The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Village of Salmo held in Council Chambers at 423 Davies Avenue in Salmo, B.C. on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

In Person:
Mayor Diana Lockwood
Councillor Jonathon Heatlie
Councillor Jennifer Lins
Councillor Payton McKellar
Councillor Kenzie Neil

CAO Derek Kwiatkowski
Members of Public - 0

Electronically
Members of Public - 1

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

TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT:

We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

AGENDA:

R1-0714-26 Moved and seconded, that the agenda of Special Meeting of Tuesday, July 14, 2026 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

R2-0714-26
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2026

Moved and seconded, that the minutes of Regular Council meeting #08-26 of Tuesday, June 9, 2026 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

R3-0714-26
Special Meeting
June 16, 2026

Moved and seconded, that the minutes of Special Council meeting of Tuesday, June 16, 2026 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

R4-0714-26
COTW
June 23, 2026

Moved and seconded, that the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting of Tuesday, June 23, 2026 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

BYLAWS AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW:

R5-0714-26
Sustainable Salmo OCP Bylaw #769, 2026 – Adoption

Moved and seconded, that "*Sustainable Salmo Official Community Plan Bylaw #769, 2026*", having had three readings, be reconsidered and adopted.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (See *Appendix A*)

R6-0714-26
CAO Report – General Updates

Moved and seconded, that Council accept the CAO report for information.

Carried.

R7-0714-26 REACH Grant Update	Moved and seconded, that Council accept the CAO report for information. Carried.
R8-0714-26 Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce	Moved and seconded, that staff be directed to work with the Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce on their financial statements. Carried.
R9-0714-26 Salmo & Area Museum	Moved and seconded, that staff be directed to work the Salmo & Area Museum on their financial statements. Carried.
R10-0714-26 Proposed Letter of Support - Lhasa Developments	Moved and seconded, that Council approve the letter of support to Lhasa Developments to begin preliminary discussions for the Built for the Future Project as presented. Carried.
R11-0714-26 Water and Sewer Connection Request	Moved and seconded, that Council direct staff to proceed with the service connection request for #5 Second Street, Salmo, BC, V0G 1Z0 PID 028-060-636. Carried.
R12-0714-26 Public Works Department	Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report as presented by Public Works Foreman for the period of June 5, 2026 to July 8, 2026. Carried.
R13-0714-26 Fire Department	Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report dated July 1, 2026 provided by Fire Chief David Hearn for the period of June 2026. Carried.
R14-0714-26 Bylaw Enforcement	Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report on bylaw enforcement for the period of June 2026. Carried.
R15-0714-26 Strategic Plan	Moved and seconded, that Council accept the strategic plan for information. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

R16-0714-26	Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the Treasurer's Report for June 2026. Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

R17-0714-26 Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from June 5, 2026 to July 9, 2026 totaling $436,342.49.

Carried.

RECESS:

R18-0714-26 Moved and seconded, that the meeting be recessed for 5 minutes.

Carried @ 8:35 p.m.

RECONVENE: Council reconvened the meeting at 8:40 pm

COMMUNICATION:

R19-0714-26 Shambhala Re: Emergency Water for 2026 Festival - #27

Moved and seconded, that Council direct staff to send a letter to Shambhala to allow access to potable water for drinking only in an emergency event during July 24-27, 2026 and that Shambhala be responsible to transport the water.

Carried.

R20-0714-26 Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the following correspondence from:

(1) KBRH Health Foundation Re: Thank You for CBT ReDi Grant Funding - #28
(2) Salmo RCMP Detachment Re: Quarterly Crime Statistics 2025/2026 Q4 - #29
(3) Invasive Species Council of BC Re: 2026 Dutch Elm Disease Survey - #30

Carried.

COUNCILS' REPORTS:

Councillor Heatlie NIL

Councillor Lins Councillor Lins thanked staff for the efforts on Canada Day. Councillor Lins also requested that staff remedy the rough alley near the Senior's Villa.

Councillor McKellar Councillor McKellar reported that the working group for Salmo's 80th Birthday celebration met to discuss programming options.

Councillor Neil NIL

Mayor Lockwood See *Appendix B*.

R21-0714-26 Moved and seconded, that the verbal and written reports of Mayor and Council be received for information.

Carried.

PUBLIC TIME: NIL

CLOSED MEETING:

R22-0714-26 Moved and seconded, that the meeting be closed to the public under *Community Charter* Section 90(1)(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under Section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act*.

Carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING: NIL

ADJOURNMENT: Moved and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.

R23-0714-26 Carried at 9:53 p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

Originally Signed By:

Diana Lockwood
Mayor

Derek Kwiatkowski
Chief Administrative Officer/CO

APPENDIX A

The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

CAO Report

Report Date:	July 10, 2026
Meeting Date:	July 14, 2026
From:	Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject:	CAO Report - General Updates

- The Village received many compliments for the Canada Day celebration.

- LGCAP meetings were held to discuss future of the program and potential shifting priorities of the program.

- UBCM met with administration to discuss how UBCM can represent the Village's needs from an operational perspective. Major topics of discussion were housing support, the upcoming election, and upcoming changes to legislation.

- The Glendale Bridge guardrail construction is complete & was completed under budget. The Village is awaiting on final reports from the contractor.

- Community Futures and Kootenay Film Commission met with the Village to scout potential locations suitable for use in future productions. This may lead to future inspections as they are working through this project.

- An RFP is being created for a video production that highlights Salmo.

- The Village will be installing new computers at the Village Office & Shop nest week as part of the normal asset replacement schedule.

- The EV chargers on the side of the Village Office have been removed.

- Staff are meeting with multiple property developers who are looking to subdivide or develop properties to increase the housing inventory within Village limits.

- Staff have met to review the Draft Compensation Policy. This will be brought forward to Council in the coming meetings for review and approval once the document has been reviewed by the consultant & a legal review.

- NG911 meetings have restarted & the project will be progressing through the summer and fall months.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the CAO report for information.

The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

CAO Report

Report Date: July 10, 2026

Meeting Date: July 14, 2026

From: Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: REACH Grant Update

BACKGROUND

In 2025, the Village was successful in the REACH grant application for improvements to 2 Village playgrounds, KP Park & Lion's Park. The Village has completed the playground equipment installation & the next step is the sidewalk installation. The Village put out a tender for the sidewalk portion of the project & received 4 submissions, 3 of which were valid. Any selection will put the Village over budget by approximately $15,000 for the sidewalks alone. The earthworks for removing the drop at Lion's is not included in this cost. CBT has noted that other recipients of the REACH grant are in a similar situation.

Staff is working with CBT to determine if the Village may receive more funding under the REACH Grant. If this is not possible, the Village would have to look at applying for additional grant funding or take funds out of the reserves.

There are a couple of grants that may be available, however, a review of these is still underway.

The 2 park reserve balances are approximately $16,000(Salmo Parks) & $19,000(Lion's). The current overage would deplete at least half of the 2 park reserves. Staff does not recommend that the Village proceed with funding out of reserves as there is further work being considered at the parks that may require some funding.

Conversations with CBT will continue and this will be brought forward to Council as soon as a path forward is determined.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the CAO Report for information.

The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Request for Decision

Report Date:	July 10, 2026
Meeting Date:	July 14, 2026
From:	Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject:	Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce 2026 Funding Release

1. **OBJECTIVE**

   For Council to accept the 2026 financial submission from the Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce.

2. **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

   The Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce is one of the community groups that is required to submit documentation to annual receive financial grant-in-aid funding. They have provided a budget, capital plan, financial statements & strategic plan. The documentation lays out a clear plan for 2026.

   This satisfies the submission requirements & therefore, it is recommended that Council authorize the Director the release the funding.

   STAFF RECOMMENDATION

   That Council accept the reports provided by the Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce and authorize the Director to approve releasing the funds.

   ALTERNATIVES

   1. That Council decline the authorization for the Salmo Director to release the funding for the Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce for 2026.

Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce
100 4th St.
Salmo, BC
V0G 1Z0

June 28, 2026

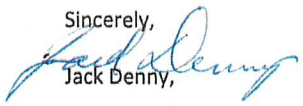
Village of Salmo
P.O. Box 1000
Salmo, BC

Attention: Mayor and Council

Please find attached the documentation requested by the Village Council, as outlined in the notification received on June 15, 2026, regarding the release of the Chamber's 2026 funding.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the Village for its contribution of $3,187.00, and to the RDCK for their contribution of $8,813.00. This support is essential to the continued operation of the Chamber, and we are grateful for your ongoing partnership.

Sincerely,



Jack Denny,

President, Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce

Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce

Strategic Plan 2026

Introduction

The Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce is a volunteer-led organization dedicated to supporting economic vitality, fostering business success, and strengthening the overall well-being of the community. Representing local businesses, organizations, and community members, the Chamber serves as a connector, advocate, and promoter of opportunities that contribute to a resilient and prosperous local economy.

Purpose

This Strategic Plan outlines the priorities and initiatives of the Chamber and serves as a framework for decision-making, partnerships, funding applications, and community engagement.

Vision To foster a thriving, connected, and resilient business community that contributes to the economic and social vitality of Salmo and the surrounding area.

Mission To support local businesses through promotion, advocacy, networking, education, and community partnerships while encouraging sustainable economic growth.

Core Values

Collaboration

Working together with businesses, organizations, local government, and residents to achieve common goals.

Leadership

Providing a positive and proactive voice on issues affecting economic development and community prosperity.

Sustainability

Supporting long-term economic, social, and environmental well-being.
Creating opportunities for businesses and individuals of all sizes, sectors, and backgrounds.

Community Pride

Promoting the unique character, strengths, and opportunities that make Salmo an exceptional place to live and work.

Economic Development and Business Success

Goal
Support a healthy and sustainable business environment that encourages growth, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

Objectives

- Advocate for policies and initiatives that strengthen the local economy.
- Foster relationships between businesses, local government, and community organizations.
- Support entrepreneurship and small business development.
- Identify opportunities to attract investment and new economic activity.
- Encourage local purchasing and support for community businesses.
- Provide opportunities for networking, collaboration, and knowledge sharing.

Desired Outcomes

- Increased business confidence and engagement.
- Improved communication between businesses and community stakeholders.
- Greater awareness of local economic opportunities.

Marketing & Community Promotion Committee

Goal
Increase awareness of Salmo businesses, community initiatives, and Chamber activities through consistent marketing and communications.

Objectives & Actions
Chamber Website
Actions:
Committee members to share social media responsibilities.
Conduct regular website updates and maintenance.
Create dedicated pages for Chamber projects and initiatives.
Timeline: Ongoing

Promote Community Events
Actions:
Regularly share local events through the website, and social media.
Partner with local organizations promote events.
Timeline: Ongoing

Community Promotion and Destination Development

Goal

Enhance awareness of Salmo as a vibrant place to live, work, visit, and invest.

Objectives

Promote Salmo's businesses, services, events, and attractions.
Support initiatives that strengthen community identity and pride.
Encourage community participation in local events and initiatives.

Desired Outcomes

- Increased community visibility and recognition.
- Greater support for local businesses and events.
- Enhanced visitor experiences.

Governance & Bylaw Modernization

Goal

Ensure the Chamber operates under current legislation and best governance practices.

Objectives & Actions

Review and Update Chamber Bylaws

Actions:

Conduct a comprehensive review of existing bylaws.
Update bylaws to align with the Board of Trade Act and current governance standards.

Financial Sustainability

Goal
Maintain a financially stable organization capable of serving its members and community.

Objectives

- Diversify revenue sources.
- Pursue grants and project funding opportunities.
- Develop sponsorship and partnership opportunities.
- Maintain responsible financial management practices.
- Build reserves to support future initiatives and organizational stability.

Desired Outcomes

- Stable and diversified revenue streams.
- Increased organizational resilience.
- Greater capacity to undertake strategic initiatives.
- Long-term financial sustainability.

Measuring Success

The Chamber will evaluate progress annually using the following indicators:

Membership

- Membership retention and growth.
- Member participation in events and activities.
- Member satisfaction and engagement.

Economic Development

- Business participation in Chamber initiatives.
- Partnerships established or strengthened.
- Economic development opportunities identified or supported.

Community Impact

- Community engagement in Chamber-supported activities.
- Increased visibility of local businesses and organizations.
- Positive feedback from community stakeholders.

Conclusion

The Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce plays an important role in supporting local businesses, fostering economic growth, and strengthening community connections. Through collaboration, leadership, and strategic action, the Chamber will continue to advocate for a prosperous future while enhancing the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

This Strategic Plan provides a roadmap for achieving these goals and ensuring that the Chamber remains a valuable and sustainable community partner for years to come.

Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce
Grant Proposal for Taxation-Supported Funding Release

Applicant.

- Organization: Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce
- Registered: 1937
- Governance: 18 Directors; independent, non-political; affiliated with BC Chamber

Funding Request.

- Program: Village of Salmo Non-Profit Organization Taxation Support & Funding Release
- Amount: $12,240 (annual economic development grant; historically $12,000, adjusted to $12,240 in 2019)

Organizational Overview.
The Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce advances the social and economic well-being of residents and businesses in Salmo and Area G.

- We provide visitor services, business support, and community event coordination.
- The Chamber office operates 12 hours/week off-season and expands to approximately 40 hours/week for 8–12 weeks in summer through a student employment grant.
- Responding to roughly 500 public inquiries annually.
- Membership is open to businesses, individuals, and societies; support is provided to all local businesses regardless of membership.

Demonstration of Financial Need and Fiscal Responsibility.

Need: Taxation-supported funds form a core, stable base enabling year-round operations (visitor service hours, community coordination, and reporting). Without this base, services would be reduced, compromising community, tourism, and economic outcomes.
Management Practices:
Balanced budgeting with diversified revenues: RDCK/Village grant ($12,240), membership dues, event revenues, and seasonal student employment grants.
Annual financial statements and compiled reports submitted to RDCK; moving forward, reports will be cc'd to the Village CAO for added transparency.
Compliance with reporting/accountability requirements; no financial or operational defaults.

Attachments
Strategic Plan/Workplan: goals and objectives.
Financial statements.

Economic Development.

The Chamber actively promotes business retention, expansion, and attraction by:

- Supporting existing businesses through networking, education, and advocacy.
- Marketing Salmo as a destination for tourism and investment.
- Organizing community events that increase visitor spending and local commerce.
- Encouraging entrepreneurship and small business development.
- Providing business resources and referrals. Membership in BC Chamber unlocks benefits (group insurance, fuel, travel, credit card, hotel discounts) that strengthen local business resilience.
- Operate visitor/Business Information services; ~500 inquiries served last year.
- Market and promote local commerce via coordinated community events (Community Garage Sale distributing 100+ maps,. Christmas markets).
- Policy advocacy benefiting all businesses.
- Lobby border crossing hours. (to attract greater tourism travel)

Expected Outcomes:

- Increased local business activity.
- Higher visitor traffic.
- Improved economic resilience.
- Stronger partnerships between businesses and local government.

Social and Community Well-Being.

The Chamber contributes to community vitality by organizing and supporting events that bring residents together and strengthen community pride.

Examples include:

- Community celebrations.
- Seasonal events.
- Volunteer engagement.
- Business appreciation initiatives.
- Community beautification partnerships.
- Partner with Salmo Fire Department for safe, family Halloween hub with hot chocolate and hot dogs.
- Coordinate Santa event with hot chocolate and gift bags for 25+ years.
- Annual bursary for Salmo Secondary School graduate.

- Host all-candidates forums in Salmo and Ymir, and community information meetings (e.g., Wild Safe BC, conservation officer session with 65 attendees)
- Support physician retention and ambulance service advocacy.

Expected Outcomes:

- Greater community participation.
- Increased volunteerism.
- Stronger social connections.
- Enhanced quality of life.

Recreation and Cultural Enhancement.

- Promotion of arts, culture, and local artisans.
- Collaborate on Market Fest timing to complement regional events; 2026 Market Fest scheduled for Dec 18.
- Purchase and coordinate installation/removal of Christmas light decorations, enhancing winter placemaking.
- Longstanding volunteer support for park amenities and sports fields (gazebo construction, Bingo Building roof, playground installation by 36 volunteers, campsite waterlines, dugout repairs coordination, field maintenance).

Environmental Stewardship.

Where practical, the Chamber incorporates environmentally responsible practices by:

- Promoting local purchasing.
- Supporting sustainable tourism.
- Encouraging digital communication to reduce paper use.
- Partnering in community beautification and environmental initiatives.
- Support and platform for Wild Safe BC programming and public education.
- Support Beetle Bug Program, with Hall Siding and Atco Wood Products.

Expected Outcomes:

- Increased awareness of sustainable practices.
- Stronger partnerships supporting environmental initiatives.

Emergency Preparedness and Resilience

The Chamber supports business continuity by:

- Sharing emergency information with businesses.
- Collaborating with local government during emergencies.
- Encouraging preparedness among local businesses.
- Event coordination and partnerships with first responders (e.g., Fire Department) strengthen information channels and community mobilization capacity.
- Support and partnered with Salmo Emergency Support Services.

Expected Outcomes:

- Improved business resilience.
- Better communication during emergencies.
- Faster community recovery.

Measurable Demonstrated Community Benefits and Outcomes

The Chamber serves the broader community by providing benefits that extend beyond its membership.

Community impacts include:

- Supporting local employment.
- Encouraging residents to shop locally.
- Increasing tourism spending.
- Enhancing community events.
- Promoting Salmo throughout the region.
- Building partnerships among businesses, government, and community organizations.
- Strengthening local economic sustainability.

The Chamber's work benefits residents, visitors, local organizations, and businesses alike, providing measurable value to the entire Village.

- **Visitor Services and Tourism**
  500+ annual inquiries addressed; target 20% increase during summer staffing period.
- Office open 12 hours/week off-season; 40 hours/week for 8–12 weeks in summer via student employment grant.
- Promote Salmo as a tourism destination.
- Enhance destination marketing.
- Increase visitor information.
- Support local tourism initiatives.

Events and Participation

- Community Garage Sale: 100+ maps distributed; target 120+ maps in 2026 with online map option.
- Halloween and Santa events: maintain or grow family participation; collect simple headcounts.
- Market Fest 2026 : vendor satisfaction surveys; target 90% positive feedback.

Business Support and Advocacy

- Quarterly business outreach touchpoints; track member and non-member engagements.
- BC Chamber availability for all business and organizational groups.

Place-Based Improvements

- Maintain holiday lighting program; volunteer hours logged and cost-sharing recorded.
- Mining Exhibit finalization: complete signage, with descriptions and photos. Grand opening with appreciation of volunteers.
- Ongoing building of the Mining Equipment Display by chamber volunteers, attracting tourists driving through town (and getting them to stop).

Equity and Inclusion

- Open access to services regardless of membership; free community events; bursary program.
- Track participation across age groups/families; adjust programming to reduce barriers.

Track Record and Past Achievements

- Over $47,000 invested since 1998 in Salmo signage (entrances, mural sign, the penny) to attract visitors.
- Supported Estates building realization, contributing to housing sales, new residents, and school enrollment.
- Mobilized volunteers for park and recreation assets; coordinated with Parks Working Group and contractors.
- Hosted MS Bike Tour West Kootenay Challenge activities; hosted Great Northern Rail Society Convention visitors.
- Protected historic telephone booth for future restoration.
- Regular public forums and election debates; partnerships with Community Futures (Nelson) for business support space.
- Ongoing collaboration with Village on communications and co-funded Go & Do advertising twice annually.

Governance, Accountability, and Reporting

- Governance: 18-member Board; committees formed to expand capacity and oversight.
- Reporting: Annual submission to RDCK; beginning this cycle, the Village CAO will be cc'd on all reports.

- Documentation: Budget, Strategic Plan and Annual Report provided annually; compliance affirmed.

Funding Use and Allocation

- Taxation-supported funds ($12,240) will be allocated to:
- Core operations enabling visitor services and community coordination (staffing for 12 hours/week off-season; office overhead).
- Program delivery for community events and business support activities.
- Matching/leveraging seasonal student employment grant to extend summer hours (40 hours/week for 8–12 weeks).
- Reporting and evaluation (data collection, annual reporting to RDCK and Village).

Sustainability and Diversified Funding

- Revenue Mix: RDCK/Village grant, membership dues, sponsorships, event vendor fees, BC Chamber member benefits programs, and summer student employment grants.
- Cost Controls: Volunteer mobilization for installations and events; shared advertising costs with the Village; in-kind partnerships.
- Risk Management: Staggered event scheduling to avoid conflicts.

Compliance Statement
The Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce affirms:

- Submission of all required documentation (strategic plan, detailed budget, annual report).
- Compliance with Village of Salmo funding agreements and reporting requirements.
- No financial or operational defaults.
- Ongoing alignment with community priorities.

Requested Action
We respectfully request authorization for the RDCK Director to release the annual taxation-based funding of $12,240 to the Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce for 2026 consistent with the Village of Salmo Non-Profit Organization Taxation Support & Funding Release Policy.

- **Attachments**
- Strategic Plan and expected outcomes
- Detailed Budget (revenues, expenditures, taxation allocation)
- Annual Report (financial statement)

Jack Denny, President

Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce

Salmo and District Chamber of Commerce
5 year plan - 2026 - 2030

Income	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Advertising Billboard Income	$600.00	$600.00	$600.00	$600.00	$600.00
Economic Dev Grant	$12,484.00	$12,484.00	$12,484.00	$12,484.00	$12,484.00
Fundraising Income	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	$3,000.00
Grant Income	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	$5,000.00
Group Insurance	$800.00	$800.00	$800.00	$800.00	$800.00
Memberships	$1,100.00	$1,200.00	$1,200.00	$1,300.00	$1,300.00
Mining Exhibit	$1,000.00	$1,100.00	$1,100.00	$1,100.00	$1,100.00
Total Income	$23,984.00	$24,184.00	$24,184.00	$24,284.00	$24,284.00
Expenses					
Advertising	$675.00	$700.00	$725.00	$750.00	$750.00
BC Chamber	$300.00	$313.00	$313.00	$313.00	$313.00
Bank Service Charges	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00
Christmas Decorations	$160.00	$160.00	$160.00	$160.00	$160.00
Float Expenses	$150.00	$150.00	$150.00	$150.00	$150.00
Fundraising	$1,400.00	$1,400.00	$1,400.00	$1,400.00	$1,400.00
Insurance	$60.00	$60.00	$60.00	$60.00	$60.00
Mining Exhibit	$1,200.00	$1,200.00	$1,200.00	$1,200.00	$1,200.00
Office	$190.00	$190.00	$190.00	$190.00	$190.00
Payroll	$16,250.00	$16,500.00	$16,500.00	$16,500.00	$16,500.00
Repairs	$140.00	$150.00	$150.00	$150.00	$150.00
Signs	$50.00	$50.00	$50.00	$50.00	$50.00
Scholarships	$200.00	$200.00	$200.00	$200.00	$200.00
Telephone & Internet	$1,850.00	$1,875.00	$1,900.00	$1,925.00	$1,925.00
WCB	$45.00	$50.00	$55.00	$60.00	$60.00
Website & Brochures	$250.00	$300.00	$325.00	$350.00	$350.00
Total Expenses	$22,925.00	$23,303.00	$23,383.00	$23,463.00	$23,463.00
Total Profit (Loss)	$1,059.00	$881.00	$801.00	$821.00	$821.00

Salmo District Chamber of Commerce
Profit & Loss
January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Grant Income	
Coastal Grant Program	500.00
Economic Development	12,240.00
HRDC Grant	5,331.00
Grant Income - Other	6,500.00
Total Grant Income	24,571.00
Income	
Advertising Income	440.00
Group Insurance	1,133.41
Market Fees	675.00
Total Income	2,248.41
Interest Income	5.56
Memberships	1,150.00
Total Income	27,974.97
Expense	
Advertising	603.34
B.C. Chamber Membership Fees	293.48
Beetle Bug Initiative	6,500.00
Decorations	
Christmas	144.66
Total Decorations	144.66
Float Expenses	100.00
Mining Exhibit	250.00
Office Supplies	8.94
Payroll Expenses	16,074.10
Telephone	2,045.55
WCB	51.85
Website Costs	379.05
Yearly Events	
Halloween	336.01
Market Expenses	982.01
Santa	191.31
Total Yearly Events	1,509.33
Total Expense	27,960.30
Net Ordinary Income	14.67
Net Income	**14.67**

The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Request for Decision

Report Date:	July 10, 2026
Meeting Date:	July 14, 2026
From:	Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject:	Salmo & Area Museum 2026 Funding Release

1. **OBJECTIVE**

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   STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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   ALTERNATIVES

   1. That Council decline the authorization for the Salmo Director to release the funding for the Salmo & Area Museum for 2026.

Salmo and Area Museum Report 2026

The funding we receive from the RDCK is essential and of tremendous value. Each year, we provide the RDCK with our financial statements, including a five-year budget. These funds support basic operational costs, necessary repairs, and contributions to special projects such as display cabinets, the underground sprinkler system, and volunteer training.

Hours of Operation:
Our regular hours are 15 hours per week year-round, with extended hours during July and August when we are open Monday through Friday. It is worth noting that many smaller museums close from October through May and operate only during the summer months. Despite our limited hours, we make ourselves available for pre-arranged visits outside regular hours, and these are reflected in our statistics.

Admission:
Admission is currently by donation. While approximately 90% of museums charge a fee, we feel that maintaining a donation-based model creates a more welcoming and accessible environment for visitors.

What We Offer:
We gather and preserve records, objects, and information of educational, historical, and cultural value. Our role includes storing, conserving, cataloguing, and making these materials accessible to the public—essentially safeguarding history that might otherwise be lost.
Our permanent collection reflects the history of Salmo, Ymir, Area G, and the broader Kootenay region. We maintain hundreds of photographs and records that are of significant local and regional interest.

Community Value:
We also maintain a well-used outdoor green space. Many individuals stop daily to rest, enjoy a meal, or connect with others, making it an important informal gathering place in the community.

Research and Archives:
Vertical Files: These include documented information (such as newspaper clippings) on individuals, schools, service groups, organizations, businesses, and special events. These files currently answer a large portion of our inquiries.
Cemetery and Obituaries: Local cemeteries are well documented, and our obituary collection continues to grow significantly.
Genealogy: We recorded 48 genealogy-related inquiries this year, a notable increase over the past 3–4 years, reflecting growing public interest in family history research.

Statistics:
~ We hosted 93 in-person visitors in 2025, with inquiries ranging from early mining history to local heritage topics. Notably, an extra 46 visits occurred on July 1 alone.
~ Pre-arranged visits included 3 family reunions, 4 bus tours, 3 school groups (including Fruitvale), 1 organization, and 6 individual/group visits outside regular hours.

~ We also hosted visits during community events such as Masonic and Legion conventions.
~ 21 phone inquiries (excluding genealogy), many related to historical research and school projects (including secondary school and Selkirk College students).

Volunteer Hours:

106 documented volunteer hours dedicated to obituary files and related research.

Financial Outlook and Challenges:

We are currently developing a five-year plan; however, we are already experiencing increasing financial pressures. Operating expenses continue to rise, and we must prepare for future costs. Our rent has remained unchanged for 15–20 years, and an increase is likely in the near future. We also anticipate building-related expenses, including roof maintenance or replacement. Additionally, insurance and general operating costs have increased. These are unavoidable expenses that require careful planning and support.

Digitization Needs:

At present, all of our records are in paper format. To ensure long-term preservation and improve accessibility, these materials should be digitized, securely stored, archived, and catalogued.

Digitization would:

Protect historical materials from deterioration
Improve access for the community and researchers
Strengthen long-term conservation efforts

Funding:

While some funding opportunities exist through BC Museums and grant programs, a significant financial gap remains. Moving forward will require investment in computers, specialized software, and ongoing system support. We do have a potential funding source for volunteer training, which will support this transition. We will continue to seek support through community partnerships, grant opportunities, and fundraising efforts to sustain and enhance the important work of the Museum.

Future Projects and Wish List:

The downstairs area includes a valuable meeting space and additional display capacity; however, accessibility is limited due to stairs. Installing a chairlift has been explored but remains costly. A partially completed underground mining display offers an unique experience, including an ore pass, rail tracks, and ore car. This project requires additional funding to be completed.

Goals:

~ Sustain and manage operational expenses
~ Develop digital capabilities for long-term preservation and access
~ Improve accessibility to the lower level
~ Complete the mining display project

Re: 2026–2030 Budget Explanation

Please note that while our operations remain anchored to the attached 5-year plan, the specialized capital requirements for accessing the lower level and finalizing the mining display demand additional resources.

To fund these developments, the Museum is planning a series of fundraising campaigns alongside new grant applications. In accordance with sound financial practices, we have omitted these potential revenue streams from the budget figures until all funding commitments are officially finalized.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Street.



Salmo Museum Budget for a 5 year plan

REVENUE	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Bank Interest	9.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Membership	125.00	125.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
RDCK	21457.00	2186.00	2323.00	2392.00	2464.00
Donations	75.00	75.00	75.00	100.00	100.00
EXPENDITURES					
Office Administration	10207.00	10513.00	10828.00	11152.00	1152.00
Office Expense	1027.00	1027.00	1058.00	1090.00	1090.00
Canada Post	270.00	278.00	278.00	286.00	286.00
Phone	1516.00	1608.00	1608.00	1656.00	1705.00
Rent	4800.00	4800.00	4800.00	4800.00	4800.00
Maintenance	3086.00	3086.00	3086.00	3178.00	3178.00
Office Security	645.00	664.00	664.00	664.00	684.00
Insurance	1214.00	1240.00	1240.00	1277.00	1277.00
Advertising	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00
Outdoor Maintenance	691.00	711.00	732.00	754.00	754.00
Society Fees	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00

Salmo & Area Museum Society

Income Statement

As December 31,2025

REVENUE	
Bank Interest	1.82
RDCK	21,457.00
Newsletter	364.50
Membership Donations	1, 150.00
Total Revenue	**22,973.32**
EXPENSE	
Rent	4,800.00
Phone Internet	1,956.79
Office Administration	6,021.80
Post office	262.50
Insurance	1,265.00
Outdoor Maintenance	550.00
Computer	365.90
Maintenance	1,045.56
Office Security	259.88
Basement Development	2,500.00
Service Charge	2.50
Total Expense	**19,029.93**
NET INCOME	**3,943.39**

Salmo and Area Museum Society Museum
Strategic Plan 2026

Overview

The Museum serves as a vital cultural anchor and community asset for Salmo, Ymir, Area G, and the broader Kootenay region. Funding received from the RDCK and the Village of Salmo is essential, supporting core operational costs, structural maintenance, and critical community programming. This strategic plan outlines how the Museum's current operations and future goals directly advance local community pillars.

(a) Environmental Stewardship

- **Green Space Preservation:** The Museum actively maintains a well-utilized outdoor green space. By keeping this area clean and landscaped, the Museum provides an eco-friendly pocket park within the community.
- **Sustainable Infrastructure Planning:** Ongoing facilities management—including planning for critical maintenance/replacement and optimizing the underground sprinkler system—ensures the long-term structural efficiency and environmental resilience of the physical asset.

(b) Social and Community Well-Being

- **Universal Accessibility & Inclusion:** While roughly 90% of museums charge a mandatory admission fee, this Museum operates strictly on a **donation-based model**. This deliberate choice removes financial barriers, ensuring a welcoming, equitable, and accessible environment for all residents.
- **Social Cohesion Spaces:** The outdoor green space functions as an essential informal gathering place where residents and travelers stop daily to rest, enjoy meals, and connect with one another.
- **Physical Accessibility Goals:** A top priority in the Museum's 5-year plan is securing funding to solve lower-level accessibility challenges (such as installing a chairlift) to fully open up the downstairs meeting space to seniors and individuals with mobility restrictions.
- **Volunteerism & Civic Engagement:** The Museum fosters robust community involvement, highlighted by **106 documented volunteer hours** dedicated to archive expansion. Upcoming volunteer training initiatives will further upskill residents, keeping them socially engaged and digitally literate.

(c) Economic Development

- **Regional Tourism Driver:** The Museum acts as a tourism magnet, drawing vital foot traffic to the area. In 2025, it hosted numerous specialized group visits, including **3 family reunions, 4 bus tours, and regional conventions** (Masonic and Legion). Holiday

events saw massive single-day surges, such as 46 extra visits on July 1st alone, stimulating the local hospitality and retail economy.

- **Fiscal Responsibility & Strategic Planning:** The development of a rigorous five-year budget and strategic plan ensures the organization remains financially viable despite rising operational pressures, localized inflation, and projected rent adjustments.
- **Leveraging Outside Investment:** By actively pursuing provincial grants (e.g., BC Museums programs) and community partnerships, the Museum plans to successfully inject outside funding back into local operational services, software procurement, and technical support systems.

(d) Recreation and Cultural Enhancement

- **Safeguarding Regional Heritage:** The Museum serves as the primary custodian of history for Salmo, Ymir, Area G, and the Kootenays. It actively stores, conserves, and catalogs hundreds of historical photographs, vertical files, and artifacts that would otherwise be lost to time.
- **Expanding Archival and Educational Research:** The Museum is an active educational hub, handling **48 specialized genealogy inquiries** (a massive multi-year increase), 21 research phone lines, and extensive cemetery/obituary tracking. It regularly hosts local school groups (including Fruitvale students) and provides primary source materials for secondary and Selkirk College research projects.
- **Immersive Cultural Exhibits:** Funding is actively being sought to complete a highly unique **underground mining display**—complete with an ore pass, rail tracks, and an authentic ore car—to deliver an unmatched experiential recreation feature for visitors.
- **The Digitization Initiative:** A cornerstone of the future plan involves transitioning all historical records from fragile paper formats to a secure, cataloged digital archive. This will permanently protect materials from decay while exponentially increasing public access to cultural data.

(e) Emergency Preparedness and Resilience

- **Cultural Asset Protection (Disaster Mitigation):** Currently, 100% of the Museum's irreplaceable historical files exist in vulnerable paper formats. The **Digitization Project** acts as a critical institutional resilience strategy, creating secure, off-site digital redundancies that protect community history against fire, flood, or physical deterioration.
- **Operational Contingency Planning:** By codifying rising expenses (such as building maintenance, insurance, and long-overdue rent adjustments) into a formal five-year outlook, the Museum is building operational buffers to withstand future economic shocks without disrupting public services.

The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Request for Decision

Report Date:	July 10, 2026
Meeting Date:	July 14, 2026
From:	Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject:	Proposed Letter of Support- Lhasa Developments

1. **OBJECTIVE**

   For Council to determine if the Village provides a letter of support to Lhasa Developments for a proposed housing development

2. **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

   At the June 23rd COTW, Lhasa Developments presented as a delegation to propose a housing development at the east end of Cady Road. They have requested that the Village provide a general letter of support, so that they may try to move forward with attaining a partnership with a recognized housing non-profit. Currently, they are not requesting any specific commitments from the Village for any funding or resources or approval of the project itself.

   Providing this letter will open the door for other private developers to approach the Village in a similar manner & signal that the Village is willing to look at alternative housing project proposals. This will also lead to further staff conversations with Lhasa to progress through the preliminary stages.

   Staff is recommending that Council consider the approving the proposed letter of support to assist with the Village's commitment to bring more housing to the community.

   RECOMMENDATION

   That Council consider approving the letter of support to Lhasa Developments to begin preliminary discussions for the Built for the Future Project as presented.

   ALTERNATIVES

   1. That Council consider approving the letter of support to Lhasa Developments to begin preliminary discussions for the Built for the Future Project as amended.

   2. That Council decline providing a letter of support.

The Village of Salmo writes this letter to express its interest in the Built for the Future (BFTF) Salmo Project, a proposed attainable housing development being advanced by Lhasa Developments Ltd. in Salmo, British Columbia.

The Village of Salmo recognizes that attainable housing is a pressing need across the West Kootenays. Like many small rural municipalities in BC, our community and the surrounding region have seen a significant increase in home prices in recent years, creating real pressure on our ability to retain our workforce and maintain a stable community. As a regional hub, Salmo understands the value of building homes here for people working across surrounding municipalities. The Village is actively seeking solutions to this challenge, and we recognize that attainable homeownership projects could provide a thoughtful and lasting response to this issue.

We have met with the Lhasa Developments team, who presented the Built for the Future project, a proposal for 20 permanently attainable homes, and we believe this type of model has real potential for a community like Salmo.

Council understands that discussions are currently underway to establish a partnership with a recognized housing non-profit, such as Habitat for Humanity, to help deliver long-term community housing benefits. The Village of Salmo recognizes that a project of this nature is strengthened significantly by the involvement of an established non-profit organization. Should a partnership with Habitat for Humanity be formalized, the Village would welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with the project proponents to explore how this development may contribute to Salmo's attainable housing objectives and long-term community well-being.

Council recognizes that this letter may assist the project proponents and Habitat for Humanity in evaluating and formalizing a potential partnership. It is provided as an expression of Council's willingness to engage in further discussions should that partnership be established.

This letter does not constitute project approval, financial support, or a commitment regarding future land use, zoning, permitting, infrastructure servicing, or any other statutory decisions. All such matters remain subject to Council's independent consideration, applicable legislation, and the completion of all required municipal processes.

Signed,

The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Request for Decision

Report Date:	July 10, 2026
Meeting Date:	July 14, 2026,
From:	Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject:	Requested Utility Connection- #5 Second Street

1. **OBJECTIVE**

   For Council to determine if the Village should provide water & sewer connections to the property located a #5 Second Street.

2. **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

   The owner of #5 Second Street has reached out to the Village to request that their property be connected to the Village water & sewer systems. This property is located outside of Village limits. They are requesting the connection for a modular home. The closest location of the infrastructure is located on the adjacent property at #15 Second Street, although Public Works will have to determine whether the property can be connected through this connection or if a new one will have to be established. This may significantly change the cost and scope of this project. A qualified professional may be required to determine if this connection is appropriate for the Village to undertake.

   As this connection is for a single residence, staff is not concerned with the additional load applied to these systems. Village Bylaws allow for these new connections; however, they must be approved by Council. The resident would be responsible for all costs associated with this project. Staff is recommending that Council consider this request.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct staff to proceed with the service connection request for #5 Second Street, Salmo, BC, V0G 1Z0.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That Council direct staff not to proceed with the service connection request for #5 Second Street, Salmo, BC, V0G 1Z0.

Brandy Jessup

From:	Derek Kwiatkowski
Sent:	July 10, 2026 12:46 PM
To:	Brandy Jessup
Subject:	FW: Request for Municipal Water and Sewer Service Connection – #5 2nd Street, Salmo, BC
Attachments:	July 14th, 2026 RFD Utility Connection Request #5 Second Street. docx.docx

Subject: Request for Municipal Water and Sewer Service Connection – #5 2nd Street, Salmo, BC

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to respectfully request approval to connect my property located at #5 2nd Street, Salmo, British Columbia, to the Village's municipal water and sewer systems.

I have lived in Salmo my entire life and have always been proud to call this community home. Salmo is a wonderful place to live, and I am grateful for the opportunity to continue building my future here. As part of that future, I am planning to develop this property with a modular home containing three bedrooms and two bathrooms, which will serve as my residence.

Both the municipal water line and sewer line are currently located at the corner of the property. To service the proposed residence, these services would need to be extended approximately 200 feet onto the property.

I would greatly appreciate Council's consideration of this request and any guidance regarding the requirements, approvals, costs, and procedures necessary to facilitate these connections. My goal is to develop the property responsibly and in accordance with all Village bylaws and engineering standards.

This project represents an important personal milestone and will allow me to continue living in the community that I know and love. Connecting to the Village's water and sewer systems will help ensure the property can be developed safely and sustainably for years to come.

For your reference, I have included photographs of the proposed building site to assist Council in understanding the location and existing conditions of the property.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our community. I look forward to working with Village staff and Council as I move forward with this project and would appreciate any direction regarding the next steps in the process.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gibbon
Owner, #5 2nd Street
Salmo, BC

The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

Report to Council

Report Date:	July 9, 2026
Meeting Date:	Special Meeting - July 14, 2026
From:	Fred Paton, Public Works Foreman
Subject:	Public Works Report from June 5, 2026 – July 8, 2026

1. OBJECTIVE

To update Council on Public Works operations.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1. **Spring Activities.**

(a) Routine Maintenance of Village Fleet.

(b) Raked KP Campground sites and cleaned the campground.

(c) Installed one (1) headstone at the Cemetery.

(d) Completed (1) one water shut off/turn on.

(e) Daily Cleaning of Lions & KP Park Washrooms.

(f) Bi-Annual inspections completed on most of the Village fleet, will be booking the remainder of the inspections.

(g) Weekly water samples.

(h) Dropped F.D. engine (E5) off for additional repairs.

(i) Watering all flowerpots as needed.

(j) Filled potholes as part of road maintenance.

(k) Weekly mowing and upkeep of all of the fields and green spaces around town.

(l) Monitoring Erie Creek & Salmo River for freshet.

(m) Painted the legion crosswalks.

(n) Prepped Village for Canada Day and the parade.

(o) Completed a new water & sewer connection to a subdivided lot.

(p) Removed uprooted trees that fell onto roadway during storm.

(q) Re-Installed a "no through road" sign as requested by a resident as the last one disappeared.

(r) Replaced a stop sign as someone removed the old one from the post.

Fire Chief's Report: July 01, 2026

Special Council Meeting July 14, 2026

Since the last report on June 1st, 2026 the Salmo Fire Department responded to 4 emergency incidents:

2	Jaws Calls	1	Power Pole Fire
1	Burn Complaint		

DESCRIPTION

June was an unusually quiet month, with less than half of our normal call volume.

Salmo Fire Department crews were dispatched to a reported multi-vehicle motor vehicle incident. Upon arrival, crews determined that the incident involved a single vehicle. Firefighters utilized the Jaws of Life to extricate the lone occupant from the vehicle.

Crews also responded to a report of a power pole on fire. Investigation determined that the severe windstorm experienced last month had likely caused a power line to become displaced from its insulator. Subsequent rainfall provided a path to ground, resulting in electrical arcing and ignition of the pole.

Misc.

Our older engine, E5, was out of service for a significant portion of the month while undergoing engine repairs at a repair facility in Castlegar. During this period, the Ymir Fire Department provided standby coverage with their engine to ensure continued emergency response capability within our area.

Members have continued ongoing training and preparation for the summer season. Training activities included: pumping and drafting operations, rope rescue techniques and wildland firefighting preparation. These training sessions help ensure our members remain prepared for the increased demands typically experienced during the summer and wildfire seasons.

Originally Signed By:

David Hearn, Fire Chief

Bylaw Officer's Report: June 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026

Special Meeting July 14 2026

Complaints:

INFRACTION TYPE	NO. OF INFRACTIONS	RESOLUTION
Unsightly related	1	• There was a complaint against a property that had not mowed their lawn. The Bylaw Officer notified the property owner to cut the grass and the owner complied.
Traffic related	1	• The bylaw Officer issued a green notice and a warning on a trailer that has been parked on the laneway in a back alley. The Village will be following up.

Enforcement:

INFRACTION TYPE	NO. OF INFRACTIONS	RESOLUTION
Garbage Related	2	• The Bylaw Officer stopped by two (2) separate residences to notify the owners about the garbage strewn about the yard. One owner complied but there was no response at the other residence.

Follow up Complaints/Enforcement:

INFRACTION TYPE	NO. OF INFRACTIONS	RESOLUTION

Nil

Information submitted by:
Fred Nevakshonoff, Bylaw Officer

FILE 4000-20

Project	Progress	Notes
MIABC Report Recommendations	100%	Repairs completed
Glendale Bridge Guardrails	100%	Construction completed July 3, 2026
Fire Truck Purchase	85%	MFA Fall Intake, documents mailed to MFA & province for final review
Heritage Mine Grant	75%	Final stage of lighting & signage, COC obtaining quotes
DRIF Floodplain Review	95%	Final report drafted, finalizing maps
NG911 GIS Project	35%	Some data updates sent to RDCK
Indigenous Engagement- EM	30%	Project Expectation Meeting Held January 21, building project framework
Official Community Plan	100%	Reconsidered & Adopted on July 14th
Salmo Parks Master Plan	20%	Creating survey
GIS Strategic Plan	40%	working through data weighting, project priorities
Zoning Bylaw Review	40%	Council & staff reviewing 1st draft
Water Reservoir Replacement Study	10%	Water Plan before proceeding with Reservoir Replacement Study
MIABC Best Practices Recommendations	5%	Policy creation
Human Resources Policy Creation	25%	reaching out to benefits contractor for assistance
Water Plan	5%	Council approved funds in budget
Campground Expansion	15%	Priced out electrical service from FortisBC, potential sites marked out
REACH Grant Work	25%	Opportunity for sidewalk portion out for tender
Asset Management Plan	60%	Staff compiling information

APPENDIX B

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

MAYOR LOCKWOOD

Mayor Report for Council Meeting held on July 14, 2026.

Salmo & Area G Emergency Preparedness Committee: It is time to set up any rain barrels you may have as this summer could be a very dry one and having extra water on hand would be fruitful for your plants. Encourage everyone to have a "GO BAG" ready at your front door in case of any emergency. Takes aways stress.

Citizen Engagement: Although the Slow-pitch tournament saw its fair share of rain it turned out to be successful event. July 1 saw an amazing amount of people out celebrating and one of the longest parades in some time. I received appreciation for a fantastic day the Village of Salmo hosted.

RDCK:

West Kootenay Transit Committee:

a) BC Transit website has been updated bctransit.com

b) Open loop payment option, they are loadable now

c) Selkirk College UPASS is a no go for now, they feel there are not enough students right now, maybe in 2027

d) June 29 Service Change, the new schedule is out now and can be viewed at bctransit.com/west-kootenay

e) Fleet Electrification 2 electric Nova buses will be

deployed in Nelson later this year and 13 hybrid electric buses will replace

buses currently operating around Trail and Castlegar in 2028/29.

f) Transit and On-Street Infrastructure

2026 Transit SuperStar Every year, BC Transit recognizes excellence and celebrates the Transit SuperStars making a positive difference in transit systems across the province.

- Safety First - Adapt and Thrive - Community Minded – Team Spirit and our very own **TOM DOOL won this honour! Way to go Tom.**

All Recreation: Staff will be developing an unstaffed fitness facility policy to enhance all our places.

Draft Regional Parks, Trails & Water Access Strategy is out for final comment from the public. If you have not done the survey this is the time. https://engage.rdck.ca/projects/regional-parks-trails-andwater-access-strategy/

Asset management update - In 2025 an asset management coordinator was hired, reporting to the Senior Project Manager under Environmental Services, to complete the implementation of the AMP including developing and leading an internal asset management committee of staff. Staff brought a report to the January 2026 Board meeting outlining the roles and responsibilities of the committee, and the multi-year plan to implement the recommendations from Roth-Iams. That employee resigned in early 2026 and the position has not been recruited for since, while senior management, and supporting managers and staff, determine the best path forward for utilizing funding for staffing, and evaluating the forward-looking plan presented to the Board. The needs of the organization have evolved, and so staff are formulating how to fit the recommendations to the current needs.

Salmo & Area G Recreation Commission: For the pool the discussion about donation vs fee as you need a person sitting at the desk to collect fees and you don't for donations. After the summer we will reevaluate this as commission looked at ways o how to work through this situation.

We saw higher use of the fitness center this winter and it could be because of the small amount of snow or that people are starting to use the fitness center more. Adding the extra hour last year has proven to be the right decision.

Economic Trust of the Southern Interior – BC (ETSI-BC): We have made it to 20 years and since inception in 2006 under the name SIDIT we funded 857 projects with $75million having a total project value of $275 million creating 30K jobs. ETSI-BC portion since 2021 we funded 470 projects with $12.6million having a total project value of $31 million creating 26K jobs. Please see the attachment for the spring funding intake at the end of this report.

Central/Joint Resource Recovery: Next meeting TBD

West Kootenay Hospital Board: We heard from Tyler Dobie - Victorian Hospital of Kaslo Auxiliary - Long-Term Care Expansion & Integrated Health Infrastructure Planning, Betty Brown - Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation, and the West Kootenay Boundary Project Updates.

Letter of Support was requested for Big White Mountain Rural Health Hub.

Nelson, Salmo, E, F, & G Regional Parks: Blewett Community Society and the Nelson Nordic Ski Club have put in requests asking to expand what is happening on these grounds.

Other meetings of note:

Mayor's and chair Highway 3 Coalition: We will be meeting with the ministry at UBCM in September as we continue to bring our collective thoughts forward.

Community Collaboration Meeting: I will not be able to attend as I will be attending the RDCK board meeting although Councillor Lins will be able to give an update.

RDCK Launches Rural Organic Waste Management Rebate and Incentive Program

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is launching a new program to help rural residents reduce organic waste and support regional climate resilience. The Rural Organic Waste Diversion and Climate Resilient Communities project, funded by Columbia Basin Trust, provides financial and practical support for residents living outside the RDCK's larger municipalities to better manage food and organic waste at home.

Through this initiative, eligible households can receive a rebate of up to $175 toward the purchase of approved organic waste management systems. Options include backyard composters, food waste digesters, tumbler composters, vermicomposting systems, Bokashi kits, and electric food recyclers.

"The RDCK is committed to helping residents reduce what goes to landfill while building solutions that work in rural settings," said Alayne Hamilton, RDCK Acting Resource Recovery Manager – Projects & Programs. "This program makes it easier for households to take action, whether they're new to composting or looking to improve their current approach."

Program Highlights

Residents in RDCK electoral areas and eligible municipalities can access:

• $175 rebate per household toward the purchase of an eligible organic waste management system, such as a backyard composter or electric food recycler.

• Free organic waste collection containers for residents who self-haul organic waste to RDCK disposal facilities.

• Tipping fee vouchers that allow for free disposal of containers of food waste, along with clear guidance on accepted and prohibited materials. Who Is Eligible The program is open to residents living in RDCK electoral areas (outside municipal boundaries), as well as residents within the incorporated municipalities of Salmo, Slocan, New Denver, Silverton, Nakusp, and Kaslo. Residents of Nelson, Castlegar, and Creston is not eligible due to access to municipal organic waste diversion services. Rebates will be available from program launch through August 2027, with funding and resources distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

To participate, residents must complete a short survey to confirm eligibility and receive guidance on the best organic waste management options for their needs. Supporting factsheets are available to help residents understand system costs, effort required, and considerations such as wildlife safety.

Supporting Waste Reduction and Climate Action

Organic waste diversion plays a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and extending landfill life. By supporting rural households with practical tools and funding, the RDCK aims to increase participation in waste reduction efforts and improve local self-reliance, wildlife safety, the circular economy, and environmental outcomes.

"This project recognizes that rural residents face unique challenges," added Hamilton. "By providing flexible options and practical support, we're making it easier, safer, and more affordable for everyone to participate in organic waste diversion." The Columbia Basin Trust is the sole funder of this initiative, and the RDCK gratefully acknowledges their valuable contribution to local climate resilience and regional sustainability.

Learn More and Apply Residents can learn more, review eligible systems, and apply for the rebate by visiting: **engage.rdck.ca/projects/ruralorganics**.

Federation of Canadians Municipalities (FCM) conference:

I attended this conference in Edmonton Alberta from June 4-7, 2026. This conference is where all local government's from across Canada get together to learn new and innovative ways and learn things from each other that helps not recreate the wheel which saves money when you bring back the ideas. The networking is so valuable as it can get you connections to help your communities and help with your personal growth to learn how to do things better. It is a packed four days.

We heard from people with lived experience of homelessness, and how to make social policy help all and be acceptable for the communities they live in. They show cased that places that have services can make changes and differences to improve peoples lives along with the municipalities.

Turning waste into opportunity:

As local governments manage landfills, wastewater treatment facilities and organic waste systems, this workshop showed the importance of looking into the future with ideas to generate energy and use waste that we are already dealing with. Securing funding can be a challenge although you must have the want and will to do a project in the first place. The Green Municipal Fund supports energy analysis, technology choices and can help with this tax funded program.

Intact Insurance spoke about the limited resources and how many items local governments have to deicide what is the best preventative action to support the community. How important it is to invest in resilience to manage flood and wildfire and that most people appreciate those decisions. They had brochures that explained what to do in the event of an emergency. Check out the fire smart poster that you can do around your home to help if you have a fire coming towards you that may help in saving your home.

Other items of interest for insurance are that Intact help with grants to do roofs if you have a fire smart assessment, they say to shingle roofs although are the cheapest are not as fire smart as a

metal one and know what you can do to be more resilient in an event. Please see last page of my report to see how you can improve your home surroundings.

Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) spoke about how to get through the groundwork before growth in municipalities for more housing.

Every new house will need to have utility hook-ups, roads, sidewalks which involves community infrastructure (ex wastewater, water).

Infrastructure is not the biggest barriers to investing in it, market conditions and regulations/polies are and matter more.

Some key challenges are municipalities are constrained by debt limits (this is the available capital to invest), tax revenues are not high enough to invest for growth, and municipalities cannot borrow against expected future revenue.

Challenges faced by developers:

When you have a market downturn it increases the risk that developers will not receive a return for equity invested prompting delays for projects when the housing market shows. If there is more than one developer, the initial investor must take on a higher capital and risk burden that their competitors.

The Canada Infrastructure Bank's Infrastructure for Housing Initiative offers loans to cover the costa of enabling the infrastructure for new housing.

IHI lends to both developers and municipalities for site-specific and community infrastructure. The lending does not need to be repaid until housing or serviced lands are monetized. They can lend concessionally at the Government of Canada's borrowing rate to lower costa of capital. The loan from CIB can reduce and share risk compared to other available forms of financing.

Projects should meet the following eligibility criteria:

- The project must require an investment of at least $50 million.
- The project must be new or involve significant necessary upgrades to existing infrastructure.
- The borrower must be responsible for delivering public infrastructure (municipal, Indigenous, university, or other public sector entity).
- The project must enable growth of residential housing units in Canada.
- The project must create incremental revenues as growth occurs that are sufficient to repay the loan.

All parties were there as a political keynote. I feel it doesn't matter what party you stand for it is good that they take out the time to come and speak to the people working the from lines of government. Local government is the closest to the people and should know what is coming down the pipeline.

I was at a very interesting workshop about nuclear energy and got to learn the benefits of this kind on energy. The name is scary although it is the cleanest energy and most efficient energy.

There were lots of questions about education, communication, safety, collaboration, social benefits and the sustainability for safety measures.

Attended many more workshops although I am highlighting the ones that I felt can have a direct impact on this local government.

The trade show is always a wealth of information. Western Financial Group has three granting streams, Indigenous Infrastructure, Community Infrastructure, and AMM Infrastructure grants. Deadlines are November 3, 2026. They have invested in $2.7 million to support infrastructure projects which equates to 185 projects at $5000 to help build safe, inclusive and resilient spaces.

What the Federal Government is asking provinces about defence (D.I.A.N.A.) and how we are working on defence for our country.

D.I.A.N.A. refers to NATO's **Defence Innovation Accelerator for the North Atlantic**. Established to accelerate dual-use technologies for security and defence, the program operates its North American regional hub in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
Canadian involvement in DIANA includes the following specific entities and highlights:

- **Regional Office (Halifax, NS):** Located at the TD Centre (1791 Barrington Street), it is one of DIANA's three principal staff locations, alongside London, UK, and Tallinn, Estonia.
- **Accelerator Sites:** Canadian innovators access programming at affiliated sites such as the Centre for Ocean Ventures & Entrepreneurship (COVE) in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.
- **Test Centres:** Canada hosts 16 of the more than 200 allied test centres where startups can de-risk and validate their technologies.
- **Innovator Cohorts:** Dozens of Canadian dual-use technology firms have been selected to participate in DIANA's accelerator programs, securing contractual funding and mentorship.

The four days ended with a talk about what economic development (ec dev) means to our communities. How infrastructure in turn is ec dev. We heard from Zita Cobb from Fogo Island off Newfoundland and how they came back to life by investing in their community. Get involved in Destination Canada by telling your community story as you know it best.

Regional Advisory Committee & FY2027 Spring Funding Intake Summary

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Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

At the June 5, 2026 Joint Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting of the Economic Trust of the Southern Interior (ETSI-BC), Committee members recommended 33 projects for ETSI-BC funding, in the amount of $1,011,000. The total value of these projects represents just over $3.06 million of investment in the region, meaning that for every dollar of ETSI-BC funding, an additional $2.05 was raised from other sources.

ETSI-BC FY2027 Spring Funding Intake Approvals by RAC Region

	# Projects	$ Approved	% of Total Funding
Columbia-Kootenay	13	$413,000	41%
Thompson-Okanagan	20	$598,000	59%
TOTAL	**33**	**$1,011,000**	**100%**

These projects will help build and diversify the region's economy. The ETSI-BC FY2027 Spring Funding Intake focused on two of its core Funding Streams: *Building Economic Development Capacity, and Innovating & Advancing Key Sectors*. Project partners include local governments, First Nations, industry groups, Chambers of Commerce, Community Futures, and non-profit organizations in BC's Southern Interior.

Projects approved in this Funding Intake will be carried out in 6 First Nation communities and 8 of the 9 Regional Districts in the ETSI-BC service area. More information about this funding can be found in Attachment 1 of this document and on the ETSI-BC News page.

Since relaunching as ETSI-BC in 2021, the regional economic trust has invested $14.5 million into 507 economic development initiatives to date. This ETSI-BC funding has helped bring in an additional $28.1 million in investments, for a total project value of $42.7 million, and helped create or maintain almost 27,000 jobs throughout the Southern Interior.

ETSI-BC Board Chair Paul Donald emphasizes the broader impact of the investments. "Each funding decision is rooted in community need and regional opportunity," he says. "By supporting projects that strengthen local capacity and encourage innovation and regional collaboration, we are helping communities adapt, grow, and build resilient economies for the future."

ATTACHMENT 1

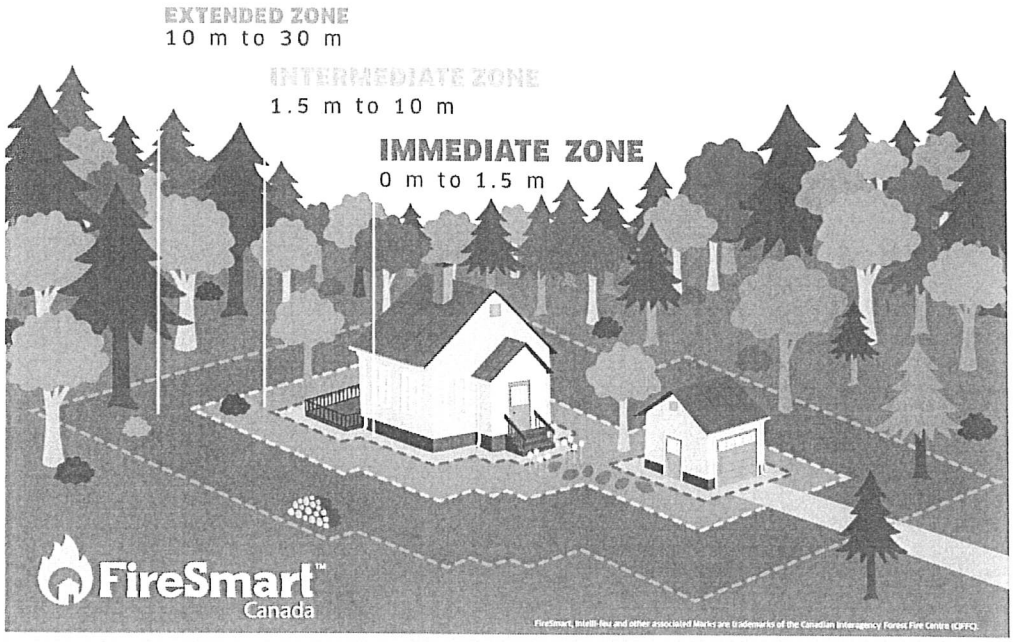
The following list of projects has been approved for funding by ETSI-BC, following the Joint RAC Committees' recommendation made at the June 5, 2026 Joint RAC meeting.

ETSI-BC APPROVED FY2027 SPRING FUNDING INTAKE PROJECTS

Organization	Project Name	Approved	Total Project Value
Armstrong Spallumcheen Chamber of Commerce	Downtown Armstrong Facade Improvement Program	$25,000	$63,000
Armstrong, City of	Wayfinding Signage Program Implementation	$30,000	$113,000
Central Interior Business Accelerator Society	Central Interior AI Adoption & Micro-Team Network	$50,000	$101,000
Clearwater, District of	Clearwater Economic Development Roadmap	$25,000	$25,000
Community Futures East Kootenay	Growing the East Kootenay Community Finance Ecosystem	$25,000	$37,000
Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce	Creston Valley Co-Working Space	$49,000	$501,220
Downtown Salmon Arm Business Improvement Association	Reimagining Downtown: Vacant Space Activation Program	$8,000	$16,000
Elkford, District of	EVEI Strategic Plan and Sustainability Framework	$11,000	$16,000
Kaslo and Area Chamber of Commerce	Kaslo Year-Round Tourism Development Project	$20,000	$25,000
Kimberley, City of	Building Kimberley's Capacity for Economic Development	$25,000	$50,000
Kootenay Association for Science and Technology	KAST Kootenay Innovation Summit Conference 2027	$50,000	$185,758
Ktunaxa Nation Council	Mobile Biochar Production Unit Feasibility Study	$45,000	$254,300
Lake Country, District of	District of Lake Country Economic Development Strategy	$30,000	$115,000
LocalMotive Farmers Network Cooperative	LFN Cooperative Supply Chain & Operations Planning	$40,000	$135,000
Lower Kootenay Band	Yaqan Nu?kiy Online Economic Development Platform	$23,000	$23,978
Lumby & District Chamber of Commerce	Business Facade Refresh	$25,000	$47,500
Naramata Centre Society	Feasibility Study for a Shared-Use Commercial Kitchen	$12,000	$31,000
New Denver, Village of	Downtown Revitalization Implementation Plan	$25,000	$25,000
North Shuswap Chamber of Commerce	North Shuswap Destination Trail Framework	$25,000	$39,000
Okanagan Film Commission	Columbia Shuswap Film & Photo Inventory	$40,000	$85,000
Peachland, District of	District of Peachland Revitalization Tax Exemption Program	$25,000	$25,000
Penticton, City of	Penticton Waterfront Tourism Enhancement Project – S.S. Naramata	$50,000	$209,771
Princeton & District Chamber	Princeton Business Attraction and Retention Strategy	$25,000	$26,200

Salmon Arm Economic Development Society	Kitchen Skills Program at Zest Commercial Food Hub	$18,000	$37,730
Shuswap Band	Parson School Adaptive Reuse Feasibility Study	$25,000	$25,000
Silver Star Resort Association	Silver Star ExploreNorthOkanagan.com - eCommerce Platform	$20,000	$48,034
Simpcw Resources LLP	Spatial Fibre Supply Analysis	$30,000	$60,000
Skeetchestn Indian Band	Integrated Clean Energy Hub	$25,000	$25,000
Sparwood, District of	Sparwood Industrial and Commercial Land Assessment	$50,000	$78,900
Trail & District Chamber of Commerce	Community Tourism Strategy Implementation – South Kootenay	$20,000	$62,500
Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Mascot Mine Aerial Tramway (Phase 3)	$60,000	$198,441
West Kelowna Economic Development Corporation	WKEDC Inaugural Strategic Plan	$35,000	$75,000
Wildsight Society (Regional Branch)	Community Forest Biochar & Youth Training Initiative	$45,000	$296,734
	TOTALS	**$1,011,000**	**$3,057,065**

HOME IGNITION ZONE



Check out the *FireSmart Begins at Home Guide* for an in-depth look at how you can build wildfire resiliency.

IMMEDIATE ZONE
0m to 1.5m

The Immediate Zone is a non-combustible area that starts at the house and extends to a 1.5 metre perimeter around the home and attached structures, including decks. Reduce the chance of wind-blown embers igniting your home by starting with these proactive steps:

- Choose non-combustible building materials when constructing or renovating your home
- Clear vegetation and combustible material down to mineral soil and cover with non-combustible materials like gravel, brick, or concrete.
- Avoid planting woody shrubs or trees. If any are present, prune and maintain them regularly.

INTERMEDIATE ZONE
1.5m to 10m

Elements in the Intermediate Zone are managed so they don't transmit fire to your home. Here are a few actions you can take to reduce your home's vulnerability:

- Plant fire-resistant vegetation and select non-combustible landscaping materials
- Avoid incorporating any woody debris, including mulch
- Keep combustible items like firewood piles, construction materials, patio furniture, tools, and decorative pieces out of this zone
- Move trailers, recreational vehicles, storage sheds, and other combustible structures into the Extended Zone. If that is not possible, store firewood inside your mitigated garage, shed, or other ember-resistant structures
- Create a non-combustible ground cover, like a gravel pad, underneath and 1.5 metres around trailers, recreational vehicles, and sheds

EXTENDED ZONE
10m to 30m

The goal in the Extended Zone is not to eliminate fire, but to reduce its intensity. If your property extends into this zone, a few important steps you can take include:

- Selectively remove evergreen trees to create at least 3 metres of horizontal space between the single or grouped tree crowns
- Remove all branches to a height of 2 metres from the ground
- Regularly clean up accumulations of fallen branches, dry grass, and needles to eliminate potential surface fuels
- Continue to apply these principles if your property extends beyond 30m. Work with your neighbours in overlapping zones and seek guidance of a forest professional if affected by other conditions, like steep slopes.

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