



Regular Council Meeting Minutes

April 21, 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
Paula McKinnon, Deputy Corporate Officer
Cheryl Hardisty, Manager of Intergovernmental Relations

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

102/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting held on April 21, 2026 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Recess to Committee of the Whole

103/2026 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 April 21, 2026 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Delegations

4.3.1 South Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy - Major Amendment

Ben Kent, Planner II, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, provided Council with a presentation outlining the South Okanagan Regional Growth (RGS) Review process.

4.3.2 Proclamation: "National Hospice Palliative Care Week" May 3-9, 2026

Wendy Nicol, Board Chair, Penticton & District Hospice Society, provided Council with an overview of the Penticton and District Hospice Society and how they continue to provide joy, care and support to their residents and their families. Ms. Nicol invited Council to celebrate May 3-9, 2026 as "National Hospice Palliative Care Week".

Mayor Bloomfield read the proclamation proclaiming May 3-9, 2026 as "National Hospice Palliative Care Week" in the City of Penticton.

4.3.3 Proclamation: "Emergency Preparedness Week" May 3-9, 2026

Amanda Newell, Emergency Program Manager, and Mike Larsson, Fire Chief, City of Penticton, provided Council with a presentation on emergency preparedness and invited Council and the public to attend Wildfire and Emergency Preparedness Day on April 29 from 11am to 2 pm in Gyro Park.

Mayor Bloomfield read the proclamation proclaiming May 3-9, 2026 as "Emergency Preparedness Week" in the City of Penticton.

4.3.4 Role of Crown and the Criminal Justice System

Jessica Patterson, Regional Crown Counsel, BC Prosecution Service, provided Council with a presentation about criminal justice in Canada and the role of Crown Counsel.

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 2:03 p.m. and reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

4.3.5 Ebus Service to Penticton

John Cowan provided Council with an update on his quest to connect the lower mainland with the southern interior via Ebus by extending service to Penticton.

4.4 Adjourn to Regular Meeting of Council

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adjourn the April 21, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Reconvene the Regular Council Meeting

Council Reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:25 p.m.

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Minutes of the April 7, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

104/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2026 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Consent Agenda

105/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Consent Agenda:

1. Release of Items from Closed Meeting:

- School District Agreements for Parkway and Carmi Elementary School Green Space
 - THAT Council approve the License Agreement with School District 67 for Parkway Elementary School green space and the License Agreement with School District 67 for Carmi Elementary School green space, to enable the public use of the facilities for recreation purposes;

AND THAT Council direct the General Manager of Infrastructure and Corporate Officer to execute the agreements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Staff Reports

8.1 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 2026-20

106/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to "Tax Rates Bylaw No. 2026-20", a bylaw that establishes property taxation rates for the 2026 tax year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 QR Code Use in Parking Environments

107/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to work towards implementation of QR code enabled parking payments via the Passport Parking app.

Opposed (6): Mayor Bloomfield, Councillor Watt, Councillor Graham, Councillor Gilbert, Councillor Reynen, and Councillor Stewart

DEFEATED

108/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council receive into the record the report dated April 21, 2026, titled "QR Code Use in Parking Environments";

AND THAT Council maintain existing parking payment practices.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Bylaws and Permits

10. Notice of Motion

10.1 Notice of Motion introduced by Councillor Stewart on April 7, 2026 for consideration:

109/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council request the Province of British Columbia to commission an independent third-party audit of all BC Housing funded shelters and low-barrier supportive housing facilities in Penticton, including:

- Burdock House
- Fairhaven Supportive Housing
- Compass Court
- Dawson Avenue Shelter
- Sn̄pa?xtantn Healing House

AND THAT the purpose of the audit be to provide updated comparative results to the April 14, 2022 Penticton Supportive Housing Review, as well as include metrics reflecting:

- Evaluation of program delivery and overall operational effectiveness;
- Assessment compliance with contractual, service, and performance requirements specifically around a sound business plan and a robust safety and security strategy;
- Identify opportunities for improvement within each facility;
- Examine the broader impacts of these facilities on surrounding neighbourhoods, informed through engagement with nearby residents; and
- Recommend actionable steps for the Province and BCH to address any issues identified through the audit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 Notice of Motion introduced by Councillor Graham on April 7, 2026 for consideration:

Main Motion:

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct the CAO and Regional District CAO to dialogue with Ebus for a regional service.

Amendment:

110/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council add “and provide a letter of support.” after “regional service”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Main Motion as Amended:

111/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct the CAO and Regional District CAO to dialogue with Ebus for a regional service and provide a letter of support.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 Notice of Motion introduced by Mayor Bloomfield on April 21, 2026 for consideration:

112/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to create a Terms of Reference for a "Development Services Review Task Force" that will make recommendations to Council for their consideration related to development approval processes and other divisional improvements.

The Task Force shall include representatives from:

- The development industry
- Architect professionals
- Construction industry
- The business community
- A Council Liaison

AND THAT staff bring back the Terms of Reference to the May 5th Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Business Arising

12. Public Question Period

13. Council Round Table

14. Adjourn to a Closed Council Meeting

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

113/2026 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council adjourn to a Closed Council Meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Community Charter as follows: Section 90 (1)

(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

(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;

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality; and

(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Angie Collison, Corporate Officer

Julius Bloomfield, Mayor