



# The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

## REGULAR MEETING #04-26 MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Salmo held in Council Chambers at 423 Davies Avenue in Salmo, B.C. on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

<u>In Person:</u>	CAO Derek Kwiatkowski
Mayor Diana Lockwood	Members of the Public -1
Councillor Jennifer Lins	
Councillor Jonathon Heatlie	<u>Electronically:</u>
	Members of the Public -1

**REGRETS:** Councillors Payton McKellar and Kenzie Neil.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Lockwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA:**

R1-04-26

Moved and seconded, that the agenda of Regular Meeting #04-26 of Tuesday, February 24, 2026 be adopted as amended from Council Procedure Bylaw No. 663, 2014 Schedule "B" to include a New Business section, a Bylaw Development & Review section, a Public Question Period, and an *In Camera* section.

Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:** NIL

**NEW BUSINESS:** NIL

**MINUTES:**

R2-04-26

Regular Meeting  
February 10, 2026

Moved and seconded, that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting #03-26 of Tuesday, February 10, 2026 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

**REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS:** NIL

**REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:** NIL

**OPERATIONAL REPORTS:**

R3-04-26

Public Works

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report as presented by Public Works Foreman Fred Paton for the period of January 21, 2026 to February 19, 2026. (See *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R4-04-26

Fire Department

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report dated February 1, 2026 provided by Fire Chief David Hearn for the period of January 2026. (See *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R5-04-26  
Bylaw Enforcement

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report on bylaw enforcement for the period of January 2026. (See *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R6-04-26  
CAO Report – General Updates

Moved and seconded, that Council accepts the CAO report for information. (See *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R7-04-26  
2026 AKBLG & UBCM AGM & Convention

Moved and seconded, that Council continue with budget allocation for 2026 budget purposes. (See *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R8-04-26  
Salmo Parks Master Plan Survey

Moved and seconded, that Council direct staff to bring the survey to the April 14, 2026 Regular Council Meeting (See *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R9-04-26  
Village of Salmo Event Food Survey

Moved and seconded, that Council accepts the CAO report for information. (See *Appendix A*).

Carried.

R10-04-26  
Fire Truck Purchase Update

Moved and seconded, that Council accepts the CAO report for information. (See *Appendix A*).

Carried.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

R11-04-26

Moved and seconded, that Council accepts the strategic plan for information. (See *Appendix A*).

Carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

R12-04-26

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the list of account payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from February 5, 2026 to February 19, 2026 totaling \$96,428.27.

Carried.

R13-04-26

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the Treasurer’s Report for January 2026.

Carried.

**MOTION TO EXTEND MEETING:**

R14-04-26

Moved and seconded, that Council extend the meeting 15 minutes to 9:45 p.m.

Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION:**

R15-04-26  
Osprey Community  
Foundation Re:  
Financial Support for  
Osprey's  
Neighbourhood Small  
Grants Program - #06

Moved and seconded, that Council approve providing a one-time payment of \$500 from the Community Grant to the Osprey Community Foundation as support for the Neighbourhood Small Grants Program.

Carried.

R16-04-26  
Salmo Valley Farmers  
Market Re: Request for  
Food Trucks at Markets  
- #09

Moved and seconded, that Council deny allowing two mobile food vendors to participate in the Salmo Valley Farmers Market in KP Park for the 2026 season & further direct staff to request the Salmo Valley Farmer's Market to make a presentation to Council.

Carried.

**MOTION TO EXTEND  
MEETING:**

R17-04-06

Moved and seconded, that Council extend the meeting 15 minutes to 10:00 p.m.

Carried.

R18-04-26  
Salmo Minor Softball  
Re: Temporary Foul  
Territory Markers - #10

Moved and seconded, that Council approve the request for temporary foul territory posts for both ball fields in KP Park.

Carried.

R19-04-26  
Kootenay Mountain  
Biking Re: Community  
Development Funding  
for Everyone Rides  
Program - #13

Moved and seconded, that Council approve the Kootenay Mountain Biking's request for \$1,500 to assist with the costs of the Everyone Rides program.

Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**

R20-04-26

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the following correspondence from:

- (1) Philip Perras Re: In the Wake of the Tumbler Ridge Tragedy - A Call for Unity Around Democratic Principles - #11

Carried.

**MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES:**

Councillor Heatlie

Councillor Heatlie reported that he had attended a meeting with the Fire Chief & Captain to discuss Fire Engine #1.

Councillor Lins                      Councillor Lins reported that she will be attending the upcoming library meeting. It was also reported that the BC Games were being hosted in Trail during the upcoming weekend.

Mayor Lockwood                      See *Appendix B*. The Mayor verbally reported on the Columbia Basin Trust’s broadband project & provided an update on the high-speed connectivity coming to Salmo.

R21-04-26  
Verbal & Written  
Reports of Mayor &  
Council                                      Moved and seconded, that the verbal and written reports of Mayor and Council be received for information. Carried.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

A resident commented that the mobile food vendor participation should be discussed. They also spoke in support of food trucks.

**MOTION TO EXTEND MEETING:**

R22-04-26                                      Moved and seconded, that Council extend the meeting 15 minutes to 10:15 p.m. Carried.

**IN CAMERA RESOLUTION:**

R23-04-26                                      Moved and seconded, that the meeting be closed to the public under *Community Charter* Section 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations. Carried.

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING:** Council reconvened the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**                      Moved and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried @ 10:13 p.m.  
R24-04-26

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

Originally Signed By:

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Diana Lockwood  
Mayor

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Derek Kwiatkowski  
Chief Administrative Officer/CO

# APPENDIX A



## The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

### Report to Council

Report Date: February 19, 2026  
Meeting Date: February 24, 2026 (#04-26)  
From: Fred Paton, Public Works Foreman  
Subject: Public Works Report from January 21, 2026 – February 19, 2026

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1. **OBJECTIVE**

To update Council on Public Works operations.

2. **DISCUSSION**

2.1. **Winter Activities**

- (a) Routine winter snow plowing and sanding of streets.
- (b) Cleared snow from the drains to allow drainage.
- (c) Moved snow piles to off street locations.
- (d) Working on estimates and project plans for capital projects for upcoming budget planning.
- (e) Staff is actively working on Public Works Inventory as part of the Asset Management Plan.
- (f) Cleaning of Lions Park Washroom.
- (g) Routine maintenance on village equipment.
- (h) Completed one (1) full burial at the Salmo Cemetery.
- (i) Annual inspection of the sweeper is scheduled.
- (j) Weekly water sample.
- (k) Working with Fortis Electric for potential KP Campground expansion.
- (l) Staff investigated a complaint of low water pressure. Determined the issue was on private property and not the Village line.
- (m) Staff attempted one (1) requested water shut off, however they were unable to get it shut off so the owner will repair and attempt shut off later in the year.

2.2. **Attachments:**

Nil.



## Fire Chief's Report: February 01, 2026

Regular Council Meeting #04-26

Since the last report on January 1st, 2026 the Salmo Fire Department responded to 9 calls:

6	Jaws Calls	1	Carbon Monoxide	1	Vehicle Fire
1	Mutual Aid Fire				

### DESCRIPTION

Crew responded to a single-vehicle fire involving an F550 work truck near the bottom of the Bombi. On arrival, the vehicle was fully engulfed. Crews were able to quickly knock down the fire.

Crews were again dispatched to the Ymir area for a request for mutual aid involving a semi truck fire. Upon arrival, Salmo crews found a lone Ymir member on scene laying out hose from their engine. Salmo crews assisted in attacking the fire and quickly extinguished it, preventing spread into the truck's load of dry cedar lumber and the adjacent semi trailers.

Later one evening, crews responded to a carbon monoxide alarm activation. On arrival, moderately high levels of carbon monoxide were detected. The residence was tightly sealed, with an exhaust fan running. During a low-pressure system, the occupant had lit a wood stove, and the fan was exhausting air from the home. Because the structure was well sealed, replacement air was drawn back through the wood stove. There was no visible smoke or odor; however, once the fan was turned off and the fire extinguished, carbon monoxide levels quickly dropped to zero.

Calls once again came in clusters. We responded to three calls on the 3rd and two more on the 30th, with a 17-day period in between without any incidents.

### Misc.

Our first-line fire engine remained out of service for the entire month of January while awaiting the arrival of the correct parts, which were delayed in clearing customs. As of February 5<sup>th</sup>, the engine has been reassembled and tested by a technician, with all systems performing as expected.

At our next fire practice, the crew conducted operational testing by placing the apparatus in and out of pump several times and flowing water to verify functionality. All checks were satisfactory.

The Ymir Fire Department was notified of our situation during the period the unit was out of service and stood ready to respond with their apparatus should mutual aid have been required.

*Originally Signed By:*

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David Hearn, Fire Chief



## Bylaw Officer's Report: January 1, 2026 to January 31, 2026

Regular Council Meeting #04-26

### *Complaints:*

INFRACTION TYPE	NO. OF INFRACTIONS	RESOLUTION
N/A		

### *Enforcement:*

INFRACTION TYPE	NO. OF INFRACTIONS	RESOLUTION
Traffic Related	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Bylaw Officer notified a resident with a green notice to trim back the trees overhanging the fence, making it nuisance for people walking on the sidewalks. The owner will be complying when they have a chance. Will be following up on this issue.</li></ul>
Animal Related	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Bylaw Officer knocked on the door of a resident having chickens and roosters on their property three (3) times with no response. Will be following up on this issue.</li></ul>

### *Follow up Complaints/Enforcement:*

INFRACTION TYPE	NO. OF INFRACTIONS	RESOLUTION
N/A		

Information submitted by:
Fred Nevakshonoff, Bylaw Officer



## The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

### CAO Report

Report Date: February 19, 2026  
Meeting Date: February 24, 2026 (#04-26)  
From: Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer  
Subject: CAO Report- General Updates

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- Lidstone & Company are working to finalize the creation of the 2 lots that were the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street road allowance.
- Lidstone & Company are also finalizing the 1<sup>st</sup> Street road closure & consolidation. These will be represented on the new OCP maps.
- The SPARC-BC Local Community Accessibility Grant has been applied for.
- The Village received & signed the Contribution Agreement for the Small Community Wildfire Readiness Grant. The Village will receive \$56,300 of tools and equipment specific to wildfire preparedness & prevention.
- The Village will be required to create a Water Plan before the Village is able to proceed with the Reservoir Replacement Study. The Village is working with WSA to build a quote on BCbid for this work.
- The Village is progressing through the Floodplain Bylaw review with the RDCK. There is some discussion with changing the terminology for Non-Standard Flood and Erosional Areas & changing it to specific hazard type ("Floodplain Hazard" or "Steep Creek Hazard") for Development Permit Areas. This allows for greater clarity.
- On recommendation from the Village's contractor, Ron Mickel with Eco/Logic Environmental, the Village has applied for an amendment to the Village's WWTP licence. The request, if approved, will bring the Village into further compliance.
- The West Kootenay Kennel Club has withdrawn their application to hold their 2026 event at KP Park.
- The tender for the Glendale Bridge guardrails has been posted to BCbid.
- Staff is reviewing the possibility of applying for the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund. Administration & the Fire Department are reviewing the application guidelines.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council accepts the CAO report for information.



## The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

CAO Report

Report Date: February 20, 2025  
Meeting Date: February 25, 2025 (#04-25)  
From: CAO Derek Kwiatkowski  
Subject: 2026 AKBLG & UBCM AGM & Convention

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The 2026 AKBLG AGM & Convention is being hosted in Trail on April 17-19, 2026 including a pre-convention workshop on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Culture & Economic Development will be the topic focus for the April 16<sup>th</sup> session. The location for 2026 is considerably closer than Kimberley, so can send more Councillors, given the lower cost (2025 costs were up to \$3,000).

The cost for each Council member to attend is approximately \$1,241 or \$1,166, dependant on Council attending the pre-convention discussion. The 2026 budget allocation is \$3,000 which restricts the maximum attendance for a maximum of 2 Councillors.

Item	Total	Notes
Convention Mileage	\$239.44	8 Trips Total
Stipend	\$400.00	4 Days @ \$100.00/day
Registration	\$512.00	Early bird price (March 12)
Pre-convention	\$90.00	\$75 + \$15 Registration
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,241.44</b>	

If Council chooses to send 2 delegates, the Village remains within the allocated budget.

The UBCM 2026 Convention will be located at the Vancouver Convention Centre from September 14-18. There have been no announcements about the program or the registration costs. Registration opens July 2, 2026. There is currently enough budget allocation to send 1 Council member.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council accepts this report for information.

# **2026 AKBLG Convention Program**

**Thursday April 16, 2026**

7:00 – 9:00pm | \$15 registration required

While you're in Trail, we invite you to step off the meeting floor and into one of the city's true gems—the historic **Royal Theatre**—for two special screenings which tie into the concurrent session “Seeing the Forest for the Trees” (Friday, 3:05pm).

It's the perfect way to spend an evening: thoughtful, local, and memorable.

Opened in 1939, the Royal Theatre is a beloved Art Deco landmark and one of the last remaining heritage movie houses in British Columbia still operating as a cinema. For more than 85 years, it has been a gathering place for Trailites—hosting first dates, community celebrations, film festivals, and countless shared moments. Lovingly maintained and restored, the Royal blends vintage charm with modern comfort, making it a destination in its own right.

**Film 1 – *BC Is Burning*** is a powerful, timely documentary that explores the growing impact of wildfires across our province—on communities, landscapes, and local governments.

**Film 2 – *Elemental: Reimagine Wildfire*** includes the voices of climate experts, Indigenous people and fire survivors, and asks us to reimagine our relationship with wildfire as we prepare for an increasingly hotter future.

Join us for an evening of film, reflection, and local history. You'll leave with a deeper understanding of BC—and a soft spot for Trail.

## **Pre Convention Tours – Friday April 17, 2026**

### **Tour A: Economic Development through a circular economy**

AKBLG delegates are invited to experience Trail, British Columbia through a curated economic development tour that highlights how a small city is leveraging industrial legacy, innovation, and strategic connectivity to drive long-term regional prosperity.

Hosted by Cam Whitehead, Executive Director of the Lower Columbia Community Development Team Society (LCCTDS), and Enrico Moehre, Manager of the Trail Regional Airport, this coach-based tour offers a behind-the-scenes look at two of the region's most compelling economic assets.

The tour begins with an overview of Metal Tech Alley, an internationally recognized cluster of metallurgical expertise, advanced manufacturing, industrial recycling, and emerging clean technologies. Rooted in decades of technical knowledge and anchored by global industry, Metal Tech Alley has become a living example of the circular economy in action — where materials are reused, waste is minimized, and innovation supports the responsible development of critical minerals essential to the low-carbon economy. Delegates will learn how collaboration between industry, government, and economic development organizations is attracting investment, supporting workforce development, and positioning the Lower Columbia region as a hub for next-generation industrial solutions.

From there, the coach will travel to the Trail Regional Airport, a vital piece of infrastructure owned and operated by the City of Trail. Enrico Moehre, will share how municipal control of the airport enables responsive decision-making, strategic investment, and strong service partnerships. Delegates will hear how the airport plays a crucial role in keeping the West Kootenay region connected to other communities across British Columbia through scheduled service with Pacific Coastal Airlines. This connectivity supports business, tourism, healthcare access, and regional resilience — particularly in a mountainous and weather-challenged geography.

Together, Metal Tech Alley and the Trail Regional Airport tell a powerful story: how local leadership, circular economic thinking, and strategic transportation infrastructure can anchor sustainable growth in smaller communities. This tour offers delegates practical insights, transferable ideas, and a compelling example of economic development done differently — and done well.

Meeting time: 7:30am Departure: 7:45am

Departs from: Trail Memorial Centre parking lot by motor coach

**MUST WEAR:** Closed toed shoes; long sleeves

#### **Tour B: Cultural Heritage and Modern Environmental Initiatives**

Discover Trail on foot through a guided walking tour that reveals what truly makes this community distinctive, resilient, and forward-looking. This immersive experience blends built heritage, dramatic geography, and one of Canada's most successful environmental health initiatives into a story you can only experience here.

Beginning in West Trail, the tour explores neighbourhoods shaped by steep hillsides and ingenuity. You'll see hand-built rock retaining walls and iconic covered staircases—functional works of art that reflect early engineering innovation, skilled craftsmanship, and a long tradition of active transportation in one of the city's most technically challenging residential areas. These features also speak to Trail's leadership in residential soil

management and adaptive urban design.

The tour is hosted by Sarah Benson-Lord, Manager of the Trail Museum & Archives, and Michelle Laurie, Lead Facilitator of the Trail Area Health & Environment Program (THEP). Together, they bring Trail's story to life as the walk continues to the Trail Museum & Archives—a modern cultural hub integrated with the Library and Visitor Centre, showcasing how heritage, learning, and tourism thrive together in a purpose-built “third space.”

Crossing the Columbia River via the Sky Bridge, you'll take in sweeping views of the valley, Trail's historic core, and Teck Trail Operations, before arriving at Butler Park, a regional sports destination and home to a community air-monitoring station providing near real-time data.

Continuing toward KIRO, Trail's community health centre, you'll pass residential areas actively participating in THEP's Soil Management Program. Along the way, THEP team members will share candid insights into the challenges, innovations, and successes of supporting community health in a city shaped by more than 125 years of smelting history. This is Trail's story—layered, honest, and uniquely inspiring.

Meeting time: 8:15am Departure: 8:30am

Departs from: Trail Memorial Centre main lobby

**MUST WEAR:** Comfortable shoes, appropriate clothing for the weather; approximately 2-3 km walk with light hills, encompassing the Bridge Loop.

#### **Tour C: Teck Trail Operations – Electrolytic and Melting Plant Tour**

Step inside the industrial heart of Trail with a guided tour of Teck Trail Operations' Electrolytic & Melting (E&M) Plant—a rare, behind-the-scenes experience that showcases the industry that built this community and continues to power it today.

Trail is globally recognized for its metallurgical expertise, and the E&M Plant sits at the centre of that legacy. The facility produces high-quality zinc and zinc alloys using advanced electrolytic refining, melting, and casting processes that supply markets around the world. This isn't a museum stop—it's a working operation and a living part of Trail's story.

The approximately two-hour tour begins with a safety briefing at the Teck Interpretive Centre on Bay Avenue, followed by a guided bus trip to the E&M Plant site. Tours are led by retired Teck employees who bring the experience to life with firsthand knowledge, personal stories, and decades of on-site insight.

From elevated vantage points, you'll overlook the massive cell house, watch cranes pass at eye level, and see state-of-the-art technology in action—including the skinning machine, skimming robot, and zinc bundles prepared for shipping worldwide.

Please note: the tour involves extensive walking and stairs and is not wheelchair accessible. For safety reasons, participants must wear enclosed flat shoes, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt or jacket.

This is Trail at its most authentic—industrial, innovative, and proud.

Meeting times: 9:00am or 9:15am

Departures: 9:15am or 9:30am

Departs from: Trail Interpretive Centre – 1199 Bay Ave (across from the Memorial Centre)

**MUST WEAR:** Enclosed shoes, long pants, and long sleeved short / jacket

**Friday April 17, 2026**

7:15 am – 1:00pm Shuttle Service – official accommodation/ Trail Memorial Centre

7:30 am – 4:30pm Registration Open – Breakfast on your own

11:00am – 4:30pm Trade Show

11:45am – 12:30pm Lunch & Trade Show

12:30 – 1:30pm Opening Ceremony

1:45 – 2:45 pm Opening Keynote – *to be announced*

2:45 – 3:05pm Refreshment Break & Trade Show

3:05 – 4:05pm Concurrent Sessions

1. **Seeing the Forest for the Trees** – *details to come*

2. **Removing Barriers to Housing**– *details to come*

4:05 – 4:25pm Refreshment Break & Trade Show

4:30 – 5:30pm Plenary Session

**Building Resilient Communities through Effective Issues Management**

Benjamin Proulx, Catalyst Communications

Local government operates in an increasingly volatile environment where a single social media post, community concern, or operational misstep can rapidly escalate into a full-blown crisis.

This session explores the evolving landscape of issues management in local government, examining how organizations can shift from reactive approaches to proactive resilience. We'll dissect the modern risk environment facing municipalities, sustainable structures can be developed to identify and mitigate issues prior to escalation, cross-functional response capabilities, and embedding issues management as a core foundation of organizational success.

Drawing on a deep understanding of process and practice, along with real-world case studies and execution, this session provides actionable strategies for developing early warning and issues tracking systems, strengthening organization-community relationships, and creating organizational cultures that treat issues management as a strategy opportunity rather than administrative burden. Participants will leave with a clear path forward to enhance issues management maturity and protect community trust.

5:15 – 7:00pm Shuttle service – Memorial Centre/ official accommodation/ reception

6:00 – 8:00pm Welcome Reception – hosted by the City of Trail

Join us at the iconic Trail Riverfront Centre—a signature gathering place that captures the energy, history, and pride of Trail.

Overlooking the Columbia River, the Riverfront Centre is one of the city's most impressive and well-loved civic spaces. With its modern design, light-filled interiors, and direct connection to the riverfront esplanade, it offers a setting that is both welcoming and unmistakably Trail. The Centre is a true cultural hub, housing the Trail Museum & Archives, the Trail & District Public Library, and the community's Visitor Centre—a one-stop gateway to Trail's stories, services, and sense of place. Here, stories of industry, sport, community life, and resilience are preserved, shared, and brought to life.

This special evening will be hosted by Samantha Murphy, Director of the Trail & District Public Library, and Sarah Benson-Lord, Manager of the Trail Museum & Archives, who will welcome delegates and help animate the space and its stories. Guests are encouraged to explore museum exhibits that spark conversation and deepen their connection to the community.

AKBLG delegates will enjoy an evening of networking and connection while sampling appetizers, craft cocktails, and non-alcoholic selections, accompanied by live music from a local musician. It's a relaxed, authentic introduction to Trail and the people who call it home.

Located just steps from restaurants, pubs, breweries, and distilleries, the Riverfront Centre is perfectly positioned for an easy transition into Trail's walkable downtown. Delegates are invited to enjoy the full reception before continuing on to explore Trail's downtown and riverfront nearby.

**It's a warm West Kootenay welcome—Trail style.**

7:00 – 9:30pm Shuttle Service – reception/ official accommodation

7:30pm – late Evening Options in the City of Trail

**Saturday April 18, 2026**

6:30am – 5:00pm Shuttle Service – official accommodation/Memorial Centre

6:45 – 7:45am Breakfast & Trade Show

7:45 – 8:00am Daily Opening Remarks

8:00 – 10:30am AKBLG Business Meeting Kevin McIsaac, President

10:30 – 10:35am Sponsor Presentation

10:30 – 10:45am Refreshment Break & Trade Show

10:45 – 11:00am UBCM President's address

11:05 – 11:08am Sponsor Presentation

11:10 – 11:55am Plenary Session

**Navigating Complexity in Community: Local Government Leadership is Key**

*Colleen Jones, Mayor, City of Trail*

*Karin Goodison, Medical Health Officer, Interior Health*

*Matt Parilla, General Manager, Teck Trail Operations*

The Trail Area Health & Environment Program (THEP) is a ground-breaking collaboration that has transformed a long-standing environmental and health challenge into a story of community resilience and pride. For over 125 years, Trail has lived with the legacy of

smelter emissions—yet through partnership, transparency, and shared purpose, the City of Trail, Teck, the Province of B.C., and local health authorities have worked together with community, to protect health, and strengthen trust.

This session explores how THEP turned a potentially stigmatizing issue into an enduring success story. Panelists will discuss how local government, industry, and health partners came together to reduce children's exposure to environmental contaminants and continue to do so today. Elected officials will gain insights into the trade-offs and opportunities of partnering with industry, the benefits of working across silos, and how to sustain collaborative initiatives through political transitions.

Participants will leave with practical lessons and tools for leading complex, multi-sector partnerships—showing how local governments can turn complex challenges into opportunities for leadership and community well-being.

11:55 – 12:00pm Sponsor Presentation

12:00 – 1:00pm Buffet lunch & Trade Show

1:00 – 1:45pm Concurrent Sessions

1. **Laying the Groundwork: Setting Up a Successful OCP for the Next Term** – *details to come*

2. **Lights, Camera, Action, in the Kootenay Boundary Region**

*Sarah Kapoor, Commissioner, Kootenay Film Commission*

As productions move quickly and rely on clear, consistent guidance, even small delays or unclear processes can mean missed opportunities for communities across the Kootenays.

With elections approaching, this is an ideal moment to learn how film inquiries, location requests, and permitting decisions actually flow through a community. We'll guide participants through a typical filmmaker's journey, highlight where confusion or bottlenecks often appear. We will demonstrate using Creative BC guidelines and real life examples on how films succeed or fail in communities.

1:45 – 1:50 pm Room Transition

1:50 – 1:55pm Sponsor presentation

1:55 – 2:55 pm Plenary Session – *to be announced*

2:55 – 3:15 pm Refreshment Break & Tradeshow

3:15 – 4:05 pm Plenary Session

**UBCM Governance Review**

*Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director*

Update and engagement on the UBCM governance review process, which responds to recent requests from the membership through resolutions and direct correspondence. The governance review focuses on representation of the range of UBCM members as reflected in the composition of the UBCM Executive board and the name of the organization.

4:05 – 4:10 pm Sponsor Presentation

4:10 – 5:20 pm Plenary Session

**Rural Retention & Attraction Workshop**

*Sarah-Patricia Breen, Regional Innovation Chair in Rural Economic Development, Selkirk College*

*Jen Comer, Regional Manager, Ministry of Jobs & Economic Growth*

Resident retention and attraction are important parts of community development.

However, too often

this important work is poorly understood, overlooked, or mishandled. This interactive, capacity building

workshop will build on the foundation laid by the Provincial Rural Resident Retention and Attraction

Guidebook, providing insights and ideas specifically for elected officials. Participants will build their

knowledge and explore how to apply the guidebook in their own communities – with an emphasis on

setting communities up for success through continuity of activities. The workshop will also identify

opportunities for regional collaboration.

5:00 – 7:00pm Shuttle Service – Memorial Centre/ official accommodation/ Colombo Lodge (banquet)

6:30 – 11:00pm AKBLG Banquet – Colombo Lodge, Trail, BC

Come hungry — and seriously, **pace yourself**.

Join your fellow AKBLG delegates for a Saturday night that delivers Trail at its most iconic self: bold flavours, deep roots, and hospitality that doesn't know the meaning of small portions, all at the historic Colombo Lodge, nestled in Trail's storied Gulch neighbourhood.

This is a Traditional Trail Italian Feast, served exactly the way generations here have done it. The evening opens with an aperitivo, welcoming conversation and setting the tone, followed by a classic antipasto. The primo course arrives hearty and unapologetic — lasagna and meatballs that mean business. The secondi follows with traditional chicken cutlets, while contorni bring a generous spread of vegetable dishes. Just when you think you're finished, Trail stays true to tradition: bread and salad are served at the end. Friendly local advice — this is a marathon, not a sprint.

*Vegetarian options and dietary restrictions can be accommodated.*

Throughout the evening, delegates are invited to enjoy a passeggiata — a relaxed Italian stroll — through the Lodge's charming outdoor garden piazza, explore the main staircase to discover the Lodge's artefacts and memorabilia, telling the stories of the families, builders, and traditions that shaped Trail.

We're honoured to welcome Carmen Davis, Sorelle (The Sisters of Columbo) Lodge member and local historian, who will share the remarkable story of Trail's Italian community — one of the largest per capita in Canada — and its lasting influence on the city, The Gulch, and the Colombo Lodge itself.

For those preferring a quieter pace, the Games Room will remain open all evening.

The Colombo Lodge is wheelchair and mobility friendly, with both lift and stair access.

**This is Trail.** Bring your appetite — and enjoy the night your way.

**Buona serata — see you there!**

6:30 – 7:00pm Cocktails

7:00 – 8:30pm Dinner

8:30 – 11:00pm Activity, entertainment and bar remains open / Shuttle Service – Colombo Lodge/Accommodation

**Sunday April 19, 2026**

7:30 – 8:30am Breakfast

8:30 – 9:30am Concurrent Sessions

**1. Beyond the Counter: Elevating Local Government through Extraordinary Customer Experiences**

Jeanne Kim, Indigenous Projects & Consulting

Every day, residents form opinions about local government through small moments, a helpful conversation, a timely response, or the way they feel welcomed at a community facility. These moments build trust, credibility, and connection, which are the true foundations of effective leadership.

In this engaging and practical session, consultant Jeanne Kim introduces the Achieving Extraordinary Customer Experiences (AECE) framework, designed to help councils and senior staff strengthen community trust by embedding exceptional service into their culture and strategy. Participants will explore how to move from listening to acting, turning resident feedback into visible “you said, we did” outcomes that demonstrate responsiveness and accountability.

Through interactive mini-surveys and reflective discussion, elected officials and participants will identify simple, high-impact actions they can take to elevate service consistency, empower staff, and reinforce the values that communities remember most. Grounded in local examples from the Kootenay and Boundary regions, this session will help leaders understand that strengthening customer service isn’t just good operations, but also good governance.

## **2. Truth, Reconciliation & Local Governments – details to come**

9:30am Sponsor presentation

9:35 – 11:15am Closing Plenary – *to be announced*

11:15 – 11:25am Refreshment Break

11:25 – 11:45am AKBLG Business meeting continued

11:45am Election Results

11:45am – 12:00pm Convention Closing – Kevin McIsaac, President AKBLG Closing Remarks



## The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

### Request for Decision

Report Date: February 17, 2026  
Meeting Date: February 24, 2026 (#04-26)  
From: Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer  
Subject: Salmo Parks Master Plan Survey

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#### 1. **OBJECTIVE**

For Council to approve the Salmo Parks Master Plan Survey.

#### 2. **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

As part of the public engagement portion of the Salmo Parks Master Plan, a survey has been created that reviews the current use of the Village parks while looking towards the future.

The survey is broken down in 8 pages. KP, Lion's, Springboard, 9<sup>th</sup> Street (West), & 9<sup>th</sup> Street (East) have been broken down separately as well as an "Events" page, a "Community Requests" page, and a "Comments" page. The Community Requests page breaks down the community's desire to increase park space & construct specific community improvements.

For KP Park & Lion's Park, there are questions stating the level of satisfaction for the specific features of each park as well as asking for any improvements to those features. Each page asks the community on whether there is an appetite for tax increases for any of the improvements that have been requested/specified.

There are questions in the survey that deal with questions that the Village has received from the community over the past year. There is a question if Council should revisit allowing food trucks in Village parks.

There is also discussion on the future of the concession building, if it should be constructed & how it should be managed, if constructed.

The Events page breaks down the desire for more events on Village property & where those potential events take place. This includes touching on the balancing community group fundraising & how to support community groups if private mobile food vendors are allowed on Village property.

There are a few items that Council can clarify. Some topics haven't been discussed in detail during the current CAO's tenure. Discussion on the possibility of a dog park or spray park & if they have been discussed to everyone's satisfaction.

This survey is meant to get the community's full opinion on the future of the parks space, including how it is used. Council is free to add or remove questions depending on the goals of the survey. This will hopefully provide the community perspective needed to create a successful Salmo Parks Master Plan.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the Salmo Parks Master Plan Survey as presented.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. That Council approve the Salmo Parks Master Plan Survey as amended.
2. That Council direct staff to bring back the Salmo Parks Master Plan survey based on the feedback received by Council.



## Salmo Park Master Plan Survey

The Village of Salmo is excited to create a Park Master Plan. This plan will act as a guide for the Village for all future park use, infrastructure planning & event scheduling. We want your feedback to help shape an important part of Salmo.

There are 8 pages within this survey:

1. KP Park
2. Lion's Park
3. Springboard Park
4. 9th Street Park (West)
5. 9th Street Park (East)
6. Event Questions
7. Community Requests
8. General Comments

### KP PARK

KP Park is viewed as the primary park within the Village of Salmo. It is host to the Village's Canada Day celebration, the weekly summer Farmer's Market, ball tournaments & many private events. It is also home to the Village's primary playground, music gazebo, a washroom building, batting cage, a dual ball diamond and covered gathering spaces.



1. How do you enjoy KP Park? (select all that apply)

- Use of the playground.
- Go the weekly farmer's market.
- Go to events.
- To participate or watch ball.
- Relaxation.
- Other (please specify)

2. How could the Village work to improve your KP Park experience?

- The Village host more events.
- New features.
- Increase maintenance.
- Renovation of current amenities.
- Other (please specify)

3. How would you rate your overall experience at KP Park?

4. How would you rate the playground?

5. What improvements would you like to see at the KP Park playground?

6. How would you rank the ball fields?

7. What improvements would you like to see at the ball fields?

8. How would you rank the washroom building?

9. What improvements would you like to see at the washroom building?

10. How would you rank the market space?

11. What improvements would you like to see at the market space?

12. If there was one new feature or renovation that you would be willing to see an increase in your property taxes, what would it be?

*Over the years, the Village has been attempting to replace the concession building as the condition has deteriorated beyond renovations. The building has served as the primary food source during Village events & is also used for storage by community groups. If constructed, the Village would like to increase the usage of the space. The storage area is used year-round but the kitchen is only used during the Salmo Days weekend/ Canada Day. The Village is considering the different options for the space & is gathering your feedback.*

13. Should the Village replace the concession building?

- Yes  
 No

14. If the Village were to rebuild the concession building, what would you include in the floorplan?

- A single commercial kitchen space  
 2 kitchen spaces to maximize fundraising potential  
 Meeting rooms available for booking  
 Atrium (community gathering space)  
 Sheltered dining area  
 Other (please specify)

15. The Village would not have the capacity to operate the concession building & would require community group(s) to operate the concession.

How should the Village award the concession operations to community groups?

- Annual rotation.  
 Multi-year contract.  
 Lottery for each event.  
 Other (please specify)

16. How much of an annual tax increase would be acceptable for the construction, operations, and maintenance for this improvement?

- \$5.00
- \$10.00
- \$20.00
- I would not agree to any tax increase.
- Other (please specify)



Salmo Park Master Plan Survey

Lion's Park

Lion's Park is home to the Village's curling rink, the outdoor skating rink, a batting cage, a ball diamond and playground. The space is used year-round but most of the Village's winter activities take place at Lion's Park. It is considered the 2nd most used park within the Village.



17. How do you use Lion's Park? (select all that apply)

- Curling rink
- Skating surface
- Ball fields
- Batting cage
- Playground
- Relaxation

18. How could the Village work to improve your Lion's Park experience?

- The Village host more events on site.
- New features.
- Increase maintenance.
- Renovation of current amenities.
- Other (please specify)

19. Would you like to see the Village host events at Lion's Park?

- Yes
- No
- If you answered yes, what kind of event would you like to see?

20. How would you rank the curling rink?

21. What improvements would you like to see to the curling rink?

22. How would you rate the skating rink?

23. What improvements would you like to see to the skating rink?

24. How would you rank the ball fields?

25. What improvements would you like to see to the ball fields?

26. How would you rank the playground at Lion's Park?

27. What improvements would you like to see at the Lion's Park playground?

28. How much of an annual tax increase would be acceptable for the construction, operations, and maintenance for this improvement?

- \$5.00
- \$10.00
- \$20.00
- I would not agree to any tax increase.
- Other (please specify)



## Salmo Park Master Plan Survey

### Springboard Park

Springboard Park is viewed as the most tranquil of Village parks. Although located just outside of Village limits, it is a municipally owned park. Its designation as an "old growth" forest area makes it an ideal park for walking and relaxation & is preserved as a very natural space.



29. What improvements would you like to see at Springboard Park?

30. How much of an annual tax increase would be acceptable for the construction, operations, and maintenance for this improvement?

- \$5.00
- \$10.00
- \$20.00
- I would not agree to any tax increase.
- Other (please specify)



Salmo Park Master Plan Survey

9th Street Park (West)

9th Street Park (West) is located on the west side of the Village and is enjoyed as a tranquil place to enjoy the sounds of Erie Creek.



31. What improvements would you like to see at the 9th Street Park?

32. How much of an annual tax increase would be acceptable for the construction, operations, and maintenance for this improvement?

- \$5.00
- \$10.00
- \$20.00
- I would not agree to any tax increase.
- Other (please specify)



## Salmo Park Master Plan Survey

### 9th Street Park (East)

9th Street Park (East) is currently a greenspace that the Village stores rock that is used for the Erie Creek dike repair. The Village is working through the dike work, which will eventually free up the space for future use.



33. Would you like to see the Village convert this space into an active park?

- Yes
- No

34. How much of an annual tax increase would be acceptable for the construction, operations, and maintenance for creation of this park?

- \$5.00
- \$10.00
- \$20.00
- I would not agree to any tax increase.



## Salmo Park Master Plan Survey

### Event Questions

The Village of Salmo takes great pride in hosting events, although its capacity as a small municipality is limited. Feedback that has been received over the years indicates a desire for the community to host additional events. The Village has been largely static in creating additional events & the layout of current parks makes hosting different events very complicated. Currently, the Canada Day event is the only blueprint to draw from. The Village is seeking feedback regarding the future of the events held within Village limits.

35. Should the Village make a greater effort to encourage more events to take place at Village parks?

- Yes  
 No

36. Should these events be hosted by the Village or should the Village be working with local community groups to host events?

- Village events  
 Community Group events

37. If the Village were to host another large event or if another community group wanted to host an event, what park should host the event?

- KP Park  
 Lion's Park

Other (please specify)

38. Salmo community groups host ball games during the early summer and in the fall. There have been requests to host large events on the ball field surfaces in between these times. The Village is concerned with hosting large events on the ball field surfaces due to the risk of field damage.

Should the Village:

- Designate a specific park to exclusively host events that require a large space?
- Designate the fields for ball use only?
- Share the space & work to minimize an damage caused by events?
- Renovate an area to create a space that can host events?
- Purchase land to create an event space?
- None of the above

Please provide your comments.

***The Village currently wrestles with balancing the requests of community group fundraising efforts, support for Salmo's downtown businesses & the desire for more choice of food during Canada Day/ Salmo Days. The Village does not allow private mobile food vendors to operate on Village property. Along with an annual business license, they are required to operate on commercially zoned property further than 50m of a restaurant that is serving something similar.***

39. Should the Village reconsider changing the bylaw to allow private mobile food vendors to operate on Village property?

- Yes
- No

40. If allowed, how should the Village charge for mobile food vendors at Village events?

- Annual business license.
- Creation of event license (would be cheaper than annual license).

Other (please specify)

41. Please rank how you think the Village should balance the question of food service at Canada Day, taking into consideration all stakeholders?

- Promote Canada Day as a fundraising event for community non-profits.
- Require a minimum level of food service from community groups, then supplement with private mobile food vendors.
- Have the Village create a separate community fundraising event (Celebrate Salmo).
- Canada Day include both the community groups & private mobile food vendors, capping the number of private mobile food vendors.
- Allow both with no limit, but donate portion of private vendor's license fees to community groups involved in event.

42. If the participation of private mobile food vendors on Canada Day decreases the level of fundraising for Village community groups, how should the Village react to this?

- Not allow private mobile food vendors at Canada Day.
- Use business license revenue from event as a donation to community groups.
- Work with community groups to create alternative fundraising opportunities.
- Do nothing.

Other (please specify)

43. Although the Village receives a federal grant for some of the Canada Day/ Salmo Day festivities, other Village hosted events do not have any grant funding available.

If the Village were to host another event, how much of an annual increase in taxes would you be willing to see?

- \$5.00
- \$10.00
- \$20.00
- I would not agree to an increase in taxes.



## Salmo Park Master Plan Survey

### Community Requests

*Some suggested improvements to Village parks are complicated to fund. Although the Village works diligently to apply for grants, there are many recreation & park improvements that cannot be grant-funded through official Village channels. They require collaborations with local volunteer community groups. In these cases, the local community groups are responsible for writing grant applications & obtaining grant funding with the Village providing letters of support. This collaboration can be complicated and time-consuming. The Village will be working with local groups to make obtaining letters of support as easy as possible & providing an easier process for determining the Village priorities*

44. Should the Village increase park space?

- Yes  
 No

45. If you answered "Yes" to Question #44, what should the Village do?

- Convert 9th Street Park (East) to a usable park.  
 Convert the land west of 9th Street Park (West) to a park (behind Sal Crest Hotel).

Other (please specify)

46. What would you suggest as a suggested improvement to the village park system?

- Better wayfinding signage.
- New concession building.
- Create a designated event space.
- Dog park.
- Spray park.
- More playground equipment (including more accessible equipment).
- Walking/ cycling paths.
- Ball field renovation.
- Other (please specify)

- None of the above

47. Where would you like to see your top suggested improvement?

- KP Park
- Lion's Park
- Springboard Park
- 9th Street Park (West)
- 9th Street Park (East)

48. How much of an annual tax increase would be acceptable for the construction, operations, and maintenance for this improvement?

- \$5.00
- \$10.00
- \$20.00
- I would not agree to any tax increase.
- Other (please specify)



Salmo Park Master Plan Survey

**General Comments**

49. Please provide any additional comments.



## The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

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### CAO Report

Report Date: February 19, 2026  
Meeting Date: February 24, 2026 (#04-26)  
From: Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer  
Subject: CAO Report – Village of Salmo Event Food Survey

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#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Village of Salmo conducted a six-question Food Event Survey in June 2025, receiving 146 responses. Most respondents were Salmo residents, with others from the wider region, local businesses, community groups, and general event attendees. Survey results show strong community desire for improved food services: over 67% rated current options as Average or Fair, and about 85% want more food vendors. Respondents prioritized menu variety, price, wait times, and fundraising opportunities when choosing where to buy food. Feedback also highlighted missing survey options (such as “Poor”), requests for longer concession hours, and insufficient food during the ball tournament.

Many respondents want increased menu variety (70%), including vegetarian and vegan options (about 10%). While there is significant support for allowing additional private mobile food vendors, many residents also want to maintain strong involvement from local community groups and businesses, suggesting both could coexist with a diversified menu. With the concession building likely unusable in 2026, the Village must rethink how food service is delivered. Options include supporting community groups to expand their offerings or allowing private vendors with a focus on diverse menus. A Council-approved working group will help determine the appropriate approach for future events.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council accepts the CAO report for information.



## The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

### CAO Report

Report Date: February 4, 2026  
Meeting Date: February 24, 2026 (#04-26)  
From: Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer  
Subject: CAO Report - Fire Truck Purchase Update

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#### **BACKGROUND:**

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, the RDCK reached out to the Village, notifying that they will be unable to meet the timelines necessary to complete an application for the spring intake for the MFA loan.

These are the projected RDCK timelines that were provided:

- March 19<sup>th</sup> Open Board Meeting – Bylaw gets 3 readings
- March 24<sup>th</sup> Bylaw goes to the Local Government Inspector for approval
- May 12<sup>th</sup> RDCK receives Local Government Inspector Approval
- May 21<sup>st</sup> Open Board Meeting – Bylaw is approved
- May 26<sup>th</sup> SI Certificate and Bylaw Submitted to MFA for fall borrowing deadline.

As discussed at the February 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting, the Village will not proceed with the purchase until the loan has been approved. Unfortunately, the Village is not in a financial position to take on a potential risk of this size. HUB has been notified & they have confirmed that the price will change.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council accepts the CAO report for information.

Project	Start Date	End Date (Projected)	Progress	Notes
OC Planning Grant	20-03-2025		90%	90% will be completed after adoption
Loss Control Prevention Report Recommendations	26-04-2022	June 1, 2026	90%	Repair costs up to \$12,000 covered by grant
GIS Mapping of Water Distribution System	01-01-2025	October 1, 2026	90%	Will be completed & presented as part of the Asset Management Plan
IT Service and Infrastructure Audit	01-03-2025	April 1, 2026	90%	Will be completed & presented as part of the Asset Management Plan
Procedure Bylaw	01-01-2017	March 24, 2026	90%	1st Reading complete, 2nd & 3rd Reading on Feb. 24
Glendale Bridge Guardrails	27-07-2022	November 1, 2026	85%	WSA Engineering will be completing contract offer.
Machinery and Equipment Audit	01-03-2025	July 1, 2026	85%	Will be completed & presented as part of the Asset Management Plan
Fire Truck Purchase	27-06-2023		85%	MFA Summer Intake, RDCK required to pass Consent Bylaw
Heritage Mine Grant			75%	Final stage of lighting & signage, COC obtaining quotes
Facility and Major Infrastructure Audit	01-03-2025	July 1, 2026	65%	RFP issued for buildings, water line assessment complete.
Complete Communities Regional Project (Grants)	08-08-2023	September 1, 2026	75%	Data analysis, data weighting discussions w/ consultant, RDCK re-working project plan
Create Employee Code of Conduct	22-04-2025		50%	Recommended from financial auditors. Reviewing from other municipalities
DRIF Floodplain Review	27-08-2024	November 1, 2026	50%	Working through NFSEA terminology
NS911 GIS Project	23-07-2020	(August 2027)	35%	Some data updates sent to RDCK
Indigenous Engagement- Emergency Management	04-12-2023	November 1, 2026	30%	Project Expectation Meeting Held January 21, building project framework
Website Changes	20-03-2025	June 1, 2026	25%	Working w/ RDCK GIS department on next steps
Official Community Plan	19-03-2025	June 1, 2026	40%	Council has reviewed & 1st draft is prepared
Dike Project Management	16-06-2021	Ongoing	30%	Staff inspected dike, verifying information from 2024 report, drafting workplan for grant application, meeting w/ engineers to develop BCid
Salmo Parks Master Plan	20-03-2025	July 1, 2026	20%	Creating survey
GIS Strategic Plan	01/20/2025	November 1, 2026	15%	working through data weighting, project priorities
Accessibility Plan	13-09-2024	December 31, 2026	10%	Applied for SPARC- BC grant, survey created
Bylaw & Policy Review	09-09-2024	Ongoing	10%	Fire department bylaws review complete & changes adopted.
Create Job Descriptions	22-04-2025		10%	Reviewing from other municipalities
Create Wage Scales	22-04-2025		10%	Reviewing from other municipalities
Zoning Bylaw Review	01-05-2020	July 1, 2026	10%	Council tabled discussion until September 9th Meeting Process stopped after 2023 public hearing & feedback. Council postponed discussion until new year.
Business Case for Permanent Fire Chief Position	08-11-2024		10%	building potential duty list to determine costing measures
Water Reservoir Replacement Study	25-11-2024	March 1, 2026	10%	Village must create a Water Plan before proceeding with Reservoir Replacement Study
MIABC Best Practices Recommendations	16-10-2024	December 31, 2026	5%	Inspection & Maintenance policy for water & sewer systems, roads, outdoor spaces, contracts, records management
Human Resources Policy Creation	17-11-2025	November 1, 2026	5%	reaching out to benefits contractor for assistance
Development Harmonization Project	15-02-2026	February 15, 2027	5%	Council approved application for LGDAP funds

# APPENDIX B



## THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALMO REPORT FROM MAYOR/DIRECTOR

### MAYOR LOCKWOOD

Mayor Report for Council Meeting held on February 24, 2026.

**Salmo & Area G Emergency Preparedness Committee:** Next meeting TBA

**Citizen Engagement:** Questions around taxation is always a hot topic and there have been questions around the Regional District increases. There is a public budget meeting on **February 26, 2026**, at the village office for **Salmo and Area G residents at 6:00 pm**.

#### RDCK:

**Board:** February 19, 2026, meeting – We heard from Samson Organization Assessment (Phase 1) about deficiencies and how we as an organization could improve. Throughout some of the items what we have improved in the last decade has been a good start and now to continue. One thing that was brought up was how we as Directors silo ourselves when it is our area we are talking about and not looking at the whole organization and what is best for the greater good. We will hear from staff in March and then the directors will decide if we are going forward with Phase 2 at \$100,000.

As you will see under my Central part of this report the board changed direction at the last minute so there will not be the savings in Central as expected due to not closing the Ymir transfer/recycling depot. The extension to close it has been extended to the end of the year.

We will be doing a Service Feasibility Study involving all three subregions Refuse Disposal on the legislative and financial implications of the amalgamation and address inefficiencies and inequities in the sub-regional administration of the RDCK resource recovery system. Using money from the Feasibility Study Reserve Fund Service up to \$50,000.

The Recreation Program Amendment Bylaw No. 3068, 2025 was adopted. We now will work under one service for recreation in Salmo and it should cut down on work for budgets.

Applying to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' (UBCM) Local Government Development Approvals Program (LGDAP) for funding for a regional project focused on reviewing development approval processes and developing baseline, template-based guidance, tools, and capacity-building resources and if successful will come back to the board with a clear project that fits the budget that will be created from the funding.

Applying for the 2026 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) – Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Equipment and Training grant from Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) in the amount of \$30,000 to support and improve EOC service delivery across the regional district **First Project:** Updated EOC Office Ergonomic equipment. **Second Project:** Very High Frequency (VHF) radio communication system. **Third Project:** Updated Incident Command System (ICS) Training and Support. Salmo may be able to have a seat in the third project to keep out fire department understanding the degrees and be able to help in the region if necessary.

The HomeSave Program (formerly known as Regional Energy Efficiency Program (REEP)) is a long-standing regionally focused residential energy efficiency initiative in the Central Kootenay that supports homeowners across the region in reducing energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, and household energy costs through retrofits, incentives, and technical guidance.

The City of Nelson has applied for external funding through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities as the lead applicant, with the intent of enhancing and scaling up HomeSave Program over a multi-year term and across region, subject to funding approval. The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is identified as a regional supporting partner in the funding application, with a defined role in providing strategic advisory support, regional coordination, and integration with RDCK climate and energy initiatives.

To support a coordinated regional approach and to ensure clarity regarding governance, responsibilities, and expectations, staff from the City of Nelson and RDCK have collaboratively developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU sets out the respective roles of each party, confirms that RDCK's contribution is provided on an in-kind basis only, and establishes a clear framework for regional collaboration over the term of the agreement.

This program will be for everyone in the RDCK. When you inquire about the program someone will walk you through what it is that you can attend and how to do it. With hope this program will run better than the REEP program as the access to that program was difficult.

**All Recreation:** Next meeting TBD

**Salmo & Area G Recreation Commission:** The commission has partnered with the Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre, and they will deliver the summer camps and Pro D days. There will be 6 Pro D Day's for ages 8-14 running school hours and summer camp 6 weeks / 4 days week for ages 8-12 and 12-18. We will try this for this year and reevaluate next year. RDCK had difficulty hiring enough staff to run the programs.

2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2028 Budget	2029 Budget	2030 Budget
212,307	259,532	284,372	292,534	300,682	302,005

As you can see in the budget numbers above, we will see a significant increase in order to continue with the fitness center, pool, tennis and pickleball courts.

**Economic Trust of the Southern Interior – BC (ETSI-BC):** Next meeting March 13, 2026

**Central/Joint Resource Recovery:** Closure of the Ymir transfer station and satellite recycling depot has been discussed several times in the past. Decisions around this were most recently put on hold while the Central landfill closure and location of the transfer station for this area were being planned in 2014. The Ymir facility provides limited waste disposal and diversion opportunities; to divert materials such as scrap metal, clean wood, organics, foam and flexible plastics, electronics, batteries, etc. from the waste stream, residents must bring these materials to nearby facilities in Nelson or Salmo. While the closure of the Ymir facility would require changes to waste management routines for residents in this area, residents would still have a similar level of access to waste management facilities as those located in other rural areas throughout the RDCK, and the next closest facilities are located in communities that residents would already need to access for gas, groceries, and waste management not available at the Ymir facility, as described above. In addition to geographic accessibility, Staff were able to evaluate site usage based on the manual tickets from 2025 transactions between January and October. This data indicated that site usage is generally below the minimum threshold for this type of facility (volume site located less than half an hour drive to another transfer station and core recycling depot). It should also

be noted that the annual costs of operating this site do not include considerations for future site upgrades if this site were to stay open, as the existing bin wall would likely need replacement in coming years.

At the meeting the directors decided that the greater good was to close this site soon as we have done with other sites in the regional which would have helped with taxation. A different motion was made at the board meeting and passed to keep it open. So, there will not be a cost reduction but an added taxation going forward.

**West Kootenay Hospital Board:** Alternate Director McKellar attended Next meeting January 28, 2026

**Nelson, Salmo, E, F, & G Regional Parks:** Taghum Beach Regional Park Improvement Plan has been presented although I feel that the directors were looking at how to improve the parking only at this time.

Our budget is a heavy one and today at board another \$20,000 got added to the requisition for the Nelson Cycling club.

The requisition for this service was \$1,186,962 and now is \$1,193,962. Last year it was \$1,158,012.

**West Transit:** Still working on getting some kind of service to Trail Regional Hospital.

**Other meetings of note:**

**Mayor's and chair Highway 3 Coalition:** Next meeting TBA

**Community Collaboration Meeting:** Next meeting TBA

**MLA Anderson:** I spoke with MLA Anderson the benefits of the provincial government to have a level 3 wastewater operator in the province. Getting more exam times available to help people get into this field and work their way up quicker. Again, talked about removing referendums for new fire trucks which does not cost the province. We spoke about vehicles that are left for long periods of time on the side of the road, sometimes abandoned, making the owner responsible in removing that vehicle in a timely fashion.

**Salmo Wellness:** Salmo and Area will see a new doctor in the very near future. We look forward to welcoming him and his family to Salmo and the Area.

**RDCK Workshop First Nations Co-management:** Feb 17 we are learning how co-management can work recognizing that there are many questions from everyone going forward.

