



Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

February 4, 2025, 7:15 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
Reyna Seabrook, Director of Corporate Services
Matt Vader, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
Carie Liefke, Manager of Current Planning
James Robertson, Land Agent
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 Technical Clerk
Travis Tonn, Support Analyst
Caitlin Brothen, Communications Officer
Mike Mitchell, Utility Operations Manager

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 7:07 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2025-02-039 It was moved and seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of February 4, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Public Hearing Minutes of January 14, 2025

For adoption.

2025-02-040 It was moved and seconded

THAT the Public Hearing Minutes of January 14, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

3.2 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2025

For adoption.

2025-02-041 It was moved and seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

3.3 Public Hearing Minutes of January 21, 2025

For adoption.

2025-02-042 It was moved and seconded

THAT the Public Hearing Minutes of January 21, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

3.4 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2025

For adoption.

2025-02-043 It was moved and seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

4. Mayor's Report

5. Announcements

Join us for the next Budget Open House on Thursday, February 6th at Municipal Hall in Council Chambers. Drop in between 3 pm and 6 pm.

Review the budget information online at letstalk.lakecountry.bc.ca and use the Q&A feature to ask a question. Staff will ensure feedback from this platform is relayed to Council before adoption of the five-year financial plan.

Don't forget to renew your dog license before the end of February to save \$20.

6. Delegations

6.1 Update from MP Tracy Gray

7. Planning and Development Applications

8. Departmental Reports

8.1 Fourth Quarter Statistics

For Information.

8.2 ALR Exclusion Application Policy 2007-082

Repeal of policy no longer required for ALR Exclusion Applications

2025-02-044 It was moved and seconded

THAT ALR Exclusion Policy 2007-082 be repealed.

Carried.

9. Bylaws for Adoption and Readings Following a Public Hearing

9.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1265, 2025 | Z0000335 | 14198 Middle Bench Rd

Consideration Following a Public Hearing

Read a 1st, and 2nd time [January 14, 2025](#). Public Hearing February 4, 2025.

2025-02-045 It was moved and seconded

THAT Zoning Amendment (Z0000335) Bylaw 1265, 2025 be read a third time and adopted.

Carried.

9.2 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw 1267, 2025

For adoption.

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

2025-02-046 It was moved and seconded

THAT Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw 1267, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

9.3 OCP and Zoning Amendment Bylaws 1247 and 1248 | OPZ00002 | 9751 & 9819 Bottom Wood Lake Road

Consideration following 3rd reading

2025-02-047 It was moved and seconded

THAT Official Community Plan Amendment (OPZ00002) Bylaw 1247, 2024 be adopted;

AND THAT Zoning Amendment (OPZ00002) Bylaw 1248, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

9.4 OCP and Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1249 and 1250 | OPZ00003 | O'Rourke Family Vineyard

Consideration following 3rd reading.

2025-02-048 It was moved and seconded

THAT Official Community Plan Amendment (OPZ00003) Bylaw 1249, 2024 be adopted;

AND THAT Zoning Amendment (OPZ00003) Bylaw 1250, 2024 be adopted with the condition that the Applicant be required to provide park and trail improvements works including widening the access drive to accommodate two-way traffic, and grading and surface improvements to facilitate parking for the Spion Kop trail head located near the District Reservoir at Raven Ridge

Carried.

OPPOSED: Councillor Reed

10. Rise and Report from In Camera**11. Council Committees****12. External Committees and Boards****13. Strategic Priorities****14. Report from Councillors**

Councillor Irvine reminded the community the importance of volunteering. She listed organizations in the community currently looking for volunteers:

- Winfield Memorial Hall
- Lake Country Food Bank
- Oyama Hall
- Okanagan Regional Library

Councillor McKenzie echoed comments regarding volunteering. He attended the Open House and Oyama Community Hall, and suggested all Community Halls hold Open Houses.

Councillor Brett appreciated the call out for volunteers from Councillor Irvine. She thanked the community for their attendance at the Budget Open House meetings, and encouraged community members to engage to become informed.

Councillor Patel echoed comments for volunteers and noted potential for connections to be made and skills to be learned while doing so.

Councillor Reed encouraged community members with questions about the budget to view item [8.1 Fourth Quarter Statistics](#). She conveyed the great amount of detail captured efficiently, and suggested it is a great tool to have along side for budget review. Councillor Reed reported the directors of the Carr's Landing Community Association met this week to begin preparation of a new recreation needs assessment. She noted that the last recreation needs assessment was completed in 2018 and many of the priorities from 2018 have been delivered. With an update to the Official Community Plan in the works, she encouraged all members of the community to be involved.

Councillor Lewis echoed comments from around the table. He enjoyed Alan Gatzke's presentation on Oyama History at the Oyama Community Club Sunday Social. He encouraged community members to attend the Budget Open House on Thursday at Municipal Hall.

Mayor Ireland noted the importance of joining and volunteering local organizations. He announced he was re-elected at the Chair for the Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB), and advised OBWB has been the leading organization for the fight against invasive mussels in British Columbia. Mayor Ireland called for other organizations to step up and help in the fight against invasive mussels. He hopes everyone stays warm and healthy in this colder weather and is looking forward to Spring.

15. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Mayor, Blair Ireland

Corporate Officer, Reyna Seabrook