



REGULAR AGENDA

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council to be held on Monday, August 24, 2026, taking place at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 424 – 3rd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of August 24, 2026, be adopted as presented.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT(S) REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Council minutes for approval

- i. Minutes of the Special Meeting to Close of July 27, 2026;
- ii. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 27, 2026;
- iii. Minutes of the COTW Meeting of July 27, 2026;
- iv. Minutes of the Special Meeting to Close of August 13, 2026;
- v. Minutes of the Special Regular Meeting of August 13, 2026;

b) Reports for receipt

- i. Report from the Chief Financial Officer Re: June 2026 Financial Variance Report;
- ii. Report from the Fire Chief Re: Monthly Fire / Rescue Report – July 2026;

c) Correspondence for receipt

- i. City of Salmonarm Re: BC Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) – Funding Continuation;
- ii. City of New Westminster Re: Advocating that Provincial Legislation Requiring Housing Targets or Density be Directly Tied to Infrastructure Funding; and,
- iii. Hope Air Re: 2026 Patient Survey Release.

Recommendation:

THAT all items on the Consent Agenda be approved or received as requested.

6. REPORTS

a) Report from the Chief Administrative Officer Re: 2026 Capital Project Update

Recommendation:

THAT the Council receives this 2026 Capital Project Update for information purposes.

7. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

8. ADJOURNMENT



SPECIAL MINUTES

For the **SPECIAL MEETING** of Council, held on July 27, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 424 – 3rd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

PRESENT: Mayor H. Pond
Councillor Randhawa
Councillor B. Cunningham
Councillor T. Forster
Councillor N. Adey
Councillor W. Niesh
Councillor R. Skelton-Morven (Remote)

STAFF: R. Pucci, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Miller, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called to Special Meeting of Council to order at 4:27 pm.

2. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT the meeting be closed to the public under Section 90 of the Community Charter to consider items relating to one or more of the following:

- 90.1 (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

CARRIED

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT the Meeting be adjourned at 4:27 pm.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER



MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council, held on Monday, July 27, 2026, 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 424 – 3rd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

PRESENT: Mayor Pond
Councillor G. Randhawa
Councillor T. Forster
Councillor R. Skelton-Morven (Remote)
Councillor B. Cunningham
Councillor N. Adey
Councillor W. Niesh

STAFF: R. Pucci, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Miller, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
C. Bomben, Chief Financial Officer
R. Paras, Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the regular meeting to order at 7:17 pm.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of July 27, 2026, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT(S) REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Steve Kietzmann from Doane Grant Thornton LLP Re: 2025 Auditor's Report

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Council minutes for approval

- i. Minutes of the Special Meeting to Close of June 29, 2026;
- ii. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 29, 2026;
- iii. Minutes of the COTW Meeting of June 29, 2026;
- iv. Minutes of the Special Meeting to Close of July 6, 2026;
- v. Minutes of the Special Regular Meeting of July 6, 2026;

b) Reports for receipt

- i. Report from Planning Re: Development Activity Report – June 2026;
- ii. Report from Planning Re: Community Planning Activity Report – 2023-2026;

- iii. Report from the Chief Financial Officer Re: 2025 Auditor's Report;
- iv. Report from the Chief Financial Officer Re: May 2026 Financial Variance Report;
- v. Report from the Fire Chief Re: Monthly Fire / Rescue Report – June 2026;
- vi. Report from RCMP Re: Monthly Mayor's/Chief's/Council Policing Report – June 2026;

c) Correspondence for receipt

- i. North Coast Regional District Re: June 2026 Board Highlights;
- ii. Regional District of Central Okanagan Re: BC Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) – Funding Continuation;

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT Council direct Staff to proceed with the letter of support.

CARRIED

- iii. Town of Lake Cowichan Re: Elect Respect Campaign; and,
- iv. Corporation of the District of Oak Bay Re: Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) Funding.

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT all items on the Consent Agenda be approved or received as requested.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

a) Report from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Re: Liquor License Amendment

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council direct Staff to provide a Letter of Support to the BC Liquor and Cannabis Licensing Branch with respect to the application by the Crest Convention Centre for a new Liquor Primary License at 240 1st Avenue West with hours of operation from 7:00 am to 2:00 am Sunday through Saturday.

CARRIED

b) Report from the Chief Administrative Officer Re: Liquid Waste Management Program Review

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT Council direct Staff to undertake a comprehensive review of the City's Liquid Waste Management Program and return to Council by the end of 2026 with recommendations for the Program in 2027.

CARRIED

c) Report from the Director of Planning and Development Services Re: Oliver Lake Wetland Protection Covenant and Operations Agreements

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council receive the report titled Oliver Lake Wetland Protection Covenant and Operations Agreements; and

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT Council Authorize and direct staff to work with Trigon Pacific Terminals LP and legal counsel to prepare and register a covenant over City-owned lands legally titled BLOCK E OF DISTRICT LOT 251 RANGE 5 COAST DISTRICT adjacent to Oliver Lake for the purpose of wetland protection, environmental stewardship, trail development, and compatible recreational and interpretive use, with a covenant term of 49 years.

CARRIED

AND THAT Council Authorize and direct staff to negotiate and execute a maintenance, stewardship, operating, or similar agreement with Trigon Pacific Terminals LP establishing responsibilities for construction, operation, monitoring, maintenance, and long-term stewardship of trails, signage, and associated public amenities.

CARRIED

d) Report from the Planning Re: DVP-26-06 – 525 2nd Ave West

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT Council approves Development Variance Permit #26-06.

CARRIED

e) Report from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Re: Council Procedure Bylaw No. 3563, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council consider this report in regard to Council Procedure Bylaw No. 3563, 2026.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS

a) Cemetery Bylaw No. 3562, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT Council give Third Reading to Cemetery Bylaw No. 3562, 2026.

CARRIED

b) Council Procedure Bylaw No. 3563, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council give first, second and third readings to Council Procedure Bylaw No.

3563, 2026 and repeal Council Procedure Bylaw No. 3508, 2022 and all amendments thereto.

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT the meeting be adjourned to the closed meeting at 7:59 pm.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

For the **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** of Council to be held on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 424 – 3rd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

PRESENT: Mayor H. Pond
Councillor W. Niesh
Councillor G. Randhawa
Councillor B. Cunningham
Councillor N. Adey
Councillor T. Forster
Councillor R. Skelton-Morven (Remote)

STAFF: R. Pucci, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Miller, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
C. Bomben, Chief Financial Officer
R. Paras, Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT the Agenda for the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Monday, July 27, 2026, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS

- i. **Presentation from Tobin Seagel, Project Developer and Regulatory Strategist for the Trigon Pacific Terminals LP Re: Wetland Protection Project**

3. QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

4. ADJOURNMENT to Regular Council Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT

the meeting be adjourned to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:17 pm.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER



SPECIAL MINUTES

For the **SPECIAL MEETING** of Council, held on August 13, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 424 – 3rd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

PRESENT: Mayor H. Pond
Councillor Randhawa
Councillor B. Cunningham
Councillor T. Forster
Councillor N. Adey
Councillor W. Niesh

STAFF: R. Pucci, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Miller, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: Councillor R. Skelton-Morven

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called to Special Meeting of Council to order at 5:02 pm.

2. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT the meeting be closed to the public under Section 90 of the Community Charter to consider items relating to one or more of the following:

- 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

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT the Meeting be adjourned at 5:02 pm.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER



MINUTES

For the **SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING** of Council, held on Thursday, August 13, 2026, 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 424 – 3rd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

PRESENT: Mayor H. Pond
Councillor G. Randhawa
Councillor N. Adey
Councillor W. Niesh
Councillor B. Cunningham
Councillor T. Forster

STAFF: R. Pucci, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Miller, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: Councillor R. Skelton-Morven

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT the Agenda for the Special Regular Council Meeting of August 13, 2026, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT(S) REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

5. REPORTS

a) Report from the Chief Administrative Officer Re: Community Beautification and Water Treatment Works

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council direct staff to utilize up to a maximum of \$1,500,000 from the City's capital reserves to fund additional community beautification, infrastructure renewal, and water treatment works in 2026.

CARRIED

b) Report from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Re: Delegation Bylaw No. 3564, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council consider this report in regard to Delegation Bylaw No. 3564, 2026.

CARRIED

c) Report from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Re: Development Approval Information Amendment Bylaw No. 3565, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council consider this report in regard to Development Approval Information Amendment Bylaw No. 3565, 2026.

CARRIED

d) Report from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Re: Development Procedures Bylaw No. 3566, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT Council consider this report in regard to Development Procedures Bylaw No. 3566, 2026.

CARRIED

e) Report from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Re: Officers Bylaw No. 3567, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT Council consider this report in regard to Officers Bylaw No. 3567, 2026.

CARRIED

f) Report from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Re: Corporate Signing Authority & Delegation Bylaw No. 3568, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council consider this report in regard to Corporate Signing Authority & Delegation Bylaw No. 3568, 2026.

CARRIED

g) Report from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Re: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Administration Bylaw No. 3569, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT Council consider this report in regard to Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Administration Bylaw No. 3569, 2026.

CARRIED

6. BYLAWS

a) Ticket Information Bylaw Amendment No. 3559, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council consider fourth and final reading to Ticket Information Bylaw No. 3559, 2025.

CARRIED

b) Ticket Information Bylaw Amendment No. 3560, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council consider fourth and final reading to Ticket Information Bylaw No. 3560, 2025.

CARRIED

c) Cemetery Bylaw No. 3562, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council consider fourth and final reading to Cemetery Bylaw No. 3562, 2026.

CARRIED

d) Delegation Bylaw No. 3564, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT Council consider first, second and third readings to Delegation of Authority Bylaw No. 3564, 2026;

AND THAT Delegation Bylaw No. 3162, 2003 and Delegation Amendment Bylaw No. 3487, 2022 be repealed upon adoption of Delegation of Authority Bylaw No. 3564, 2026.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council direct staff to amend Section 3, "Delegation to the Chief Administrative Officer" of the Bylaw, Line (c), by removing the reference to a specific section of the Local Government Act and replacing it with general reference to the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

e) Development Approval Information Amendment Bylaw No. 3565, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT Council consider first, second, and third readings to Development Approval Information Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 3565, 2026.

CARRIED

f) Development Procedure Bylaw No. 3566, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council consider first, second and third readings to Development Procedures Bylaw No. 3566, 2026, which repeals and replaces Development Procedures Bylaw No. 3533, 2024;

AND THAT staff be directed to prepare an amendment to the City's Fees and Charges Bylaw to transfer development application fees currently contained within Development Procedures Bylaw No. 3533, 2024 into the Fees and Charges Bylaw.

CARRIED

g) Officers Bylaw No. 3567, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council consider first, second and third readings the Officers Bylaw No. 3567, 2026.

CARRIED

h) Corporate Signing Authority & Delegation Bylaw No. 3568, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council consider the repeal of the Authorized Signatories Bylaw No. 3545, 2024 and adoption of the Corporate Signing Authority and Delegation Bylaw No. 3568, 2026.

CARRIED

i) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Administration Bylaw No. 3569, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT Council consider first, second and third readings to City of Prince Rupert Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Administration Bylaw No. 3569, 2026;

AND THAT Freedom of Information Bylaw No. 2913, 1994 and Freedom of Information Amendment Bylaw No. 3039, 1997 be repealed upon adoption of Bylaw No. 3569, 2026.

CARRIED

7. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Adey Councillor THAT Council direct staff to prepare the report regarding proposed designated parking at the health unit during the hours of vaccine clinics for new children by the end of September 2026.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:03 pm.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER



REPORT TO COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Council

DATE: July 27, 2026
TO: Richard Pucci, Chief Administrative Officer
FROM: Corinne Bomben, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: MAY 2026 FINANCIAL VARIANCE REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive this report for information purposes.

REASON FOR REPORT:

This report appraises Council of the City's current financial experience versus approved budget for the five months ending May 2026.

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Operating revenues and expenses are broadly in line with expectations at this time of year with no significant variances to report. Compared to the prior year the only items of significance are in fiscal revenues where the receipt of Northwest Regional Funding in the prior year makes up the large variance and this year's roads department expenses reflecting the extraordinary winter conditions experienced at the beginning of this fiscal year.

UTILITIES BUDGET

Utilities revenues and expenses are in line with budget. Interest revenue has decreased in the Water fund due to declining balances as the grant funds are used to fund the BIG project, leading to a lower total this year to date. Sewer revenue is down due to a large one-time connection fee recognized last year.

CAPITAL & SPECIAL PROJECTS

The capital and special projects programs are now underway, although this report only reflects figures through the end of May, so balances are still quite low. The capital works in the water and sewer utilities reflects the continuation of the BIG project. These costs

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represent the significant infrastructure renewal the City is undertaking and will continue to climb over the course of the year.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Supports the City's overall strategic goals.

Report Prepared By:

Report Reviewed By:

Corinne Bomben
Chief Financial Officer

Richard Pucci
Chief Administrative Officer

Original signature available upon request

Attachments:

- General Fund Departmental Variance Report;
- Utilities Variance Report;
- Capital Purchases, Special Projects, and Capital Works Report

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CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT- GENERAL FUND	YTD 2025	YTD 2026	2026	Budgeted	
Departmental Variance for Period Ending May 2026	Actual (\$)	Actual (\$)	Budget (\$)	Amount Left (\$)	% Left
REVENUES					
Airport Ferry	468,820	483,285	1,190,000	(706,715)	(59.39)
Bylaw Enforcement	48,849	45,651	134,000	(88,349)	(65.93)
Cemetery	35,463	19,992	149,000	(129,008)	(86.58)
Civic Properties	125,640	147,643	299,000	(151,357)	(50.62)
Corporate Administration	15,500	-	49,000	(49,000)	(100.00)
Cow Bay Marina	171,365	207,202	455,000	(247,798)	(54.46)
Development Services	332,034	273,490	339,000	(65,510)	(19.32)
Economic Development	188	-	70,000	(70,000)	(100.00)
Fire 911 Services	35,050	16,136	69,000	(52,864)	(76.61)
Fire Protective Services	11,327	390	5,000	(4,610)	(92.20)
FD Emergency Measures	4,378	(2,017)	14,000	(16,017)	(114.41)
Finance	5,297	10,847	15,000	(4,153)	(27.69)
Fiscal Revenue	26,883,498	2,192,469	9,207,000	(7,014,531)	(76.19)
Engineering Services	2,095	7,969	5,000	2,969	59.38
PW Common Cost	18,381	17,061	70,000	(52,939)	(75.63)
RCMP	37,043	31,757	147,000	(115,243)	(78.40)
Rec - Arena	145,852	144,943	299,000	(154,057)	(51.52)
Rec - Civic Centre	193,612	201,562	460,000	(258,438)	(56.18)
Rec - Community Services	-	-	3,000	(3,000)	(100.00)
Rec - Pool	230,166	246,032	557,000	(310,968)	(55.83)
Transit	114,750	107,368	288,000	(180,632)	(62.72)
Victim Services	21,386	42,773	96,000	(53,227)	(55.45)
Watson Island	207,464	14,963	725,000	(710,037)	(97.94)
Subtotal	29,108,157	4,209,517	14,645,000	(10,435,483)	(71.26)
Property Taxes	29,984,683	34,006,916	34,018,000	(11,084)	(0.03)
Appropriated Surplus- Operations	-	-	200,000	(200,000)	(100.00)
Total Operating Revenues	59,092,840	38,216,433	48,863,000	(10,646,567)	(21.79)
Capital Works- Funding from Appropriated Surplus	-	135,783	625,000	(489,217)	(78.27)
Capital Works- Funding from Reserves	-	191,719	2,820,000	(2,628,281)	(93.20)
Capital Purchases-Funding from PR Legacy	22,545	20,884	1,255,000	(1,234,117)	(98.34)
Capital Purchases- Funding from Grant	291,616	431,079	5,829,000	(5,397,921)	(92.60)
Capital Purchases- Funding from Appropriated Surplus	19,196	374,900	1,916,000	(1,541,100)	(80.43)
Capital Purchases- Funding from Reserves	1,649,801	2,969,039	3,321,000	(351,961)	(10.60)
Capital Purchases- Funding from Community Works Fund	13,044	-	-	-	-
Capital Purchases-Funding from borrowing	48,615	-	-	-	-
Special Projects- Funding from PR Legacy	53,268	55,806	100,000	(44,194)	(44.19)
Special Projects- Funding from Grant	82,080	1,350	336,000	(334,651)	(99.60)
Special Projects- Funding from Appropriated Surplus	25,280	3,144	167,000	(163,856)	(98.12)
Special Projects- Funding from Reserves	-	25,276	166,000	(140,724)	(84.77)
Total Capital Revenues	2,205,446	4,208,978	16,535,000	(12,185,298)	(73.69)
Total General Operating Fund Revenues	61,298,286	42,425,411	65,398,000	(22,831,865)	(34.91)

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CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT- GENERAL FUND	YTD 2025	YTD 2026	2026	Budgeted	
Departmental Variance for Period Ending May 2026	Actual (\$)	Actual (\$)	Budget (\$)	Amount Left (\$)	% Left
EXPENDITURES					
Airport Ferry	1,061,960	1,022,242	2,608,000	1,585,758	60.80
Bylaw Enforcement	153,743	220,874	583,000	362,126	62.11
Cemetery	115,259	77,372	329,000	251,628	76.48
Civic Properties	368,283	375,247	881,000	505,753	57.41
Corporate Administration	579,254	561,631	1,219,000	657,369	53.93
Cow Bay Marina	196,819	158,388	458,000	299,612	65.42
Development Services	414,809	452,313	1,132,000	679,687	60.04
Economic Development	87,387	129,687	235,000	105,313	44.81
FD 911 Services	273,002	269,850	709,000	439,150	61.94
FD Fire Rescue Services	2,529,489	2,633,476	6,404,000	3,770,524	58.88
FD Emergency Measures	37,567	16,105	47,000	30,895	65.73
Finance	616,717	652,112	1,467,000	814,888	55.55
Finance Cost Allocation	(519,000)	(519,000)	(519,000)	-	-
Fiscal Expenses	3,504,566	1,365,005	3,736,000	2,370,995	63.46
Governance	160,627	155,405	362,000	206,595	57.07
Grants in Aid to Community Partners	1,655,570	1,766,574	2,015,000	248,426	12.33
Human Resources	157,674	220,799	488,000	267,201	54.75
Information Technology	434,029	388,564	840,000	451,436	53.74
Parks	466,795	320,161	1,325,000	1,004,839	75.84
PW Engineering	312,846	286,311	778,000	491,689	63.20
PW Common Cost	2,468,815	2,189,390	5,435,000	3,245,610	59.72
Allocation of PW Common Cost	(1,907,991)	(1,800,615)	(5,497,000)	(3,696,385)	67.24
PW Vehicles	586,482	673,694	1,929,000	1,255,306	65.08
Allocation of PW Vehicles	(614,286)	(736,972)	(1,928,000)	(1,191,028)	61.78
RCMP	3,337,080	3,392,682	8,243,000	4,850,318	58.84
Rec. Centre- Arena	243,368	269,804	619,000	349,196	56.41
Rec. Centre- Civic Centre	1,070,846	1,043,253	2,397,000	1,353,747	56.48
Rec. Centre- Community Services	38	782	4,000	3,218	80.44
Rec. Centre- Pool	580,952	611,058	1,504,000	892,942	59.37
Roads	620,540	1,561,103	3,216,000	1,654,897	51.46
Transit	447,874	390,597	1,152,000	761,403	66.09
Victim Services	69,711	68,547	204,000	135,453	66.40
Watson Island	523,020	505,009	725,000	219,991	30.34
Transfer to Reserves (Interest, RCMP Loan)	22,211,489	1,081,172	3,791,000	2,709,828	71.48
Total Operating Expenses	42,245,334	19,802,621	46,891,000	27,088,379	57.77
Provision for Special Projects	170,918	93,466	794,000	700,534	88.23
Provision for Capital Purchases	2,091,259	4,041,084	12,758,000	8,716,916	68.33
Provision for Capital Works	-	1,433,638	4,955,000	3,521,362	71.07
Total Capital Expenses	2,262,177	5,568,189	18,507,000	12,938,811	69.91
Total Operating Fund Expenditures	44,507,511	25,370,810	65,398,000	40,027,190	61.21

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CITY OF PRINCE RUEPRT- UTILITY OPERATING FUND Departmental Variance for Period Ending May 2026	YTD 2025 Actual (\$)	YTD 2026 Actual (\$)	2026 Budget (\$)	Budgeted Amount Left (\$)	% Left
Water					
Operating Revenue	4,162,713	4,045,831	3,886,000	159,831	4.11
Debenture Payments- Funding from PR Legacy	206,926	7,388	1,037,000	(1,029,612)	(99.29)
Capital Works- Funding from Grants	7,247,843	6,207,721	62,060,000	(55,852,279)	(90.00)
Capital Works- Funding from Legacy	99,927	1,524	469,000	(467,476)	(99.67)
Capital Works- Funding from MFA Loan	-	-	600,000	(600,000)	(100.00)
Capital Purchases/Works- Funding from Reserves	291,861	-	6,099,000	(6,099,000)	(100.00)
Capital Purchases/Works- Funding from Appr. Surplus	8,612	645,714	3,461,000	(2,815,286)	(81.34)
Capital Purchases	(186,290)	-	-	-	-
Capital Works	(7,734,361)	(6,879,268)	(73,689,000)	66,809,732	(90.66)
Revenue for operations	4,097,231	4,028,910	3,923,000	975,692	24.87
Operating Expenditure	1,434,505	1,357,141	3,923,000	2,565,859	65.41
Surplus /(Deficit)	2,662,726	2,671,769	-	3,541,551	-
Sanitary and Storm Sewer					
Operating Revenue	3,301,961	3,243,677	3,864,000	(620,323)	(16.05)
Capital Works- Funding from Grants	216,644	3,471,591	20,135,000	(16,663,409)	(82.76)
Capital Works- Funding from Appr. Surplus	151,769	94,807	3,081,000	(2,986,193)	(96.92)
Capital Works- Funding from MFA Loan	-	-	11,644,000	(11,644,000)	(100.00)
Capital Works- Funding from Reserves	1,056	234,898	14,381,000	(14,146,102)	(98.37)
Capital Works	(894,632)	(4,354,249)	(51,491,000)	47,136,751	(91.54)
Revenue for operations	2,776,797	2,690,724	1,614,000	1,076,724	66.71
Operating Expenditure	361,712	608,973	1,614,000	1,005,027	62.27
Surplus /(Deficit)	2,415,084	2,081,750	-	2,081,750	-
Solid Waste					
Operating Revenue	3,761,069	4,216,054	5,701,000	(1,484,946)	(26.05)
Capital Works- Funding from Appr. Surplus	-	-	1,120,000	(1,120,000)	(100.00)
Capital Works- Funding from Accruals	523,240	-	-	-	-
Capital Works- Funding from Reserves	-	-	2,050,000	(2,050,000)	(100.00)
Capital Works- Funding from Community Works Fund	94,393	973,365	2,357,000	(1,383,635)	(58.70)
Capital Works- Funding from Grants	-	-	1,000,000	(1,000,000)	(100.00)
Capital Works	(617,632)	(973,365)	(6,527,000)	5,553,635	(85.09)
Revenue for operations	3,761,069	4,216,054	5,701,000	(1,484,946)	(26.05)
Appropriated Surplus for Rate Stabilization	-	-	187,000	(187,000)	(100.00)
Operating Expenditure	2,022,679	1,898,057	5,888,000	3,989,943	67.76
Surplus /(Deficit)	1,738,390	2,317,997	-	2,317,997	-

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CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT- CAPITAL PURCHASES	Budget	Actual	Variance
Departmental Variance for Period Ending May 2026	\$	\$	\$
Special Projects	794,000	93,466	700,534
Fire Department & 911	964,000	306,023	657,977
Civic Properties	3,648,000	2,968,188	679,812
Recreation	435,000	57,044	377,956
Land Acquisition	50,000	9,779	40,221
Watson Island	335,000	20,884	314,116
Public Works	2,235,000	577,246	1,657,754
Ferry	100,000	-	100,000
Waterfront Landing	4,303,000	79,733	4,223,267
Parks	688,000	22,187	665,813
Total	13,552,000	4,134,550	9,417,450

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT- CAPITAL WORKS	Budget	Actual	Variance
Departmental Variance for Period Ending May 2026	\$	\$	\$
General Operating	4,955,000	1,433,638	3,521,362
Water Utility	73,689,000	6,879,268	66,809,732
Sewer Utility	51,491,000	4,354,249	47,136,751
Solid Waste Utility	6,527,000	973,365	5,553,635
Total	136,662,000	13,640,519	123,021,481



REPORT

August 1, 2026

TO: City Administrative Officer, Richard Pucci

FROM: Fire Chief, Jeff Beckwith

SUBJECT: Monthly Fire / Rescue Report – July 2026

During the month of July 2026, the Prince Rupert Fire Rescue Department responded to 102 emergency incidents. No property sustained significant damage due to fire this month. The Fire Department attended 31 fire-related incidents including a fire at the landfill, 1 vehicle fire and 1 boat fire. There were also 2 MVI's, 65 medical responses, 1 spill response, 1 HazMat incident, 1 rescue and 11 other public service requests.

Location	Property Value	Property Loss
Totals:	\$0	\$0

INCIDENT COMPARISON

July	2026	102 Incidents
July	2025	108 Incidents
July	2024	69 Incidents
July	2023	174 Incidents
July	2022	143 Incidents

FIRE SERVICE ACT INSPECTIONS

During the month of July 2026 Prince Rupert Fire Rescue conducted 42 Fire Service Act inspections.

INSPECTION COMPARISON

July	2026	42 Public Building Inspections
July	2025	12 Public Building Inspections
July	2024	1 Public Building Inspections
July	2023	4 Public Building Inspections
July	2022	10 Public Building Inspections

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

Fire Prevention and Public Education:

Prince Rupert Fire Rescue members have been engaging with cruise ship passengers and conducting hall tours this month.

Training & Upgrading:

During the month of July, some of the In-house training sessions that were performed involved auto extrication, foam and pump operations, organizational structure, fire attack, victim search, ventilation, fire codes, forcible entry, aerial training, hand lines, chainsaw training, 5-minute drill (nozzle), elevator training, search and rescue techniques, fire behaviour and strategy/ tactics.

Daily Apparatus & Equipment Maintenance:

Daily inspections and maintenance was conducted on all equipment and apparatus and they remain in working condition.

911 DISPATCH SUMMARY

The local 911 communications team continued to process calls quickly and efficiently, supporting first responders and providing a critical link between the community and emergency services.

The following is a summary of emergency calls received and handled by the 911 Operators/Dispatchers.

PR ADMIN	286
PR FIRE	26
PR AMB	218
PR EHS	101
PR RCMP	177
PR ALARM	14

PED ADMIN	2
PED FIRE	0
PED AMB	12
PED EHS	6
PED RCMP	4
PED ALARM	0

OTH FIRE	1
OTH AMB	0
OTH EHS	0
OTH RCMP	2

CITY	106
H/U	92
WRONG #	79
R.C.C.	1
CITYWEST	19
311	0

Total: 1146



Respectfully Submitted
Jeff Beckwith, Fire Chief

July 28, 2026

The Honourable David Eby, Premier
The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions
The Honourable Kelly Greene, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
The Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
The Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance

RE: BC Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) - Funding Continuation

On behalf of the City of Salmon Arm, I am writing to request the Province's continued commitment to the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP). LGCAP is a critical source of funding for communities investing in climate action related activities and programs. LGCAP has enabled the capacity and resources necessary for healthier and more resilient communities in BC and could continue to do so.

LGCAP puts energy security, disaster resilience, and climate action on the local agenda. It rewards communities of all sizes for putting these funds to use to meet local climate change needs.

LGCAP is crucial for municipalities have to dedicated staff responsible for maintaining climate, energy and resilience policies, and dedicated resources can ensure plans are both developed and implemented.

LGCAP facilitates planning around ambitious projects, has been successful at securing additional funding and can be used for matching contributions from other sources. Every dollar spent on preparing for climate impacts saves between \$2 and \$10 in the future, making these especially strong investments.

LGCAP enables the many local governments that operate a myriad of facilities at the heart of their communities, and energy efficiency measures help ensure that these facilities stay viable.

Our strong recommendation to the Committee and to the Province is to recapitalize and expand the Local Government Climate Action Program in Budget 2027. The City respectfully requests that the Province confirm its commitment to ongoing, stable LGCAP funding. Continued partnership with local governments is essential to achieving shared climate goals and supporting resilient communities.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Harrison
Mayor
City of Salmon Arm



Patrick Johnstone
Mayor

By email: premier@gov.bc.ca

August 18, 2026

The Honourable David Eby
Office of the Premier
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Eby,

Re: Advocating that Provincial Legislation Requiring Housing Targets or Density be Directly Tied to Infrastructure Funding

At its Regular Council meeting on May 25, 2026, New Westminster City Council passed the following resolution:

THAT the City of New Westminster write a letter to the Province of British Columbia including the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, the Premier, and the three MLAs for New Westminster advocating that any provincial legislation requiring housing targets or density be directly tied to infrastructure funding; and

THAT this letter be shared with other BC municipalities; and

THAT a motion be submitted to the Union of BC Municipalities aligned with the above.¹

Background

In November 2023, the Provincial Government introduced wide-ranging changes to the legislation governing how municipalities plan for and approve new development. The City has complied with all of the recent legislative changes and have always supported adding new housing, increasing housing choice and supporting affordable options. Our community has also expressed their concerns about park space, high-quality community amenities, sustainable infrastructure, and school spaces. They expect these things as benefits of the sustainable growth model, not things they must sacrifice to live in a region that is booming.

¹ Union of BC Municipalities resolution attached as Appendix A

Analysis

The new legislation hampers our ability to align municipal capital projects with more concentrated growth. Despite taking advantage of new financing growth tools, there is a significant gap between what we can potentially fund through our new Amenity Cost Charge (ACC) and updated Development Cost Charge (DCC) programs, and what's actually needed to support growth in New Westminster. We have calculated that Cost Charges set at a level that allows us to meet infrastructure needs would likely make development unviable, and recognize that is not the intent of the legislation.

Need for Provincial Housing Legislation to Be Tied to Infrastructure Funding

The City has seen and deeply appreciates significant investment in health care, schools, and affordable housing in recent years. We want to see consistent Provincial support, aligned with our commitment to housing growth, and tied to Provincial legislation requiring housing targets or density. Additional sources are needed to address the funding gap for community-funded infrastructure.

A program built on municipal competition for limited infrastructure funding and forcing reductions in DCCs will not meaningfully help a rapidly growing community like New Westminster. The City has always supported adding a diversity of new housing; we are asking the Province to recognize these efforts by prioritizing infrastructure funding for those municipalities actively encouraging more homes.

Need for Provincial Services to Keep Pace with Municipal Growth

The City appreciates the grant funding, investments and financing tools that senior levels of government have provided. We need the Province to continue investing in affordable housing, schools and transit in our community. Continued partnership will help ensure that as New Westminster grows toward its Housing Target, it remains a livable city.

The requests outlined in this letter are also reflected in a Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) resolution, attached as Appendix A.

Your attention to this important matter is appreciated.

Yours truly,



Patrick Johnstone
Mayor

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Appendix A – Union of BC Municipalities Resolution

Need for Provincial Housing Legislation to Be Directly Tied to Infrastructure Funding

Submitted by the City of New Westminster

WHEREAS local governments are committed to implementing Provincial legislation aimed at delivering new housing supply and clarifying development contribution to growth-related infrastructure and amenities, and also rely on the Government of British Columbia to directly deliver certain services, including schools, transit, affordable housing, and supportive housing and related services for those living with homelessness, mental health and substance misuse;

AND WHEREAS City of New Westminster analysis has found the amount of funding necessary to support infrastructure and amenities required to meet the needs of growth enabled through legislation, exceeds what can be collected while still ensuring that development remains financially viable, and at the same time, the Province of British Columbia and the federal government are actively collaborating to stimulate development by reducing Development Cost Charges (DCCs) to lessen financial barriers for developers and homebuilders, to help them build more housing in the current uncertain economic environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM call on the Government of British Columbia to provide funding for the infrastructure and amenities needed to achieve the legislated housing targets and density for those local governments that are actively working toward enabling new supply;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT UBCM call on the Government of British Columbia to provide the services within their mandate, such as schools, transit, affordable housing, and supportive housing and related services for those living with homelessness, mental health and substance misuse, needed to serve the population growth anticipated based on the legislated housing targets and housing needs report, in those municipalities where the local government is actively working toward enabling new supply.

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am pleased to share Hope Air's newly released **2026 Patient Survey**, which highlights a challenge we know is affecting many British Columbians living in rural, remote, and underserved communities: the cost of travelling to access specialized healthcare.

The survey, which gathered responses from more than 1,100 Hope Air patients, found that:

- **54% of low-income patients** would delay or forgo needed medical care if they were required to pay more than **\$500 out of pocket** for travel-related expenses.
- Without Hope Air support, the **average cost of a medical trip**—including airfare, accommodation, meals, and other expenses—is approximately **\$2,600 per trip**.
- Patients who can travel for care without significant financial barriers report better healthcare utilization, including **fewer emergency department visits and hospital admissions**.

These findings reinforce what we hear every day from patients and families across British Columbia.

For nearly 40 years, Hope Air has proudly served British Columbians and is honoured to partner with the Province in delivering both the **BC Cancer Travel and Accommodation Program** and the **BC Family Residence Program**. Last year alone, we helped thousands of people from more than **230 communities across BC** access medical care by providing flights, accommodation, meals, and ground transportation.

The survey results present an important opportunity to build on this success by exploring ways to expand travel support for patients. Strengthening access to care for people in rural and remote communities would not only improve health equity, but could also help the healthcare system operate more efficiently by reducing delayed treatment, avoidable emergency department visits, and unnecessary hospital admissions.

Tammy Tait

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Cost of Medical Travel Remains a Major Barrier to Healthcare Access, Hope Air National Survey Finds

54% of low-income Canadians would delay or cancel needed medical care if they had to pay over \$500 for travel to treatment, according to a new national survey released today by Hope Air.

TORONTO, ON — [July 17, 2026] — Hope Air released the results of its 2026 National Patient Survey, revealing that for many low-income Canadians, transportation costs to reach specialized care remains one of the country's most overlooked barriers to health.

Conducted in April 2026, the survey gathered responses from 1,183 Hope Air patients from every region of Canada. The findings confirm that transportation costs remain one of the most significant barriers to equitable healthcare for Canadians living in rural, remote and underserved communities.

Financial Burden of Long-Distance Medical Travel

For Hope Air patients, whose average pre-tax household income is **less than \$40,000 per year**, the financial burden of travelling for specialized medical care can be overwhelming.

Without the financial assistance for flights, accommodations, meals and ground transportation that Hope Air provides, our report shows:

- **54%** of patients would delay or cancel their medical appointment if travel expenses were more than \$500.
- **A patient would pay roughly \$2,600 per trip without Hope Air support;** a cost 5x greater than this threshold to cancel.
- Among patients who would need to borrow money to pay for medical travel, **76%** said the resulting debt would be unmanageable.
- **65%** of patients who delayed care because of travel costs waited more than three months before receiving another appointment.
- One in five patients (**20%**) said they would cancel their medical appointment if financial assistance for hotel accommodation was unavailable.

Patients described borrowing money, relying on credit, using personal savings, missing work and making difficult financial sacrifices simply to attend medical appointments.

*“Timely access to diagnosis and specialized treatment is one of the strongest predictors of better health outcomes,” said **Mark Rubinstein, Chief Hope Officer of Hope Air.** “Yet for many thousands of Canadians, the greatest barrier to healthcare is not the availability of treatment—it is simply being able to afford the journey.”*

“I’m a stay-at-home mom of 3, besides my boy's medical appointments over the years I have an autistic daughter who requires a lot of attention and support as well. We probably wouldn’t have made it to all our appointments or would have had to borrow a vehicle to drive to our appointments without Hope Air.

It’s very expensive, if we were to drive it would be a 14-hour drive and we don’t have the most reliable vehicles to make the trip safe. Hope Air has been a blessing in my life as it’s given me the financial support to get my children to their medical appointments and for that I will be forever grateful.” - **Shelby, 31, from Pouce Coupe, BC who began traveling with Hope Air due to pregnancy complications**

Better Access to Medical Travel Improves Health Outcomes

When patients can consistently access specialized medical care, they report better health outcomes and less reliance on local healthcare services.

After receiving Hope Air support, patients reported:

- **33% reduction** in visits to local emergency departments.
- **47% reduction** in frequent (three or more) emergency department visits.
- **36% reduction** in hospital admissions.
- **34%** required fewer visits to local healthcare providers after receiving specialized care.

Transportation Is an Essential Part of Healthcare

The survey demonstrates that transportation is far more than a logistical challenge; it is an essential component of accessing healthcare.

Transportation barriers affect whether people can access specialized healthcare, remain connected to treatment, maintain financial stability, and protect their emotional wellbeing. The burden of medical travel also extends beyond the patient, affecting families and caregivers financially, emotionally, and professionally.

Together, the findings reinforce that affordable medical travel is an essential component of equitable healthcare in Canada.

Healthcare Access Affects Entire Families

Half of Hope Air's patients travel with an escort, including all children and many seniors who require medically necessary support to reach their care. Hope Air's national survey examined the experiences of caregivers, highlighting the significant impact that medical travel has on entire households.

- **97%** of caregivers said they would experience financial hardship without Hope Air's support.
- **53%** reported missing four or more workdays each year while supporting a loved one receiving treatment.

These findings demonstrate that the burden of accessing healthcare extends beyond patients, with spouses, parents, children, and caregivers often sharing the financial, employment and emotional impacts of travelling for care.

About Hope Air

For nearly 40 years, Hope Air has been Canada's national charity dedicated to removing the financial barriers that prevent low-income Canadians from accessing the healthcare they need.

Hope Air provides free flights, accommodations, meals, ground transportation and other travel assistance so patients can reach specialized medical care, regardless of where they live or their limited income.

Since 1986, Hope Air has provided more than 275,000 travel arrangements for patients regardless of age or medical need.

Hope Air's Impact in 2025

- Nationally, Hope Air provided:
 - More than **37,700** medical travel arrangements were provided for patients and their escorts.
 - More than **14,200** flights arranged across Canada.
 - More than **10,400** patient trips were supported.
 - Patients travelled from over **700 communities** nationwide.

- In British Columbia, Hope Air provided more than **21,900** medical travel supports, including **9,300 flights, 5,000 hotel nights, 3,500 meal vouchers and nearly 4,000 ground transportation services.**
- In 2025, **Hope Air supported 896 patient and escort trips for Newfoundlanders & Labradorians, representing 3406 medical travel arrangements.** This includes over 1472 airline flights, 1142 nights of accommodation, 399 hotel meal vouchers, and 393 airport ground transportation trips.
- Hope Air supports Canadians living with hundreds of serious medical conditions, including cancer, cardiovascular disease, neurological disorders, organ transplantation, pediatric illnesses, high-risk pregnancies and rare diseases.

Hope Air believes that where a person lives—or their limited financial means—should never determine whether they can access specialized healthcare.

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

Meeting of Council

DATE: August 24, 2026
TO: Mayor & Council
FROM: Richard Pucci, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: **2026 CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council receives this 2026 Capital Project Update for information purposes

BACKGROUND:

The City continues to advance a substantial 2026 capital program while managing significant staffing and project-delivery capacity constraints. Several capital projects are under construction and progressing well, while several lower-priority or resource-intensive projects have been paused so available staff and consultant capacity can remain focused on critical infrastructure, regulatory work, and projects already under construction.

Importantly, the City is not reallocating funding assigned to paused projects. Those project budgets will remain in place so work can resume as soon as the City has the resources required to deliver them effectively.

Overall, the projects highlighted in this report are generally tracking well. The principal budget pressures relate to the 2nd Avenue Bridge paving, which is outside the bridge construction budget, and projects where final scope, procurement, regulatory requirements or field conditions remain uncertain. Council's recent capital reserve approval is also allowing Administration to advance additional paving and community beautification work, as well as support completion of the valve chamber adaptation for the re-chlorination unit.

ANALYSIS:

Active projects include the 2nd Avenue Bridge, Liquid Waste Management Pilot, Landfill Lagoon Treatment Upgrades, Outfall Monitoring, 3rd/4th Avenue West

Stairs, Bridge Alternate Route Study, Safe Work Procedures, Water Supply Master Plan, Outfall C-to-B work, SCADA, Waterfront Park, Water Treatment Design, Re-Chlorination Unit, Comox Pump Station, Annual Water and Wastewater Line Replacement, and the BIG Infrastructure Program.

Several projects are paused, including Overland Phase 2, Submarine Line, Eidsvik Park Renewal, Sewer Master Plan, Omineca Lift Station Replacement, Industrial Park Treatment Plant Upgrade, Outfall K Repairs/Redirect, and Mariners Park Resurfacing. In several cases, staffing capacity is causing the pause. These pauses are intended to sequence work responsibly rather than cancel projects.

2026 Paving, Beautification and Water Treatment Works:

The 2026 paving program is advancing. Administration is coordinating the paving program with other active construction so that road restoration can be completed efficiently and conflicts with underground infrastructure work are minimized. The bridge paving noted above will be funded separately through the recent capital reserve approval.

The downtown and Cow Bay clean-up initiative and additional line painting are also advancing. The work is being organized as a concentrated community beautification effort, with emphasis on visible public areas, road markings and areas experiencing increased summer and tourism activity.

The valve chamber and re-chlorination work is also being advanced. With Council's recent reserve approval providing additional funding capacity, Administration is working to move the work forward and complete the valve chamber and tie-in required to strengthen the City's water treatment system.

Capital Projects – Photo Update:

The following six projects provide a snapshot of the capital work currently underway across the community.

2nd Avenue Bridge



2nd Avenue Bridge – bridge deck preparation and construction progress.

The 2nd Avenue Bridge project remains on schedule, with the bridge expected to be ready for paving during the first week of September. The project has faced several challenges, including the complexity of the CN detour, traffic and pedestrian management, coordination with CN operations, revisions to the traffic management approach, additional paving requirements, and the sequencing required around the bridge deck and tie-ins. Despite these challenges, the core bridge construction is expected to be completed within the approved budget because of the project contingency. Paving was not included in the bridge construction budget; therefore, it will be funded from the recent capital reserve approval.

Liquid Waste Management Pilot Project



Liquid Waste Management Pilot Project – treatment cells and site works.

The Liquid Waste Management Pilot Project is progressing well and remains on budget. The project is approximately three weeks behind its original schedule. The delay is the cumulative result of several relatively minor items, including servicing coordination, permitting requirements and long-lead equipment and materials. Currently, the delay is manageable and does not represent a material budget concern. This Project will be in commissioning mid to end of September.

Landfill Lagoon Upgrade



Landfill Lagoon Upgrade – construction platform and site servicing.

The Landfill Lagoon Upgrade is advancing, trending slightly over budget, and on schedule. Work continues the priority improvements needed to strengthen the City's landfill leachate treatment system and support regulatory compliance. Staff are reviewing the current scope to see if adjustments can be made to reduce costs and bring it back to the original budget figure.

3rd/4th Avenue West Stairs



3rd/4th Avenue West Stairs – new stair structure under construction.

The long-awaited 3rd/4th Avenue West Stairs project is nearing completion and is expected to be finished by the end of the summer. The project is projected to finish on budget or only slightly over budget. Some geotechnical conditions encountered during construction required field adjustments and additional in situ consideration, but the overall financial impact is expected to be minor.

11th Avenue East – BIG Project Phase 1



11th Avenue East Phase 1 – underground infrastructure replacement and road reconstruction.

Phase 1 of the BIG Project on 11th Avenue East is approximately 95% complete. The first lift of asphalt will be placed this year to protect the reconstructed roadway through the winter. Tie-in work remains between Conrad Street and 11th Avenue East as well as between Phase 1 and Phase 2. The final asphalt lift will be completed as one continuous lift once Phase 2 is complete, providing a consistent final road surface across the project area.

11th Avenue East – BIG Project Phase 2***11th Avenue East Phase 2 – active underground utility construction.***

Phase 2 of the 11th Avenue East BIG Project is progressing very well. At this stage, the work is on budget and on schedule. Construction will continue to be coordinated with the remaining Phase 1 tie-ins so the two phases can ultimately be completed as an integrated corridor.

Paused Projects and Staffing Capacity:

The current capital program is larger than the City can reasonably advance at the same pace with its current internal staffing resources. Administration has therefore deliberately paused selected projects to protect delivery of critical work already under construction and to reduce the risk of cost escalation, inadequate oversight or avoidable project delays.

These pauses do not represent cancellation or abandonment of the projects. Funds approved for paused projects will remain assigned to those projects and will not be

reallocated. As resources are restored, Administration will progressively reactivate the paused work based on urgency, regulatory requirements, funding deadlines and construction readiness.

BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Most active construction projects are currently expected to remain within their approved budgets with minor variances.

The 2nd Avenue Bridge construction work is anticipated to remain within its approved project budget because of the contingency carried within the project. Road paving associated with reopening the bridge corridor is not included in that construction budget. Therefore, funds are being allocated from Council's recent capital reserve approval to complete this paving.

CONCLUSION:

Despite a period of significant staffing transition, the City continues to make meaningful progress on its 2026 capital program. Major construction projects are visibly advancing throughout the community, and the six projects highlighted in this report demonstrate progress across transportation, wastewater, landfill and core underground infrastructure.

Administration will continue to closely monitor budgets, schedules and project risks, while sequencing paused projects to match available resources. The objective is to complete projects currently under construction successfully, advance the recently approved paving, beautification, and re-chlorination work, and maintain the funding required to restart paused projects as organizational capacity is restored.

Report Prepared By:

Richard Pucci, CAO

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