

The City of Kamloops acknowledges that we are located on Tkemlups te Secwepemc territory, situated within the unceded ancestral lands of the Secwépemc Nation. We honour and respect the people, the territory, and the land that houses our community.



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CITY OF KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

# Annual Report 2024 Highlights

For the year ended December 31, 2024

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# Message from City Council



Kamloops is growing. That was the defining theme of 2024. As our population increases, we face important decisions about how to adapt, respond, and prepare for the future. In a community like Kamloops—often prized for its small-city character—growing pains naturally coincide with excitement and opportunity. As a Council, our role is to ensure that our response to growth is bold, proactive, intentional, sustainable, and inclusive so no one is left behind.

A key part of that work in 2024 was listening—deeply and thoughtfully—to residents. In the first half of the year, we wrapped up the Community + Council Conversations initiative, an ambitious project that engaged residents both in person and online. By visiting neighbourhoods and hosting discussions, we gathered valuable insights that now serve as a foundation for future decision-making.

We heard from residents that community safety remains a key priority. While we continue to address this shared concern, we celebrate some major achievements from 2024. The City expanded the Community Services Officer program to a 24/7 model, allowing officers to provide increased support to vulnerable populations while enhancing overall community safety. We also expanded the Block Watch program, empowering residents to take an active role in crime prevention. Targeted efforts by the local RCMP resulted in a 13% decrease in criminal offences and a reduction in traffic-related incidents. Calls for service to both the RCMP and Community Services declined, and Kamloops Fire Rescue responded to fewer major incidents than in 2023—clear indicators that our strategies are having a positive impact.

Council has worked hard to encourage the housing growth that our city desperately needs through land use decisions and focused advocacy to other government agencies. We achieved some success through the provincial announcement of 20 new complex care beds in Kamloops and commitments to build 500 new homes and shelter spaces. These initiatives focus on providing secure housing for seniors, women and children leaving violence, individuals experiencing homelessness, and low-income families. While housing is critical, we recognize that a thriving city offers more than just shelter. Residents need access to community services, health care, child care, recreation, and cultural opportunities. That is where Build Kamloops plays a vital role.

Many of the priorities Council campaigned on are now taking shape through Build Kamloops. We opened a seniors' centre, repaired the soccer dome, and secured public support to borrow for the first two major projects: building the Kamloops Centre for the Arts and a new, state-of-the-art Arena Multiplex. These investments reflect our commitment to fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and dynamic city. As we move forward, we will continue to approach growth with fiscal responsibility and a strong commitment to community engagement.

Together, we can ensure that Kamloops remains a place where all residents can thrive.

## **City Council 2022–2026**

City of Kamloops

Report from the Corporate

Services Director

#### **FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

Entering 2024, organizations were optimistic that many of the challenges from the previous year's economic environment were behind us and there would be a positive move in the right direction. Consumer inflation was expected to trend towards historical levels nearing 3.0% and correspondingly drawing interest rates downward towards historical levels, which was signalling a more optimistic forecast for the future and a return to expected economic conditions.

Consumer-based inflation began to return to lower levels early in 2024. However, sectorial inflation, particularly in the construction and industrial grade goods and complementary services, continued to increase due to continued concerns within the overall supply chain and availability of raw materials. The Bank of Canada's monetary policy aimed to slow the economy was effective in that consumer-based inflation reduced from the 2023 level of 3.9% and ended the 2024 year averaging 2.4% inflation. Interest rates, having reduced inflation, dropped over the period and ended the year near historical levels.

Over the course of the year, the City's supply chain continued to feel the impact of the world economic challenges, products needed in the delivery of services were in short supply, and inflation led to a dramatic increase in prices. These market conditions continued to impact order times and the availability of replacement parts and equipment, which at times, were being pushed out beyond normal periods by 12-18 months.

Adding to overall economic uncertainty, the conflict between Russia and Ukraine continued into its third year, conflict continued in the Middle East between Hamas-lead Palestinian militant groups and Israel. Political impacts and concerns began to occur during the latter half of the year as the BC provincial election was held in October, introducing potential regional concerns, and then in November, the election for the US government was held, with a change in leadership expected in early 2025.

These changes and pending changes impacted the price of many goods and services requiring oil and oil-based products. This was directly felt in the delivery of all goods that are provided by truck to areas of the country and the city and added a degree of uncertainty within the economy.

#### **LOOKING FORWARD**

Entering 2025, there is an increased sense of uncertainty. Political change occurred at the provincial level where the incumbent government stayed in power. However, their majority had dramatically reduced, signalling the public's concerns about the current political policy. To the south, the incumbent United States government was replaced with a new government, bringing a



higher degree of international market uncertainty. Adding to the overall political climate, a national election has been called for the spring amid broad global economic uncertainty.

For the City, moving into the new year brings some of the same challenges felt over the past four years. Some of the challenges experienced in the recent past still play a role in the operations, and there are still some outstanding lead times for goods that will be impacted due to changes in tariffs. The labour market continues to be challenged due to skilled trades and professional shortages, and environmental concerns are still in the front of mind moving into an expected hot and dry summer.

Optimism is also high in the city as the publicly approved borrowing for building two new and much-needed City assets under the Build Kamloops program will break ground. The Kamloops Centre for the Arts is expected to be a \$150.0 million construction project. Concurrently, the \$120.0 million Arena Multiplex project is expected to bring employment opportunities and economic benefits to the city.

2025 is expected to be a challenging and exciting period for the City as population growth is expected to continue with more people relocating to Kamloops and the Government of BC placing housing targets on the City to increase the housing supply and the affordability of home ownership to BC residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Hallinan, FCPA, FCMA

Corporate Services Director, City of Kamloops

May 1, 2024

The above is an excerpt. To read the full letter of transmittal, view page 92 of the 2024 Annual Report at Kamloops.ca/AnnualReport.

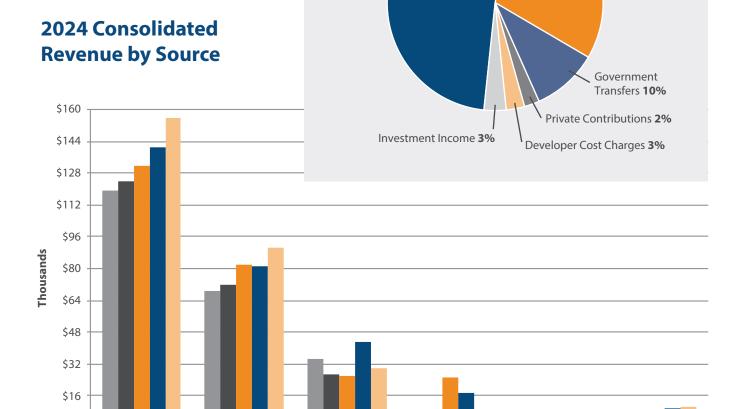
Fees, Rates, and

Sales of Service\* 30%

# Statistical Reports

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Taxation



Taxation 52%

FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BY SOURCE							
(in thousands of dollars)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
Taxation	\$119,687	\$123,939	\$131,560	\$141,295	\$156,022		
Fees, Rates, and Sales of Service*	68,465	71,870	81,742	81,369	90,438		
Government Transfers	34,612	26,502	25,922	42,814	29,849		
Private Contributions	5,048	6,025	24,984	17,061	6,842		
Developer Cost Charges	2,323	2,346	2,452	4,778	8,313		
Investment Income	7,385	4,870	5,217	9,416	9,962		
	\$237,520	\$235,552	\$271,877	\$296,733	\$301,426		

2022

Government

**Transfers** 

2021

Private

Contributions

2024

Developer

**Cost Charges** 

Investment

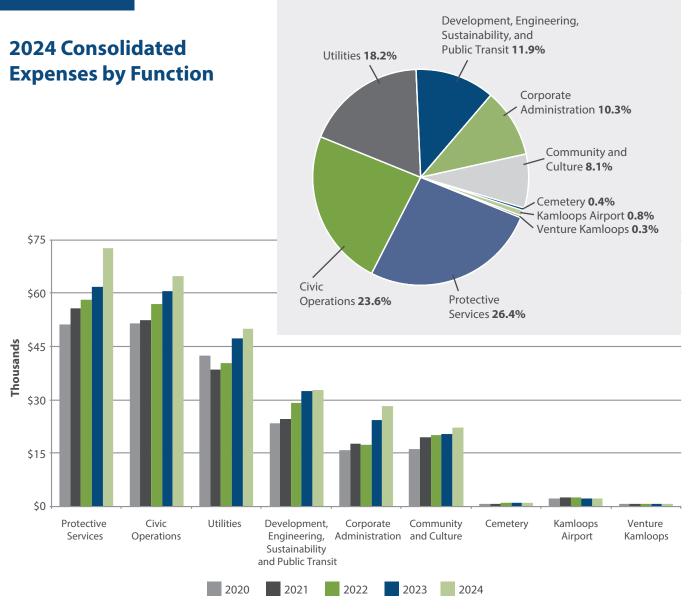
Income

Fees, Rates, and

Sales of Service\*

2020

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Gain (loss) from capital asset disposal offset against fees, rates, and sales of services. Source: City of Kamloops, Financial Services Division

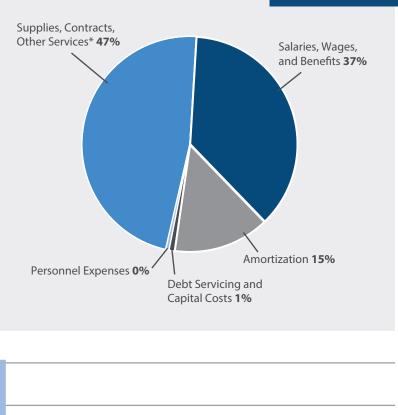


FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED EXPENSES BY FUNCTION							
(in thousands of dollars)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
Protective Services	\$51,097	\$55,699	\$58,099	\$61,710	\$72,528		
Civic Operations	51,400	52,418	57,034	60,496	64,830		
Utilities	42,392	38,456	40,353	47,274	49,965		
Development, Engineering, Sustainability, and Public Transit	23,403	24,524	29,055	32,546	32,790		
Corporate Administration	15,770	17,755	17,329	24,320	28,245		
Community and Culture	16,023	19,479	20,163	20,381	22,152		
Cemetery	714	847	919	897	1,116		
Kamloops Airport	2,286	2,663	2,473	2,256	2,258		
Venture Kamloops	687	686	714	751	785		
	\$203,772	\$212,527	\$226,139	\$250,631	\$274,669		

Note: 2022 and 2023 numbers adjusted due to restatement from adoption of Asset Retirement Obligations Standard. Source: City of Kamloops, Financial Services Division

# **2024 Consolidated Expenses by Category**

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Thousands	\$80 -		- 1				
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		Supplies, Contracts, Other Services*	Salaries, Wages and Benefits		ration	Debt Servicing and Capital Costs	Personnel Expenses
			2020	2021 2022	2023	2024	

FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED EXPENSES BY CATEGORY						
(in thousands of dollars)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Supplies ,Contracts, Other Services*	\$94,137	\$94,911	\$104,106	\$119,302	\$130,021	
Salaries, Wages, and Benefits	75,262	79,653	83,762	88,959	101,162	
Amortization	33,042	36,555	35,463	38,559	39,837	
Debt Servicing and Capital Costs	486	453	1,667	2,561	2,273	
Personnel Expenses	845	955	1,141	1,250	1,376	
	203,772	212,527	226,139	250,631	274,669	

 $<sup>{\</sup>tt *Note: Cross \ functional \ services \ netted \ against \ supplies, contracts, and \ other \ services.}$ 

Note: 2022 and 2023 numbers adjusted due to restatement from adoption of Asset Retirement Obligations Standard.

Source: City of Kamloops, Financial Services Division

FIVE-YEAR ANNUAL SURPLUS							
(in thousands of dollars)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
Annual Surplus	\$33,748	\$23,025	\$45,738	\$46,103	\$26,757		

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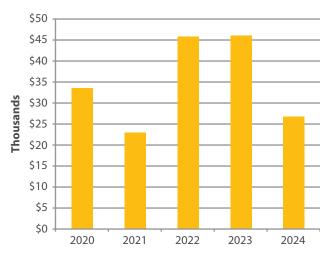
FIVE-YEAR ACCUMULATED SURPLUS								
(in thousands of dollars)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024			
Risk Mitigation Reserves	\$4,865	\$4,396	\$3,119	\$2,407	\$3,408			
Opportunity Reserves	22,963	24,400	22,417	34,940	37,518			
Restricted Reserves	9,319	8,898	8,985	7,936	4,994			
Planned Capital Spend Reserves	27,190	16,554	13,274	14,613	8,383			
Utilities Reserves	31,199	49,103	-	-	-			
Working Capital	29,935	28,987	73,665	53,350	46,251			
Capital Equity (City Only)	1,104,386	1,120,017	1,149,644	1,201,767	1,235,582			
Kamloops Airport	62,647	63,178	65,124	67,315	72,930			
Venture Kamloops	114	110	86	88	107			
Accumulated Surplus	\$1,292,618	\$1,315,643	\$1,336,314	\$1,382,416	\$1,409,173			

 $Note: 2022\ and\ 2023\ numbers\ adjusted\ due\ to\ restatement\ from\ adoption\ of\ Asset\ Retirement\ Obligations\ Standard.$ 

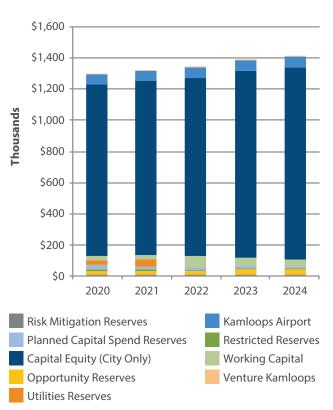
Note: Utilities reserves were reallocated to working capital for financial presentation to align with operations.

Source: City of Kamloops, Financial Services Division

#### **FIVE-YEAR ANNUAL SURPLUS**



### **FIVE-YEAR ACCUMULATED SURPLUS**

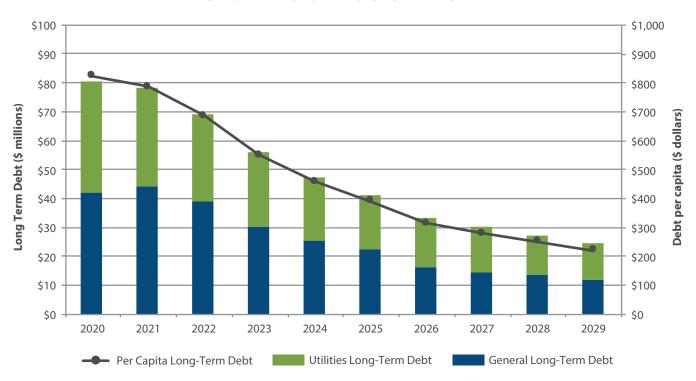


PRINCIPAL CORPORATE TAXPAYERS					
Registered Owner	Primary Property	% of Overall Municipal Taxes Levied			
KRUGER KAMLOOPS PULP GP INC	Pulp/Paper Mill	2.58%			
TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE	Oil/Gas Transport Piplines	1.31%			
ABERDEEN KAMLOOPS MALL LTD	Shopping Centre	0.66%			
NORTHILLS SHOPPING CENTRE LTD	Shopping Centre	0.53%			
TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE ULC	Oil/Gas Pumping & Compressor Station	0.33%			
CALLOWAY REIT (KAMLOOPS) INC	Shopping Centre	0.33%			
SRV DEVELOPMENTS LTD	Shopping Centre	0.32%			
KAMLOOPS AIRPORT AUTHORITY SOCIETY	Airport	0.31%			
SUMMIT SHOPPING CENTRE LTD	Shopping Centre	0.30%			
WHITEROCK 350-450 LANSDOWNE STREET KAMLOOPS INC	Shopping Centre	0.24%			

Includes general municipal property tax values; does not include special levies, utilities, or taxes levied by other taxing authorities. Based on largest individual corporate folio. Taxes levied based on a percentage of total municipal taxes.

Source: City of Kamloops, Financial Services Division

#### LONG-TERM DEBT AND DEBT PER CAPITA



# Council's Strategic Priorities







# **Safety** & Security

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

## **Governance & Service Excellence**

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

# **Livability & Sustainability**

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

## **Advocacy Successes in 2024:**

In 2024, years of advocacy and relationship building yielded a major milestone in the City's efforts to create more attainable and diverse housing options for our community when the Province announced several new developments that will add over 500 new homes and shelter spaces to meet the needs of individuals and families in Kamloops.

Advocacy by the Kamloops Recovery Engagement and Bed Utilization Committee led to nearly doubling provincial per diem rates, helping local treatment providers better cover housing costs and sustain essential recovery services.



**ATTAINABLE RENTAL HOMES** 

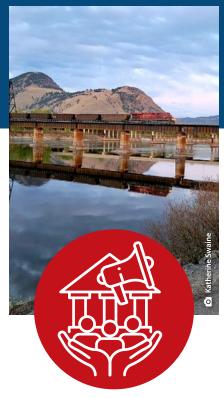
- · for middle-income individuals and families
- · within the Columbia **Precinct lands**



**AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOMES** 

- for individuals, families, seniors, and people living with disabilities
- · on Lorne Street and Oak Road





## **Economic Health**

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

## **Advocacy**

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

## **Advocacy in Action:**

City Council has identified these key topics in their Advocacy Strategic Priority.

- Justice Reform
- Housing
- · Campus of Care
- Seniors Supports
- Wraparound Services for **Supportive Housing**
- Mental Health and **Addiction Supports**
- Immigration Supports
- Fire Mitigation
- Additions to Reserve Land
- Family Doctors
- Increased Staffing for **BC** Ambulance Service
- · Agricultural Land **Reserve Amendments**
- Tax Amendments to Support **Community Land Trusts**
- HandiDart and Taxi Service Levels
- Support Agencies and Other Organizations Advocating for our Common Goals



#### **HOMES WITH SUPPORTS**

- for people experiencing homelessness
- Replacing 50 end-of-life units on Mission Flats Road



#### **UNIT SECOND-STAGE TRANSITION HOUSE**

• for women and children leaving violence



#### **UNIT SHELTER** SPACE

- for seniors and older adults experiencing homelessness
- · within the Columbia Precinct lands



#### **UNITS OF RAPID TEMPORARY HOUSING**

 for people who are currently unhoused or living in shelters



- After months of dedicated recruitment and training, the City reached the necessary staffing levels to successfully expand its Community Services Officer program to a 24/7 service model.
- Kamloops' Block Watch program quadrupled in size—growing to over 560 participants—after being integrated into the Crime Prevention Unit, boosting community engagement and crime prevention efforts across the city.
- The City experienced a 13% reduction in criminal offences thanks to strategic enforcement, community partnerships, and expanded mental health and traffic safety initiatives by the RCMP. Kamloops Fire Rescue also dispatched fewer incidents than in 2023.
- The City hired a dedicated FireSmart Liaison who works closely with residents, local governments, and various interest holders. FireSmart property inspections more than doubled in 2024, with 200 homes receiving free assessments and recommendations.

- Kamloops Fire Rescue joined FireSafe, a program through the Office of the Fire Commissioner that installs free smoke alarms in high-need homes. Using census and fire department data, firefighters visited over 1,200 homes and installed 515 smoke alarms in Kamloops and Tkemlups te Secwépemc.
- · Kamloops began implementing an Extreme Heat Response Plan, funded by a \$30,000 grant, to assess risks, map vulnerable areas, and introduce targeted strategies like cooling spaces and extended water feature hours, to build long-term resilience to increasing extreme heat events.
- · Through intensive recruitment and training, the City's Emergency Support Services volunteer base reached an all-time high of 210 members. These members contributed a total of 8,605 hours in 2024.
- The City hosted an outreach networking workshop attended by 70 outreach and support workers, strengthening the collective workforce and tackling some of our city's toughest social issues.



**BLOCK WATCH NEIGHBOURHOODS** 

**★UP FROM 7** 

in 2023



**CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS** 

From 2023



**♣**13%

**CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY** 

From 2023



**₹26%** 

**OTHER CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS** 

From 2023



10,825

**INCIDENTS DISPATCHED IN KAMLOOPS** 

**₽0.4**%

from 2023



- In October 2024, Byron McCorkell was appointed interim Chief Administrative Officer for the City, bringing decades of leadership and community-focused experience to guide the city's continued growth and innovation.
- From late 2023 to spring 2024, the City piloted Community + Council Conversations—seven neighbourhood meetings and online engagement that drew nearly 600 contributions, giving residents a direct role in shaping Council priorities through meaningful dialogue and feedback.
- The City restructured its Civic Operations Department to improve service delivery and operational efficiency. One example is the creation of a new Parks and Streets Section, which integrates equipment and staff expertise to enhance service levels throughout the year.
- Since December 2021, Kamloops' Infrastructure Delivery Division has managed \$130 million in capital projects, which have, on average, been completed under budget thanks to collaborative procurement and proactive planning, enabling timely delivery despite significant industry challenges.

- The City completed a cost comparison of project engineering design in 2022 and 2023. It concluded that in-house engineering design on major construction projects resulted in a 10% cost savings compared to projects where external consultants are used, saving the City over \$1 million annually. City engineers were busy in 2024, supporting 11 major construction projects with 15 more in the design phase.
- In 2024, the City developed its first Strategic Civic Facilities Master Plan, supported by a \$750,000 Union of BC Municipalities grant, to assess and guide maintenance, upgrades, and management of 190 valued civic buildings, ensuring they meet long-term community needs.
- The City deepened its relationship with Tkemlups te Secwépemc through collaborative efforts, most notably by helping secure the 2025 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships, renewing the Community Transit Partnership Agreement with several exciting expansions slotted for 2025, and co-hosting their first joint National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.



**WATER SERVICE REPAIRS** 



**WATER MAIN REPAIRS** 



133 km

**OF SEWER MAINS FLUSHED** 



**POTHOLE REPAIRS** 



STREETS RECIEVED **ASPHALT OVERLAY AND MILLING PATCHES** 



- The City advanced key goals within the Build Kamloops program with the grand opening of the Kamloops Seniors Community Centre and work to extend the lifespan of the indoor soccer dome.
- Following strong public support in the 2024 alternative approval process, the City is moving ahead with major Build Kamloops projects, including the new Kamloops Centre for the Arts and the arena multiplex, marking a transformative step in expanding cultural and recreational infrastructure citywide.
- For the second year, the Community Climate Action Grant program funded 16 community-based climate action projects, many of which enhanced biodiversity through tree planting and new pollinator gardens, and engaged local youth.
- The City opened a brand-new pump track at the Kamloops Bike Ranch, installed a new playground at Albert McGowan Park, and launched a trail marker location system in city parks to help direct first responders in an emergency.
- Kamloops recreation facilities continued to reach maximum capacity in 2024, with more members accessing these spaces and increased programming, sports, and event bookings.

- In collaboration with community partners, Kamloops expanded inclusive recreation through programs for neurodiverse children, newcomer families, and individuals with mobility challenges, ensuring equitable access to sports, fitness, and community connection for all residents.
- Kamloops City Council adopted the You Are Here Cultural Strategic Plan 2024–2034, a community-driven roadmap with six key priorities to strengthen the city's cultural landscape, support artists, reduce participation barriers, and position culture as a driver of tourism, inclusion, and economic growth.
- Kamloops Transit experienced a 9% ridership increase in 2024 while achieving full staffing and expanding services, programs, and infrastructure, including 15 new transit shelters, a new digital fare payment system, and fare-free rides for schools and community events.
- In 2024, Kamloops launched its Curbside Residential Organic Waste Collection Program, diverting 5,000 tonnes of waste and reducing landfill intake by 33% while cutting recycling contamination by 16%, a major step forward in sustainability and community-driven waste management.



22,000

**PUBLIC SKATING PARTICIPATION** 

> **1**60% from 2022



\$125,000

**PUBLIC SKATING REVENUE** 

> **70%** from 2022



an inclusive, diverse, and sustainable community in 2024

29,619

**TOTAL FACILITY** MEMBERSHIPS PURCHASED

> **1**6% from 2023



**TOTAL PUNCH CARDS PURCHASED** 

**★25%** 

from 2023



- Kamloops introduced a revitalization tax exemption bylaw to incentivize purpose-built rental housing near key neighbourhood hubs, supporting sustainable growth and expanding the city's rental supply as part of its Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan.
- Major amendments to KAMPLAN and the Zoning Bylaw designate the Lansdowne, North Shore, and Thompson Rivers University Transit Exchanges as transit-oriented areas, encouraging higher residential density in these key locations, and allowing more dwelling units on residential lots, creating more opportunities for attainable housing across the community.
- The City continued strengthening its community partnerships, focusing on large-scale event planning and economic development. A formalized planning team was established in collaboration with Tourism Kamloops, the Sports Council, and Tkemlúps te Secwépemc to spearhead future tournament and event bids.
- City Council passed bylaws delegating authority to staff for issuing development permits, significantly reducing wait times and allowing City Council to focus on larger-scale projects.

- The City is supporting the development of an airport business and industrial park near Kamloops Airport, aiming to boost employment on the North Shore and enhance the airport's economic viability.
- Kamloops celebrated the formation of the East Kamloops Business Improvement Area, which will support Valleyview and Dallas businesses, with \$2 million in funding secured to enhance local economic vitality starting in 2025.
- At the end of 2024, Kamloops released an updated Housing Needs Report, projecting the need for over 23,000 new housing units by 2041 to support population growth and address affordability, with the findings set to guide the City's 2025 KAMPLAN update.
- In 2024, Kamloops advanced its attainable housing goals by launching the Kamloops Community Land Trust Foundation, which saw its inaugural Board of Directors appointed and completed its first land transaction. In partnership with BC Builds, the foundation is pursuing a 90-unit, mixed-use housing development at 377 Tranquille Road, with 18 affordable units and a target occupancy in fall 2026.



6,856

**ACTIVE BUSINESS LICENCES** 

> 6.3% from 2023



**NEW BUSINESS** LICENCES ISSUED

> **13%** from 2023



\$1.2 billion

**IN RESIDENTIAL SALES** 

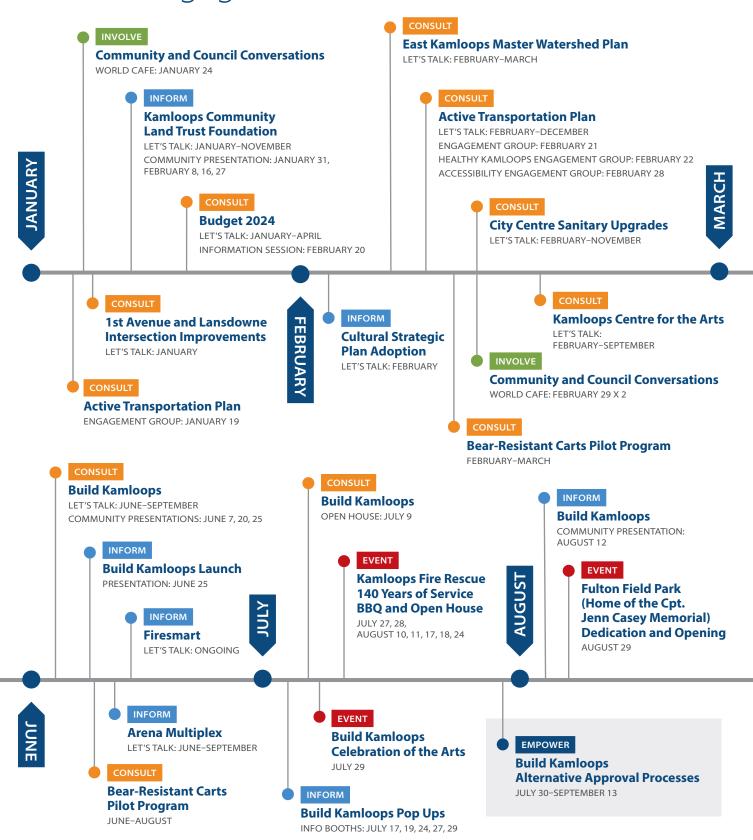
**1.35%** from 2023



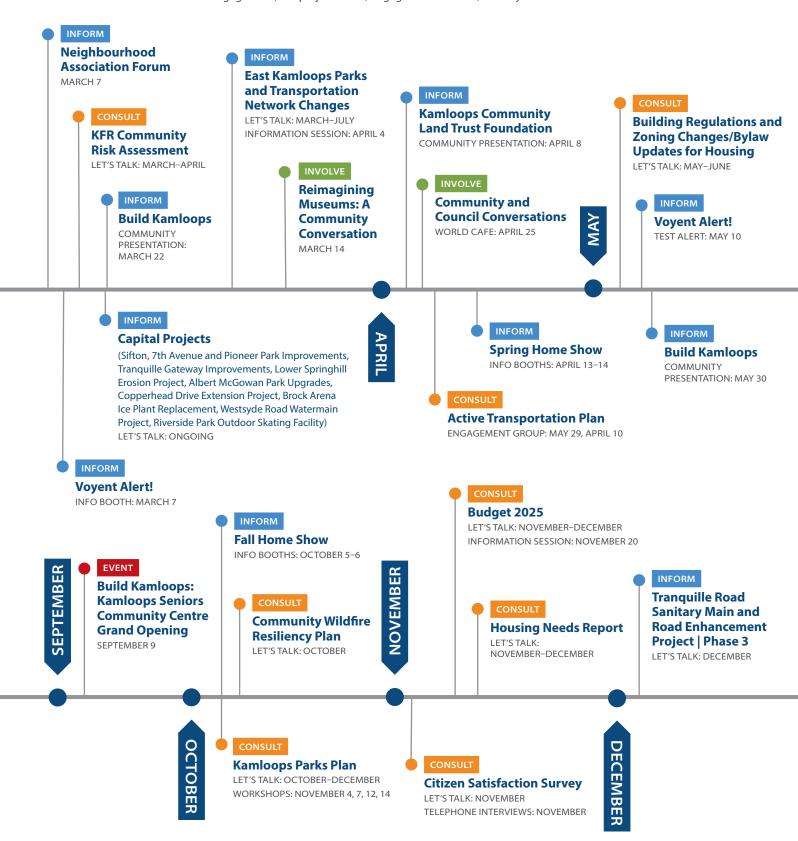
7,856

**NEW HOUSING UNITS NEEDED BY 2026** 

# Public Engagement 2024



The Public Engagement timeline illustrates a selection of key engagement initiatives that took place from January to December 2024. Outlined below is the level of engagement, the project name, engagement method, and key dates.



# What We Celebrated and Remembered



### **KAMLOOPS FIRE RESCUE CELEBRATES 140 YEARS**

Kamloops Fire Rescue marked its 140th anniversary in 2024, celebrating a legacy of dedication and service since its founding in 1884. To honour this milestone, fire stations hosted summer barbecues, inviting residents to meet the fire rescue crews, tour the stations, explore fire trucks, and enjoy food and refreshments.

### THE BUILD KAMLOOPS **CELEBRATION OF** THE ARTS EVENT

Nearly 1,500 people attended the Build Kamloops Celebration of the Arts on July 29, 2024, experiencing a life-sized layout of the future Kamloops Centre for the Arts through performances, interactive exhibits, and speeches. The event raised \$6,000 for local arts groups.





### REMEMBERING THE RED BRIDGE

The Red Bridge has been an iconic feature of the Kamloops landscape for over a century. On September 19, 2024, it burned to the ground. The loss of the historic bridge marked a profound moment for Kamloops and Tkemlups te Secwépemc, prompting renewed collaboration between the communities and the Province to restore the vital physical and symbolic connection it has long represented.

### **OPENING OF FULTON** FIELD PARK, HOME OF THE CAPTAIN JENN **CASEY MEMORIAL**

The Captain Jenn Casey Memorial, completed in 2024, is an art display of a 1:1 ratio Royal Canadian Air Force CT-114 Tutor Snowbird shaped from a mosaic of maple leaves and branches and designed by local artist Sarah Holliday. It now resides in Fulton Field Park and stands in memory of Captain Casey, who was tragically killed when her Snowbird jet crashed in Kamloops on May 17, 2020.





### **KAMLOOPS COMES TOGETHER TO TACKLE BEACH CLEANUP**

More than 100 volunteers participated in Kamloops' first-ever Clean the Beach event on April 21, 2024, removing 600 kg of litter from riverbanks and celebrating their Earth Day efforts with music, food, and fun, demonstrating the community's strong commitment to environmental stewardship.

## **LOCAL ATHLETES MAKE CANADA'S TOURNAMENT CAPITAL PROUD**

On September 21, 2024, about 150 Kamloops residents gathered at the Tournament Capital Centre to celebrate and connect with local Olympic and Paralympic athletes and coaches, hearing their inspiring stories and seeing their medals up close. The event highlighted Ethan Katzberg, Kelly Olynyk, and Greg Stewart, who achieved remarkable success on the world stage.





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