



## Regular Council Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026, 1:00 p.m.  
City of Penticton, Council Chambers  
171 Main Street, Penticton, B.C.

Council Present: Mayor Bloomfield  
Councillor Watt  
Councillor Graham  
Councillor Gilbert  
Councillor Reynen  
Councillor Stewart

Council Absent: Councillor Miller

Staff Present: Anthony Haddad, City Manager  
Angie Collison, Corporate Officer  
Angela Campbell, General Manager of Corporate Services  
Kristen Dixon, General Manager of Infrastructure  
Blake Laven, General Manager of Development Services  
Kelsey Johnson, General Manager of Community Services  
Paula McKinnon, Deputy Corporate Officer

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### 1. Call Regular Council Meeting to Order

The Mayor called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### 2. Introduction of Late Items

### 3. Adoption of Agenda

**01/2026** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting held on January 20, 2026 as amended removing Item 8.7 – Official Community Plan Amendment Application re 101 Martin Street and 98 Winnipeg Street.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **4. Recess to Committee of the Whole**

**02/2026** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council Recess to a Committee of the Whole meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### **4.1 Call Committee of the Whole to Order**

The Mayor called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

##### **4.2 Adoption of Agenda**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the agenda for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on January 20, 2026.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### **4.3 Delegations**

###### **4.3.1 Proclamation: "Alzheimer Awareness Month" January 2026**

Mary Beth Rutherford, Alzheimer Society of BC, South Okanagan & Similkameen, provided Council with a presentation about Alzheimer's disease and the available resources and requested that Council proclaim January 2026 as "Alzheimer Awareness Month".

Mayor Bloomfield read the proclamation proclaiming January 2026 as "Alzheimer Awareness Month".

###### **4.3.2 Proclamation: "Community Radio Week" February 1-7, 2026**

Claire Thompson, President, Peach City Community Radio Society, provided Council with a presentation on Peach City Community Radio Society and requested that Council proclaim February 1-7, 2026 as "Penticton Community Radio Week".

Mayor Bloomfield read the proclamation proclaiming February 1-7, 2026 as "Penticton Community Radio Week".

###### **4.3.3 Canadian Army Modernization**

Lieutenant-Colonel Wade Peters and Honorary-Colonel Dr. Keith Culver, The British Columbia Dragoons, Canadian Armed Forces, provided Council with a presentation on the Canadian Army modernization and how it will impact the Okanagan region.

4.3.4 Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) Draft Budget 2026

Wayne Making, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen provided Council with a presentation on the draft RDOS 2026 budget.

4.4 Adjourn to Regular Meeting of Council

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adjourn the January 20, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. Reconvene the Regular Council Meeting**

Council Reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 1:38 p.m.

**6. Adoption of Minutes**

6.1 Minutes of the December 16, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

**03/2026** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2025 as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. Consent Agenda**

**04/2026** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Consent Agenda:

1. December 17, 2025 Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8. Staff Reports**

8.1 Mayor & Council 2027 Remuneration Review

**05/2026** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a Council Remuneration and Expense Bylaw to reflect the following:

- 2027 One-time remuneration adjustment for the Mayor with an increase of 4% plus 2027 BC CPI

- 2027 Remuneration for Council to be changed to reflect compensation as a percentage of the Mayor's remuneration, to be set at 42% in alignment with the comparative median
- For years 2028 and beyond remuneration for Mayor and Council will be increased annually by BC CPI

AND THAT Council direct staff to review Mayor and Council remuneration in 2030 prior to the municipal election.

Opposed (3): Councillor Watt, Councillor Reynen, and Councillor Stewart

**DEFEATED**

**06/2026** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council, after reviewing the base remuneration for Mayor and Council, continue with the current compensation and annual adjustment based on CPI;

AND THAT Council refer the remuneration review to a remuneration task force.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8.2 Sub-License to Use Agreement

Re: Penticton Water Park Ltd. operating as Splash BC

**07/2026** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to renew the Sub-License to Use Agreement with Penticton Water Park Ltd. operating as Splash BC, for a one (1) year extension, for the use of approximately 0.25 hectares of Okanagan Lake, for a floating water park, and a portion of Okanagan Lake Beach for an operations tent and lifejacket storage area and issue an RFP in 2026 commencing operation for the 2027 season;

AND THAT Council authorize the GM of Corporate Services and Corporate Officer to execute the Sub-License to Use Agreement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.3 Shared Micro-Mobility Services

**08/2026** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive into the record the report dated January 20, 2026 titled “Shared Micro-Mobility Services” and support the implementation.

Opposed (1): Councillor Stewart

**CARRIED**

8.4 Transit – Night Route Extension of Hours

**09/2026** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve an additional trip on the night route, at an estimated 0.75 service hours per day, at an estimated annual cost of \$7,000, to be funded by General Surplus;

AND THAT Council direct staff to amend the 2026-2030 Financial Plan accordingly.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.5 Direction on the Dawson Avenue Temporary Emergency Shelter

**10/2026** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with steps to support the extension of the 24/7, year-round, emergency shelter operating at 441 Dawson Avenue, including the following:

- Engage with the property owner to extend the current lease for a 3-year period, under similar lease conditions as currently in place;
- Prepare applications for a temporary use permit for an ‘emergency shelter and associated homelessness services’ at 441 Dawson Avenue, for a 3-year period;
- Work with the Province on a funding strategy for the shelter operations.

AND THAT Council refer the issue to the Public Safety Advisory Committee for comment prior to consideration of the temporary use permit.

Opposed (1): Councillor Stewart

**CARRIED**

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 2:52 p.m. and reconvened at 3:07 p.m.

- 8.6 Business Licence Bylaw No. 2026-01, Municipal Ticketing Information Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-02, Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-03, Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-04, Inter-Community Business License Bylaw No. 2026-05

**11/2026** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to “Business License Bylaw No. 2026-01”;

AND THAT Council give first, second and third reading to “Municipal Ticketing Information Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-02”;

AND THAT Council give first, second and third reading to “Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-03”;

AND THAT Council give first, second and third reading to “Inter-Community Business License Bylaw No. 2026-05”, a bylaw to replace “Mobile Business License Bylaw No. 2007-78”;

AND THAT Council give first reading to “Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-04”;

AND THAT Council forward “Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-04” to the February 17, 2026 Public Hearing;

AND THAT Council direct staff to consult with local business organizations prior to adoption of the bylaws.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 8.7 Official Community Plan Amendment Application

Re: 101 Martin Street and 98 Winnipeg Street

This item was removed from the agenda.

- 8.8 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-09 and Development Permit PL2025-10054

Re: 995 Eckhardt Avenue West

**12/2026** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-09, for Lot A District Lot 366 Similkameen Division Yale district Plan EPP144340, located at 995 Eckhardt Avenue West, a bylaw to add within the RM3 – Medium Density Multiple Housing zone as follows: “Section 10.5.5.6 , in the case of Lot A District Lot 366

Similkameen Division Yale District Plan EPP144340 located at 995 Eckhardt Avenue West, an increase to the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) from 1.6 to 1.73 is permitted”;

AND THAT Council require the upgrades to the Eckhardt Avenue and Comox Street intersection restricting turning movements to right in / right out, satisfying Ministry of Transportation and Transit requirements, be complete prior to building occupancy;

AND THAT Council subject to adoption of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-09, approve Development Permit PL2025-10054, a permit for the form and character of a 60-unit residential apartment building and vary the following sections of Zoning Bylaw 2024-22:

1. Section 10.5.4.1 to increase the maximum hard surfacing from 60% to 76%;
2. Section 4.9.1 to increase a balcony projection into the exterior side yard setback from 1.5m to 1.8m;
3. Section 6.5 to reduce the required number of parking spaces from 71 to 50.; and
4. Section 5.2 to reduce the width of the landscape buffer requirement abutting a highway from 3.0m to 1.0m.

AND THAT Council direct staff to issue the permit.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.9 Development Permit PL2025-10077

Re: 170 Warren Avenue West

**13/2026** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve “Development Permit PL2025-10077”, for Lot B District Lot 115 Similkameen Division Yale District Plan KAP52996, located at 170 Warren Ave W, to permit the form and character of a 6 storey addition to an apartment building and vary the following sections of Zoning Bylaw No. 2024-22:

1. Section 4.9 to allow balconies to project 0.5 m into an interior side yard; and
2. Section 5.2 to remove the landscape buffer requirement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.10 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-06 and Development Permit PL2025-10092

Re: 680 Westminster Avenue West

**14/2026** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second, and third reading to “Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-06, for Lot 2 District Lot 2 Group 7 Similkameen Division Yale (Formerly Yale-Lytton) District Plan 3520, located at 680 Westminster Ave W, a bylaw to rezone the subject property from C2 – Neighbourhood Commercial to RM2 – Low Density Multiple Housing and add the site-specific provision, within the RM2 – Low Density Multiple Housing zone as follows: “Section 10.4.5.13, in the case of Lot 2 District Lot 2 Group 7 Similkameen Division Yale (Formerly Yale-Lytton) District Plan 3520, located at 680 Westminster Avenue W, the maximum density shall be 0.94 FAR”;

AND THAT Council, subject to adoption of “Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-06”, approve “Development Permit PL2025-10092”, for Lot 2 District Lot 2 Group 7 Similkameen Division Yale (Formerly Yale-Lytton) District Plan 3520, located at 680 Westminster Ave W, a permit to approve the form and character of the proposed development and vary the following section of Zoning Bylaw No. 2024-22:

1. Section 5.2 to reduce the landscape buffer requirement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9. Bylaws and Permits**

9.1 Development Cost Charge Amendment Bylaw No. 2025-41

**15/2026** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adopt "Development Cost Charge Amendment Bylaw No. 2025-41".

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. Notice of Motion**

10.1 Notice of Motion introduced by Councillor Stewart and Councillor Reynen on December 16, 2025 for consideration:

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a letter on behalf of the City of Penticton to all relevant provincial partners including the Premier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Interior Health, BC Housing and local MLA requesting the development of a detox

and recovery centre in Penticton to address current gaps in the continuum of care.

**16/2026** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council postpone the motion and request staff report back with more information at an upcoming meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 11. Business Arising**
- 12. Public Question Period**
- 13. Council Round Table**
- 14. Adjourn to a Closed Council Meeting**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

**17/2026** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adjourn the January 20, 2026 Regular Council Meeting to Closed Council Meeting pursuant to provisions of the Community Charter as follows:  
Section 90 (1)

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Angie Collison, Corporate Officer

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Julius Bloomfield, Mayor