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

R266-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the following Minutes be adopted as presented:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2026

CARRIED.

15 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

The following resolutions were recommended at the October 5, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting and are presented for consideration of adoption by Council:

R267-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the following items considered and received for information at the October 5. 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting, be adopted:

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

CARRIED.

R268-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT Council receive for information Report #26-76 titled "2026 Council Strategic Plan Implementation Report – Quarter 3 Update".

CARRIED.

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

17 CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

18 REPORTS OTHER:

Council members thanked each other for the past four years, for the teamwork and leadership everyone provided.

19 MAYOR'S REPORT:
Mayor McFaddin thanked Council, staff, and her family for their support. She commented on the many qualities each member of Council and staff brought to the table for the past four years.

CAO Barlow presented Councillor Bojechko and Mayor McFaddin with a gift and a thank you from all staff for their commitment and dedication to the City and the Community.

20 NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil

21 BYLAWS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nil

22 NEXT MEETING(S):
November 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. for the Inaugural Council Meeting, held in Council Chambers at the Community Forum, 445 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C. and via Zoom live meeting.

23 NOTICE OF MOTION: Nil

24 QUESTION PERIOD: Nil

25 ADJOURNMENT:

R269-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED: THAT the Regular meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Bree Seabrook
Director of Corporate Services

Maria McFaddin
Mayor