

CORPORATE SERVICES



Welcome to the New Staff: Patrick Gramiak, our new Chief Financial Officer, was introduced & appointed (January 13, 2025). He brings over 20 years of experience and expressed excitement about working with the City of Salmon Arm. Becca Armstrong was also appointed as Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Collector effective January 16, 2025

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COMMITTEE REPORTS



Environmental Advisory Committee Updates:

Anti-idling Initiative: Staff will explore costs and locations for signage at key sites.

Drought-Resistant Landscaping: A seminar with local nurseries is being planned.

Education Campaigns: The committee will collaborate with School District 83 on anti-idling education and gather information on cat bylaws for future discussions.

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PLANNING



Community Housing Development Approved: Council approved a development permit for an 8-building, 40-unit affordable housing project (1141 – 18 Street NE) in partnership with BC Housing and CMHA. Minor variances were granted to support the project.

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Addressing Snow Zone Parking Concerns: In response to public concerns, Council directed staff to explore signage and bylaw updates for snow-clearing zones to prevent parking tickets on clear days. Discretion will be used in enforcement until changes are implemented.

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Active Transportation and Agriculture: A letter from local agricultural producers highlighted challenges related to active transportation infrastructure and its impact on farming operations. Council referred the letter to staff, the Agriculture Advisory Committee, and other groups for further discussion and review.

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STAFF REPORTS



Recreational Facility Rates: 2025 recreation facility rates were reviewed, with a 3% average increase starting February 1, 2025. Council is also exploring options for differential pricing for non-residents.

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Development Variance Permits: Variances for a new development on 821 & 861 28th Street NE were approved, including a slight increase in building height and retaining wall adjustments.

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Climate Resiliency Plan Approved: Council approved the \$200,000 Climate Resiliency Plan, including a \$150,000 grant, to address climate risks and improve community preparedness. Associated Engineering Limited was awarded the contract, with the project set for completion in eight months. The plan will include public input to ensure practical and actionable solutions for infrastructure, ecosystems, and emergency response.

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