

PRESENTATION

BC Nature – Municipal Protected Areas Program

Council received a presentation from BC Nature on the Municipal Protected Areas Program, which supports local governments in identifying and registering eligible municipal lands in the Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database.

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Shuswap Cycling Club – Storage Container

Council authorized the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute a Licence for Use and Occupation agreement with the Shuswap Cycling Club for the continued use of a 20' storage container at the South Canoe Trails. The container will be used to store trail grooming equipment and tools from February 1, 2026, to October 31, 2028, subject to the provision of adequate liability insurance.

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Business Improvement Area Renewal

Council authorized staff to undertake a Council Initiative process for the proposed Downtown Salmon Arm Business Improvement Area bylaw renewal. The current bylaw expires at the end of 2026, and this process will support engagement with affected property owners and businesses ahead of the proposed renewal.

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Recreation Booking Location Additions

Council directed the Shuswap Recreation Society to add additional spaces as “bookable” within their operating agreements. This will create a standardized booking process while maintaining drop-in public access when facilities are not booked.

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Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC – Park Hill Outer Loop Improvements

Council authorized submission of a grant application to the Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC for the Park Hill Outer Loop Improvement Project. The project has an estimated total cost of \$40,000 plus taxes. Council also approved amending the 2026 Budget within the 2026–2030 Financial Plan to include an additional \$10,000 funded by the Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC if the application is successful.

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Blackburn Park Synthetic Turf Field Lighting

Council authorized the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Shuswap Youth Soccer Association for a funding agreement related to the Blackburn Park Synthetic Turf Field Lighting Project. Council also approved amending the 2026–2030 Financial Plan to include \$153,400 for field lighting installation, funded through: \$71,400 from 2025 unexpended reserves & \$82,000 from the 55+ Games reserve account.

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RECONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

2026–2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 4747

Council gave third and final reading to the City of Salmon Arm 2026–2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 4747, formally adopting the City’s five-year financial plan. The plan sets the framework for municipal services, capital projects, and financial sustainability over the 2026–2030 period. The approved financial plan includes a 3.88% tax rate increase, reflecting the budget decisions made during the December budget deliberations.

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CORRESPONDENCE

2026 Community Event Support Fund (FIFA World Cup 26)

Council discussed opportunities related to the 2026 Community Event Support Fund connected to FIFA World Cup 26 and authorized staff to proceed with submitting a grant application. Further details will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

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