



Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

June 3, 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, electronically
Councillor Bib Patel
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
Carie Liefke, Manager of Current Planning
Steven Gubbels, Manager of Development
Scott Unser, Public Works Manager
Richard Wagner, Manager of Finance
Brian Zurek, Manager of Long Range Planning
Makayla Ablitt, Legislative & FOI Coordinator
Travis Tonn, Support Analyst
Mike Mitchell, Utility Operations Manager
Philippa Harding, Manager of Corporate Services

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***2025-06-126 It was moved and seconded****THAT the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of June 3, 2025 be adopted.****Carried.*****3. Adoption of Minutes****3.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025*****2025-06-127 It was moved and seconded****THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025 be adopted.****Carried.*****4. Mayor's Report****5. Announcements**

The District has joined the ParticipACTION Community Challenge and we need your help to win the title of Canada's Most Active Community! This is a nationwide event running through the month of June, which encourages everyone to get moving and track their physical activity. The winning community receives \$100,000 to support local physical activity initiatives. Keep your eyes open for some free activities the District will host, and now that the weather has improved, let's get out there and stay active! Whether it's biking, running, yoga, stretching, walking, or even an evening stroll – every activity counts! To learn more, visit lakecountry.bc.ca

Mayor Ireland acknowledged the fire that started in Okanagan Centre last weekend.

Mayor Ireland asked the community to go to makewaterwork.ca and take a pledge.

6. Delegations**6.1 Fortis BC | Shelley Martens, Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations**

Shelley Martens, Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations to present.

7. Planning and Development Applications**7.1 Development Permit with Variance Application | DP001059 | 11437 Bottom Wood Lake Road**

Commercial and Multiple Unit Development Permit with variance for a 6-storey mixed-use development

2025-06-128 It was moved and seconded

THAT Development Permit with Variance DP001059 (Attachment A in the Report to Council dated June 3, 2025) for the property at 11437 Bottom Wood Lake Road (PID 032-357-842), be approved.

Carried.**8. Departmental Reports**

8.1 Road Closure | RC2024-003 | 1210 8th Street

A Bylaw to close a portion of road, and remove its highway dedication, adjacent to 1210 8th Street for residential use.

Peter Palma | Applicant

Mr. Palma addressed questions from Council regarding the proposed privacy screen.

2025-06-129 It was moved and seconded

THAT Road Closure Bylaw (RC2024-003) 1253, 2025 be read a first, second, and third time.

Carried.

8.2 Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) Terms of Reference (TOR) | Amendment

Amendment to the TOR to clarify residency requirements

2025-06-130 It was moved and seconded

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) Terms of Reference (TOR) be amended by deleting and replacing section 4.1. MEMBERSHIP, as shown on the amended TOR, attached to the Report to Council dated June 3, 2025.

Carried.

8.3 Hwy 97 to Glenmore Rd Connecting Road Design Budget Allocation

Allocate funding to advance conceptual road design to allow acquisition of the road corridor.

2025-06-131 It was moved and seconded

THAT the 2025 Financial Plan be amended to include \$265,000 for the Hwy 97 to Glenmore Rd Connecting Road Design funded from the Transportation Infrastructure Reserve.

Carried.

8.4 Council Procedure Bylaw 1282, 2025 | Meeting Management

Update to Council Procedures Bylaw

2024-01-132 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council Procedures Bylaw 1282, 2025 be read a first, second and third time.

Carried.

OPPOSED: Councillor McKenzie, Reed

9. Bylaws for Adoption and Readings Following a Public Hearing**9.1 Wildlife and Vector Attractant Bylaw 1280, 2025 | BNE and MTI Amendment (Wildlife and Vector Attractant) Bylaw 1281, 2025**

Both read a 1st, 2nd, 3rd time [May 20, 2025](#).

2025-06-133 It was moved and seconded

THAT third reading of Wildlife and Vector Attractant Bylaw 1280, 2025 be rescinded.

Carried.

10. Rise and Report from In Camera

10.1 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PARC) | New Member Appointment

Consideration of appointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

2025-05-038 It was moved and seconded

THAT Rebecca Frechette be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for a three-year term;

AND THAT the appointment be declassified from confidential.

Carried.

11. Council Committees

12. External Committees and Boards

12.1 Board of Education Meeting Highlights of May 14, 2025

12.2 Okanagan Regional Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2024

12.3 Regional District of Central Okanagan Board Report of May 15, 2025

13. Strategic Priorities

14. Report from Councillors

Councillor McKenzie sent his regrets for being in attendance virtually. He heard Oyama Days was fantastic and wishes he could have been there.

Councillor Irvine enjoyed laughing and smiling with everyone at Oyama Days.

Councillor Lewis was not able to attend Oyama Days, but noted it was a great day.

Councillor Reed thanked the Oyama Community for the opportunity to participate in Oyama Days. She attended the Wounded Warriors Charity Event at the Oyama Zipline Adventure Park where 100% of the funds from that day were donated to Wounded Warriors Canada. She hopes to follow Garry McCracken's bike ride next year from Vancouver to Winnipeg. Councillor Reed announced the Carrs Landing Community and Recreation Association meeting is Wednesday June 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the District of Lake Country Firehall with a discussion on FireSmart. She drew the communities attention to this summers events put on by Lake Country Health, especially the make your own air purifier workshop on Friday June 13 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Councillor Patel participated in the first annual Lake Country Food Bank golf tournament on Friday May 30. He also attended the 243 Royal Air Cadets Squadron Parade at the Airport Museum over the weekend. Councillor Patel participated in the dunk tank at Oyama Days this year again.

Councillor Brett summarized her time at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference in Ottawa over the last week. She shared themes of discussions that occurred, including commonalities of problems across all municipalities in the country, the notion of an equity lens and the way communities can use it in decision making, and the importance of strong municipal leadership for the purpose of certainty and consistency.

Mayor Ireland summarized his time at Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), mainly discussing the last presentation which addressed the "superpower" municipalities hold; the opportunity to create strong and trusting communities which will contribute to a strong economy.

14.1 UBCM Resolution | Modernization of Wastewater Regulations

2025-06-134 It was moved and seconded

WHEREAS the oversight of wastewater management in British Columbia is divided between two provincial ministries, resulting in split jurisdiction over two key regulations — the Municipal Wastewater Regulation (MWR) (2001) and the Sewerage System Regulation (SSR) (2005);

AND WHEREAS these regulations have not undergone significant updates since their enactment, despite evolving environmental standards, increasing concerns regarding the professional oversight of these systems, emerging technologies, and increasing community and ecological demands;

AND WHEREAS the Province has established priorities to support housing development, infrastructure expansion, improved cumulative effects assessment in natural resource decision-making, and stronger integration of source water and drinking water protection;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that UBCM requests the Province of British Columbia to undertake a comprehensive review and modernization of the Municipal Wastewater Regulation and Sewerage System Regulation to ensure alignment with current environmental pressures, technological advancements, and land use planning needs.

Carried.

15. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Mayor, Blair Ireland

Corporate Officer, Reyna Seabrook