



Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

June 17, 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
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
Shaun Lesowski, Parks and Facilities Manager
Greg Price, Manager of Building and Bylaw Services
Ruth Sulentich, Economic Development and Public Engagement Specialist
Scott Unser, Public Works Manager
Richard Wagner, Manager of Finance
Kiel Wilkie, Utility Manager
Brian Zurek, Manager of Long Range Planning
Makayla Ablitt, Legislative & FOI Coordinator
Travis Tonn, Support Analyst
Lauren Sanbrooks, Grant Funding Specialist
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

2025-06-135 It was moved and seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of June 17, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes**3.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2025**

2025-06-136 It was moved and seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

4. Mayor's Report**5. Announcements**

- There are two more weekends to get busy around your yard taking action to FireSmart your property by trimming trees and hedges and then drop the clippings off at the FireSmart Green waste bins around the community. The bins will be removed for the summer season after Monday, June 23, and will come back in the fall.
- The District is accepting submissions to the [street banner contest](#) until June 30 at 12:00pm.
- Anyone with an approved Property Tax Exemption must [submit their annual renewal](#) by July 15, 2025.
- The next Pop-up Recycling Depot is scheduled for Saturday, June 28 (10am-2pm) at the corner of Hill Rd and Main Street.
- With rising summer temperatures, everyone in the community is reminded to check in on neighbours and friends; drink plenty of water; seek cool, shady places in the heat of the day and enjoy the lakes to stay cool.
- There is still time to register for participACTION at <https://www.participaction.com/individual-pledge/>
- Visit makewaterwork.ca and take the pledge to help Lake Country win the title of "make water work champion community"

6. Delegations

7. Planning and Development Applications

7.1 Copper Hill OCP and Zoning Bylaw Amendments | OCP00062 & Z0000253 | Copper Hill

Copper Hill Land Use Changes Proposed for Residential, Light Industrial and Park Purposes

2025-06-137 It was moved and seconded

THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1284, 2025 be read a first time;

AND THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1285, 2025 be read a first time.

Carried.

7.2 DVP00419 | PID 013-537-270 | No Civic Address (Extension of Copper Hill Road)

To vary (remove) the requirement for an emergency access route for a cul-de-sac greater than 200m in length, as specified in Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw 1121, 2020, Section G.6.4.

2025-06-138 It was moved and seconded

THAT Development Variance Permit DVP00419 (Attachment A in the Report to Council dated June 17th, 2025) for the property legally described as Section 11 Osoyoos Div of Yale Land District, Township 20 Part E 1/2 OF W 1/2 Except Plan 19644, KAP44270, KAP67056, KAP77161, KAP79528 & KAP82523 & Section 11 Osoyoos Div of Yale Land District Township 20 Part E 1/2 Except Plan 19644, B17161 A (PID 013-537-270), be approved.

Carried.

OPPOSED: Councillor Reed

7.3 Temporary Use Permit | TUP00108 | 1525 Camp Road

Application to allow short term rental accommodation for an Agri-Tourism business on a property in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

2025-06-139 It was moved and seconded

THAT Temporary Use Permit TUP00108 (Attachment A in the Report to Council dated June 17, 2025) for the property at 1525 Camp Road (PID: 012-392-821), to allow short term rental accommodation (agri-tourism accommodation) for an Agri-Tourism business, be approved.

Carried.

7.4 Temporary Use Permit | TUP00109 | 14041 Talbot Road

Application to allow short term rental accommodation for an Agri-Tourism business on a property in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

2025-06-140 It was moved and seconded

THAT Temporary Use Permit TUP00109 (Attachment A in the Report to Council dated June 17, 2025) for the property at 14041 Talbot Road (PID: 013-538-616), to allow agri-tourism accommodation for an Agri-Tourism business, be approved.

Carried.

7.5 Temporary Use Permit | TUP00110 | 14405 East Hill Road

Application to allow agri-tourism accommodation for an Agri-Tourism business on a property in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

2025-06-141 It was moved and seconded

THAT Temporary Use Permit TUP00110 (Attachment A in the Report to Council dated June 17, 2025) for the property at 14405 East Hill Road (PID: 011-159-278), to allow agri-tourism accommodation for an Agri-Tourism business, be approved.

Main Motion Carried as Amended.

Amendment:

2025-06-142 It was moved and seconded

THAT the main motion be amended to include:

AND THAT the applicant be required to report back mid-way through the permit process on the use of the RV site.

Carried.

Main motion as amended reads as follows:

THAT Temporary Use Permit TUP00110 (Attachment A in the Report to Council dated June 17, 2025) for the property at 14405 East Hill Road (PID: 011-159-278), to allow agri-tourism accommodation for an Agri-Tourism business, be approved;

AND THAT the applicant be required to report back mid-way through the permit process on the use of the RV site.

7.6 Development Variance Permit | DVP00407 | 9710 Okanagan Centre Rd E

To authorize construction of a proposed addition to the existing single-family dwelling with variance to the minimum side yard setback regulations.

2025-06-143 It was moved and seconded

THAT Development Variance Permit DVP00407 (Attachment A to the Report to Council dated June 17, 2025) for the property located at 9710 Okanagan Centre Rd E, legally described as LOT 18 SECTION 10 OSOYOOS DIV OF YALE LAND DISTRICT PLAN KAP23474 TOWNSHIP 20; (PID: 006-413-293), to reduce the side yard setback requirements to the south side for the development of an addition to the existing single-family dwelling, be approved.

Carried.

8. Departmental Reports

8.1 Food Waste Diversion

To consider participation in a regional curbside food waste collection program

2025-06-144 It was moved and seconded

THAT Council not support the District of Lake Country's participation in the Regional District of the Central Okanagan's Curbside Food Waste Program at this time.

Carried.

8.2 2024 Annual Report

To consider approval of the 2024 Annual Report

2025-06-145 It was moved and seconded

THAT the 2024 Annual Report be approved.

Carried.

8.3 PlanH Healthy Communities Grant – Community Connectedness

PlanH Healthy Communities Grant – Community Connectedness Application

2025-06-146 It was moved and seconded

THAT an application to the PlanH Healthy Communities Grant – Community Connectedness for up to \$5,000, be supported;

AND THAT staff be authorized to apply for, receive and manage the grant funding on behalf of the District of Lake Country.

AND THAT if successful, the 2025 Financial Plan be amended to include the receipt and expenditure of the grant funds.

Carried.

8.4 2025-2026 BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement

To authorize execution of the Annual Operating Agreement for BC Transit service

2025-06-147 It was moved and seconded

THAT the 2025-2026 Annual Operating Agreement between the District of Lake Country and BC Transit, for transit service, for the period April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 be authorized.

Carried.

8.5 2024 Statement of Financial Information | Financial Information Act Supplementary Schedules

To comply with applicable reporting legislation

2025-06-148 It was moved and seconded

THAT the 2024 Schedules of Financial Information be approved.

Carried.

9. Bylaws for Adoption and Readings Following a Public Hearing**10. Rise and Report from In Camera****11. Council Committees****11.1 Public Art Advisory Commission DRAFT Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2025****12. External Committees and Boards****12.1 Okanagan Regional Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2025****12.2 Okanagan Basin Water Board Report of June 3, 2025****13. Strategic Priorities****14. Report from Councillors**

Councillor Lewis attended the Peter Greer Elementary's Bringing Home the Salmon Event. Over the years he has been impressed with Peter Greer's great efforts to engage with our Indigenous neighbours, and finds it very inspiring and meaningful.

Councillor Reed asked for bus shelters and benches installed at the bus stops along Okanagan Centre Road East. She followed up about her notice of motion from April 1, 2025 regarding Council Interaction with Developers Policy 207, and asked Staff for clarification regarding meeting procedures and the Mayors authority to rescind a motion.

Councillor Brett echoed comments from Councillor Reed regarding Okanagan Centre Road East, and asked that walking and bike paths be kept in mind while new developments are being built in the area. She attended the Keeping it Rural Conference at the Airport Inn. It was a fantastic conference and she enjoyed the topic of economic reconciliation.

Councillor McKenzie announced that Lake Country won an award again for Boots and Boats at the Turtle Bay Marina. He noted that people have been camping along Pelmeash after hours.

Councillor Irvine is excited to see plans for the egress on Copper Hill starting and thanked everyone who participated.

Mayor Ireland noted that the egress on Copper Hill has been a long time coming and he is excited to see it happening. He met with the Minister of Housing who is going to come visit Lake Country in July, and gave Brittany Anderson, Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities, a tour of Lake Country discussing what is happening in the community and where support could be used. Mayor Ireland attended the whole Keeping it Rural Conference, where several topics pertinent to Lake Country were discussed. He announced Saturday June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day, and suggested that people read an indigenous book in celebration.

15. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Mayor, Blair Ireland

Corporate Officer, Reyna Seabrook

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