



## **Minutes**

### **Regular Council Meeting**

April 15, 2025, 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers/Video Conference  
10150 Bottom Wood Lake Road  
Lake Country, British Columbia V4V 2M1

Council Present: Mayor Blair Ireland  
Councillor Tricia Brett  
Councillor Heather Irvine  
Councillor Michael Lewis  
Councillor Todd McKenzie  
Councillor Bib Patel

Council Absent: Councillor Cara Reed

Staff Present: Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jeremy Frick, Director of Planning & Development  
Trevor James, Chief Financial Officer  
Darren Lee, Fire Chief  
Matthew Salmon, Director of Infrastructure & Development Engineering  
Brad Savoury, Director of Legal Services and Risk Management  
Reyna Seabrook, Director of Corporate Services  
Matt Vader, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Scott Unser, Public Works Manager  
Richard Wagner, Manager of Finance  
Brian Zurek, Manager of Long Range Planning  
Makayla Ablitt, Legislative Technical Clerk  
Travis Tonn, Support Analyst  
Mike Mitchell, Utility Operations Manager  
Philippa Harding, Manager of Corporate Services  
Collette Beggs, Senior Advisor Intergovernmental Relations

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#### **1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement**

*We acknowledge that we are conducting our business today on the unceded territory of squilx"/syilx (Okanagan) peoples. As a Council, we recognize the importance of doing our best to build respectful relationships that contribute to stewarding the land and waters in the community with integrity and consideration for future generations.*

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda*****2025-04-097 It was moved and seconded****THAT the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of April 15, 2025 be adopted.****Carried.*****3. Adoption of Minutes****3.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2025*****2025-04-098 It was moved and seconded****THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2025 be adopted.****Carried.*****4. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Ireland and Paul Gipps travelled to Victoria last week to meet with the Minister of Transportation and Transit, and Minister of State and Small Communities. They have plans to meet with the Minister of Health soon.

**5. Announcements**

- The 30th anniversary of Lake Country's incorporation as a district municipality is May 2nd. We value the contributions of all four Mayor's and many dedicated Council members during the past 30 years.
- At the end of November we were excited to announce the strategic [purchase of the BC Tree Fruits property at 9718 Bottom Wood Lake Rd](#) as a community amenity. Now we want to engage with the community to help establish priorities for the use of the property to meet the needs of the community now and into the future. Watch the [Let's Talk Lake Country](#) online portal for more information about how you can get involved, and make sure to come out to the public engagement sessions April 16 (5:30-7:30pm) and April 17 (3:00-5:00pm) in the atrium lobby area of the MAC building.
- Municipal Hall will be closed for Good Friday, April 18th and Easter Monday, April 21st.
- The Lodge Road infrastructure upgrades project is progressing well and the Okanagan Rail Trail between Lodge Rd and Woodsdale Rd will be closed April 15 to April 25 for site works and then paving. In the interest of public safety we request everyone to avoid that section of the trail.
- Do your spring cleaning and bring your styrofoam packaging, glass jars, plastic bags and overwrap to the monthly Pop-up Recycling Depot on Saturday, April 26 10am-2pm at the corner of Main Street and Hill Road. Everyone that brings in their recycling can enter the April prize draw for a recycling organizer set, or a \$50 gift certificate to a Lake Country business of their choice; and get their name in the end of season Grand Prize draw for an e-bike from Lake Country Cycle.
- The Lake Country Bike Park on Okanagan Centre Rd West is now open for use and a grand opening celebration will be held on Saturday, May 3rd (2-4pm).

**6. Delegations**

**7. Planning and Development Applications**

**8. Departmental Reports**

**8.1 2024 Surplus Allocation**

Allocation of Surplus

**2025-04-099 It was moved and seconded**

*THAT the 2024 general fund surplus of \$8,888 be allocated to the general fund surplus reserve;*

*AND THAT the 2024 sewer fund surplus of \$210,378 be allocated to the sewer capital reserve.*

**Carried.**

**8.2 Grants-in-Aid Policy 175, 2019 Amendments**

To amend Grants-in-Aid Policy 175, 2019 to include athletic and sporting events and update the Community Hall operating grants.

**2025-04-100 It was moved and seconded**

*THAT Grants-in-Aid Policy 175, 2019 as shown on Attachment A to the report to Council dated April 15, 2025, be amended by deleting and replacing section 4.2 with the following:*

*4.2 For the purpose of this section, a high-level sporting event is a provincial, national, world, Olympic, major-games or Western Canadian event.*

*AND THAT Grants-in-Aid Policy 175, 2019 as shown on Attachment A to the report to Council dated April 15, 2025, and as amended above, be adopted.*

**Carried.**

**8.3 First Quarter Statistics**

For information

**9. Bylaws for Adoption and Readings Following a Public Hearing**

**9.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1251, 2024|Z0000337 | 3551 & 3583 Woodsdale Road**

To rezone from RU1 – Small Scale Multiple Housing to RM5 – Medium Density Multiple Housing

Read a 1st, 2nd, 3rd time [December 17, 2024](#)

**2025-04-101 It was moved and seconded**

*THAT Zoning Amendment (Z0000337) Bylaw 1251, 2024 be adopted.*

**Carried.**

**9.2 Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1266 | Z0000277| 3118 Reimche Rd**

To rezone from RM4 – Low Density Multiple Housing to RM5 – Medium Density Multiple Housing

Read a 1st, 2nd, 3rd time [January 21, 2025](#)

**2025-04-102 It was moved and seconded**

*THAT Zoning Amendment (Z0000277) Bylaw 1266, 2025 be adopted.*

**Carried.**

**9.3 Subdivision and Development Servicing Amendment Bylaw 1269, 2025**

Read a 1st, 2nd, 3rd time [April 1, 2025](#)

**2025-04-103 It was moved and seconded**

*THAT Subdivision and Development Servicing Amendment Bylaw 1269, 2025 be adopted.*

**Carried.**

**9.4 Reserve Fund Amendment Bylaw 1273, 2025**

Read a 1st, 2nd, 3rd time [April 1, 2025](#)

**2025-04-104 It was moved and seconded**

*THAT Reserve Fund Amendment Bylaw 1273, 2025 be adopted.*

**Carried.**

**9.5 2024- 2028 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 1274, 2025**

Read a 1st, 2nd, 3rd time [April 1, 2025](#)

**2025-04-105 It was moved and seconded**

*THAT 2024-2028 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 1274, 2025 be adopted.*

**Carried.**

**10. Rise and Report from In Camera**

**10.1 Public Art Advisory Commission (PAAC) | New Member Appointment**

**2025-04-022 It was moved and seconded**

*THAT Emma Simpson be appointed to the Public Art Advisory Commission for a 3-year term;*

*AND THAT the appointment be declassified from confidential.*

**Carried.**

**11. Council Committees**

**11.1 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee DRAFT Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2025**

**12. External Committees and Boards**

**12.1 Regional District of Central Okanagan Board Report of April 3, 2025**

**12.2 Okanagan Basin Water Board Report of April 1, 2025**

**13. Strategic Priorities**

**14. Report from Councillors**

Councillor Irvine participated in the Oyama Clean Up on Sunday. She noted how great it was to see the community together and noted the significant impact and contribution the Community Halls provide for residents.

Councillor McKenzie echoed Councillor Irvines comments regarding the Oyama Community Hall. He thanked her for her comments, and thanked community members who helped with the clean up. He has noticed fast drivers through school zones and reminded everyone to slow down.

Councillor Brett noted that Okanagan Centre Community Hall's clean up is on April 27th. She further noted Okanagan Centre had a 50/50 raffle to raise funds and announced the winner. Councillor Brett reminded everyone to buy local.

Councillor Patel echoed comments from around the table. He reminded drivers to slow down and noted spring is on the way. Councillor Patel asked the community to do their part for Fire Smart.

Councillor Lewis noted that Folktale Cider has opened, and echoed comments regarding supporting local.

Mayor Ireland asked drivers to give space to walkers, bikers, and runners on the road. He is excited Folktale Cider is opening and encouraged families to stop by.

**15. Adjournment**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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Mayor, Blair Ireland

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Corporate Officer, Reyna Seabrook