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KAMLOOPS CITY COUNCIL

Action Plan

Progress Report on Council's Strategic Plan
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STRATEGIC PRIORITY

Safety & Security

The City of Kamloops takes action to ensure all residents feel safe and secure in our community.

SAFETY

Increase the number of Community Services Officers to increase joint patrols, community outreach, 24/7 operation.

- The City has successfully moved to a 24/7 service model.

Implement an after-the-event program to target quick education in communities surrounding emergency incidents.

- Kamloops Fire Rescue has implemented the program as of mid-July and it has been utilized following two residential fires.

Expand Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) property review program. Expand CPTED educational resources for residential properties.

- With the Crime Prevention portfolio fully staffed, CPTED requests can be actioned and recommendations sent to businesses and property owners as required. This service is offered to everyone in Kamloops.

Increase public communications of Safe and Secure Kamloops meetings and initiatives.

- The City held a Safe and Secure engagement session with the businesses within the Victoria Street West corridor and is piloting a proactive outreach model and social agency feedback response.

Promote crime prevention programs and tips to seniors.

- Crime Prevention staff have been delivering various training opportunities for seniors, including information on current online and artificial intelligence scams.

Lobby the provincial government for peace officer status for Community Services Officers.

- Delegation of Authority Bylaw received first, second, and third reading, recognizing Community Service Officers as “peace officers”.
- Staff continue to engage with the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

HOUSING

Complete a fee-based registry for all suites with money generated going towards the Affordable Housing Reserve.

- Staff are updating the Secondary Suites Guidelines and creating Small-Scale Housing Guidelines in accordance with new zoning regulations required by the Province.

Implement the seven Housing Accelerator Fund initiatives.

- Council authorized a new Housing Accelerator Fund application (submitted September 2024) while work progresses on some of the identified initiatives, such as missing middle zoning, parking reductions, and the Delegated Authority Bylaw.

Lobby the Province for increased health and wraparound services in shelters and social housing sites.

- Council continued to advocate to the Province on this issue while City staff continued to meet with BC Housing and Interior Health to discuss opportunities to implement health, mental health, and substance use services into shelter and social housing sites.



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Explore opportunities for additional shelter space.

- The City and community partners in the Kamloops Access Hub Leadership Group worked with BC Housing to identify a North Shore shelter and access hub site.
- Additional shelter space for seniors and approximately 100 units of shelter and temporary housing under the Homeless Encampment Action Response Temporary Housing (HEARTH) program were announced by the Housing Minister in June 2024.

Work with BC Housing to establish more supportive housing for unhoused individuals.

- BC Housing will replace the aging temporary supportive housing on City lands on Mission Flats Road by providing 98 units of longer-term supportive housing on the site.
- BC Housing has submitted a development permit application for the second phase of Genesis Place on the former Fortune Motel site.
- BC Housing announced funding for a new second stage housing project in Kamloops for women and children fleeing violence.
- BC Housing continues to work with City staff and community partners to identify potential future supportive housing sites.
- The 39-unit Katherine's Place youth supportive housing project is nearing completion.

Work with BC Housing and Interior Health to improve access to treatment facilities and supportive recovery housing for unhoused individuals struggling with substance use disorder.

- The City continues to host the Kamloops Recovery Engagement and Bed Utilization Committee.
- Council and the Kamloops Recovery Engagement and Bed Utilization Committee jointly advocated to the Province for increased per diem rates for treatment and recovery providers. The Province announced this increase in June 2024.
- The City continues to work with community partner agencies to identify potential supportive recovery housing locations.

Work with Interior Health and BC Housing to establish a purpose-built complex care housing facility in Kamloops.

- The Province announced Kamloops as one of the 12 locations in BC for a purpose-built complex care facility in April 2024.

SOCIAL SUPPORTS

Establish the Kamloops Community Land Trust Foundation.

- New board members were inaugurated in summer 2024.

Open an employee child care facility.

- Renovations were completed on the identified site and the City worked to secure a reputable operator.

Identify and support grant and partnership opportunities to increase the supply of child care spaces in community.

- Council authorized transitioning Parkview Activity Centre into a child care centre, with the community centre programming moving to the new Kamloops Seniors Community Centre.
- City staff submitted a grant application for 100% capital funding to the ChildCareBC New Spaces fund to support the demolition and redevelopment of Parkview into a child care centre.

Promote the Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw through communication strategy and partnerships.

- On April 23, 2024, Council directed staff to proceed with the Purpose-Built Rental Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw.



Work with BC Housing and the Ministry of Housing to increase the supply of affordable rental housing.

- In June 2024, BC Housing announced two Community Housing Fund projects in Kamloops, totalling more than 80 units of subsidized affordable housing.
- The City and BC Housing continue to work with the BC Builds program to advance attainable rental housing in the community. This include approximately 190 units on the Columbia Precinct lands and the first Kamloops Community Land Trust project, which will be at 377 Tranquille Road.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Incorporate CPTED principles into development application requirements.

- CPTED principles are already included in the Industrial, Downtown, North Shore Development Permit Guidelines.
- All development permit areas will be updated to include the same CPTED wording in the 2025 Official Community Plan update.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Incorporate the results of the City's grant-funded Extreme Heat mapping project into the City's heat alert response protocol.

- Staff delivered the Extreme Heat Response Plan to Council and implemented various pieces of the plan through the summer heat events.

Implement a Community FireSmart program with a FireSmart Coordinator. Promote FireSmart assessment program to residents.

- A FireSmart Coordinator position was created, and the new FireSmart Coordinator started August 19, 2024.

Promote Voyent Alert! to residents to encourage registration. Annual Review.

- The City activity promoted registration for Voyent Alert! before and during the wildfire season.
- As of June 30, 2024, 26,999 people were registered for Voyent Alert!, up from 6,095 from the same time in 2023.



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STRATEGIC PRIORITY

Governance & Service Excellence

The City of Kamloops has strong, accountable governance and makes fact-based decisions.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Develop a framework for engaging with Indigenous peoples on City projects.

- This is underway and will take at least two years to complete. The consultant and staff will collaborate throughout the project. The project is partially funded through a PlanH Healthy Public Policy grant from BC Healthy Communities.
- The City recently received direction from T̓k̓emlúps te Secwépemc leadership regarding next steps for building the framework. We used a fantastic new Indigenous joint procurement process with T̓k̓emlúps te Secwépemc, and we hired the agreed upon Indigenous consultant.

Provide education resources and training to all staff on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples actions.

- Several educational opportunities were promoted to staff throughout 2024 specifically related to National Indigenous Peoples' Day in June and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in September.

ASSET MANAGEMENT

Implement new accounting standard (Asset Retirement Obligation)

- The mandatory Asset Retirement Obligation accounting standard was implemented by the end of 2023.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Evaluate the current online engagement platform against new and best practices.

- The new Let's Talk platform launched January 2024.

Implement a City Council Town Hall pilot project.

- Seven in-person events were held throughout the city gathering feedback on Council's Strategic Plan. More than 325 residents participated in the events in person, and the Let's Talk site received 1,444 visitors and 214 contributions.

Support Neighbourhood Associations in hosting community meetings and presentations on City topics.

- The Social and Community Development team continue to work with neighbourhood associations on City projects and initiatives.

Continue annual neighbourhood association forums featuring presentations and discussions on topics as determined by neighbourhood association members.

- Annual neighbourhood association forums have been reinitiated. The forum was held in February 2024 and will continue to be held annually.

Promote the practice of civility and respect at all Council engagement opportunities.

- A civility statement has been embedded into all Council and staff engagement practices.



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FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Evaluate RCMP municipal employee structure.

- A workplace review report is complete. An action plan has been developed from recommendations provided for implementation over 2024 and 2025.

Implement an electronic application program for building permits.

- The Development, Engineering, and Sustainability digital strategy is now complete, and staff have engaged with a software provider.

SERVICE EXCELLENCE

Solicit resident feedback to identify key areas of improvement.

- Council authorized a biannual Citizen Satisfaction Surveys be schedule. The next survey will be conducted in October/November 2024.

Provide training and resources to front-line staff at City facilities to create one-stop payment locations for all City collection types.

- Select front-line staff at the Tournament Capital Centre have been trained in taking tax payments. The multiple payment locations offers citizens alternate ways to pay their taxes on time, particularly alleviating the pressure during ongoing construction projects in the downtown.

Identify IT resources required to increase physical and digital options.

- IT worked with the Development, Engineering, and Sustainability Department to develop a digital strategy. A consultant was hired to evaluate current state, identify opportunities for improvement, and develop a roadmap for the department. This strategy is now complete.

Review online facility booking process.

- Arena, community hall, and lounge availability is available for online viewing. Hillside Stadium and other identified fields to be added in the fourth quarter 2024.

GOVERNANCE

Develop regular financial reports for the public and Council.

- In 2024, the City has implemented quarterly internal variance reporting and is developing financial corporate reporting for Council and the public.







STRATEGIC PRIORITY

Livability & Sustainability

The City of Kamloops fosters a high quality of life for an inclusive, diverse, and sustainable community.

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Establish a Build Kamloops Select Committee and implement recommendations.

- The City received elector approval on the first two Build Kamloops borrowing bylaws, which will fund the design and construction of the Kamloops Centre for the Arts and the Arena Multiplex and move forward with design on the other facilities.

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Construct Fulton Field Park (Home of the Cpt. Jenn Casey memorial).

- Grand opening and dedication of Fulton Field Park, Home of the Cpt. Jenn Casey Memorial, was held in August 2024.

Work through Agricultural Land Commission process in order to proceed with constructing Orchards Walk Park.

- Agricultural Land Commission provided approval in 2023.
- Internal work is underway to construct Orchards Walk Park.

INCLUSIVITY

Conduct accessibility assessments on all City facilities.

- Accessibility will be addressed in the Facilities Master Plan with a plan for ongoing implementation targets. The Facilities Master Plan will provide a tool and guidance for assessments related to accessibility in City facilities.
- Accessibility assessments have been completed at three civic facilities with improvements completed and funded through the Rick Hansen Foundation.
- City staff and community partners on the Accessibility Engagement Group continue to meet and advance implementation of the City's Accessibility Plan.

Incorporate equity, diversity, and inclusion principles into the design of City projects and facilities.

- Completed an LED upgrade and retrofit at McArthur Island to increase lighting levels for those with vision impairments.
- Staff are currently working to design the upcoming Riverside Park Outdoor Skating Facility to be fully inclusive and accessible. The project is expected to be complete in the fourth quarter 2025.
- Staff continue to incorporate equity, diversity, and inclusion best practices in all upcoming renovations and new facilities.



CLIMATE ACTION

Incorporate greenhouse gas reduction principles in alignment with Community Climate Action Plan targets on all facility upgrade projects.

- A City staff working group meets quarterly to exchange updates on current/future initiatives to improve the energy efficiency/reduce the carbon emissions of existing and new civic facilities, referencing the Building Energy and Emissions Guidelines.
- Climate criteria have been integrated into the condition assessments of existing civic facilities that are being undertaken as part of the Facilities Master Plan.

Establish corporate climate governance policies.

- The City joined the Canadian Collaboration for Sustainable Procurement, a member-based network of Canadian public-sector institutions, to enhance access to resources, information, and expertise on sustainable procurement policies and practices.

Provide waste diversion education opportunities and resources for residents and developers.

- A year-round hazardous waste facility has opened. The Canadian Homebuilders' Association Central Interior has been made aware of this new resource for items that are challenging to dispose of.
- Staff will continue to attend community events to discuss waste-related initiatives.

MOBILITY

Establish an employee e-bike payroll deduction program.

- The program launched May 2024.
- Information sessions were offered at the program launch, including two webinars; an information table at the Total Wellness event at Civic Operations; and a presentation at the June 21, 2024, full management meeting; and various promotional materials (intranet, posters, postcards).
- As of July 15, 2024, 32 applications have been received, with 19 having been processed to date (i.e. approved employees reimbursed for their bike purchase and their payroll payment plan is underway).

Review Zoning Bylaw to ensure bike storage and parking regulations are satisfactory.

- Included with the Zoning Bylaw amendment adopted in June 2024.

Evaluate opportunities to provide free transit service in Kamloops.

- Free transit has been provided for several community events in 2024, including:
 - Boogie the Bridge
 - Amazing Race to Inclusion
 - Spring GoByBike Week
 - Canada Day
 - Kamloops International Buskers Festival
 - Daybreak Rotary Ribfest & Hot Nite in the City
 - Kamloops Pride Parade
 - Children's Art Festival
 - Fall GoByBike Week
 - 2024 provincial election

Implement bus shelter program to increase bus shelter coverage throughout the city.

- In 2023, 15 BC Transit bus shelters were installed, and another 15 were installed in 2024. Also in 2024, 20 Creative Outdoor bus shelters were installed as part of the City's advertising contract.

Develop a community outreach campaign to promote the benefits of active, low carbon transportation choices.

- Developed and promoted resources (brochure, webpage, presentation deck) intended to support stratas with planning and implementing EV charging infrastructure in existing residential buildings.
- Launched Bike Valet pilot program in May 2024 to address barriers to active transportation (i.e. bike security) and to promote increased use of active transportation modes.
- Supported delivery of bike rodeos at local schools and a 'discover e-biking' program at a retirement home.

Advocate to BC Transit for increased service and routes.

- Transit expansion was recently approved by the Province.
- Council authorized the signing of a memorandum of understanding with BC Transit that will add 1,300 hours to handyDART service in September 2025 and expanded service in January 2026 including 13,800 hours to conventional transit, 8,000 hours to maintain on-time performance on existing routes, and 5,800 hours to increase frequency and span of select routes.





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STRATEGIC PRIORITY

Economic Health

The City of Kamloops cultivates a positive business environment to support a vibrant and resilient economy.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Adopt the Delegation of Council Authority for the Issuance of Minor Development Variance Permits Bylaw.

- Delegation of Council Authority for the Issuance of Minor Development Variance Permits Bylaw No. 54 was adopted May 30, 2023.
- Development Permit Procedure and Delegation Amendment Bylaw No. 51-2 and Development and Land Use Application Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 51-3 were adopted July 30, 2024.
- These bylaws have resulted in an approximately 30% reduction in staff reports to Council and a two to three week reduction in application process approval times.

Simplify the City's business licence requirement for events.

- The City has created a single point of contact for event business licensing. Only one special event licence is required for the main event coordinator. Other vendors can operate under the main event licence unless separate inspections and permits are required (e.g. Interior Health permits).

ECONOMIC STRENGTH

Implement Zoning Bylaw changes to encourage development of missing middle housing.

- A Zoning Bylaw Amendment was adopted in June 2024.

Identify barriers to developers and homeowners constructing new secondary suites.

- The June 2024 Zoning Bylaw amendment included expanded zones that permit suites, garden suites, and carriage suites.

Work with Office of the Premier to bring BC Builds projects to Kamloops.

- Two projects were identified for the BC Builds projects: City-owned 377 Tranquille Road and Province-owned precinct lands on Columbia Street.



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PARTNERSHIPS

Review Researcher-In-Residence program for feasibility.

- The Researcher-in-Residence program has been renewed for three more years.
- The hiring cycle for the new research coordinator is underway with Thompson Rivers University.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Incorporate City servicing costs into all Council reports regarding growth development.

- A process has been established to ensure the Engineering Division is provided opportunity to add these comments to Official Community Plan and rezoning reports.
- The process has been used in reports since May 28, 2024.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY

Advocacy

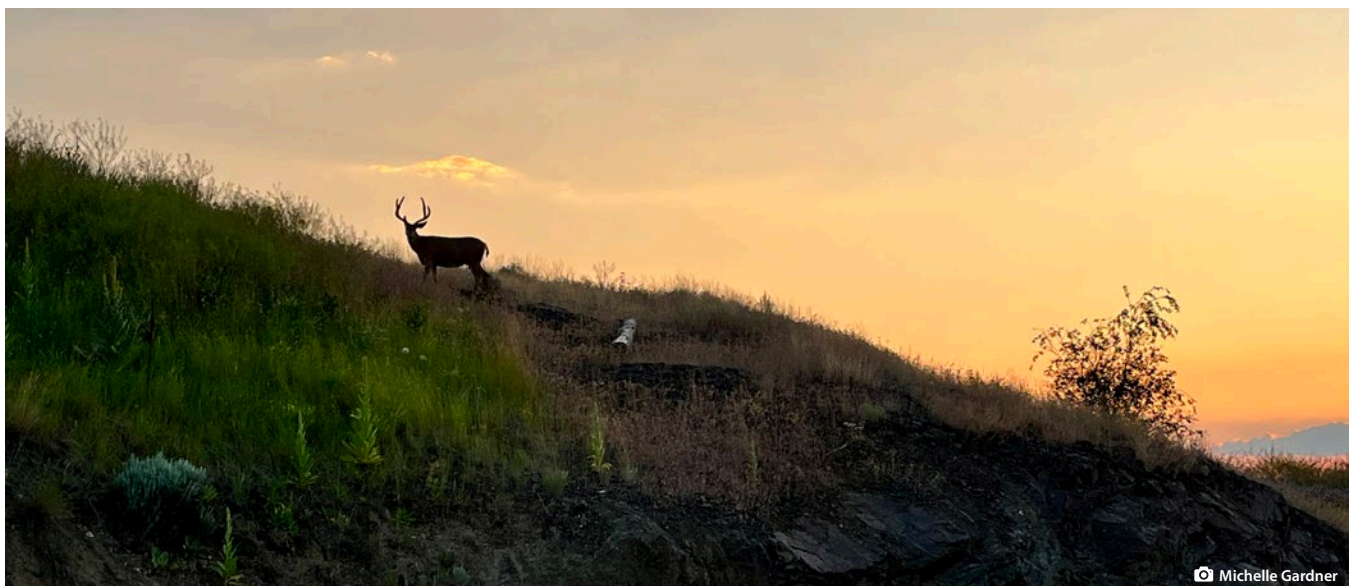
The City of Kamloops clearly and strongly advocates for Kamloops to other organizations and levels of government.

UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES 2024 CONVENTION

In September 2024, members of Council and staff attended the 2024 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention and met with the following ministers to discuss local matters and advocate for interests of Kamloops:

- Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing
 - Council advocated for a new provincial program to create year-round indoor day spaces for unhoused individuals and emphasized the need for provincial funding and faster permitting processes to facilitate the infrastructure upgrades necessary to meet the Province's housing targets.
 - Minister Kahlon acknowledged the importance of addressing day space shortages across the province and encouraged Council to contact his team directly about any specific housing projects experiencing critical delays due to permitting.

- Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
 - Council discussed train traffic, growth in public transit demands, piloting the use of heavy-duty electric equipment, and the Red Bridge fire.
 - Minister Fleming said he would sit down and discuss the Trade Network analysis again to find potential train traffic improvements and suggested advocating directly to the BC Transit Board of Directors for more transit hours. Minister Fleming also suggested meeting with the Minister of Energy and Mines regarding heavy-duty electric equipment.
- Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
 - Council discussed dikes, the Jamieson dams, and urban wildlife management. As a result of the meeting, City staff are being invited to join the Provincial Urban Deer Advisory Committee.
 - While Minister Cullen cannot declassify the Jamieson dams, he acknowledged that municipalities have been handed down dam and dike infrastructure without the resources to maintain them. Minister Cullen's team would like to work with City staff to understand the resulting challenges better.
- Honourable Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Child Care
 - Council, School District No. 73 Board of Education Chair Heather Grieve, and Kamloops Junior Council member Ayla Van Laer advocated for a new school in Aberdeen.
 - Minister Singh noted that the Province has purchased property in Aberdeen and that it is on the list of schools to get built.
- Honourable Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
 - Council requested permanent annual funding to replace pilot funding to support relationships with urban Indigenous service providers, and also focused on support for bids to host events like the North American Indigenous Games.
 - Minister Rankin could not commit funding in advance of the provincial election, but he conveyed his strong support for such bids and recommended reaching out to the Ministry of Tourism and our federal member of parliament for further support.
- Honourable Niki Sharma, Attorney General
 - Council discussed budget concerns regarding law enforcement and fire rescue services, advocating for new funding models, assistance with recruitment, and peace officer status for our Community Services Officers.
 - Minister Sharma indicated that it will take approximately another one-and-a-half years until it will be possible to grant peace officer status to Community Services Officers. Minister Sharma was interested in the idea of a Kamloops training hub for law enforcement serving the northern and interior regions.



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- Honourable Harry Bains, Minister of Labour
 - Council discussed how to clarify and improve processes related to labour relations, specifically regarding the involvement of elected officials in WorkSafeBC claims and coverage, since politicians are not classified as employees.
 - Minister Bains expressed concerns that changing definitions in the *Workers Compensation Act* to clarify politicians' roles could lead to unintended consequences. He suggested that the City or the Union of British Columbia Municipalities obtain and present an in-depth legal report outlining the implications of any proposed changes.
- Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
 - Council advocated for a dedicated Emergency Support Services/Evacuation Centre in Kamloops. The delegation also requested provincially mandated FireSmart standards for developers.
 - While Minister Ma could not commit to future programming or funding, she encouraged the delegation to continue lobbying the new minister post-election.
- Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs
 - Council requested backing from the Province on implementing many of the recommendations in the Henry Braun report.
 - Minister Kang was happy to put forward her public confidence in the work of Henry Braun and committed to nudging the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for action on cases of privacy breaches.
- Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport
 - Council asked for provincial funding to support Build Kamloops infrastructure projects that are set to proceed with a borrowing mandate from residents secured during the recent alternative approval process.
 - Minister Popham could not commit much in terms of funding before the provincial election; however, ministry staff indicated that the City should hear more about potential funding through the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Legacy Fund within the next six months.
- Jonathan Dube, Deputy Minister of Mental Health, and Susan Brown, Interior Health President and CEO
 - Council discussed the response to the City's business case for a sobering and assessment centre and sought to understand the breakdown in communication that resulted in a news article indicating the request was unsuccessful before anything was communicated directly to the City. In the future, business cases will be submitted to the Ministry of Mental Health and Interior Health at the same time.
- Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills
 - Council requested funding to hire apprentices and pitched the concept of the Kamloops Airport Authority Society working in conjunction with Thompson Rivers University to become a learning centre for airport mechanics.
 - Minister Beare supported further discussions with Thompson Rivers University and the City of Kelowna regarding aviation programming. Ministry staff also highlighted a provincial employer training grant available for apprentices.
- Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
 - Council discussed funding for the Kamloops active transportation network.
 - Minister Heyman committed to following up with a letter outlining various provincial and federal grants that could be applied to active transportation.





COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS IN ADVOCACY (NOVEMBER 2023-OCTOBER 2024)

- Council authorized sending a letter to the Province, with distribution to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, other municipalities, the Southern Interior Local Government Association, and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, expressing concern over the BC Emergency Management Legislation and lack of consultation, and requesting to see the next draft of regulations before they move forward.
- Council authorized writing a letter of support to the British Columbia Air Access Program for assistance in the rehabilitation of Apron II Taxiway, which is critical infrastructure at the Kamloops Airport.
- Council authorized Administration to send the sobering and assessment centre business case to the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, the Minister of Health, and the President and CEO of Interior Health and that a letter be sent on behalf of Council requesting that the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions provide a formal response to Council regarding the sobering and assessment centre business case.
- Council authorized the Mayor's Office to send a letter to the provincial government requesting that Bill-45 be withdrawn.
- Council authorized sending a letter of support to the Ministry of Housing, BC Housing, and all other social agencies outlining that Council accepts the provincial government's refusal to conduct a third-party review of shelters, social housing, and related services.
- Council authorized sending a letter of support to accompany the Kamloops Recovery Engagement and Bed Utilization Committee's advocacy letter to the BC Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to increase per diem rates for organizations registered or licensed under the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act*.
- Council authorized drafting a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure requesting information about the reallocation of funds saved by not proceeding with the Valleyview bypass towards other projects in Kamloops.

- Council authorized the submission of a resolution to the Southern Interior Local Government Association to lobby the provincial government to open shelters throughout the province at a standardized winter temperature of 0°C or lower and enacted at higher degrees when the weather forecast includes wet, snowy, or windy conditions as recommended by the BC Health Effects Anomalous Temperatures (HEAT) Committee's cold-weather response; and sending a letter to the BC Ministry of Housing requesting relevant staff to meet with City staff to discuss the request to change the trigger temperature for shelter to be in conformity with the BC Centre for Disease Control HEAT Committee recommendations.
- Council authorized sending a letter to Member of Parliament Frank Caputo reiterating the importance of the Canada Community Growth Fund, commonly known as the Gas Tax Fund, and that shifting it from a source of discretionary funds to one that is prescribed will hamper the City's ability to make decisions in the best interests of the community.
- Council authorized sending a letter comparable to the letter sent by the District of Hudson's Hope to Premier David Eby expressing support for Bill-34 and Council's concern about public consumption of substances and community safety, copying the same recipients and including Kamloops Members of the Legislative Assembly and Members of Parliament. The letter is to include a request for the halt to decriminalization if Bill-34 is unsuccessful.
- Council authorized sending a letter to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, supporting Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality in their request for regulatory exemption from the prohibition of purchase of residential property by non-Canadians and that Member of Parliament Frank Caputo be copied in this letter.
- Council authorized sending a letter to the Agricultural Land Commission inviting them to have a comprehensive discussion with Council regarding the Agricultural Land Reserve in Kamloops and to identify potential ways to utilize those lands to meet residential housing needs.
- Council authorized sending a letter to the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, requesting consideration of Kamloops for future funding opportunities to accelerate housing supply growth; and that Member of Parliament Frank Caputo be copied in this letter.
- Council directed staff to send a letter to Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing, and the Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, expressing that the Kamloops transit system requires more hours and funding to successfully enact provincial housing legislation.



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- Council authorized sending a letter to the Province recognizing that Kamloops is one of the fastest growing communities in Canada and is the only community in the BC Interior region selected for provincial housing target assessment under the *Housing Supply Act*; expressing disappointment in the rejection of the City's application for a Housing Accelerator Fund; and including a request for the Province to appeal to the federal government on behalf of Kamloops to request available funds and encourage Kamloops to be identified as a community requiring funding.
- Council authorized sending a letter to the Minister of Housing articulating the City's continued support of the Province's housing targets; their willingness to participate; and to articulate challenges Kamloops faces in reaching the targets, requesting a response from the ministry outlining the ways they intend to address the challenges and support the successful achievement of housing targets in Kamloops in the future.
- Council authorized sending a letter to the Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, with an update on the Build Kamloops initiative since Council's last presentation at the Union of BC Municipalities event, specifically asking for identified opportunities for funding.



- Council authorized sending a letter and the Kamloops Fire Rescue Medical Response Unit Business Case to the appropriate provincial ministry requesting funding for providing medical responses.
- Council authorized sending a delegation of Safety and Security Select Committee members and staff to Victoria to advocate regarding the challenges relating to the community court to the Province.
- Council authorized sending a letter to Premier David Eby and the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting the Province to enact legislation to provide municipalities with new tools, as suggested in Henry Braun's Municipal Advisor's Report dated April 22, 2024, to address issues such as ongoing breaches of conduct, ethical breaches, poor governance, and decisions that adversely impact the community.
- Council authorized sending a letter to all provincial party leaders in British Columbia and to Kamloops Members of the Legislative Assembly Todd Stone and Peter Milobar, requesting a response regarding a commitment to stopping provincial downloading to municipalities and realigning scope of responsibilities as part of their election platforms.
- Council authorized sending the Financial Impacts of Higher-Level Government Policy Change report dated May 28, 2024, to all municipalities in British Columbia with a letter encouraging each municipality to complete a similar exercise in order to prepare for advocating the issue of provincial downloading at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.



- Council authorized the following resolution be submitted to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for consideration at its 2024 convention:
 - WHEREAS BC's broader forest sector (including harvesting, pulp and paper product manufacturing, and wood product manufacturing) continues to make a vital contribution to BC's overall economic and social well-being, supporting some 44,000 direct jobs and close to 100,000 more jobs in total, generating billions of dollars in wages, exports, and government revenues, and forming the economic foundation of dozens of rural and remote communities;
 - AND WHEREAS in the last two decades, BC's forest industries have experienced a perfect storm of repeated and intersecting crises, and a combination of economic, environmental, and global challenges continues to destabilize the broader forestry sector.
 - THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be lobbied to enact measures for a stronger BC forestry sector, including:
 - › creating a permanent province-wide Forestry Sector Council;
 - › developing a province-wide plan for stable, sustainable, economic fibre supply;
 - › creating a Forest Adjustment Bureau to redesign and integrate worker and community adjustment supports; and
 - › developing a strategy to maximize value-added jobs from stable fibre harvesting.
- Council authorized sending a letter to the relevant provincial ministries, copying local Members of the Legislative Assembly, on the need for dedicated provincial funding for year-round indoor day space for unhoused individuals and that this letter be sent along with the community advocacy letter from the Kamloops Access Hub Leadership Committee.
- Council authorized sending a letter to the Interior Health Authority and the Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, copying the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, and including the following:
 - a copy of the recent Coroner's Inquest Verdict regarding the 2019 death of an intoxicated individual while in a Kamloops correctional facility, and its recommendation that a sobering centre be established in Kamloops, as well as the City's updated business plan for a sobering centre;
 - a request for Interior Health and the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions to explain their position on the sobering centre; and
 - a request for Interior Health, the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, and the Ministry of Health to participate in a government to government meeting with Kamloops City Council to determine next steps.
- Council authorized sending a letter to Interior Health requesting it to provide naloxone kits to equip the Kamloops Fire Rescue medical response team.





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