

City of Chilliwack

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2025, 2:00 pm
8550 Young Road
Chilliwack, BC V2P 8A4

Present: All members of Council. Councillor Lum attended electronically.

Staff Present: D. Blain, Chief Administrative Officer
J. Morgan, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
J. Hahn, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Human Resources
G. Savard, Director of Finance
A. Brown, Fire Chief
K. Stanton, Director of Public Safety and Social Development
G. White, Director of Development and Regulatory Enforcement Services
D. Lindhout, Director of Recreation and Culture
J. Koczur, Director of Public Works and Parks
G. Schipper, Deputy Director of Development and Regulatory Enforcement Services
K. Jefford, Director of Engineering
C. Carruthers, Director of Information Technology
C. Marleau, Manager of Recreation Services and Corporate Wellness
R. Koole, Manager of Long Range Planning
E. Leary, Manager of Development Planning
R. Goertzen, Manager of Building and Inspections
D. Mossey, Manager of Transportation and Drainage
C. Nwaoha, Manager of Utilities
O. St. Jean, Assistant Manager of Land Development
G. Palaniuk, Manager of IT Business Solutions
J. Nesbitt, Fleet Operations Manager
C. Wilkinson, Deputy Corporate Officer/Assistant Manager of Legislative Services
D. Katru, Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Call to Order

The City of Chilliwack acknowledges that we are honoured to live, work and play on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Stó:lō Coast Salish peoples.

Mayor Popove was Chair and called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Delegations/Hearings

Delegation - Chilliwack Hospice Society

Sue Knott, Executive Director, Chilliwack Hospice Society, was in attendance and provided Council with a presentation on the programs and services offered by the Chilliwack Hospice Society.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved / Westeringh

Seconded / Lum

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 3, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Consent Agenda

Moved / Westeringh

Seconded / Mercer

That the Minutes of the Chilliwack Parks and Trails Advisory Committee meeting held May 15, 2025, be received for information.

Carried unanimously

Departmental Reports

Engineering - Highway and Traffic Bylaw Update

The Manager of Transportation and Drainage provided Council with an overview of the proposed changes to the Highway and Traffic Bylaw.

Moved / Kloot

Seconded / Shields

That "Highway and Traffic Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2025, No. 5484" be given first and second reading.

Carried unanimously

Moved / Read

Seconded / Westeringh

That "Highway and Traffic Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2025, No. 5484" be given third reading.

Carried unanimously

Moved / Westeringh

Seconded / Read

That "Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2025, No 5485" be given first and second reading.

Carried unanimously

Moved / Shields

Seconded / Kloot

That "Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2025, No 5485" be given third reading.

Carried unanimously

Moved / Lum

Seconded / Westeringh

That "Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2025, No. 5486" be given first and second reading.

Carried unanimously

Moved / Kloot

Seconded / Mercer

That "Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2025, No. 5486" be given third reading.

Carried unanimously

Moved / Westeringh

Seconded / Shields

That Council approve Policy Directive No. H-01 - "Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Policy", as amended.

Carried unanimously

Engineering - Policy Directive No. G-37 Watercourse Daylighting

Moved / Shields

Seconded / Lum

That Council adopt Policy Directive No. G-37 - "Watercourse Daylighting".

Carried unanimously

Engineering - Transit 2025/2026

Moved / Shields

Seconded / Westeringh

That Council approve the 2025/2026 Annual Operating Agreement for a one-year term, from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 between the City of Chilliwack and British Columbia Transit for the provision of conventional and custom transit services; and further, that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign any necessary documentation.

Against (1): Shields

Motion carried (6 to 1)

Engineering - BC Transit - Chilliwack Fare Review

Moved / Lum

Seconded / Read

That Council approve the proposed transit fare increase as detailed in Table 1 effective October 1, 2025, as contained within the staff report dated June 10, 2025.

Moved / Mercer

Seconded / Read

That Council refer the proposed transit fare increase back to staff for further review of senior and youth bus fares and the possibility of separating the two into different categories.

Referral motion carried unanimously

Engineering - 2025 Asphalt Rehabilitation Contract Award

Moved / Mercer

Seconded / Westeringh

That Council award the tender for the "2025 Asphalt Rehabilitation" to Grandview Blacktop Ltd., in the amount of \$2,245,087.85; and further, that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign any necessary documentation.

Carried unanimously

Engineering - Banford Bridge Replacement - Tender Award

Moved / Kloot

Seconded / Westeringh

That Council award the tender for the "Banford Bridge Replacement" to West Shore Constructors Limited, in the amount of \$1,656,625.00; and further, that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign any necessary documentation.

Carried unanimously

Fire - Design Build Fire Training Structure

Moved / Read

Seconded / Lum

That Council accept the proposal for the "Fire Training Structure Design/Build Project" from Container West, in the amount of \$1,567,427.00; and further, that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign any necessary documentation.

Carried unanimously

Finance - 2025 Development Cost Charge Amendment Bylaw

Moved / Kloot

Seconded / Shields

That "Development Cost Charge Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2025, No. 5493" be given first and second reading.

Against (2): Read and Westeringh

Motion carried (5 to 2)

Moved / Mercer

Seconded / Shields

That "Development Cost Charge Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2025, No. 5493" be given third reading.

Against (2): Read and Westeringh

Motion carried (5 to 2)

Finance - Schedule of Council Remuneration and Expenses

Moved / Westeringh

Seconded / Read

That Council receive the 2024 Schedule of Remuneration and Expenses for Elected Officials for information, as contained within the staff report dated June 10, 2025.

Carried unanimously

Finance - Annual Municipal Report

Moved / Read

Seconded / Mercer

That Council receive the 2024 Annual Municipal Report for information.

Carried unanimously

Legislative Services - Chilliwack Economic Partners Corporation

Moved / Read

Seconded / Lum

That Council hold an Annual General Meeting of Chilliwack Economic Partners Corporation; approve the resolution appended to the staff report dated June 9, 2025; and further, that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign any necessary documentation.

Carried unanimously

Legislative Services - Tourism Chilliwack Inc.

Moved / Mercer

Seconded / Shields

That Council hold an Annual General Meeting of Tourism Chilliwack Inc.; approve the resolution appended to the staff report dated June 9, 2025; and further, that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign any necessary documentation.

Carried unanimously

Planning - Updated Form and Character Design Guidelines (OCP00047 and RZ001805)

Moved / Kloot

Seconded / Westeringh

That "Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2025, No. 5487", a proposed text amendment to include the updated form and character design guidelines as a new Schedule B in the 2040 Official Community Plan, and relevant text, schedule, and map changes, be given first and second reading; and further, that a Public Hearing be called for July 2, 2025.

Carried unanimously

Moved / Mercer

Seconded / Westeringh

That "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2025, No. 5488", a proposed text amendment to relevant regulations to align with updated form and character design guidelines, be given first and second reading; and further, that a Public Hearing be called for July 2, 2025.

Carried unanimously

Planning - Proposed Mountain View Heritage Conservation Area (OCP00048)

Moved / Shields

Seconded / Lum

That "Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2025, No. 5489", a proposed text amendment to include the "Mountain View Heritage Conservation Area" as a new Schedule C in the 2040 Official Community Plan, and associated text changes, be given first and second reading; and further, that a Public Hearing be called for July 2, 2025.

Carried unanimously

Moved / Shields

Seconded / Mercer

That Council approve Policy Directive No. G-15: "Heritage Designation", as amended.

Carried unanimously

Planning - RZ001795 - 9392 Young Road

Moved / Read

Seconded / Mercer

That "Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2025, No. 5490", which proposes to amend the designation of property located at 9392 Young Road from "Residential 4 - Mid-High Rise Apartment" to "Civic/Institutional" as per the Downtown Land Use and Development Plan be given first and second reading; and further, that a Public Hearing be called for July 2, 2025.

Carried unanimously

Moved / Kloot

Seconded / Westeringh

That "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2025, No. 5491", which proposes to rezone property located at 9392 Young Road from an RC (Commercial Conversion) Zone to a CP (Commercial Parking) Zone be given first and second reading; and further, that a Public Hearing be called for July 2, 2025.

Carried unanimously

Planning - RZ001723 - 7715 Nixon Road

Moved / Kloot

Seconded / Read

That "Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2025, No. 5494", which proposes to add a portion of property located at 7715 Nixon Road to Development Cell 6 and add a notation to the Cell 6 Subdivision Development Concepts map within the Eastern Hillside Comprehensive Area Plan, be given first and second reading; and further, that a Public Hearing be called for July 2, 2025.

Carried unanimously

Moved / Westeringh

Seconded / Kloot

That "Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2025, No. 5495", which proposes to redesignate a portion of property located at 7715 Nixon Road from "Rural Hillside" to "Residential - Low Density" as per the Eastern Hillside Comprehensive Area Plan, be given first and second reading; and further, that a Public Hearing be called for July 2, 2025.

Carried unanimously

Mayor and Councillors' Reports

The Mayor and Councillors' reports were received for information.

Motion to Adjourn to a Closed Session

Moved / Mercer

Seconded / Read

That, in accordance with Section 90(2)(b) of the *Community Charter*, Council hold a Closed Meeting to discuss negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government and a third party.

Carried unanimously

Adjournment

On a motion of Councillor Mercer, and seconded by Councillor Read, the meeting adjourned at 3:09 pm.

Mayor

Corporate Officer