



Council Highlights

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PRESENTATION



Columbia Shuswap Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan Update

B. Van Nostrand provided an update on the Columbia Shuswap Regional District's Solid Waste Management Plan and upcoming priorities for regional waste services. The presentation highlighted landfill planning, expanded recycling and diversion programs, support for thrift and reuse initiatives, and long-term financial planning for landfill closure and expansion.

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Zero Carbon Step Code

A staff report was presented on proposed amendments to Building Bylaw No. 4725 to introduce phased Zero Carbon Step Code requirements for new building permits. The proposed schedule included EL-2 by June 2027 and EL-3 by June 2029. Following discussion around housing affordability, regional consistency, and climate goals, the matter was deferred to the May 11, 2026 meeting for further consideration.

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Protected Areas Added to National Conservation Database

Twenty-three municipal protected areas totaling approximately 465 hectares will be registered in the Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database. This supports Canada's national goal of protecting 30% of lands and waters by 2030 while formally recognizing the conservation value of local parks and natural spaces. Registration does not restrict future Council decisions related to these lands.

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Anti-Racism Strategy Phase 3 Grant Application

Staff will move forward with a PlanH grant application for \$15,000 to support Phase 3 implementation of Salmon Arm's Anti-Racism Strategy. If awarded, funding will support workshops, training, coordination, and policy implementation in partnership with the Social Planning Council for the North Okanagan. A letter of support and future budget amendment were also approved if funding is received.

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Locker Replacement at SASCU Recreation Centre

New lockers will be purchased for the SASCU Recreation Centre following approval of an \$11,500 budget amendment. Funding will be reallocated from the approved ROGERS Rink aerial lift capital budget, allowing the upgrade without increasing the overall 2026 budget. The replacement supports improved facility use and visitor experience.

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Grants in Aid Program Agreement Renewed

A new five-year agreement was approved with the Shuswap Community Foundation for continued administration of the City's Grants in Aid Program. The annual grant intake period will also shift to March 1-31 each year to better align with planning and application timelines for local organizations. This supports continued funding access for community groups and non-profits.

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CORRESPONDENCE



SkateFest! Youth Event

Council received correspondence regarding SkateFest!, a youth-focused event planned for September 12, 2026. The event aims to create an inclusive space for youth through skateboarding, music, and community connection while supporting positive youth engagement in Salmon Arm.

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CORRESPONDENCE



2026 Shuswap Family Expo

Correspondence was received regarding the 2026 Shuswap Family Expo planned for September 19, 2026. The annual event connects families with local services, supports, and community resources while creating opportunities for family engagement and learning throughout the community.

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