The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

REGULAR MEETING #10-26 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, October 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

In Person:
Mayor Diana Lockwood
Councillor Jennifer Lins
Councillor Payton McKellar
Councillor Kenzie Neil
CAO Derek Kwiatkowski
Members of the Public - 1
Councillor Jonathon Heatlie.

Electronically:
Members of the Public – 0

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME: 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.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

R1-10-26 Moved and seconded, the agenda of Regular Meeting #10-26 of Tuesday, October 13, 2026 be adopted as amended from *Council Procedure Bylaw #663, 2014* to include a Bylaw Development & Review section.

Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: (Note: See official minutes and agenda package for applicable reports.)

R2-10-26
Special Meeting
July 14, 2026
Moved and seconded, that the minutes of Special Council meeting of Tuesday, July 14, 2026 be adopted as presented.
Carried.

R3-10-26
Special Meeting
August 12, 2026
Moved and seconded, that the minutes of Special Council meeting of Wednesday, August 12, 2026 be adopted as presented.
Carried.

R4-10-26
COTW Meeting
September 8, 2026
Moved and seconded, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Tuesday, September 8, 2026 be adopted as presented.
Carried.

R5-10-26
Special Meeting
October 7, 2026
Moved and seconded, that the minutes of Special Council meeting of Tuesday, October 7, 2026 be adopted as amended.
Carried.

INTRODUCTIONS: NIL

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: NIL

BYLAW DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW:

R6-10-26 Fire Truck Loan Authorization Bylaw #777, 2026 – Rescind Readings	Moved and seconded, that Council rescind first, second and third reading of *"Fire Truck Loan Authorization Bylaw #777, 2026".* Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (See *Appendix A*)

R7-10-26 CAO Report – General Updates	Moved and seconded, that Council accepts the CAO report for information. Carried.
R8-10-26 Chief Election Officer Report	Moved and seconded, that Council accept the Chief Election Officer's report for information. Carried.
Recusal	Councillor Neil recuses herself at 7:28 due to being a board member of the Salmo Minor Ball.
R9-10-26 Letter of Support Request – Salmo Minor Softball	Moved and seconded, that Council direct staff to provide Salmo Minor Softball with a letter of support for the KP Park ball field renovation project on the condition that Salmo Minor Softball request a separate letter of support for any grant application. Carried.
Return	Councillor Neil returned to the meeting at 8:03 p.m.
R10-10-26 CAO Report – Council Farewell	Moved and seconded, that Council accepts the CAO report for information. Carried.
R11-10-26 Public Works	Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report as presented by Public Works Foreman for the period of September 4, 2026 to October 8, 2026. Carried.
R12-10-26 Fire Department	Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report dated October 1, 2026 provided by Fire Chief David Hearn for the period of September 2026. Carried.
R13-10-26 Bylaw Enforcement	Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report on bylaw enforcement for the period of September 2026. Carried.

R14-10-26
CAO Report – Project Summary of Council Term

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

Carried.

R15-10-26
Strategic Plan

Moved and seconded, that Council accept the strategic plan for information.

Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

R16-10-26

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the Treasurer's Reports for August and September 2026.

Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

R17-10-26

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from August 28, 2026 to October 8, 2026 totaling $241,762.14.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION:

R18-10-26
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #217 Re: Request for Promotional Items for West Kootenay Regional Zone Meetings - #47

Moved and seconded, that Council approve the request for promotional items for the West Kootenay Regional Zone meeting.

Carried.

COMMITTEE: NIL

WITH RECOMMENDATIONS: NIL

COMMUNICATION:

R19-10-26

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

(1) Youth Parliament of British Columbia Re: British Columbia Youth Parliament, 98th Parliament - #46
(2) BC Hydro Re: Sheep Creek Nutrient Addition Program Update - #48

Carried.

COUNCILS' NOTICE OF MOTIONS: NIL

COUNCILS' REPORTS:

Councillor Heatlie	NIL
Councillor Lins	NIL
Councillor McKellar	Councillor McKellar reported on his attendance at UBCM, learning about local government, the Municipal Finance Authority & the Municipal Insurance Association.
Councillor Neil	NIL
Mayor Lockwood	See *Appendix B*. Mayor Lockwood also reported attending the AGM for the SVYCC, noting the appointment of new board members.
R20-10-26 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 TIME:	The gallery member in attendance was hoping to meet the new Council.
CLOSED MEETING: R21-10-26	Moved and seconded, that the meeting be closed to the public *Community Charter* Section 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations. Carried.
MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED MEETING:	NIL
ADJOURNMENT: R22-10-26	Moved and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:36 p.m. Carried.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, October 13, 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:	October 9, 2026
Meeting Date:	October 13, 2026 (#10-26)
From:	Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject:	CAO Report – General Updates

- The Village held a successful 80th Birthday celebration at the SVYCC. The program included speeches, live music, tea, and a cake cutting ceremony.
- The Village is awaiting word from Heritage BC for the finalization of the Heritage Mining grant.
- On October 19th, the temporary ambulance residence will be installed at the Village Firehall but site preparation will begin on October 14th.
- Water chlorination will begin on October 15th. Staff have put out reminder notices & will continue to post reminders throughout the week.
- The Village completed the annual Erie Creek dike inspection report & has submitted it to the province for review & approval.
- The Village has seen a recent increase in promotional sales due to some high-profile exposure in the media.
- The campground remains open after this weekend. Staff will be monitoring the weather, but it will be closed prior to the end of the month.
- As the warm weather has extended, staff will be delaying the fall cleanup beyond normal timelines.
- Interior Health will be conducting a routine inspection of the Village's water system on October 27th.
- Staff will be preparing budget information for Council, with a final staff submission deadline of October 16th & a final staff meeting on October 22nd.
- Administration is reviewing project work summaries in preparation for a meeting with RDCK representatives. This meeting is discussing the project walkthrough for Phase 1 of the Indigenous Engagement in Emergency Management. This meeting takes place on October 19th.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the CAO report for information.

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CAO Report

Report Date:	October 9, 2026
Meeting Date:	October 13, 2026 (#10-26)
From:	Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject:	Chief Election Officer Report- 2026 Municipal Election

BACKGROUND

The 2026 Municipal Election deadlines have passed with all of Council being elected by acclamation. The Provincial voters list was used as our voting book with a total of 961 eligible voters on the list.

The official results for the successful candidates are as follows:

Name	Position	Result
Payton McKellar	Mayor	Acclamation
Jennifer Lins	Councillor	Acclamation
Colin Hango	Councillor	Acclamation
Susan (Suzy) Gallie	Councillor	Acclamation
Kyle Gouin	Councillor	Acclamation

During the 2023 By-Election, it was recommended by staff to consider mail-in ballots & special voting opportunities for voters that may have barriers to travelling to a polling station. For the 2030 election, the Village may consider options.

I would like to thank Brandy Jessup & Jessica Ellis for their hard work to make sure that the election was a success.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the CAO report for information.

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Request for Decision

Report Date:	October 9, 2026
Meeting Date:	October 13th, 2026 (#10-26)
From:	Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject:	Letter of Support Request- Salmo Minor Softball

1. **OBJECTIVE**

   For Council to determine to provide a letter of support to Salmo Minor Softball for a KP Park ball field renovation project.

2. **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

   At the September 22nd Special Council Meeting, Salmo Minor Softball presented as a delegation, requesting a letter of support to pursue grant funding for ball field renovations at KP Park. The project work included grading the outfield, installing irrigation, installation of turf and the eventual replacement of the infield material.

   Salmo Minor Softball will be spearheading the efforts for grant applications and the preliminary project work but would look to hiring a consultant to handle project management.

   There are still some details to be worked out, regarding potential irrigation location, maintenance costs, etc. These can be addressed later. The Village will need to consider charging for the use of the fields to pay for the increased maintenance costs, but there is a possibility for greater use.

   Staff is recommending that Council approve a letter of support for the project on the condition that Salmo Minor Softball request a separate letter of support for any grant application. This will ensure that the Village Council can approve any potential financial contributions prior to any applications.

   RECOMMENDATION

   That Council direct staff to provide Salmo Minor Softball with a letter of support for the KP Park ball field renovation project on the condition that Salmo Minor Softball request a separate letter of support for any grant application.

   ALTERNATIVES

   1. That Council direct staff to request more information about the project prior to providing a letter of support.
   2. That Council decline the letter of support request.

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CAO Report

Report Date:	October 3, 2026
Meeting Date:	October 13, 2026 (#10-26)
From:	Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject:	CAO Report – Council Farewell

BACKGROUND

The 2022-2026 Council term ends with this meeting representing the last official Regular Council Meeting of this term & I wanted to congratulate Council on their achievements over the last 4 years. Though Council has faced its share of adversity, you have come together to collaborate & make difficult decisions in those more difficult times.

Being part of a municipal Council means handling the difficult task of balancing the different philosophies at the table, the varied input from the community & recommendations from staff, while maintaining a focus for completing the short-term goals & long-term aspirations.

Council has worked with the community & administration to create a positive legacy for future Councils to follow. The Village has had success in making the Village a more comfortable, enjoyable place to live. With specific notes to the 2026 Official Community Plan & the completed Zoning Bylaw review, Council has provided the Village with a positive vision for the future.

I want to personally thank Councillor Jonathon Heatlie & Councillor Kenzie Neil for their patience, grace, mentorship & their hard work at the table. Your opinions & decisions have helped positively shape our community.

I would like to separately thank Mayor Diana Lockwood for her patience, grace, hard work & long hours, contributing to both the Village Council & through the RDCK Board. The combined duties of these positions require much research & diligence to make sure that the Village is always represented & protected. I also want to thank you personally for the mentorship & the long discussions. Your heart is truly driven to help this community.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the CAO report for information.

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Report to Council

Report Date:	October 8, 2026
Meeting Date:	October 13, 2026 (#10-26)
From:	Fred Paton, Public Works Foreman
Subject:	Public Works Report from September 4, 2026 – October 7, 2026

1. OBJECTIVE

To update Council on Public Works operations.

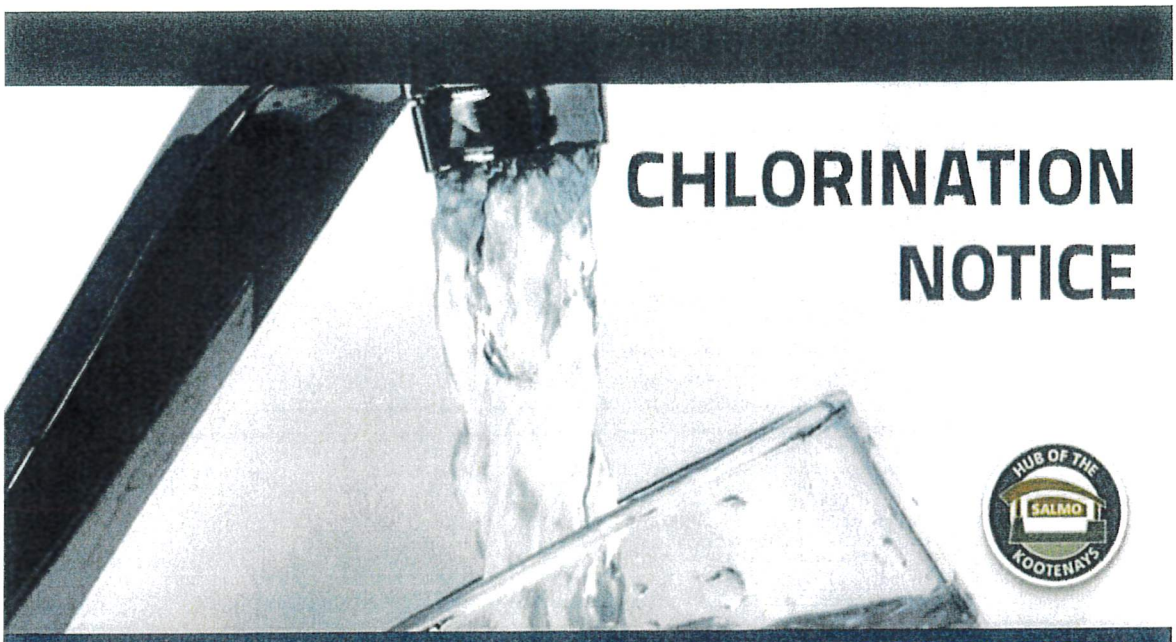
2. DISCUSSION

2.1. **Summer Activities.**

(a) Routine maintenance of Village fleet.
(b) Daily cleaning of Lions & KP Park washrooms.
(c) Working on completing the remaining bi-annual commercial vehicle inspections.
(d) Weekly water samples.
(e) Completed seven (7) internments at the Salmo Cemetery.
(f) Installed four (4) grave markers at the Salmo Cemetery.
(g) Completed two (2) water shut offs.
(h) Continued work on KP Campground Expansion.
(i) A date for the fall clean-up to be scheduled soon.
(j) Prepped winter equipment for upcoming season.
(k) Completed the monthly generator checks.
(l) Removed multiple dead trees.
(m) Installed kids' activity board at KP Park Playground.

2.2. **Attachments:**

(a) Bi-Annual Water System Chlorination October 15-16, 2026



CHLORINATION NOTICE

11:00 PM THURSDAY OCTOBER 15TH, 2026 – 7:00 AM FRIDAY OCTOBER 16TH, 2026

The Village Public Works Crew will be chlorinating the Village Water System as part of the biannual Maintenance.

Residents are asked to refrain from use of sprinklers, washing machines or any extra water usage during this period of time.

Anyone that may have an adverse reaction to chlorine should take appropriate precautions ahead of time.

Chlorine smells may resonate in the water for 5-7 days following the disinfection process. Please call the Village Office at (250) 357-9433 if you have any inquiries.

Fire Chief's Report: October 01, 2026

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Since the last report on September 1st, 2026 the Salmo Fire Department responded to 7 emergency incidents:

5 Jaws Calls	2 Structure Fires	

Calls

September saw lower-than-usual call volumes, concentrated primarily in two four-day windows at the beginning and end of the month. Key incidents included:

- **Structure Fire:** A large shop fire involved multiple vehicles, machinery, and nearby cedar trees. Due to the size and intensity of the blaze, the Ymir Fire Department was requested to respond for mutual aid. Follow-up work was required the next morning to extinguish hotspots and fires burning inside the huge old cedar trees.
- **Motor Vehicle Incident (MVI):** Responders were initially misdirected to Highway 3 and Ross Spur Road. After a search up the Bombi and towards Trail, it was determined the vehicle was located near the Kootenay Pass summit. RCMP and BC Ambulance were also affected by the incorrect location reporting. The vehicle was eventually found near the Kootenay Pass summit, and the three occupants received the assistance they required.

Training

Monthly training efforts were dedicated to pumping and drafting operations, hydrant water supply, and utilizing tenders for water transfer to engines when using a porta-tank is not feasible.

Membership

To increase department awareness and recruitment, members decided to participate in the upcoming Salmo Fall Festival.

Members hosted a lunch for the participants of the Motorcycle Toy Run. Unfortunately, it was a very wet and cold day, so there were only about 60 meals served, instead of the expected 250 meals.

Originally Signed By:

David Hearn, Fire Chief

Bylaw Officer's Report: Sep. 1, 2026 to Sep. 30, 2026

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Complaints:

INFRACTION TYPE	NO. OF INFRACTIONS	RESOLUTION
Dog Related	1	• The Village received another complaint regarding a dog attacking animals on another person's property.
Noise	1	• The Village received a complaint about noise at one property. The Village is following up.
Unsightly	1	• The Village received a complaint about an unsightly property. The Village is following up.

Enforcement:

INFRACTION TYPE	NO. OF INFRACTIONS	RESOLUTION
Dog Related	1	• The Bylaw Officer spoke with an individual that was walking two dogs off leash. The individual refused to comply and left the area.

Follow up Complaints/Enforcement:

INFRACTION TYPE	NO. OF INFRACTIONS	RESOLUTION
Animal Related	1	• The Bylaw Officer followed up on the complaint against a residence with approximately 20 chickens on the property. The owner has complied with the regulations.
Dog Related	1	• The Bylaw Officer spoke with the owner of the dog that is attacking animals on another person's property and advised that

Information submitted by:
Fred Nevakshonoff, Bylaw Officer

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CAO Report

Report Date:	October 3, 2026
Meeting Date:	October 13, 2026 (#10-26)
From:	Derek Kwiatkowski, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject:	CAO Report – Project Summary of Council Term

BACKGROUND

The Village has been moving through many projects. The projects included focus on core infrastructure, housing, public safety, indigenous engagement, financial transparency, emergency management, climate action, planning & development, and parks & recreation. Administration would like to highlight the projects that have been completed during this term & projects that are underway. This list does not represent all that was completed or that are in progress.

COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Core Infrastructure

December 2024- completed the Salmo Source Water Protection Plan study. This study analyzed the Village's aquifers, which are the source of the Village's municipal water.

August 2025- Completed a condition study of the Villages water distribution lines. This led to the discovery of 5 water leaks that were repaired. The Village's water usage decreased by approximately 20 percent.

July 2026- the Glendale Bridge construction project was completed with the installation of new guardrails.

January 2026- The Village completed overdue well repairs on both the Glendale & Sayward wells that allow the wells to run more efficiently & produce less sediment.

Energy Efficiency

June 2024- the Village installed solar panels at the Village Office & the Village Public Works Shop.

November 2024- the Village installed energy efficient heat pumps at the Village Office.

Parks, Cemeteries & Recreation

August 2025- The Village completed the installation of a Memorial Wall at the Salmo Cemetery.

June 2026- The Village installed accessible playground equipment KP Park & Lion's Park

Planning/ Housing

December 2024- the Village completed the Regional Housing Needs Report. In collaboration with the RDCK, Kaslo, Nakusp, Silverton & Slocan, this report states the estimated future housing requirements for each municipality.

April 2026- The Village & the RDCK completed the Regional & Local Community Needs Project. This project sets forward a plan for future Village boundary expansion.

July 2026- The Village finalized the creation of one lot on Maclure & Hutcheson, respectively. These lots were created from the 3rd Street closure.

Bylaw & Policy Review

May 2025- the Village completed review & update of all Fire Department related bylaws.

November 2025- Council passed the Non-Profit Organization Taxation Support & Funding Release Policy that supports non-profits by providing clarity for financial reporting requirements.

March 2026- Council passed amendments to the Council Procedure Bylaw that provided necessary updates to fall in line with new legislation.

July 2026- Starting in late 2025, the Village completed the 2026 Official Community Plan that will guide the Village in all future decisions.

Emergency Management

June 2025- the Village, along with the RDCK, completed a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan that provides further guidance for preparing for wildfires.

ACTIVE PROJECTS

There are several more projects that Council has approved & that staff are working on including tendering engineering studies for the Erie Creek dike, replacing the Village's water reservoir and a study of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. These studies will be completed by Spring 2027.

March 2025- the Village & RDCK signed an MOU for the "Indigenous Engagement - Emergency and Disaster Management Act" project. Both municipalities are continuing to construct framework.

March 2025- the Village began the creation of a new Asset Management Plan. Building assessment & vehicle assessment are completed, along with sidewalk & road condition studies. Staff are compiling data with a year-end completion timeline.

June 2025- The Village & the RDCK began collaborating on an Expression of Interest in creating a new Floodplain Bylaw and Hazard Risk Assessment Plan. These are currently under final legal review.

May 2026- The Village completed the first Committee of the Whole Meeting for discussion on a new Zoning Bylaw. The Village is awaiting an updated map from the RDCK prior to bringing it forward to 3 Readings

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the CAO report for information.

Project	Progress	Notes
Heritage Mine Grant	95%	September 14th deadline issued by Council.
DRIF Floodplain Management Bylaw Review	95%	Legal review taking place
GPS Mapping of Water Distribution System	90%	Updates will be completed by the RDCK in 2027
Asset Management Plan	75%	Staff compiling information
NG911 GIS Project	75%	Completing Final submission
Zoning Bylaw Review	95%	3 readings completed, sent to Provincial Ministry
REACH Grant Work	50%	Opportunity is being re-quoted
Water Plan	35%	Building RFP to engineering report
GATHER Grant Project	50%	Submitted Application
WWTP Plant Assessment	35%	Building RFP to engineering report
Indigenous Engagement- EM	30%	Project Expectation Meeting Held January 21, building project framework
Dike Project Management	30%	Staff inspected dike, verifying information from 2024 report
Fire Truck Purchase	25%	Council motion purchase, bylaws up for 1st reading
Accessibility Plan	25%	Council approved SPARC-BC application
Website Changes	25%	Working w/ RDCK GIS department on next steps
Campground Expansion	75%	Power shed built, water & power trenched in, installing pedestals
Accessibility Plan	10%	Applied for SPARC- BC grant, survey created
Create Job Descriptions	10%	Reviewing from other municipalities

APPENDIX B

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

MAYOR LOCKWOOD

Mayor Report for Council Meeting held on October 13, 2026.

Salmo & Area G Emergency Preparedness Committee: Sept 10

Citizen Engagement: Community Energy Association partnered up with CBT and hosted Residents of Salmo for people to learn about programs that are out to help reduce energy consumption by doing some simple things in your home to larger items.

Salmo's 80th birthday celebration was held on September 26 at the youth center. I would like to thank Councillor McKellar and his working group (Chamber of Commerce, Lions, and the museum) for putting on a wonderful event and delicious food (cake, cupcakes, donuts, and churros). There was background music provided by local artists Rob and Andreas.

RDCK:

Board: The board approved Bylaw 3088 Renumeration with the changes.

City of Prince George, requesting support for the Northern and Rural Homeowners Grant so the RDCK will write a letter after the provincial election to the Ministry.

The RDCK has been delegating authority for many things and now there is a bylaw that it all sits in, Bylaw 3091, 2026.

West Kootenay Transit Committee:

All Recreation: Next meeting October 28, 2026

Salmo & Area G Recreation Commission: The commission is working with the high school administration so a fitness class can be executed for the year 2026-2027. The commission heard from the SVYCC that the partnership we have with them, they deliver the summer and pro-d day camp, and we support the financial end worked well this summer.

Economic Trust of the Southern Interior – BC (ETSI-BC): The trust celebrated its 20th year anniversary in Creston inviting a wide range of people. Director Jackman, Vandenburghe, and Hannegraff were in attendance and got to hear all the economic development that is happening in the Kootenay-Columbia area. We have less people although we get a bigger share of the pie because this region really pulls together with their projects.

Central/Joint Resource Recovery: Resource Recovery Committee each elect a sub-regional Resource Recovery Chair from among their members at their final meeting of the 2026 calendar year.

Staff has signed an extension for one more year for the recycling depot land with the RDCK.

The Hazardous Waste event was successful although people are bringing in those items to the Nelson Leaf's Depot.

West Kootenay Hospital Board: Next meeting TBD

Nelson, Salmo, E, F, & G Regional Parks: Having staff review a preliminary review of the Blewett Community Society proposal regarding the Morning Mountain rink site and reporting back to the Commission with analysis and options for consideration and bringing it back to a future meeting.

While staff draft an agreement with the TAWKROC – CIC Bluffs, there will be wording speaking to who is responsible for the equipment and the RDCK will not replace any equipment.

Nelson, Salmo and Electoral Areas E, F and G Recreation Commission S202 to increase Grants by $5,719.20 and increase transfer from reserves by $5,719.20 for a grant to the Nelson Cycling Club; and, Nelson, Salmo and Electoral Areas E, F and G Recreation Commission S202 to increase Transfer to Other Service by $8,578.80 and increase transfer from reserves by $8,578.80 to repay Community Works Funds for the Nelson Cycling Club project. An audit by UBCM showed that Community Works money was not eligible, and we did not find this out until after the fact of approval hence why this is being taken out of reserves. Going forward staff have said they will do their due diligence to try and see if a project doesn't fit before proceeding. They are looking into why this didn't fit completely.

Nelson Nordic Ski Club Project – there is not a service agreement developed yet although they are needing to start work before the weather changes. The MOTT, RDCK and NNSC need to sit down together to talk about an agreement between the two parties.

<u>Other meetings of note:</u>

Union British Columbia Municipalities Conference: I attend everyday from Sept 14-18, 2026, in Vancouver and here is what I learned.

<u>The Future of RCMP Policing</u>:

Presenters were Jamie Lipp, Deputy Director, Indigenous, Core Policing and Contract Management, Policing and Security Branch, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Elijah Rain, Assistant Commissioner & LMD District Commander, B.C. RCMPP

Craig Hodge, Metro Vancouver/GVRD Representative, Union of B.C. Municipalities

Dr. Joshua Murphy, Professor, Department of Criminology, Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Details: The federal government has informally signaled its intention to negotiate new RCMP police service agreements (PSAs) with willing jurisdictions, but what does that mean for B.C. local governments? British Columbia is the only contract jurisdiction where PSAs are between the province and local governments (as opposed to direct agreements with the federal government). How will this arrangement impact contract negotiations, which are expected to begin imminently? What will be the role of local governments, who pay the largest share of policing costs in B.C., as part of this process?

The threshold of 5000 people has created problems in the payment structure as the population grows throughout the province. Population in 2013 was 586.8million and has risen to 855.5million in 2024.

Populations under 5000 pay 33% of the policing cost. The panel was saying that the local governments need to be at the table for the decisions being made through data instead of Ottawa making the decision.

Service delivery, some partners want different levels of service and that is not available currently in BC.

BC Local Government RCMP contract Management Committee is the only one that exists in Canada.

Local Governance and Accountability would look like:

Establish a local board or council, drawing on the Yukon model.

Give municipalities a formal role in OIC selection and vetting (municipalities already have a say in this, but do not always exercise that ability).

Make the existing requirement that community priorities become RCMP priorities meaningful and enforceable.

Require regular engagement between RCMP and community stakeholders.

I am happy to say that Salmo has this kind of a relationship with our RCMP.

We Have an Evacuation Plan, But What If ...?s

Presenters were Christina Carbrey, Protective Services Manager /Regional EOC Director, Regional District of East Kootenay

Ken Nickel, Food Security Emergency Planning and Preparedness Project Coordinator, BC Agriculture Council

Ty Helgason, Emergency Program Manager, City of Kamloops

Jaylene MacIver, Deputy CAO, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality

Details where evacuations are complex, emotional and often require input from multiple agencies. Even when an evacuation plan is in place, local governments may have questions about how they can best serve their communities during emergencies. There is a vulnerable populations database which helps the emergency responders identify and support residents who may face challenges. All livestock are supposed to be registered although most are not. It is the BC Premises ID Program.

Social Infrastructure: BC's Way Forward to Connected Communities

Presenters were Katie Fenn, CEO, BC Recreation and Parks Association

Mary Morrison-Clark, GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture, City of Burnaby

Carmut Me, Head of Cultural Space Programs,

Andrew Price, CEO, viaSport

John Hawkings, Executive Lead, BC Ministry of Environment and Parks

Details where liveability is the cornerstone of sustainable, resilient communities and how important it is to bring together essential partners who collectively build complete communities through recreation. Recreation is the heart of communities which brings people together and tourism. Infrastructure always needs to be maintained and there is a cost to that. I asked Mr. Hawkins the reason back country was being closed under his direction and used Rady Creek for and example. He said it is on the top of his desk but did not give answer to why the province would close a tourist attraction and with all the public out cry over it.

MIABC is the Insurance that the Village of Salmo uses.
MFA is where the Village of Salmo gets there loans.

Understanding DRIPA: Opportunities, Challenges and Implications for BC Communities

Presenters were Reece Harding, Partner, Young Anderson Barrister and Solicitors

Dwight Newman, Professor of Law & Canada Research Chair in Right, Communities and Constitutional Law, University of Saskatchewan

Merle Alexander, KC, Principal Lawyer, Miller Titerle + Company Karen Restoule, Director of Indigenous Affairs, Macdonald-Laurier Institute

Laura Jones, President and CEO, Business Council of British Columbia

George Lampreau, Chief, Simpcw First Nation Aaron Pete, Chief,

Chawathil First Nation

Cori Ramsay, President, UBCM

Details were the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) continues to shape conversations about reconciliation, governance, law-making and community relationships across BC. We had an overview of DRIPA including how the legislation was developed, and what it means for provincial laws, Indigenous rights and public decision-making.

The only place local governments are mentioned is in section7(3) and the average person doesn't know what is going on as it appears there is a lack of transparency. If both sides disagree is a question for the crown who needs to engage with everyone.

UBCM Governance Review Update

Presenters were Allan Neilson, Principal, Neilson Strategies

Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, Union of BC Municipalities

Details were to update the 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.

Anna Maria Tremonti was a keynote speaker. She is an award-winning journalist and broadcaster who captivated listeners around the world for nearly two decades as the host of CBC Radio's The Current, one of Canada's most popular radio programs. Known for her thoughtful, compelling interviews, Tremonti has explored everything from the politics of the day and the forces shaping our society to the deeply personal stories of individuals whose experiences and journeys resonate with us all. Her trademark approach, curious, empathetic and deeply human, has earned her a devoted audience and inspired countless listeners. Through her work, Tremonti has demonstrated the power of a good question and the importance of listening with genuine curiosity and compassion. Very interesting to listen to.

Resolutions for the next three days.

Resilient Infrastructure for the Common Good

Presenters were Meghan Lee, Director of Engineering and Operations, District of Sechelt

Kiera Tsakonas, Portfolio Manager, Canadian Urban Institute

LouAnn Birkett, Senior Supply Chain Advisor - Contracting, Kinetic GPO Inc.

Michael Walker, Manager - Regional Infrastructure, Associated Engineering

Details where municipalities are under increasing pressure to deliver infrastructure projects quickly, responsibly, and with greater resilience to future conditions. It is really important to have a plan how your going to execute your strategic plan and how to improve infrastructure delivery.

Mayor's and chair Highway 3 Coalition: We met with staff prior to UBCM as we continue to bring our five top priorities forward.