

CITY OF KAMLOOPS

Annual Report 2025 *Highlights*

For the year ended December 31, 2025





Canada's Tournament Capital

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Communications and Community Engagement Division
and Corporate Services Department

The City of Kamloops acknowledges that we are located on T'kémłúps te Secwépemc 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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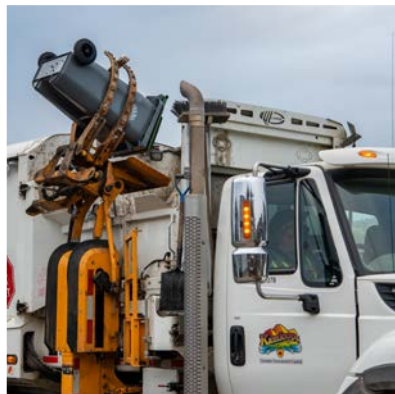


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This is Kamloops

Kamloops sits on land that has been of great cultural and economic significance since time immemorial and continues to thrive as a vibrant and growing urban centre. With a population of over 103,000, Kamloops is one of Canada's fastest-growing large urban communities, welcoming new residents from across the country and around the world. This growth adds to the city's dynamic character and deepens the diversity that defines our community.

Incorporated in 1893, Kamloops has evolved into a modern urban hub while retaining its welcoming spirit and western hospitality. In an age of rapid climate change, Kamloops has become a critical connecting point within the interior of BC, hosting and training volunteers and first responders and supporting evacuees when fires and floods impact communities throughout our region.

As Canada's Tournament Capital, Kamloops is proud to lead in the development of amateur sports and cultural events at grassroots up to elite levels. Our inclusive and accessible approach has made us a premier destination for tournaments, training camps, and competitions from small to international in scale.



103,000+

RESIDENTS



\$801,577

AVERAGE PRICE OF SINGLE FAMILY HOME



\$2,881

AVERAGE PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT



7,004

ACTIVE BUSINESS LICENCES



\$9,958,745

ECONOMIC IMPACT FROM TOURNAMENT CAPITAL PROGRAMMING



20,790

TOURNAMENT CAPITAL PROGRAMMING PARTICIPANTS



TOP INDUSTRIES:

- Wholesale and Retail Trade
- Healthcare and Social Assistance
- Construction
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- Manufacturing

Message from City Council



2025 marked the third year of progress under City Council's four-year Strategic Plan, and we are proud of the meaningful strides made toward our shared vision for Kamloops. Guided by our four key priorities—Safety and Security, Governance and Service Excellence, Livability and Sustainability, and Economic Health—Council and staff continued to deliver results that matter to residents. We identified 171 actions across 20 areas of focus, and almost all are actively underway with measurable progress.

Advancing community safety and well-being remained a central focus this year. Through sustained advocacy, the City achieved an important milestone with the Province granting peace officer status to our Community Services Officers, strengthening local safety efforts. Programs such as the Guns and Gangs Prevention initiative continue to demonstrate positive outcomes, while partnerships with BC Housing and Interior Health are supporting more integrated approaches to shelter and supportive housing. Construction milestones, including progress at Mission Flats and McGill Road, highlight continued action to address supportive housing needs in our community.

Council also made important progress in enhancing the quality of life for Kamloops residents. The adoption of the updated Active Transportation Plan supports a more connected and sustainable city, while initiatives like the Bike Valet program continue to grow through strong partnerships. New and improved amenities, including the YMCA Station Plaza Care and Learning Centre, the accessible water park at Albert McGowan Park, the mini rink at McArthur Island, and the Riverside Park Skating Loop, provide meaningful benefits for residents. Community spirit was on full display during the inaugural Kamloops Christmas Market, which welcomed thousands of visitors and supported local businesses.

Supporting economic growth and building for the future remained a priority. The City advanced key infrastructure projects, including servicing the Southwest Sector industrial lands to unlock new development opportunities. Progress on Build Kamloops, highlighted by the groundbreaking of the Kamloops Centre for the Arts, represents a transformative investment in the community's cultural and economic future. In addition, critical projects in public safety, infrastructure, and environmental sustainability were supported by grant funding in an increasingly competitive funding landscape.

Advocacy efforts were instrumental in advancing Council's priorities. Through ongoing engagement with provincial and regional partners, Council championed key issues, including housing, health services, infrastructure, and emergency preparedness. These efforts contributed to important outcomes, including the announcement of a new complex care facility in Kamloops. Council also worked collaboratively with neighbouring communities to address shared challenges, protect fair taxation practices, and advocate for critical investments that support long-term growth.

As we reflect on 2025, we remain committed to building a safe, inclusive, and resilient community. The progress achieved this year demonstrates the strength of our partnerships and the value of a clear, strategic focus.

Together, we will continue working to ensure a strong future for Kamloops.

City Council 2022–2026

City of Kamloops

Report from the Corporate Services Director

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Entering 2025, organizations were optimistic that many of the challenges from the previous year's economic environment were behind us and that there would be a positive trend, with relief from inflation and interest rates and increased economic certainty.

Consumer inflation was expected to trend towards historical levels while drawing interest rates downward towards historical levels, signalling a more optimistic forecast for the future and a return to expected economic conditions.

What occurred was a continuation of the overall challenges being faced in the global economy. Early in the new year, economic stability was challenged by a series of tariffs imposed by a key trading partner on many industries, most of which impacted key manufacturing activities relied upon by municipal governments. The result was job losses across industries, a slowing of the economy, and rising inflation as the cost of goods began to climb. Adding to the economic challenges were changes made by the federal government to limit immigration. These restrictions contributed to another challenge for many corporations and municipalities in sourcing skilled workers across many employment sectors and reignited the war on hiring skilled individuals.

In response, consumer-based inflation increased throughout the year, as did interest rates to manage the inflationary impacts. The real estate market slowed throughout the year, and property values began to moderately drop. Economic uncertainties have slowed the development market, except for public sector projects.

Consumer-based inflation and interest rates began to return to lower levels late in 2025; 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 the availability of raw materials. 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 12–36 months.

Continued military conflicts impact the price of many of the goods and services that require 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.

The above is an excerpt. To read the full letter of transmittal, view page 74 of the 2025 Annual Report at [Kamloops.ca/AnnualReport](https://kamloops.ca/AnnualReport).



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LOOKING FORWARD

Entering 2026, an overall sense of uncertainty remains. Global economics are having a greater impact on national and provincial economies. The national economy is expected to grow slowly. Contributing factors include reduced population growth, lingering effects of US tariffs, and a cooling labour market, though inflation is expected to settle near the 2% target. Housing markets could see the start of a recovery due to lower interest rates and movement in the housing and development markets.

For the City, moving into the new year brings some challenges similar to those experienced over the past four to five years. Some of the challenges experienced in the recent past continue to affect operations, and there are significant lead times for goods impacted by tariff changes. The labour market continues to be challenged due to skilled trades and professional skills shortages, and environmental concerns are still at the forefront of people's minds moving into an expected hot and dry summer.

Optimism is high in the city, as the publicly approved borrowing for building two new, much-needed City assets will break ground under the Build Kamloops program. The Kamloops Centre for the Arts is expected to cost \$212.0 million. Concurrently, the \$150.0 million arena multiplex project is expected to bring employment opportunities and economic benefits to the city.

Municipal elections will occur in October and are expected to bring many City residents forward who are interested in asking questions and possibly seeking support to provide governance leadership to the City. If the past is any indication, these events always provide opportunities to introduce new ideas for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Hallinan, FCPA, FCMA

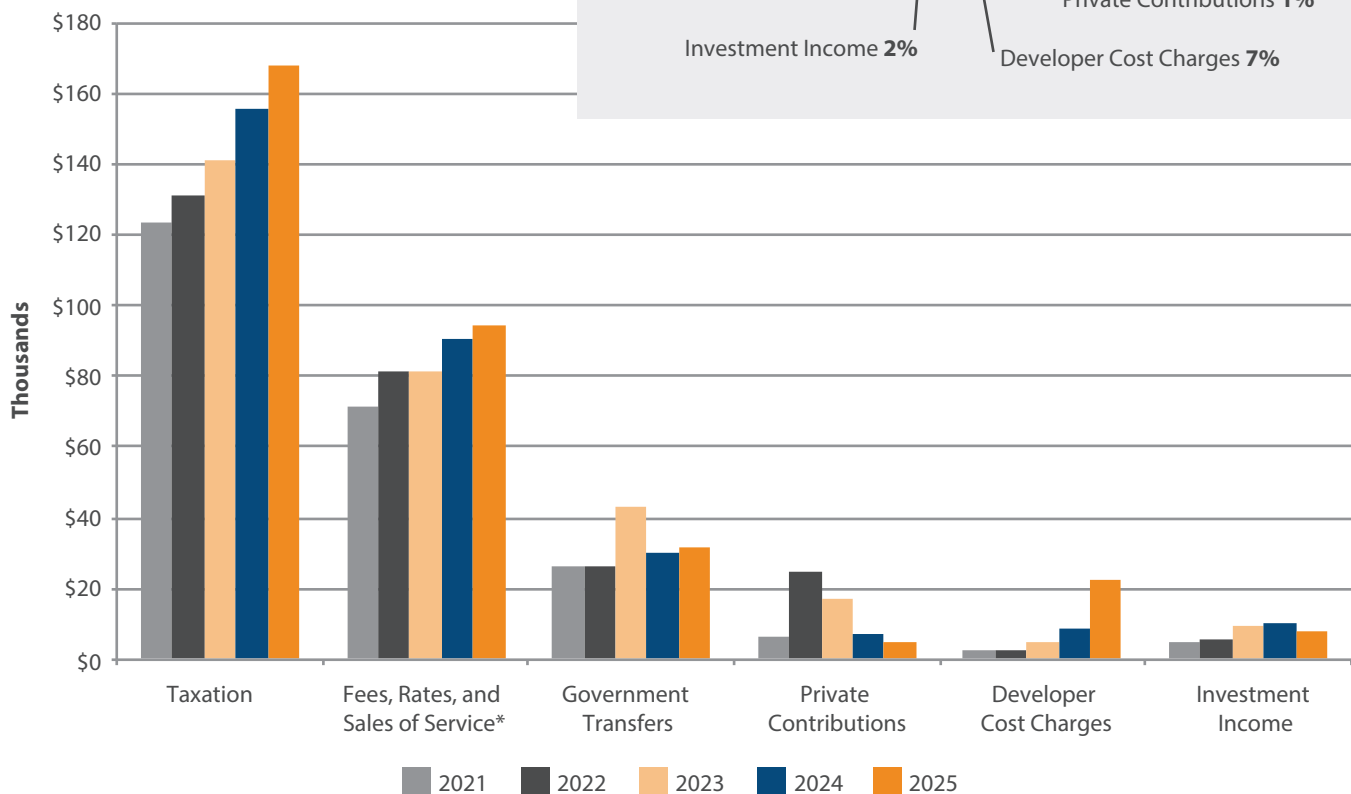
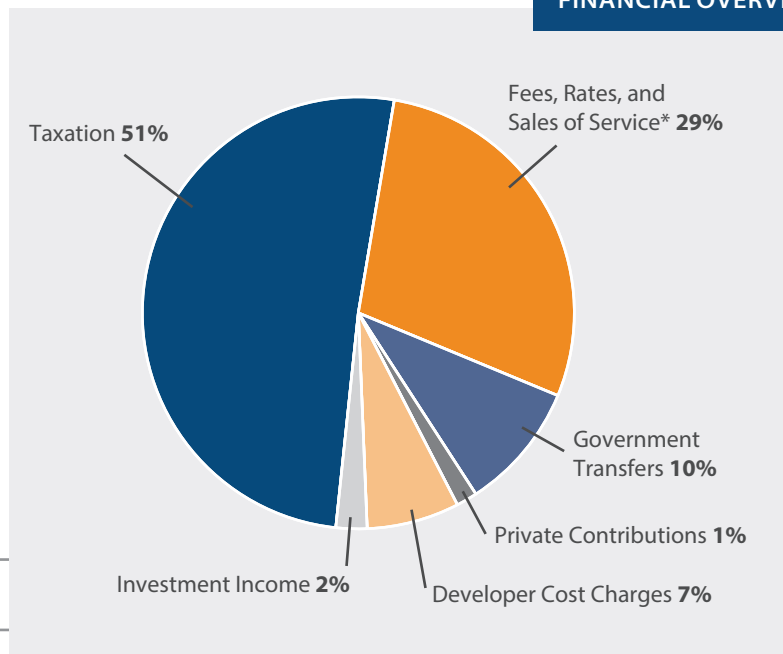
Corporate Services Director, City of Kamloops

May 1, 2026

Statistical Reports

2025 Consolidated Revenue by Source

Taxation increased as a result of a Council-approved increase of 7.42%. An increase in taxation was required to fund policing services, with the addition of five new members towards the latter half of the year, cost increases in labour contracts, and inflation-related increases to maintain and deliver on current council service levels.



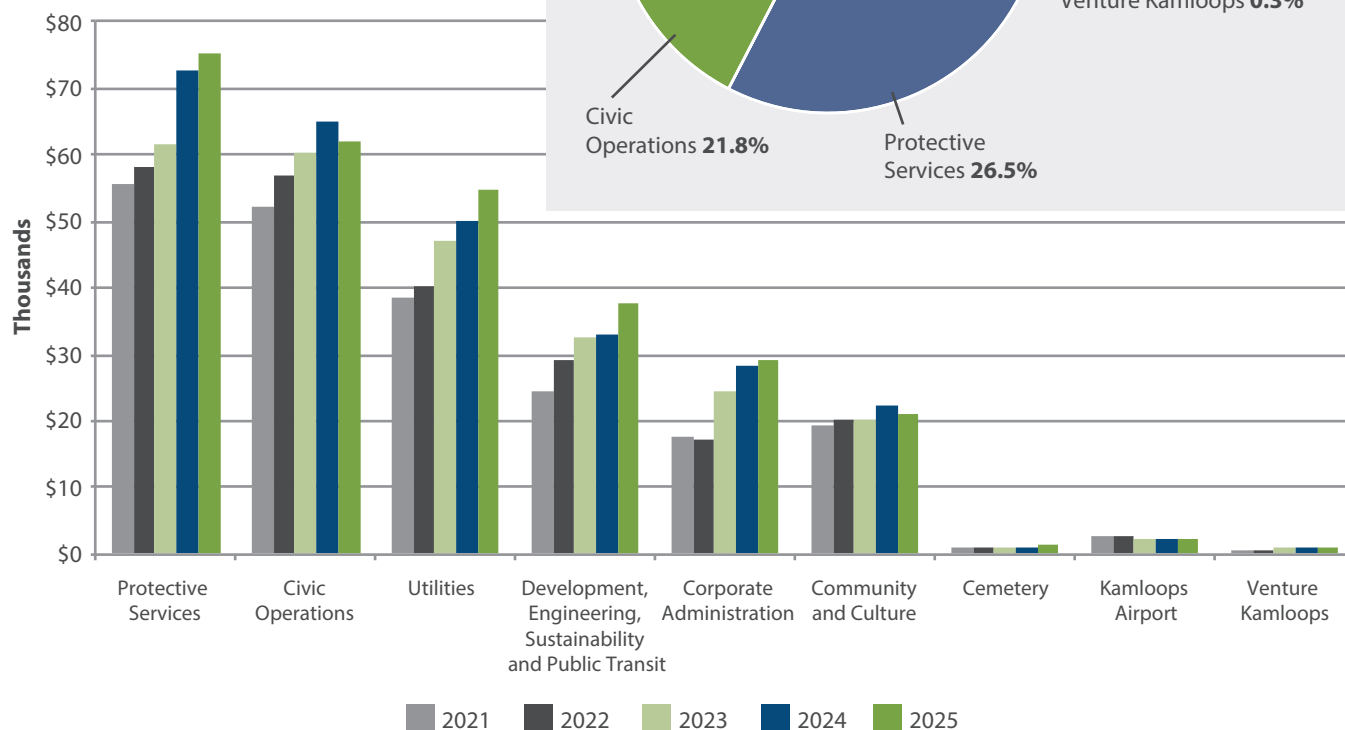
FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BY SOURCE

(in thousands of dollars)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Taxation	\$123,939	\$131,560	\$141,295	\$156,022	\$167,897
Fees, Rates, and Sales of Service*	71,870	81,742	81,369	90,438	94,113
Government Transfers	26,502	25,922	42,814	29,849	31,554
Private Contributions	6,025	24,984	17,061	6,842	5,183
Developer Cost Charges	2,346	2,452	4,778	8,313	22,824
Investment Income	4,870	5,217	9,417	9,962	7,635
Total	\$235,552	\$271,877	\$296,734	\$301,426	\$329,206

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

2025 Consolidated Expenses by Function

Increases in costs within Development, Engineering, Sustainability, and Public Transit result from expanded transit hours for the year.



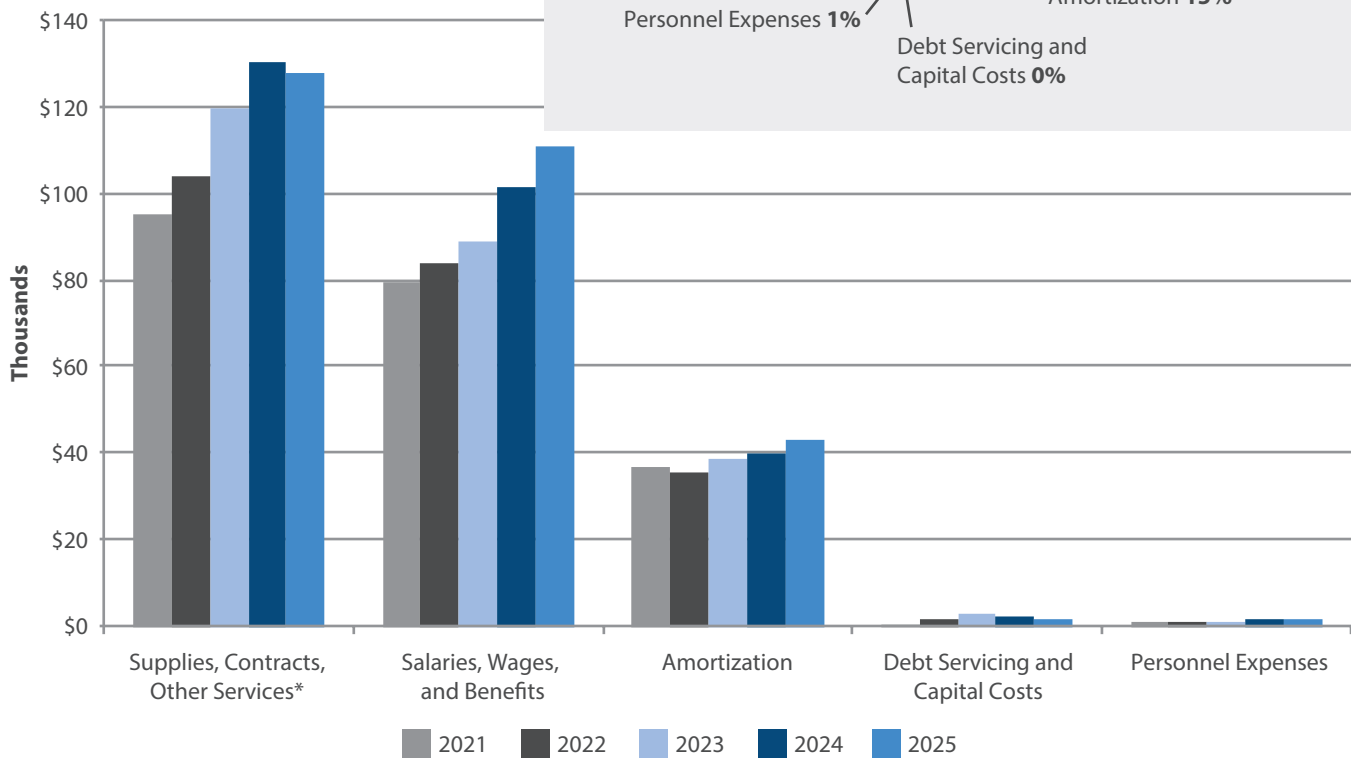
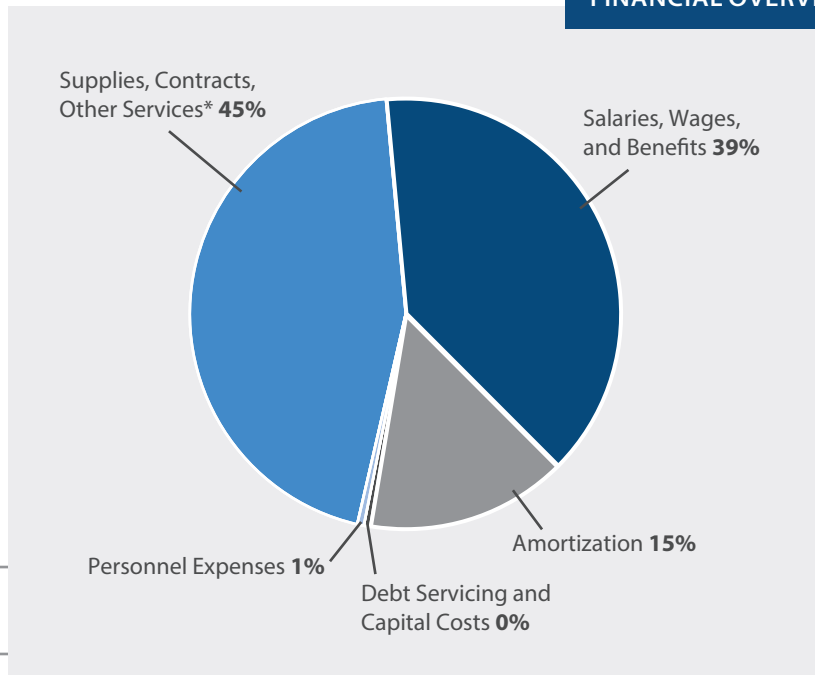
FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED EXPENSES BY FUNCTION					
(in thousands of dollars)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Protective Services	\$55,699	\$58,099	\$61,710	\$72,528	\$75,360
Civic Operations	52,418	57,034	60,496	64,830	61,875
Utilities	38,456	40,353	47,274	49,965	54,940
Development, Engineering, Sustainability, and Public Transit	24,524	29,055	32,546	32,790	37,558
Corporate Administration	17,755	17,329	24,320	28,245	29,056
Community and Culture	19,479	20,163	20,381	22,152	21,069
Cemetery	847	919	897	1,116	1,313
Kamloops Airport	2,663	2,473	2,256	2,258	2,382
Venture Kamloops	686	714	751	785	836
Total	\$212,527	\$226,139	\$250,631	\$274,669	\$284,389

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

Source: City of Kamloops, Financial Services Division

2025 Consolidated Expenses by Category

Salaries, wages, and benefits saw an increase of 9.6% from 2024. This was a combination of contract increases for both the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and a slight increase in overall full-time equivalent positions from the prior year.



FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED EXPENSES BY CATEGORY

(in thousands of dollars)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Supplies, Contracts, Other Services*	\$94,911	\$104,106	\$119,302	\$130,021	\$127,748
Salaries, Wages, and Benefits	79,653	83,762	88,959	101,162	110,865
Amortization	36,555	35,463	38,559	39,837	43,013
Debt Servicing and Capital Costs	453	1,667	2,561	2,273	1,360
Personnel Expenses	955	1,141	1,250	1,376	1,403
Total	212,527	226,139	250,631	274,669	284,389

*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)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Annual Surplus	\$23,025	\$45,738	\$46,103	\$26,757	\$44,817

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

FIVE-YEAR ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

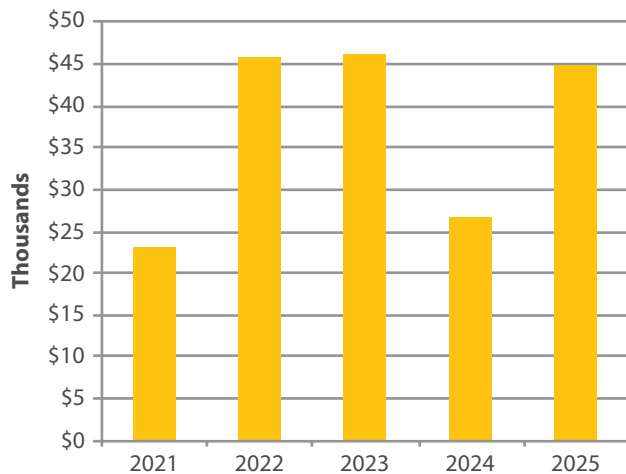
(in thousands of dollars)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Risk Mitigation Reserves	\$4,396	\$3,119	\$2,407	\$3,408	\$5,350
Opportunity Reserves	24,400	22,417	34,940	37,518	28,951
Restricted Reserves	8,898	8,985	7,936	4,994	5,543
Planned Capital Spend Reserves	16,554	13,274	14,613	8,383	9,670
Utilities Reserves	49,103				
Working Capital	28,987	73,665	53,350	46,251	32,653
Capital Equity (City Only)	1,120,017	1,149,644	1,201,767	1,235,582	1,297,062
Kamloops Airport	63,178	65,124	67,315	72,930	74,666
Venture Kamloops	110	86	88	107	95
Accumulated Surplus	\$1,315,643	\$1,336,314	\$1,382,416	\$1,409,173	\$1,453,990

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

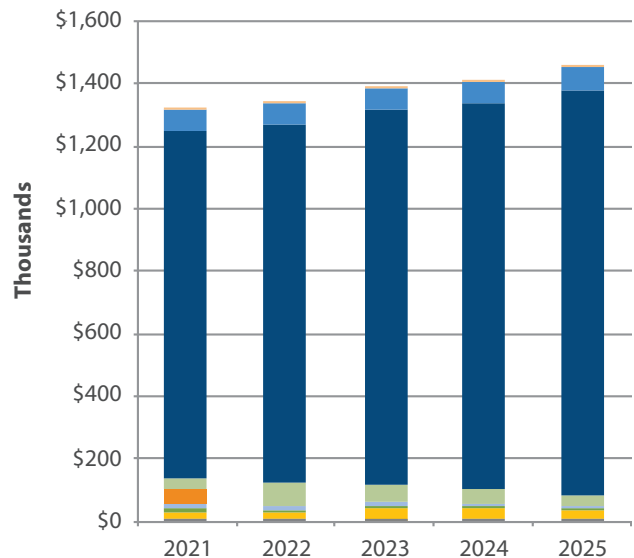
Note: Utilities reserves were reallocated to working capital for financial presentation to align with operations.

Source: City of Kamloops, Financial Services Division

FIVE-YEAR ANNUAL SURPLUS



FIVE-YEAR ACCUMULATED SURPLUS



The increase in annual surplus was attributable to higher developer cost charges recognized in the year and higher government transfers. Government transfers increased due to additional capital infrastructure grants received for the Tranquille Road Sanitary Main and Road Enhancement Project.

- Risk Mitigation Reserves
- Kamloops Airport
- Planned Capital Spend Reserves
- Restricted Reserves
- Capital Equity (City Only)
- Working Capital
- Opportunity Reserves
- Venture Kamloops
- Utilities Reserves



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PRINCIPAL CORPORATE TAXPAYERS 2025

Registered Owner	Primary Property	% of Overall Municipal Taxes Levied
KRUGER KAMLOOPS PULP GP INC	Pulp/Paper Mill	2.55%
TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE	Oil/Gas Transport Pipelines	1.29%
ABERDEEN KAMLOOPS MALL LTD	Shopping Centre	0.63%
TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE ULC	Oil/Gas Pumping and Compressor Station	0.38%
KAMLOOPS AIRPORT AUTHORITY SOCIETY	Airport	0.33%
CALLOWAY REIT (KAMLOOPS) INC	Shopping Centre	0.32%
SRV DEVELOPMENTS LTD	Shopping Centre	0.30%
NORTHLAND PROPERTIES CORP	Hotel	0.30%
SUMMIT SHOPPING CENTRE LTD	Shopping Centre	0.29%
TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE	Oil/Gas Transport Pipelines	0.23%

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

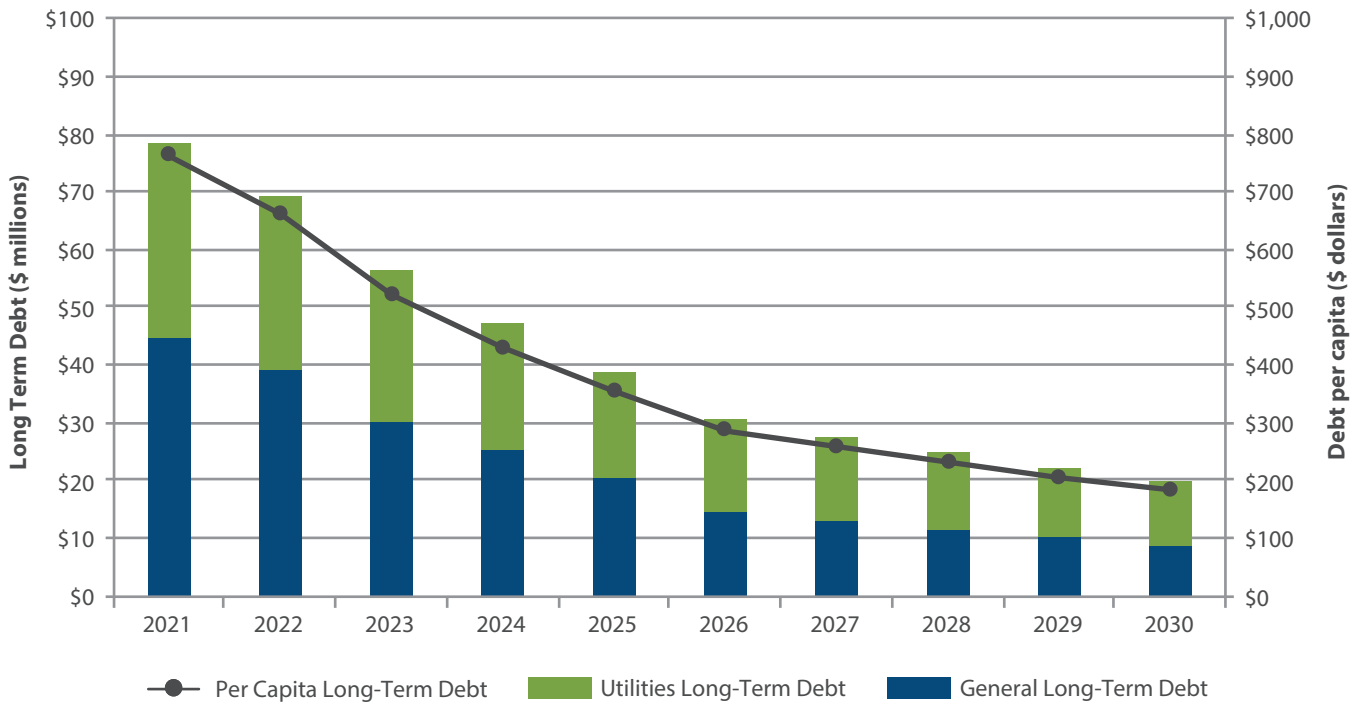


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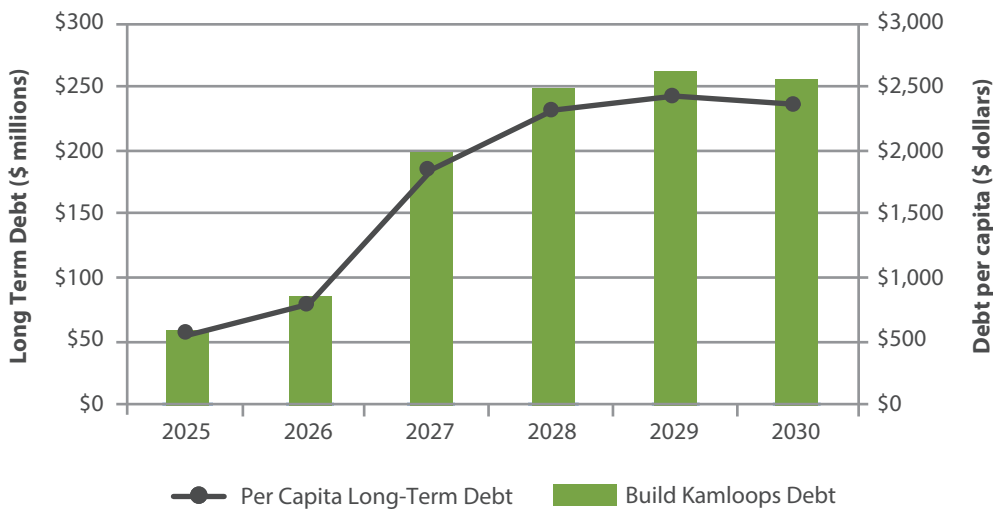
The City of Kamloops only determines and receives the municipal portion of property taxes. Over a third of property taxes are set by and collected for other authorities.

Property taxes can't really be compared apple to apple from one municipality to the next because average home values can vary a lot, skewing the data, and the services provided by municipalities in different communities can also vary. Kamloops tax rates continue to be competitive with other BC municipalities of a similar size.

LONG-TERM DEBT AND DEBT PER CAPITA



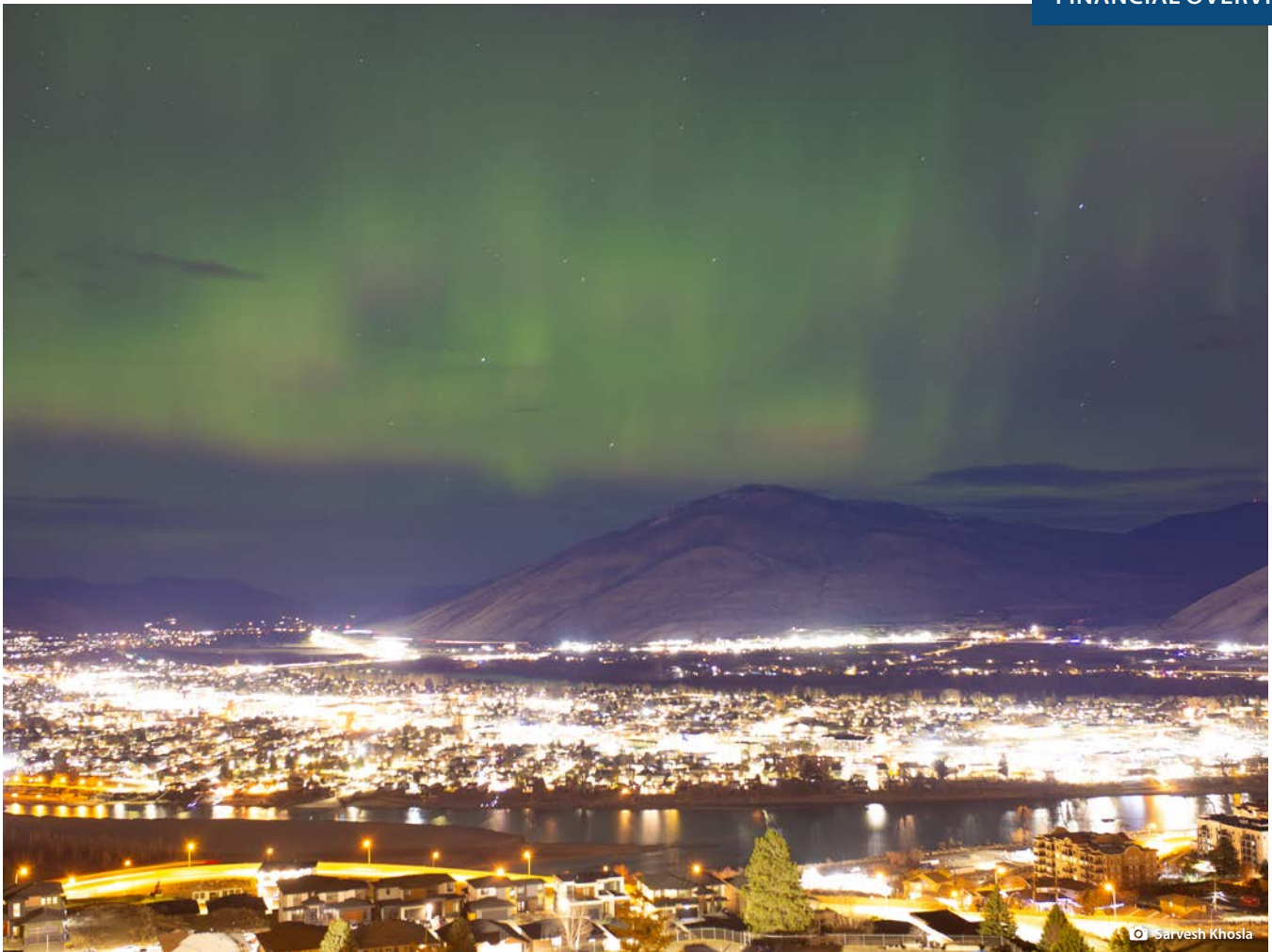
BUILD KAMLOOPS DEBT



DID YOU KNOW?

While project financing is obtained in advance it may not be used immediately. Any excess cash is invested until required in order to maximize its value.

The top chart highlights a consistent reduction in the City's existing long-term debt and debt burden per resident over the next decade. The bottom chart shows the temporary increase in debt associated with the Build Kamloops initiative, which supports major infrastructure improvements. Despite this new borrowing, the debt is tied to long-term community assets designed to deliver value for future residents.



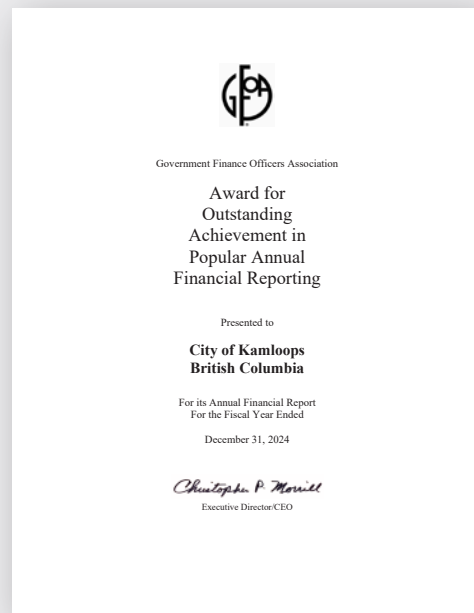
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CANADIAN AWARD FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to the City of Kamloops for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. The Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability, and reader appeal.

An Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year only. This is the first year that the City has applied for and received a Popular Award.



Government Finance Officers Association

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Christopher P. Merrill
Executive Director/CEO

Council's Strategic Priorities



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Safety & Security

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

- SAFETY
- HOUSING
- SOCIAL SUPPORTS
- EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE
- BUILT ENVIRONMENT



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Governance & Service Excellence

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

- ASSET MANAGEMENT
- TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
- SERVICE EXCELLENCE
- GOVERNANCE



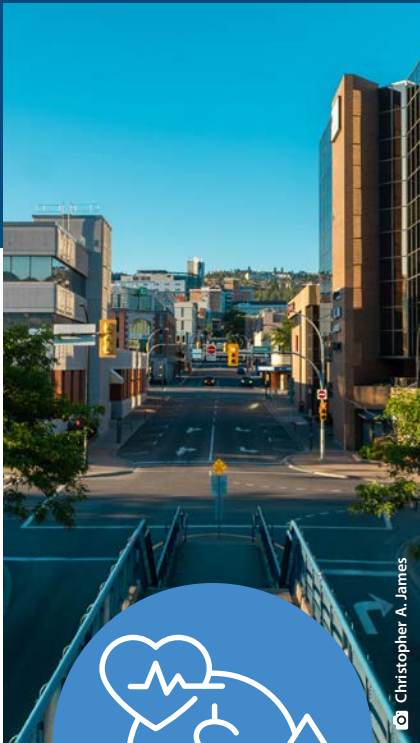
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Livability & Sustainability

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

- RECREATION AND CULTURE
- HEALTHY COMMUNITY
- INCLUSIVITY
- CLIMATE ACTION
- MOBILITY



Christopher A. James

Economic Health

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

- BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
- ECONOMIC STRENGTH
- PARTNERSHIPS
- GROWTH MANAGEMENT



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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

Advocacy Successes in 2025:

After years of advocacy and engagement with the Province and BC Housing, the City welcomed the provincial announcement in March of a purpose-built complex care facility in the Columbia Precinct lands near the hospital. This facility will add much-needed integrated health and housing solutions for residents with complex mental health and substance use challenges.



Safety & Security

How the City of Kamloops took action to ensure all residents feel safe and secure in our community in 2025

- Advanced the Qu'Appelle Boulevard Extension Project in 2025, a 1.1 km roadway designed to improve transportation connections and emergency access for Juniper Ridge and Rose Hill residents.
- Completed an 8 ha prescribed burn in Rose Hill alongside T'kém'lúps te Secwépemc, Kamloops Fire Rescue, and BC Wildfire Service, reducing wildfire risk, improving ecosystem health, and strengthening regional wildfire preparedness through collaborative training and planning.
- Improved Kamloops' FireSmart efforts through more than 200 property assessments, \$144,200 in wildfire mitigation rebates, new funding for home resilience upgrades, and public engagement initiatives that strengthened community preparedness and wildfire awareness.
- Supported safer neighbourhoods through the Kamloops Community Patrols program, with volunteers providing a visible community presence across 98 patrols and assisting in the recovery of two stolen vehicles.
- Strengthened regional emergency preparedness through a large-scale wildfire response exercise that brought together multiple agencies and organizations to enhance coordination, communication, and readiness for future emergencies.
- Delivered vital emergency preparedness and support services through the efforts of nearly 200 volunteers who contributed more than 6,200 hours to training, response, and community engagement activities.
- Launched the Kamloops Interagency Supports Table, a collaborative initiative involving 23 partner organizations that connects individuals and families facing elevated risk (situations where harm is likely without intervention) with timely, coordinated support to improve community safety and well-being.
- Scaled up Victim Services to provide 24/7 support, ensuring victims and witnesses of traumatic events have access to immediate crisis intervention, specialized assistance, and ongoing support when they need it most.
- Elevated 45 Community Services Officers to peace officer status, strengthening the City's ability to enforce bylaws effectively while providing officers with clearer legal authority and protections in the course of their duties.
- Expanded youth violence prevention and early intervention efforts through the Guns and Gangs Intervention and Prevention Program, delivering 50 educational events and broad community outreach to help youth build resilience and make positive choices.



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FIRESMART HOME ASSESSMENTS



10,443

KAMLOOPS FIRE RESCUE INCIDENTS DISPATCHED



78,862

VEHICLES CHECKED BY CRIME PREVENTION UNIT



31,692

COMMUNITY SERVICES CALLS FOR SERVICE



Governance & Service Excellence

How the City of Kamloops demonstrated strong, accountable governance and made fact-based decisions in 2025

- Secured more than \$4 million through more than 20 successful grant applications in 2025, supporting emergency response, climate resilience, infrastructure, social services, and community initiatives while demonstrating strong success in an increasingly competitive funding environment.
- Successfully co-hosted two conferences and the 2025 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships with Tkemlúps te Secwépemc, the latter welcoming more than 300 athletes from across Canada, celebrating Indigenous sport and culture, generating an estimated \$566,100 in economic impact, and demonstrating the strength of the Host Kamloops Tkemlúps partnership.
- Earned more than \$299,000 through WorkSafeBC’s Certificate of Recognition program after the City achieved an 84% safety audit score, reflecting a strong workplace safety culture and allowing additional funds to be reinvested into City programs and services.
- Launched the City’s largest integrated project delivery initiative to date for the Kamloops Centre for the Arts, bringing together 11 project partners to collaboratively design and build the facility while improving efficiency, managing risk, and maximizing value for taxpayers.
- Completed the new Riverside Park Skating Loop, a fully grant-funded, year-round recreation amenity featuring a 400 ft. skating loop, accessible design, and community gathering spaces that enhance winter recreation opportunities in downtown Kamloops.
- Expanded digital communications reach in 2025, growing audiences across all social media platforms and launching new channels on TikTok, Bluesky, and Threads to deliver more accessible, engaging, and timely information to residents.
- For the fourth consecutive year, a City of Kamloops employee received provincial recognition from the Local Government Management Association of BC, with Corporate Officer Maria Mazzotta earning the 2025 Award for Professional Service in Leadership for her governance expertise, leadership, and commitment to effective local government—continuing a strong tradition of organizational excellence and professional achievement within the City.



526

WATER METERS REPLACED



56

IRRIGATION BREAKS REPAIRED



49

WATER SERVICE REPAIRS



18

WATER MAIN REPAIRS



126 km

OF SEWER MAINS FLUSHED

Farhan Naveed Chowdhury



Livability & Sustainability

How the City of Kamloops fostered a high quality of life for an inclusive, diverse, and sustainable community in 2025

- Received national recognition for the City's You Are Here Kamloops Cultural Strategic Plan 2024–2034 with a 2025 Creative City Impact Award in Cultural Planning, highlighting the community-driven, place-based vision guiding arts, culture, and heritage development over the next decade.
- Officially broke ground on the Kamloops Centre for the Arts in 2025, which will be a major community and cultural hub designed to foster creativity, inclusivity, and connection while supporting local arts, tourism, and downtown revitalization for generations to come.
- Announced a partnership with the Thompson-Nicola Regional Library to explore integrating library services into the future arena multiplex—a Build Kamloops initiative—creating a shared community space that maximizes public infrastructure, expands programming opportunities, and strengthens community connections.
- Expanded the Bike Valet program at community events and key downtown locations in partnership with Tourism Kamloops, increasing usage by 7.5% from 2024 while promoting active transportation, improving service delivery, and reducing operating costs through shared staffing and resources.
- Updated the Active Transportation Plan to advance a safer, more connected network for walking, cycling, and other sustainable travel options, identifying priority infrastructure projects that support healthier lifestyles, reduce congestion, and improve connections between neighbourhoods and key destinations across Kamloops.
- Opened the YMCA Station Plaza Care and Learning Centre in partnership with YMCA BC, creating 32 new licensed child care spaces to help address local child care shortages and better support working families through access to affordable, high-quality early learning services.
- Launched a Responsible Liquor Consumption Pilot Program in Riverside Park, testing a new approach to shared public space while using community feedback and ongoing monitoring to guide future decisions about safe, inclusive park use.
- Secured more than \$550,000 in grant funding to advance climate adaptation planning in the Thompson River watershed, supporting collaborative work with T̓kemplúps te Secwépemc to study declining river levels and strengthen the resilience of critical infrastructure and water resources.



31,000+

RESIDENTS ENGAGED IN PARTICIPATION COMMUNITY BETTER CHALLENGE



23,000+

VISITORS TO THE INAUGURAL KAMLOOPS CHRISTMAS MARKET



6,276+

TONNES OF ORGANIC MATERIALS DIVERTED FROM LANDFILLS

↑26%
from 2024



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NEW TRANSIT SHELTERS INSTALLED

supporting close to 400,000 city-wide boardings per month

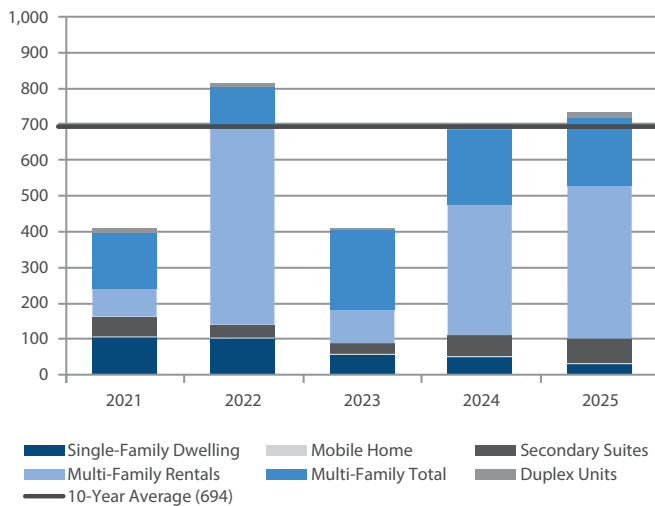


Economic Health

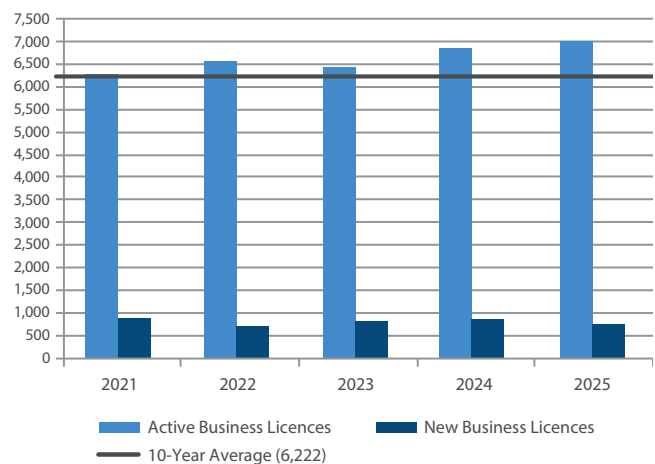
How the City of Kamloops cultivated a positive business environment to support a vibrant and resilient economy in 2025

- Completed a \$11.8 million water infrastructure project and began a \$22.5 million sanitary infrastructure project to service the Southwest Sector industrial lands, opening up large tracts of land for development to support growth in the City's business sector.
- Updated KAMPLAN: City of Kamloops Official Community Plan in 2025 to align with new provincial housing requirements, guiding long-term growth through community-informed planning that supports compact development, vibrant neighbourhoods, and housing capacity for a projected population of 134,000 by 2045.
- Adopted the new Building Regulation Bylaw, modernizing construction regulations to align with provincial standards, improve safety and efficiency, streamline permit processes, and support sustainable long-term growth in Kamloops.
- Launched the new ePermit application system, giving residents, builders, and developers a convenient online platform to apply for permits, upload documents, track application progress, and access faster, more transparent City services.
- Provided funding and partnered with local business improvement associations on several initiatives and events, including the Santa Claus Parade, the North Shore Block Party, Overlanders Day, and the Tapestry Festival.
- Updated short-term rental regulations to align with new provincial legislation, allowing rentals within principal residences or secondary suites while strengthening licensing, safety compliance, and enforcement to support housing availability and neighbourhood livability.

Total Housing Starts by Dwelling Type



Business Licence Activity
ACTIVE LICENCES/NEW BUSINESS LICENCES



Public Engagement 2025

The Public Engagement timeline illustrates a selection of key engagement initiatives that took place from January to December 2025. Outlined below is the level of engagement, the project name, engagement method, and key dates.



Murray Mitchell



Peter Olsen



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INFORM

Capital Projects

(7th Avenue and Pioneer Park Project, Albert McGowan Park Upgrades, Dalhousie Trunk Main, 1786 West Water Servicing, 4th Avenue Sewer Upgrades, Southwest Sector Industrial Water Servicing, Southwest Sector Sanitary Main, Transient Air Valves, Lorne Street Rail Safety Improvements, Westsyde Road Paving Project, Riverside Park Outdoor Skating Facility, Columbia Street Paving Project)

LET'S TALK: ONGOING



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INFORM

Sifton Lane Sewer Main Upgrades and Hwy 5A Multi-Use Pathway

LET'S TALK: 2024-NOVEMBER

MAY

INFORM

Voyent Alert!
TEST ALERT: MAY 8

EVENT

Emergency Services Day
MAY 10

APRIL

INFORM

Spring Home Show
INFO BOOTHS: APRIL 5-6

CONSULT

Transit Fare Review
LET'S TALK: APRIL

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Let's Talk Communications
LET'S TALK: MAY

INVOLVE

Active Transportation Plan Update 2025
LET'S TALK: MAY-OCTOBER
WORKSHOP: MAY 13

INFORM

Fire Prevention Week
OCTOBER 5-11

OCTOBER

INFORM

Fall Home Show
INFO BOOTHS: OCTOBER 18-19

CONSULT

2026 Budget
LET'S TALK: NOVEMBER
INFORMATION SESSION: NOVEMBER 19

EVENT

Kamloops Centre for the Arts Groundbreaking
NOVEMBER 26

DECEMBER

CONSULT

North Shore Watershed Plan
LET'S TALK: DECEMBER

EVENT

McArthur Island Mini-Rink Grand Opening
OCTOBER 9

NOVEMBER



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Mary Putnam

New in the Loops in 2025



ALBERT MCGOWAN ACCESSIBLE WATER PARK

The City celebrated the opening of a newly upgraded accessible water park at Albert McGowan Park in 2025. As part of the multi-phased Albert McGowan Park Upgrades Project, the new water park introduced colourful spray features, modern surfacing, and a water recirculation system designed to conserve water while providing a fun and safe place for families to cool off. Supported in part by the Canada Community-Building Fund, the improvements created a welcoming community gathering place designed for sustainability, accessibility, and play.

Megan Charlebois



Peter Olsen

THE KAMLOOPS CHRISTMAS MARKET

The holiday season shone a little brighter in 2025 with the launch of Kamloops' inaugural Christmas Market at Riverside Park. Organized by the Kamloops Sports Council in collaboration with the City of Kamloops, Tourism Kamloops, and the Kamloops Central Business Improvement Association, the 10-day event transformed the Heritage House parking lot into a festive, European-inspired outdoor marketplace. From November 21 to 30, more than 23,000 visitors passed through the gates to explore vendor chalets, a walk-through Christmas tree display, dazzling light installations, and a towering, 40 ft. live Christmas tree while enjoying nightly entertainment in a cozy warming tent.

The City of Kamloops received an Events and Festivals Excellence Award from the BC Recreation and Parks Association recognizing the outstanding event planning and delivery of this inaugural event. The market showcased 46 vendors, including local artisans, food vendors, craft breweries, and coffee and food trucks, creating a vibrant celebration of local creativity and seasonal charm. Vendor feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many reporting strong sales and near sell-outs, while the event generated an estimated \$2.6 million in economic impact. Promoted through collaborations with local influencers, the market quickly became a new holiday highlight for residents and visitors alike. With plans already underway to expand the event in 2026 with more chalets, vendors, and entertainment, the Kamloops Christmas Market is poised to grow into a beloved annual tradition that supports small businesses and strengthens the city's winter tourism appeal.

NEW NORTH SHORE MINI-RINK

In October, the City celebrated the grand opening of a new mini rink at the McArthur Island Sport and Event Centre. The rink is designed to support U-7 and U-9 hockey development by providing a scaled-down ice surface that aligns with Hockey Canada’s best practices. It also increases overall ice availability for skating clubs and public skating and creates additional ice time for older age groups at other full-sized rinks, helping meet the growing demand for ice time in Kamloops. This project was completed in time for the 2025 skating season and nearly 20% under its overall budget.



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PUBLIC MISTING STATIONS

As an action out of the City’s Extreme Heat Response Plan finalized in 2024, staff were hard at work installing new outdoor misting stations, drinking fountains, and water bottle refill stations throughout the city in 2025. These new amenities are designed to bring additional cooling options to the places where Kamloops residents work, walk, and play.

SIFTON LANE MULTI-USE PATHWAY

The City of Kamloops celebrated the completion of a new multi-use pathway along Highway 5A, creating an important link in the city’s growing active transportation network. Connecting to existing bike lanes on Summit Drive, the path provides a safe, accessible, year-round route for walking, cycling, and other wheeled activities, supporting healthier and more sustainable ways to get around. With winter maintenance, thoughtful lighting, and new tree plantings, the pathway offers a welcoming space for residents to stay active and enjoy the corridor. This project was funded in part through BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants (\$500,000) and a Federation of Canadian Municipalities Growing Canada’s Community Canopies Grant (\$200,000).



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