

Special Open Meeting Minutes of Council March 3, 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 5:00 p.m. for Special Council proceedings.

Members Mayor Maria McFaddin
Present 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
 Chris Hallam, Director of Municipal Services
 Nicole Brown, Manager of Legislative Services
 Danny Clarke, Airport Manager
 Jennifer Chamberlain, Executive Assistant
 Meeri Durand, Director of Community Safety & Development
 Aaron Geck, Assistant Manager – Utilities
 Deanna Hooper, Manager of Civic Works
 Ryan Nidderly, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure
 Anne Simonen, Project Manager
 Paul Wallin – Acting Manager of Finance

Other Public and Media

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McFaddin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

S001-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the agenda for the Special Council Meeting of March 3, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED.

3 RESOLUTION TO RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

S002-26 Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED: THAT Council now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

4 FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES (Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff, Chair):

(a) **City of Castlegar 2026–2030 Draft Financial Plan – Capital Plan**

Presentation from the Senior Leadership Team to present the 2026– 2030 Draft Financial Plan for Council consideration. The Director of Finance & Technology opened the meeting by providing an overview of upcoming dates and schedules. Budget Open House on March 19, 2026, in the Community Forum.

The meeting was recessed at 5:04 p.m. as internet connection was lost and the Zoom broadcast was disconnected.

The meeting and internet connection resumed at 5:09 p.m.

The Acting Manager of Finance and Chief Administrative Officer provided an overview of the 2026 Capital budget. Highlights include:

- The difference between a Capital and an Operating budget.
- Project needs verses funds available.
- Options available for funding projects.

The Director of Community Safety & Development presented the Directors outlook for 2026 and provided an overview of proposed Capital Projects, page 132 of the budget package.

The Director of Finance & Technology presented the Directors outlook for 2026 and provided an overview of proposed Capital Projects, page 154 of the budget package.

The Director of Corporate Services presented the Directors outlook for 2026 and provided an overview of proposed Capital Projects, page 92 of the budget package.

The Director of Municipal Services presented the Directors outlook for 2026 and provided an overview of proposed Capital Projects, page 103 of the budget package.

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Moved, and
RECOMMENDED:

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report to Council exploring the potential and costs associated with building a sani-dump at the Castlegar baseball field located near the rec centre.

CARRIED.

The Director of Municipal Services continued presenting the Directors outlook for 2026 and provided an overview of proposed Capital Projects – Sewer and Water, page 190 of the budget package.

The Acting Manager of Finance and Director of Finance & Technology provided Council with an overview of:

- The City's reserves and balances.
- Debt servicing and projected debt. \$1.5 million in 2026.
- The Growing Communities Fund (GCF).

The CAO provided a wrap up of day one budget meetings and provided an overview of day two meeting scheduled for March 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

5 RESOLUTION TO RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

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

CARRIED.

6 NEXT MEETING(S):

March 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. for the Special Open Council Meeting held in Council Chambers at the Community Forum, 445 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C. and via Zoom live meeting.

March 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. for the Regular Open Council Meeting held in Council Chambers at the Community Forum, 445 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C. and via Zoom live meeting.

7 QUESTION PERIOD:

Florio Vassilakakis inquired about:

- Taxation classes and when that discussion with take place.
- RCMP full compliment costs.

8 ADJOURNMENT:

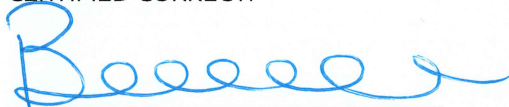
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Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED: THAT the Special meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Bree Seabrook
Director of Corporate Services



Maria McFaddin
Mayor