



Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

January 20, 2026, 5:35 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, CFO, Director of Finance & Administration
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
James Robertson, Land Agent
Scott Unser, Public Works Manager
Richard Wagner, Manager of Finance
Kiel Wilkie, Capital Project Manager
Brian Zurek, Manager of Long Range Planning
Makayla Ablitt, Manager of Corporate Administration
Lauren Sanbrooks, Grant Funding Specialist
Shara Glenn, Legislative and FOI Coordinator
Cory Drinkwater, Support Analyst

Others:

Youth Councillor Mochinski

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 7:11p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2026-01-008 It was moved and seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of January 20, 2026 be adopted.

Carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Committee of the Whole Minutes of January 13, 2026

2026-01-009 It was moved and seconded

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2026 be adopted.

Carried.

3.2 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2026

2026-01-010 It was moved and seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2026 be adopted.

Carried.

4. Mayor's Report

5. Announcements

1.The District is hosting two public open houses to discuss the 2026-2030 Five-Year Financial Plan which includes the proposed 2026 budget. These sessions are a great opportunity to speak directly with staff on what is included in the proposed draft budget that Council will review.

The open houses will be held:

- Thursday, January 29, at George Elliott Secondary School from 5-8pm
- Wednesday, February 4, Municipal Hall from 3-6pm

Visit letstalk.lakecountry.bc.ca to learn more about the budget process and use the Q&A feature to ask your questions to staff.

2.There is still time to drop off your live Christmas tree for chipping and use in trails or composting. Please remove the tinsel and any decorations and drop the tree off at Jack Seaton Park on Camp Road by January 31.

3. As part of the continuing wildfire mitigation project, prescription burns continue in our area. In the interest of public safety, hikers and trail users are asked to avoid work areas, respect signage and follow direction from the wildfire specialist crews.

4. Okanagan Centre residents, please arrange your schedule to attend a Town Hall open conversation with District of Lake Country CAO Paul Gipps along with Councillor Tricia Brett and Mayor Blair Ireland on Thursday, January 22 (6:30-8:00pm) at Okanagan Centre Hall.

5. Official Community Plan public engagement is coming to your neighbourhood!

For residents in Carr's Landing, please mark your calendar to attend:

Wednesday, January 28th from 7pm-8:30pm at LCFD Station 81 (16625 Commonage Rd).

Stop by and chat with District Planning staff and Councillor Cara Reed.

For residents in Winfield, please mark your calendars to attend:

Saturday January 31st from noon – 2:00pm at Winfield Memorial Hall (10130 Bottom Wood Lake Rd.)

Stop by and chat with District Planning staff and Councillor Heather Irvine.

Logistics are being formalized for an OCP public engagement in Okanagan Centre with Councillor Brett.

6. Delegations

6.1 Lake Country Chamber of Commerce Update

President of Chamber of Lake Country, Johnny Good presented.

7. Planning and Development Applications

7.1 Multi-family Residential Development Permit Amendment | DP001072 | 9751 & 9819 Bottom Wood Lake Road

Multiple-Unit Development Permit Amendment

Westpoint Projects Inc, project manager Cory Makus presented.

2026-01-011 It was moved and seconded

THAT Development Permit DP001072 be replaced in its entirety with Development Permit Amendment DP001072-A1 (Attachment A in the Report to Council dated January 20, 2026), for the properties at 9751 & 9819 Bottom Wood Lake Road (PID: 011-168-196 and 003-448-991), to allow the amendment of the multi-family residential development, be approved.

Carried.

8. Departmental Reports

8.1 2026 FireSmart Community Funding and Supports – Grant Application

Community Resiliency Investment Fund 2026 FireSmart Community Funding and Supports – Grant Application

2026-01-012 It was moved and seconded

THAT an application to the 2026 FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Program for up to \$400,000, 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 2026-2030 Financial Plan be amended to include the receipt and expenditure of the grant funds.

Carried.

8.2 The WAVE Prize – Grant Application

The WAVE Prize offered by Swim Drink Fish – Grant Application

2026-01-013 It was moved and seconded

THAT an application to the WAVE Prize for the Oyama Isthmus Park Play Pier project for up to \$3 million, 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 2026-2030 Financial Plan be amended to include the receipt and expenditure of the grant funds.

Carried.

8.3 4240 Glenmore Road North (City of Kelowna) | Request for Water Service

Consideration of extending water service outside of District Boundaries

2026-01-014 It was moved and seconded

THAT the provision of water services outside District of Lake Country boundary, to the property at 4240 Glenmore Road (PID: 004-001-699), LOT 1, PLAN KAP36642, SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 23, OSOYOOS DIV OF YALE LAND DISTRICT ("Subject Property"), be supported.

AND THAT staff be directed to bring forward an amendment to Lake Country Water Service Area Bylaw 695, 2008 to include the Subject Property within the water service area.

AND THAT the water rate for the Subject Property be established as the City of Kelowna Fees and Charges, Bulk Charge as set out in Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw 984, 2016.

AND THAT in accordance with Section 13 of the Community Charter, staff be directed to request consent from the City of Kelowna to provide water service to the Subject Property.

AND THAT staff be directed to develop a policy for the consideration of extending water service outside of District boundaries, for Council's consideration

Carried.

OPPOSED: Councillor Brett

8.4 Road Closure and Land Exchange | RC2025-009 | 9751 Okanagan Centre Road E

To close a portion of road for exchange of land of equivalent value with the property owner

2026-01-015

THAT Road Closure Bylaw (RC2025-009) 1312, 2026 be read a first, second, and third time.

Carried.

9. Bylaws for Adoption and Readings Following a Public Hearing

9.1 Road Closure | RC2025-004 | 11011 Hallam Drive

Read a first second and third time [October 21, 2025](#).

2026-01-016

THAT Road Closure Bylaw (RC2025-004) 1296, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

9.2 Fees Bylaw Amendment | Schedule 12 Community Complex

Read a first, second and third time [January 13th, 2026](#).

2026-01-017

THAT Fees Amendment (Schedule 12 Community Complex) Bylaw 1314, 2026 be adopted.

Carried.

9.3 Zoning Amendment Application | Z0000336 | 15519 Barkley Road

Rezoning a property from RR1 – Rural Residential 1 to RR2 – Rural Residential 2

Read a first, second and third time on [July 8, 2025](#)

2026-01-018

THAT Zoning Amendment (Z0000336) Bylaw 1288, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

9.4 Zoning Amendment | Z0000349 | 11326 Reimche Road

Rezoning from RM2 – Low Density Row Housing to RM4 – Low Density Multiple Housing

Read a first, second and third time on [November 18, 2025](#).

2026-01-019 It was moved and seconded

THAT Zoning Amendment (Z0000349) Bylaw 1305, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

OPPOSED: Councillor Reed

10. Rise and Report from In Camera

11. Council Committees

11.1 Public Art Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2026

11.2 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2026

12. External Committees and Boards

13. Strategic Priorities

14. Report from Councillors

Councillor Irvine reminded the community of the upcoming Official Community Plan meeting on Saturday, January 31 12:00p.m.-2:00p.m. at the Winfield Memorial Hall. She also appreciated the opportunity to drive around the site of the future Business Park.

Councillor McKenzie thanked all for attending the Official Community Plan meeting at the Oyama Social Sunday, it was a great session.

Youth Councillor Mochinski attended the BC Youth Parliament and had a great experience learning about provincial politics.

Councillor Brett continued to encourage ridership of the local buses. She reminded the community of the town hall on Thursday, January 22 starting at 6:30 pm at the Okanagan Centre Hall. She stated that the Official Community Plan meeting will be scheduled in the future.

Councillor Reed reminded the community of the Official Community Plan meeting on January 28 at 7:00pm at Carr's Landing Firehall and extended thanks to all who have helped to promote.

Councillor Lewis encouraged residents to attend any and all Official Community Plan engagements to shape the future of Lake Country.

Mayor Ireland is looking forward to attending the Official Community Plan meetings.

15. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:54p.m.

Mayor, Blair Ireland

Corporate Officer, Reyna Seabrook