



Regular Council Meeting Minutes

**March 3, 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
Julie Czeck, General Manager of Public Safety and Partnerships
Hayley Anderson, Legislative Assistant
Cheryl Hardisty, Manager of Intergovernmental Relations

1. **Call Regular Council Meeting to Order**

The Mayor called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. **Introduction of Late Items**

3. **Adoption of Agenda**

49/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council Adopt the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting held on March 3, 2026 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Recess to Committee of the Whole

50/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council Recess to a Committee of the Whole meeting at 1:03 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.1 Call Committee of the Whole to Order

The Mayor called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 1:03 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 March 3, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Delegations

4.3.1 Front Street Work and Flag Pole Additions Near Winnipeg Street and Westminster Avenue

Brett Turner, Downtown Penticton Business Improvement Association (DPBIA), provided Council with a presentation outlining their Neighbourhood Branding Project and Front Street Improvements. These projects include updating light poles with flag hardware and improving safety of pedestrians and reducing traffic speed.

4.4 Adjourn to Regular Meeting of Council

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adjourn the March 3, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Reconvene the Regular Council Meeting

Council Reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 1:10 p.m.

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Minutes of the February 17, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

51/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Consent Agenda

52/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Consent Agenda:

1. February 18, 2026 Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes; and
2. Release of Items from Closed Meeting:

- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
 - THAT Council accept the resignation of Carla Kildaw from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee; AND as there are only two regularly scheduled meetings remaining in the Committee term, waive the requirement to advertise the vacancy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Staff Reports

8.1 Detox, Treatment and Recovery Continuum of Care in Penticton

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.

Amendment:

53/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the motion be amended by updating ministry titles and include "and services" after recovery centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

54/2026 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 Housing Municipal Affairs, Minister of Health , Interior Health, BC Housing and local MLA requesting the development of a detox and recovery centre and services in Penticton to address current gaps in the continuum of care.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

55/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to seek Provincial support and investment to strengthen the detox, treatment and recovery continuum in Penticton, with a focus on;

1. Establishing lower-barrier transitional housing;
2. Establishing local inpatient withdrawal management; and
3. Expanding treatment and recovery housing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 2024-2026 Council Priorities – Quarter 4 2025 Update

56/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive into the record the report dated March 3, 2026 titled “2024-2026 Council Priorities – Quarter 4 2025 Update”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Community Safety and Well-being Plan Update - Phase 1 Update

57/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive into the record the report dated March 3, 2026 titled "Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan - Phase 1 Update".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Penticton Trade and Convention Centre Attached Hotel - Engagement Strategy

58/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council endorse the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre (PTCC) Attached Hotel Engagement Strategy as outlined in the report dated March 3, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 UBCM Local Government Development Approvals Program: Development Services Third Party Divisional External Assessment

59/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council support an application for \$100,000 to the Local Government Development Approvals Program (LGDAP) for the 2026 intake, for a third party external assessment of the development services division, focusing on actionable steps to improve development approvals processes, customer service and digital integrations;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide overall grant management, if successful with the grant application, to meet the LGDAP program requirements;

AND THAT the 2026-2030 Financial Plan be amended accordingly to incorporate the grant if approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Official Community Plan Amendment Application

Re: 2510 and 2490 Government Street

The owner of 2510 and 2490 Government Street was provided an opportunity to make representation to Council and spoke in support of their application.

60/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council, following the Community Engagement for OCP Amendments Procedure, direct staff to commence public engagement for a proposed Official Community Plan amendment to change the future land use designation from 'Industrial' to 'Mixed Use' at 2510 and 2490 Government Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 Development Variance Permit PL2025-10124

Re: 425 Heales Avenue

61/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve "Development Variance Permit PL2025-10124" for Lot 1 District Lot 4 Group 7 Similkameen Division Yale (Formerly Yale-Lytton) District Plan EPP149039, located at 425 Heales Avenue, a permit to vary the following sections of Zoning Bylaw 2024-22:

1. Section 8.2.3.3.b to increase the maximum building footprint for a carriage house in the R4-S (Small-Scale Multi-Unit Residential: Small Lot) zone from 15% of the lot to 16.3% of the lot area;

2. Section 8.2.3.10.b to allow a deck on a carriage house in the R4-S (Small-Scale Multi-Unit Residential: Small Lot) zone;
3. Section 5.4.1.b to allow a screen 2.13 m in height on the carriage house deck for privacy;

AND THAT Council direct staff to issue the permit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Public Question Period

If you would like to ask Council a question with respect to items that are on the current agenda, please visit our website at www.penticton.ca to find the telephone number or Zoom link to ask your question before the conclusion of the meeting. Use the raise hand feature and you will be given the opportunity to turn on your camera and unmute your microphone and ask Council your questions. Please note that the meeting is streaming live and recorded, access to recordings can be found on the City's website.

10. Recess to a Closed Council Meeting

The Regular meeting recessed to a Closed Meeting at 4:41 p.m.

6/2/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council recess to a Closed Council Meeting pursuant to the 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;

(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public; and Section 90 (2)

(b) (i) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government, or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government, or both, and a third party.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Reconvene the Regular Council Meeting following the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 6:23 p.m.

12. Bylaws and Permits

12.1 Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-07 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-08

Re: Pro-Active Planning Additional Updates

63/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give second and third reading to "Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-07";

AND THAT Council give second and third reading to "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-08".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2 Tenant Protection Bylaw No. 2026-12, Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-13 and Development Procedures and Delegation Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-14

64/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give second and third reading to "Tenant Protection Bylaw No. 2026-12";

AND THAT Council give second and third reading to "Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-13";

AND THAT Council give second and third reading to "Development Procedures and Delegation Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-14".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Notice of Motion

14. Business Arising

Business Arising from Committee of the Whole

65/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council support "The Blocks" branding project, proposed by the DPBIA, by procuring and installing the additional required banner arms at an estimated capital cost of \$20,000, and approve approximately \$4,000 of in-kind services to install the banners and decals being provided by the DPBIA;

AND THAT staff report back through a quarterly financial update with appropriate funding sources for "The Blocks" branding project;

AND THAT Council direct staff to report back on funding options for the design and installation of curb extensions and a raised crosswalk at Front Street/Lakeshore Drive, a raised crosswalk mid-block on Front Street, and removal of the decorative fencing along the Front Street planter beds, all as requested by the DPBIA, at an estimated cost of \$325,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. Public Question Period

16. Council Round Table

17. Adjournment

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

66/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adjourn the March 3, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Angie Collison, Corporate Officer

Julius Bloomfield, Mayor