

STAFF REPORT




Environmental Advisory Committee Appointment

Council appointed Jed Wiebe, a local agricultural professional with experience in environmental issues, to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a two-year term (June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2027). His appointment fills the agriculture/industry vacancy following a public call for applications.

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Sale of Surplus Fire Engine

Council approved the sale of a decommissioned 1986 GMC Hub Mini-Pumper Fire Engine for \$7,500. The vehicle, originally purchased used in 2010, was no longer eligible for wildfire deployment and had mechanical limitations. The sale followed a public bid process.

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Rail Crossing Study Contract Awarded

Gentech Engineering Inc. was awarded the contract for a feasibility study and preliminary design for an active transportation at-grade crossing at CPKC Mile 60.81. The study will examine alternative locations to improve user safety and sightlines. The contract is valued at \$39,345 plus taxes. Council noted growing public interest in a safe crossing and committed to future communication.

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INTRODUCTION OF BYLAWS




Tree Protection and Fee Amendments

Council gave first, second, and third readings to two bylaw amendments. One corrects internal cross-references in the Tree Protection Bylaw. The other clarifies that tree replacement fees of \$500 apply per tree and not for each application.

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PRESENTATION




Emergency Program Update

The Shuswap Emergency Program (SEP) team provided an update on organizational changes, 2023 wildfire response learnings, and new priorities under BC's Emergency and Disaster Management Act. Key items included the construction of a new SPU storage facility, training investments, debris management planning, and steps to modernize emergency operations and digital infrastructure.

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Zone 2 Pump Station Loan Authorization

Council gave three readings to Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 4718 to permit borrowing of \$3,992,950 for construction of the replacement Zone 2 Pump Station. Approval will be sought through the Alternative Approval Process, with the response deadline set for August 5, 2025. The new station will replace aging infrastructure and improve system capacity.

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Blackburn Park Synthetic Turf Field Contract Awarded

Council awarded the construction of the Blackburn Park Synthetic Turf Field to Lessard Excavating for \$850,176.78 plus taxes. A pre-approved contingency of \$149,823.22 was also authorized to accommodate optional items and potential overruns, within the approved \$1 million budget. The project will replace the upper natural grass soccer field with synthetic turf, supporting extended seasonal use and increased community access.

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CORRESPONDENCE



Building Activity Continues in April

Council received the April 2025 Building Department report, which reflects continued development activity across residential and commercial sectors. Permit volumes and construction values remain consistent with seasonal trends.

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