



THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2025

6:00 pm

Council Chambers – 4450 6th Street, Peachland

Councillors Present: Mayor Patrick Van Minsel
Councillor Randey Brophy
Councillor David Collins
Councillor Terry Condon
Councillor Alena Glasman
Councillor Rick Ingram
Councillor Keith Thom

Admin Present: CAO Joe Creron
Corporate Officer Jennifer Sawatzky
Director of Finance Garry Filafilo
Deputy CAO & Director of Community Services Cory Labrecque
Director of Engineering Jason Sandberg
Director of Planning and Development Services Darin Schaal
Recreation Manager Sydney Clement
Legislative Administrator Karen Babin

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Van Minsel called the March 25, 2025 Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

It was acknowledged that this meeting was held on the traditional territory of the Syilx/Okanagan People.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

RC-25/03/25-001

Moved By Councillor Glasman

Seconded By Councillor Brophy

THAT Council approve the March 25, 2025 Regular Council Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Adoption of March 11, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

RC-25/03/25-002

Moved By Councillor Glasman

Seconded By Councillor Collins

THAT Council adopt the March 11, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS & DELEGATIONS

Mayor Van Minsel and Council recognized Barb Dionne and Don Wilson with a Special Commendation for their significant contributions to the community and receipt of the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Climate Action Task Force

5.1.1 January 22, 2025 Climate Action Task Force Meeting Minutes

5.1.2 February 11, 2025 Climate Action Task Force Meeting Minutes

RC-25/03/25-003

Moved By Councillor Ingram

Seconded By Councillor Thom

THAT Council accept the January 22, 2025 and February 11, 2025 Climate Action Task Force Meeting Minutes for information.

CARRIED

6. BYLAWS

6.1 PLANNING RELATED BYLAWS

None

6.2 OTHER BYLAWS (NON-PLANNING RELATED)

6.2.1 Mobile Business License Bylaw Amendment

RC-25/03/25-004

Moved By Councillor Condon

Seconded By Councillor Glasman

THAT Council give first, second, and third readings to Mobile Business Licence Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2437.

CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. ITEMS FROM ADMINISTRATION

8.1 New Street Name - Brigade Court

RC-25/03/25-005

Moved By Councillor Condon

Seconded By Councillor Glasman

THAT Council approve the name *Brigade Court* for the new public road constructed on the property currently addressed 4880 Princeton Avenue (associated subdivision File: S22-05).

CARRIED

8.2 2025 Budget Amendment Request - Modernized Recreation Management Software

Administration recommended transitioning from the current ActiveNet recreation management software to Xplor Recreation, a more user-friendly, secure software.

RC-25/03/25-006

Moved By Councillor Collins

Seconded By Councillor Thom

THAT Council approve an amendment to the 2025 budget for a one-time addition from the Capital Asset Renewal reserve of \$15,000 to transition to a modernized recreation management software system.

CARRIED

8.3 Protective Services Project Update

Director Labrecque provided Council with an update on the Protective Services Building project and answered questions with respect to:

- Increased cost estimates
- Request for Expression of Interest (RFEOI) process
- Private-Public Partnerships

RC-25/03/25-007

Moved By Councillor Ingram

Seconded By Councillor Glasman

THAT Council receive the Protective Services Project Update report for information.

CARRIED

9. URGENT BUSINESS

None

10. MAYOR & COUNCIL BUSINESS

10.1 MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor Ingram:

- attended the retirement send off for Peachland Elementary Principal Wendy Briggs
- attended the Peachland Watershed Protection Alliance event on World Water Day

Councillor Brophy:

- kids' soccer is popular this year. They would like to have a soccer tournament at Turner Park before the season ends on June 22. Will discuss further with Administration.
- there were not enough kids to have a baseball team this year

Councillor Thom:

- recently attended the RDCO meeting which was very informative.

Councillor Collins:

- also attended the Peachland Watershed Protection Alliance World Water Day event. The film "Bringing the Salmon Home" was shown and very well received.
- recommends checking out the Syilx Okanagan Nation website at www.Syilx.org as it has a lot of interesting information and lists upcoming events.

Mayor Van Minsel:

- also attended Wendy Briggs' retirement at the school. He read the thank you card she sent to Council
- will be in Victoria next week with Councillor Collins to meet with Provincial Ministers and senior staff. The following meetings have been confirmed: Environment and Parks; Water, Land and Resource Stewardship; Infrastructure; Housing and Municipal Affairs; Transportation and Transit; and Post-Secondary Education. A report will be brought back to a future Council meeting.

10.2 QUESTIONS BETWEEN COUNCIL MEMBERS/COUNCIL STATEMENTS

Administration provided updates on the following projects:

Turner Park - construction is on schedule and should be complete mid-May. New grass will be installed in April resulting in some areas being cordoned off. The official opening is planned for early- to mid-June.

Sanderson Dog Park - project remains on schedule for completion by the end of May. Water service, fencing, gates, and signage have already been installed. Remaining installations include trees and a seasonal porta-potty. Efforts to improve the ground surface and remove thorns are ongoing, though the process will take time.

DRIS - progressing quietly in the background while efforts have been focused on addressing provincially mandated changes required by Bill 44. Zoning capacity analysis and a minor OCP review are currently underway. As these initiatives align with the DRIS project, Administration plans to hold concurrent Council workshops in April.

The DRIS project is centered on revising and updating the land use economic analysis, which provides essential data for assessing the economic viability of downtown redevelopment scenarios. Staff are also developing illustrative concepts to visualize feasible development scenarios and are compiling a comprehensive Phase 1 package for Council discussion. Following the workshop, staff will come back at a Regular Council meeting to seek direction on the Phase 2 portion of the project.

Childcare Centre - street improvements are well underway. Building drawings are in progress and being prepared for the tendering process in May, with construction expected to begin this summer.

Westside Trail - approximately 75% of the construction is complete and the project is on schedule for end of May completion.

PSSS2 - construction is ahead of schedule with an anticipated Spring 2026 opening. Registration for housing will open on the BC Housing website in July with preference given to Peachland seniors.

Ponderosa Golf Course (south lands) - the developer is working with their consultants to finalize the golf course plans and environmental impact assessment for the full site. Administration anticipates receiving the initial development permit applications in the next 2 to 3 weeks.

Councillor Condon asked if BC Hydro has responded to the request to change the light on Jackson Crescent.

- Director Sandberg noted that a response has not been received yet and will follow up with them.

Councillor Condon asked about the arts group's move into the Historic Schoolhouse.

- Director Labrecque provided background on the original agreement with Our Space to move to the Historic Schoolhouse as the Recreation department works towards balancing the programming needs of all community members.
 - Councillor Condon pointed out that many of the art participants have mobility challenges and may experience access issues when bringing their art equipment to the new location.
 - Director Labrecque noted that there is an accessibility elevator on site if they wish to bring equipment from home and the possibility of storing their equipment in the building. He will continue discussions with the Arts Council.

Councillor Ingram asked if there will be a more detailed parking study included as part of Phase 1 or Phase 2 of the DRIS project.

- Director Schaal stated that there will be recommendations for both phases coming to Council for discussion.

Councillor Ingram asked for an update on the status of the Community Centre kitchen.

- Director Labrecque stated that the original gas stove has been replaced and that there will additional improvements made this year.

10.3 NOTICES OF MOTION

10.3.1 Notice of Motion - Council Meetings

Mayor Van Minsel presented a Notice of Motion (NOM) to Council with respect to changing the start time of Regular Council meetings from 6:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The NOM will be discussed at the April 22, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

10.4 QUESTION PERIOD

Maurita Graham of 6556 Sherburn Road

- Why are so many groups that use the Community Centre being asked to leave or having their time reduced? She is aware of three groups.
 - Director Labrecque responded that he is aware of two groups. The Recreation department is working to balance a full schedule of programming for all community members. Administration will review the question further and bring details back to a future Council meeting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Minister Meeting Request Letters

RC-25/03/25-008

Moved By Councillor Condon

Seconded By Councillor Glasman

THAT Council accept the meeting request letters sent to the Ministers for information.

CARRIED

11.2 Annual 16 Days of Activism Campaign Against Gender-Based Violence

CAO Creron will review the request and budget before bringing this back to Council.

11.3 Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities - Canada Public Transit Fund

11.4 Board of Education - March 12, 2025 Board Meeting Highlights

RC-25/03/25-009

Moved By Councillor Ingram

Seconded By Councillor Brophy

THAT Council receive the following correspondence for information:

- Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities - Canada Public Transit Fund
- Board of Education - march 12, 2025 Board Meeting Highlights

CARRIED

12. IN CAMERA

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Van Minsel adjourned the March 25, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 7:04 PM.

Corporate Officer

Mayor