



REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor to acknowledge that the meeting is being held on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Stó:lō people, particularly the Chawathil, Union Bar and Yale First Nations.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Resolution:

THAT the April 13, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted, as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Regular Council Meeting

(1)

Recommended Resolution:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 23, 2026, be adopted, as presented.

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Mayor Smith to present Keith Campbell with a retirement gift

5. STAFF REPORTS

(a) Report dated March 23, 2026 from the Director of Corporate Services Re: Appointment of Election Officials for the 2026 General Local Government Elections

(5)

Recommended Resolution:

THAT pursuant to Section 58 (1) and (2) of the *Local Government Act*, Branden Morgan be appointed Chief Election Officer, effective immediately for conducting the 2026 General Local Government Elections, with power to appoint other election officials as required for the administration and conduct of the 2026 Elections;

AND FURTHER THAT Donna Bellingham be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2026 General Local Government Elections.

- (b) Report dated April 7, 2026 from the Planner III** **(6)**
Re: Downtown Parking Analysis

Recommended Resolution:

THAT the report dated April 7, 2026, from the Planner III regarding the downtown parking analysis, be received for information.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There are no Committee Reports.

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS

- (a) Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw** **(14)**

Recommended Resolution:

THAT *Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1621, 2026* be adopted this 13th day April, 2026.

- (b) Water Parcel Tax Bylaw** **(24)**

Recommended Resolution:

THAT *District of Hope Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No.1622, 2026* be read a third time this 13th day of April, 2026.

9. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) For Information Correspondence** **(25)**

Recommended Resolution:

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated April 13, 2026, be received.

10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS

11. QUESTION PERIOD

Call for questions from the public for items relevant to the agenda.

12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, March 23, 2026
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office
325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

Council Members Present: Mayor Victor Smith
Councillor Bonny Graham
Councillor Scott Medlock
Councillor Pauline Newbigging
Councillor Angela Skoglund
Councillor Heather Stewin

Council Members Absent: Councillor Dusty Smith

Staff Present: John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services
Mike Olson, Director of Finance
Danielle Laporte, Communications/IT

Others Present: 4 members of the Public

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Stó:lō people, particularly the Chawathil, Union Bar and Yale First Nations.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved / Seconded

THAT the March 23, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted, as presented.
CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Regular Council Meeting

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 9, 2026, be adopted, as presented.
CARRIED.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no Delegations.

5. STAFF REPORTS

There were no Staff Reports.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Smith Reported:

- He attended the Hope and Area Flood Committee Meeting, noting that they are working toward a final report.
- He noted that the Canyon Golden Agers are working to have more events at their hall to attract more seniors. Currently, they are fundraising for projects towards building maintenance and improvements. He added the roof will need to be replaced within the next 4-5 years and the cost is estimated at about \$25,000.
- He participated in a Communities in Bloom planning meeting to discuss the planting and projects for the year, as well as the maintenance of chainsaw carvings.
- He attended an information meeting at the Library, which taught people about artificial intelligence.
- He noted, earlier this month, he attended the LGLA Leadership Forum.
- He announced that earlier today, MLA Tony Luck, the District's CAO, John Fortoloczky, Fraser Valley Regional District Area B Director Peter Adamo and members of the Hope Fire Department, along with Chawathil Band Chief Aaron Pete and some of their band members, passed the keys to the District's retired Fire Truck Tender to Chawathil.

The District and Chawathil will work together on training for the use of the truck. Today was an important step in relationship building and preparedness to work together in cases of an emergency.

- He noted that work continues on getting the helipad open at the hospital; while there were a number of setbacks, they are working to have it open before summer. The helipad is critical to deliver emergency service when needed in a timely manner.

Councillor Graham Reported:

- She attended an AdvantageHOPE meeting and there was a discussion from the marketing team regarding their promotions of Hope and their attendance at outdoor shows.
- She noted that on May 11th there will be the Second Annual Grass Roots Tourism Festival at the Brewery
- She attended the Arts Council Meat Draw at the Legion and noted that they are in the planning stages for Concerts in the Park
- She noted that the Hope Art Gallery has a few more days of their show "Retrospective 17", as well starting April 1st the show "Journey" featuring Moon Pruvost will be starting for the month.

Councillor Skoglund Reported:

- She extended a special thanks to the Hope Fire Department, noting that they responded to 28 calls in a 4-day period during the recent wind events.
- She put out a reminder that on April 11th at the High School they are having their Spring Market and they have 80 vendors, there will be food trucks as well and the event runs from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- She noted that April 25th is Earth Day.

Councillor Medlock Reported:

- He also attended the AdvantageHOPE meeting, noted that they are working on a rebranding project and they are attending a lot of outdoor shows.
- He noted that on Saturday the Fire Department did a Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation.

Councillor Newbigging Reported:

- She attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting today, noting that they are working to get the Chamber back on track and work with AdvantageHOPE to showcase how they work together to promote our businesses and area.
- She noted that there will be a Local Business Breakfast Meeting on April 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Mia's Pasta.
- She also reminded everyone about Earth Day on April 25th.

Councillor Stewin did not have a report.

8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS

- (a) **Report dated March 13, 2026 from the Director of Corporate Services
Re: Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw**

Moved / Seconded

THAT *Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1621, 2026* be read a first, second and third time this 23rd day of March 2026. **CARRIED.**

- (b) **Report dated March 17, 2026 from the Director of Finance
Re: Water Parcel Tax Bylaw**

Council inquired if the parcel tax will apply to all water users. The Director of Finance confirmed that the parcel tax applies to all properties that have water service to their property, whether they are connected to it or not.

Moved / Seconded

THAT *District of Hope Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 1622, 2026* be read a first and second time this 23rd day of March 2026. **CARRIED.**

9. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) **For Information Correspondence**

Moved / Seconded

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated March 23, 2026, be received. **CARRIED.**

- (b) **Accounts Payable Cheque Listing – February 2026**

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Accounts Payable Cheque Listing for the period of February 1 - 28, 2026, be received. **CARRIED.**

10. OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS

There was no other pertinent business.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions raised.

12. NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Moved / Seconded

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

CARRIED.

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 23, 2026, in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.

Mayor

Director of Corporate Services

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REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

REPORT DATE: March 23, 2026

FILE: 4200-20

SUBMITTED BY: Director of Corporate Services

MEETING DATE: April 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Appointment of Election Officials for the 2026 General Local Government Elections

PURPOSE:

Local Government Elections are scheduled for October 17, 2026, therefore the appointment of Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer are required.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommended Resolution:

THAT pursuant to Section 58 (1) and (2) of the *Local Government Act*, Branden Morgan be appointed Chief Election Officer, effective immediately for conducting the 2026 General Local Government Elections, with power to appoint other election officials as required for the administration and conduct of the 2026 Elections;

AND FURTHER THAT Donna Bellingham be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2026 General Local Government Elections.

ANALYSIS:

A. Rationale:

Mr. Morgan was the Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2022 Local Government Election and then took on the role of Chief Election Officer for the 2023 and 2025 By-Elections. He is well versed in the election process and very efficient in the execution of his duties.

Ms. Bellingham has been involved in elections for her local government career and has assisted Mr. Morgan with the last two By-Elections.

Prepared by:

Approved for submission to Council:

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham

Donna Bellingham
Director of Corporate Services

Original Signed by John Fortoloczky

John Fortoloczky
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REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

DATE: April 7, 2026

FILE: 6440-10

SUBMITTED BY: Christian Parr, Planner III

MEETING DATE: April 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Downtown Parking Analysis

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report dated April 7, 2026 from the Planner III regarding the downtown parking analysis, be received for information.

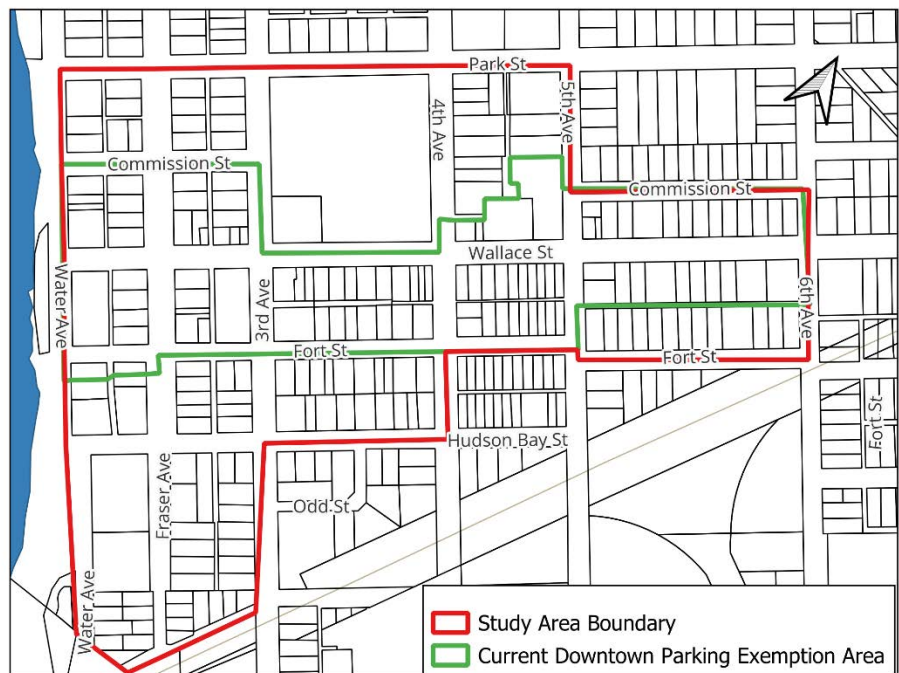
BACKGROUND

District staff conducted a Downtown Parking Study to better understand current on-street parking conditions. This is building upon work completed in the Downtown Action Plan, will inform potential Zoning Bylaw updates, and is intended to inform staff recommendations and Council decisions for future parking variance requests.

Study Area

The study area (red on the map) is bounded by Park Street to the north, Water Avenue to the west, 6th Avenue to the east and Fort and Hudson Bay Street to the south.

This area was selected as it's within a 10-minute walk of Wallace Street and aligns with the Downtown Hope *Official Community Plan* land use designation.



Downtown Action Plan

In 2023, the District completed the Downtown Action Plan which contained the following notes about parking in downtown Hope:

- 1) Feedback received from a community workshop noted that free parking downtown should be free, but a time limit should be considered. In addition, staff should be parking on side streets leaving Wallace Street for customer parking.
- 2) Reduced parking standards combined with multi-storey density would generate a much better redevelopment model for Wallace Street.
- 3) Consideration should be given to eliminating or reducing downtown/non-residential parking standards and payments in lieu of parking in the downtown area to better enable infill.
- 4) Increased signage to guide visitors to public parking areas.
- 5) Diagonal parking spaces should be replaced with parallel parking spaces or parking patios to allow expansion of sidewalks and pedestrian spaces.

Methodology

In June 2025 staff completed an inventory of all designated off-street parking in the area within the study area.

This was followed by four separate counts of occupied spaces on Friday July 4, Wednesday July 23, Wednesday August 30, and September Tuesday 16, 2025. These counts were conducted between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. These times and dates were chosen as summer is typically the busiest time of year for Downtown Hope and the late morning and early afternoon are the busiest times of day.

PARKING CONDITIONS

The following is an overview of the existing parking conditions as well as the collected parking activity data which includes:

- 1) Curbside inventory.
- 2) On-Street parking restrictions.
- 3) On-Street EV chargers.
- 4) Volume of vehicles parked on street on a typical weekday.

Curbside Inventory

In total, staff identified a total of 536 delineated parking spaces within the study area. Of these 3 are equipped with EV chargers: one on Wallace near Municipal Hall and two at the corner of Wallace and 4th Avenue.

There is a total of 9 accessible on-street parking spaces at the following locations: Hope Pharmacy, Fields, Canada Post, Fire Hall, Ministry of Child and Family Development building, Midtown Shopping Centre, the former CIBC building, the Hope Medical Centre and Sharons Deli.

Staff also noted that there are a number of vehicles that park in areas where there are no delineated parking spaces, particularly on 6th Avenue and Commission Street. These were not counted to keep the volume calculations as accurate as possible.

Within the study area there were 22 lots that didn't have active commercial uses that could be expected to generate a need for on-street parking in the future. 11 of these sites are single-family lots, 5 are vacant lots, 3 are parking lots, 2 are EV charging station lots and one is the Old Hope Hotel.



Figure 1 Number of On-Street Spaces

July 4, 2025, Count

The first count was on Friday July 4, 2025, between 11:00 am and 11:40 am. The EV Charger at municipal hall was in use. The Farmer's Market was present at Memorial Park during the count. The Wallace Street corridor between 4th Avenue and Fraser Street was extremely busy with at least 85% of on-street parking occupied, which is considered over capacity by standard parking engineering measurement. This busyness was expected based on the concentration of businesses and services, the draw of Memorial Park and the low levels of off-street parking in the area. While this area is technically over capacity during busy parking times, this should not be viewed as a negative as this is a sign of downtown activity and vitality.

However, while this area was over capacity, there was still ample parking available on Wallace between 4th Avenue and 6th Avenue as well as Fort Street between 3rd and 4th Avenue. For context, the distance between the middle of the block of Wallace Street between 4th and 5th to the edge of Memorial Park is less than 100m, and only a one minute walk.



Figure 2 July 4, 2025, Parking Counts and Volume

July 23, 2025, Count

The second count took place between 11:50 am and 12:50 pm on Wednesday July 23, 2025. There were no special events taking place during this count but some spaces along 4th Avenue were taken up by trucks and equipment for powerline work.

Similarly to the July 4th count, the Wallace Street block between Water and 4th Avenue was at capacity with Fort Street and the blocks of Wallace Street between 4th and 6th Avenue having ample parking available. Fort Street again had ample parking available and the EV Charger at Municipal Hall was in use.



Figure 3 July 23, 2025, Parking Counts and Volume

August 30, 2025, Count

The August 30, 2025, count took place from 11:45 am to 12:30 pm. No special events were happening downtown this date. Parking volume was similar to the two July counts with Wallace between Water and 4th Avenue being mostly above capacity and the remainder of Wallace and Fort Street having lots of parking available. In addition, the EV charger at Municipal Hall was in use again as was one of the two BC Hydro chargers on 4th Avenue.



Figure 4 August 30, 2025, Parking Counts and Volume

September 16, 2025, Count

The September 16, 2025, count took place from 11:00 am to 11:45 am. Parking availability was at much higher than during the summer months likely due to the winding down of tourist season. The stretch of Wallace Street between Water and 4th Avenue was still the busiest area but less so than any of the July or August counts.



Figure 5 September 16, 2025, Parking Counts and Volume

Key Findings

The following is a summary of key findings from the parking study.

1. The most active part of downtown (busy shops, amenities, people) has the lowest available parking. Full parking is a sign of a healthy downtown that is full of activity and a sign that it is a place people want to be. The statistics of the parking capacity analysis should be viewed with that in mind.
2. Outside of the Water Avenue to 4th Avenue stretch of Wallace Street (and to a lesser extent Fraser Avenue between Commission and Wallace Street), there are not any major areas with limited on-street parking availability.
3. Enhancing wayfinding should be prioritized to better connect side streets and public parking to Wallace Street. This will create a more cohesive downtown and guide visitors towards downtown amenities.

This could also generate opportunities for enhanced placemaking along Wallace Street by allowing a reallocation of space currently given to parking spaces to patios or larger sidewalks which in turn creates a space worth walking 5 to 10 minutes to get too. Full recommendations and decisions on future sidewalk plans and traffic calming would be conducted through future projects.

4. There may be opportunities for more delineated on-street parking areas particularly along Fort Street, but this will require a cohesive approach to redevelopment in the area that ensures there is limited driveway access onto Fort Street.
5. The free on-street EV charger near District Hall was always in use. EV chargers were identified in the Downtown Action Plan as a way to potentially draw in visitors to the downtown core however placement should be done in a way that does not impact the pedestrian experience along Wallace Street.

Reviewed by:

Original Signed by Robin Beukens
Director of Community Development

Approved for submission to Council:

Original Signed by John Fortoloczky
Chief Administrative Officer

BYLAW NO. 1621

A bylaw to amend Fees and Charges Bylaw 1363

WHEREAS the Council of the District of Hope has determined to amend “Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1363, 2015”; amend fees and charges for Business Licence Fees and Deposits, Dog Licence and Impound Fees, Controlled Substance Property Bylaw Fees, Cemetery Fees and Legacy Program Fees and Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Fees; NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of Hope, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

CITATION

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as **“Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1621, 2026”**.

ENACTMENT

2. That Schedule “B” – Business Licence Fees and Deposits, attached to and forming part of *“Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1363, 2015”*, be **deleted** and **replaced** with Schedule “B” attached to and forming part of *“Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1621, 2026”*.
3. That Schedule “D” – Dog Licence and Impound Fees, attached to and forming part of *“Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1363, 2015”*, be **deleted** and **replaced** with Schedule “D” attached to and forming part of *“Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1621, 2026”*.
4. That Schedule “F” – Controlled Substance Property Bylaw Fees, attached to and forming part of *“Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1363, 2015”*, be **deleted** and **replaced** with Schedule “F” attached to and forming part of *“Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1621, 2026”*.
5. That Schedule “H” – Cemetery Fees and Legacy Program Fees, attached to and forming part of *“Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1363, 2015”*, be **deleted** and **replaced** with Schedule “H” attached to and forming part of *“Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1621, 2026”*.
6. That Schedule “L” – Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Fees, attached to and forming part of *“Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1363, 2015”*, be **deleted** and **replaced** with Schedule “L” attached to and forming part of *“Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1621, 2026”*.

Read a first, second, and third time this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Adopted this XX day of April, 2026

Mayor

Director of Corporate Services

Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1621, 2026
SCHEDULE “B” – Business Licence Fees and Deposits

The following business licence fees are for a one year period, January 1 to December 31 each year, unless otherwise provided for in this schedule or in the District of Hope Business Licence Bylaw and/or amendments.

CATEGORIES	FEE
Business Licence	\$150.00
Automatic Teller Machines (in locations other than financial institutions)	\$30.00
Carnival/Circus	\$175.00 per day, plus \$500 security deposit for site clean-up
Property Management/Rentals/Hotel/Motel/Apartments/ Mobile Home Parks	\$200.00
Peddler/Door to Door Sales	\$150.00 plus \$500 security deposit (refundable 6 months after deposit date)
Private Hospital/Health Care Facilities	\$200.00
Seasonal Outdoor Markets – rental of District of Hope lands (May 1 st to September 30 th) Note: Special Event Application required	\$260.00 per year
Short-Term Rental (Guest Unit)	\$150.00
Short-Term Rental (Dwelling Unit)	\$200.00
Indoor or Outdoor Market (held on private property)	\$240.00 per year
Licence Transfer Fee (transfer from premises to premises or person to person)	\$25.00 per transfer

Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1621, 2026

SCHEDULE “D” – Dog Licence and Impound Fees

1. DOG LICENCES:	Fees	Late Renewal Fee (After April 1)
Neutered Dog	\$28.00	\$35.00
Spayed Dog	\$28.00	\$35.00
Unneutered Dog	\$70.00	\$80.00
Unspayed Dog	\$70.00	\$80.00
Potentially vicious dog	\$150.00	\$200.00
Vicious dog	\$300.00	\$400.00
<p>Guide Dog pursuant to the <i>Guide Animal Act</i> is exempt from the licensing fees set out in this bylaw. Licence registration will be provided at no charge to dogs and puppies registered in the Guide Dog in Training Program, provided that appropriate proof of registration is presented at the time of licencing.</p>		
License Tag (Replacement or Transfer)	\$10.00	
2. ANIMAL CONTROL/BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FEES:		
Upon the dog owner’s request: to take away a dog, to destroy a dog; or to dispose of the body of a dead dog	\$150.00	
3. IMPOUND FEES:		
First impoundment	\$50.00, plus daily boarding fee	
Second impoundment	\$100.00, plus daily boarding fee	
Third impoundment	\$200.00, plus daily boarding fee	
Fourth and subsequent impoundment	\$500.00, plus daily boarding fee	
Vicious Dog – first impoundment	\$500.00, plus daily boarding fee and additional charges and conditions	
Vicious Dog – second impoundment	\$1,000.00, plus daily boarding fee and additional charges and conditions	
Vicious Dog causing injury to a person or domestic animal while running at large	\$1,000.00, plus daily boarding fee and additional charges and conditions	
Daily Boarding Fee	\$50.00	

Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1621, 2026
SCHEDULE “D” – Dog Licence and Impound Fees - continued

4. ADDITIONAL CHARGES AND CONDITIONS:

- (a)** In addition to the impound fees imposed pursuant to this Bylaw, the owner, harbourer or possessor of a vicious dog will also be liable for all extraordinary costs incurred by the Animal Control/Bylaw Enforcement Officer in the course of impounding the dog and these costs will be payable at the time of reclamation.
- (b)** If a dog is unlicensed at the time of impoundment then the licence fee for the current year will apply in addition to the impound fee, and any fines issued must be paid before a licence is issued.
- (c)** The owner of an impounded vicious dog must provide the Animal Control/Bylaw Enforcement Officer with proof of valid liability insurance covering the actions of the dog for the current year prior to the issuance of a licence or the dog being reclaimed.
- (d)** The Schedule of Impound Fees for vicious dogs will be cumulative over time and will not follow the calendar year.
- (e)** Any fines, impound fees, and any other costs imposed by this bylaw are payable by the owner of the dog, regardless of whether the dog is reclaimed by the owner.

Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1621, 2026
SCHEDULE “F” – Controlled Substance Property Bylaw Fees

1.	Inspections pursuant to Section 17(e) and 19:
	\$500.00 per Special Safety Inspection.
	\$100.00/hour per person for all other inspections.
2.	Fire Services pursuant to Section 20:
	\$100.00/hour per person attending or involved (travel time, off-site related work, investigation time and court time also apply).
	\$520.00/hour for Fire Chief’s vehicle attending or involved.
	\$720.00/hour for a structure engine attending or involved.
	\$450.00/hour for a water or tactical tender attending or involved.
	\$400.00/hour for a wildland engine attending or involved.
3.	Police Services pursuant to Section 20:
	\$100.00/hour per person attending or involved (travel time, off-site related work, investigation time and court time also apply).
	\$520.00/hour per vehicle attending or involved.

Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1621, 2026
SCHEDULE “H” – Cemetery Fees and Legacy Program Fees

		Resident	Non resident
GRAVE SPACE	Adult	\$1,320	\$3,300
	Child	\$1,050	\$2,630
	Infant	\$680	\$1,700
	Cremated Remains	\$680	\$1,700
COLUMBARIUM #1	First Level (top)	\$1,100	\$2,750
	Second Level	\$1,050	\$2,630
	Third Level	\$1,000	\$2,500
	Fourth Level	\$950	\$2,380
	Fifth Level (bottom)	\$900	\$2,250
COLUMBARIUM #2	First Level (top)	\$1,200	\$3,000
	Second Level	\$1,150	\$2,880
	Third Level	\$1,100	\$2,750
	Fourth Level	\$1,050	\$2,630
	Fifth Level (bottom)	\$1,000	\$2,500
CARE FUND	Adult	\$420	\$1,050
	Child	\$350	\$880
	Infant	\$270	\$680
	Cremated Remains	\$300	\$750
SERVICES In-ground interments	Opening/Closing – Adult	\$1,850	
	Opening/Closing – Child	\$1,500	
	Opening/Closing – Infant	\$1,230	
	Opening/Closing – Crem. Remains	\$920	
	Install Memorial Marker – Single	\$320	
	Install Memorial Marker – Double	\$340	
	Reset for Memorial Markers	\$200	
	Install Memorial Marker – Care Fund	\$110	
	Supply & Install Flower Vase	\$100	

Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1621, 2026

SCHEDULE “H” – Cemetery Fees and Legacy Program Fees - continued

		Fees
SERVICES Columbarium Interments	Opening and Closing – Niche	\$250
	Install Plaque	\$100
	Reset for Plaque	\$60
	Install Plaque – Care Fund	\$80
SERVICES Other	Deeper Depth (Double)	\$1,260
	Burials Weekends or Statutory Holidays	2 times interment rate
	Transfer of Licence	\$270
	Grave Liner (concrete) – Adult	\$1,000
	Grave Liner (fiberglass) - Adult	\$525
	Grave Liner – Child	\$575
	Grave Liner – Cremated Remains	\$160
SERVICES Exhumation	Opening/closing – Adult	\$1,850
	Opening/closing – Child	\$1,240
	Opening/closing – Infant	\$1,040
	Opening/closing – Crem. Remains	\$920
	Opening/closing – Niche	\$240
LEGACY MEMORIALS	Park Bench – Optional	\$2,700
	Park Bench – Custom	\$3,250
	Garden Bench	\$2,250
	Picnic Table – Standard	\$2,750
	Picnic Table - Optional	\$3,250
	Concrete Pad for Benches	\$500
	Concrete Pad for Tables	\$600
Cancellation of any service related to cemeteries		20% Administrative Fee

Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1621, 2026

SCHEDULE “L” – Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Fees

Residential Solid Waste						
Collection of each container of garbage, recycling, organics/green waste, and glass – per dwelling unit						\$408.00 per dwelling unit/year
Additional Collection Cart – any stream (includes collection)						\$16.80/cart/month
Additional Glass Receptacle (includes collection)						\$3.25/month
Service level change						\$40.00/per occurrence
Bear Latch Replacement						\$60.00/latch
Commercial Solid Waste						
Collection of each cart of garbage, recycling, organics/green waste						\$29.00/cart/month
Commercial Bag Service						\$58.00 per month
· Extra bag charge						\$3.55 per bag
· Recycling - 5 standard blue bags or clear bags.						No Charge
Garbage: Garbage Bins: Commercial, Industrial, Multi-Tenant Customers						
		Per Monthly Rate				
Extra Tip	Bin Size	Monthly Pick Up	Every Other Week	Weekly Pick Up	Twice Weekly Pick Up	Thrice Weekly Pick Ups
	(Yard)					
\$57	2	\$81	\$97	\$146	\$297	\$444
\$70	3	\$92	\$124	\$205	\$411	\$616
\$81	4	\$103	\$146	\$254	\$508	\$763
\$103	6	\$119	\$205	\$368	\$741	\$1,103
\$130	8	\$162	\$243	\$454	\$908	\$1,362

Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1621, 2026

SCHEDULE “L” – Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Fees - continued

Garbage: Garbage Bins: Commercial, Industrial, Multi-Tenant Customers						
			FEES			
6 Yd Garbage Compact Bin			\$268.00 per tip			
<p align="center">Note: Short Term 4 Yard Delivery \$81 Dump \$113 Removal \$81</p> <p align="center">Note: Short Term 6 Yard Delivery \$81 Dump \$140 Removal \$81</p>						
<p align="center">27 yard self contained roll off compactor Haul \$214 Disposal \$156</p>						
<p align="center">* for all yard bins - maximum weight per bin is 75 kg per yard, per lift. Excess weight shall be charged at a rate of \$157 per MT (or 0.157 per KG) The service provider may meet with the commercial customer to increase service level or change container size, to mitigate future charges.</p>						
Recycle Bins: Commercial, Industrial, Multi-Tenant Customers						
		Per Monthly Rate				
Extra Tip	Bin Size	Monthly Pick Up	Every Other Week	Weekly Pick Up	Twice Weekly Pick Up	Thrice Weekly Pick Ups
	(Yard)					
\$57	2	\$70	\$92	\$135	\$276	\$411
\$70	3	\$81	\$109	\$162	\$325	\$487
\$81	4	\$92	\$124	\$183	\$368	\$551
\$92	6	\$109	\$162	\$254	\$508	\$763
\$103	8	\$135	\$205	\$325	\$638	\$962
<p>Note: Any container contaminated will be dumped as garbage and charged as a garbage extra as per list</p>						

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SCHEDULE “L” – Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Fees - continued

Additional Charges (Garbage & Recycle)	FEES
Initial delivery of each front load	\$40.00
1 time delivery of each front load	\$40.00
Removal of each front load	\$40.00
Service charge for replacement cart	\$40.00
Supply of lock	\$29.00
** for specialty bins (e.g. lock bars, etc.) additional one time charges will apply - lockbars including exchange of bins is \$260 + the cost of the lock. Lockbars only available for 3 and 4 yard bins.	
Roll Off's (includes delivery/removal/return/disposal)	FEES
Flat Roll Off – 12 Yd	\$514.00
Flat Roll Off – 20 Yd	\$626.00
Flat Roll Off – 30 Yd	\$741.00
Flat Roll Off – 40 Yd	\$859.00
Rental monthly per container	\$285.00
* Maximum weight per container is as follows: 12 yard - max tonnage is 1 MT; 20 yard is 3MT; 30 yard is 3MT; 40 yard is 4MT. Any tonnage in excess of the noted maximums would be charged at \$157 per MT (or .157 per kg). This does not include compactor rates.	
Transfer Station – Self Haul:	FEES
Minimum Fee for all Waste Categories	\$12.50
Sorted Refuse	\$130.00/1,000 kg
Unsorted Refuse	\$200.00/1,000 kg
Green Waste (trees, stumps, branches & brush only) Not Bagged	\$85.00/1,000 kg
Clean Construction Wood Waste	\$115.00/1,000 kg
Drywall (with paperwork)	\$165.00/1,000 kg
Tires (No Rims) maximum 20 inch	\$25.00 per tire
Mattresses, Box Springs	\$25.00 each
Commercial Refuse Roll-off Containers	\$200.00/1,000 kg



BYLAW NO. 1622

A bylaw to impose a Water Parcel Tax Bylaw

WHEREAS Division 4, Section 200 the *Community Charter* authorizes Council, by bylaw, to impose and levy a parcel tax to provide all or part of the funding of a service.

AND WHEREAS the Council of the District of Hope has an established water system;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the District of Hope deems it necessary to impose and levy a parcel tax on land benefiting from the established water system;

NOW THEREFORE the District of Hope, in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. Title

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the ***“District of Hope Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 1622, 2026.”***

2. Repeal

That *District of Hope Water Parcel Tax Bylaw, 2005, No. 1171* and all amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

3. Definitions

“Parcel” means a designated area of land, such as a lot registered with the Land Title Survey Authority, or a folio from the property assessment roll.

“Collector” means the Collector of the Municipality duly appointed by the Council pursuant to the provisions of the *Community Charter*.

4. Imposition of a Parcel Tax

A parcel tax shall be levied on each parcel of real property within the District of Hope which is capable of being connected to the water system or which is deemed to abut on the said water system.

5. The annual tax shall be \$77.35.

6. The parcel tax imposed on each parcel of land shall be shown by the Collector on the real property tax roll and payment of the parcel tax shall be made in the same manner on or before the same dates as the real property tax. Collection of parcel taxes shall be subject to the same rights and remedies as real property taxes.

7. No parcel tax shall be imposed under this bylaw after December 31, 2040.

8. This bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon the date of final adoption by the Council of the District of Hope.

Read a first and second time this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Read a third time this XX day of April, 2026

Adopted this XX day of April, 2026.

Mayor

Director of Corporate Services 024

1. News Release dated March 18, 2026 from Ministry of Attorney General re: Boosting damages for victims of intimate-image abuse.
2. News Release dated March 19, 2026 from Office of the Premier and Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport re: B.C. kids will benefit from new soccer mini pitches.
3. News Release dated March 19, 2026 from Ministry of Forests re: Tenure transfer of \$120 million supports B.C. forestry.
4. News Release dated March 20, 2026 from Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport re: Supporting stronger communities through capital projects grants.
5. Update dated March 20, 2026 from Ministry of Transportation and Transit re: Speed data pilot project launches on Highway 5 North.
6. Traffic Advisory dated March 20, 2026 from Ministry of Transportation and Transit re: Drivers warned of hazardous potholes after heavy rain on Highway 1.
7. News Release dated March 23, 2026 from Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth re: Funding innovative B.C. businesses through InBC, UBC.
8. Information Bulletin dated March 23, 2026 from Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General re: New Surrey police board members appointed.
9. Policy Bulletin published November 28, 2025 from Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch re: Liquor Licence Renewal Fee Update.
10. Letter dated March 18, 2026 from Town of View Royal re: Judicial Review Coalition Update — Provincial Housing Legislation.
11. Letter dated March 27, 2026 from business organizations re: Urging Council to oppose the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) expansion on professional services.
12. Information Bulletin dated March 26, 2026 from Ministry of Forests re: Heritage conservation engagement leads to updated proposals.
13. News Release dated March 27, 2026 from Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth re: Boosting B.C.'s marine sector by supporting tech companies.
14. News Release dated March 30, 2026 from Ministry of Health re: Enhanced coverage in B.C. supports more people with diabetes.
15. News Release dated March 30, 2026 from Ministry of Forests re: BC Timber Sales to increase fibre access, strengthen long-term forest outcomes, protect jobs.
16. News Release dated March 31, 2026 from Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness re: Building volunteer fire department capacity.
17. Information Bulletin dated March 31, 2026 from Ministry of Environment and Parks re: Amendments improve dispute resolution, transparency, process predictability.
18. Information Bulletin dated March 31, 2026 from Ministry of Health re: New health regulation puts patients' safety first.
19. News Release dated April 1, 2026 from Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General re: Adding new tools to help target organized crime.

20. News Release dated April 1, 2026 from Office of the Premier and Ministry of Health re: More than 600,000 people connected to primary care since 2023.
21. Information Bulletin dated April 1, 2026 from Ministry of Attorney General re: Modernizing enforcement, housing, justice tools.
22. News Release dated April 1, 2026 from Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs re: Ready B.C. to deliver more homes for people in communities.
23. News Release dated April 1, 2026 from Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions re: Updating zero-emission vehicle targets, expanding charging network.
24. News Release dated April 2, 2026 from Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction re: Launching new training projects for people facing barriers to employment.
25. News Release dated April 2, 2026 from Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs re: Improving conduct standards for local governments.
26. News Release dated April 2, 2026 from Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs re: Introducing parental leave for local elected officials.
27. Information Bulletin dated April 2, 2026 from Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions re: Opening Clean Industry Fund 2026 intake.
28. News Release dated April 2, 2026 from Ministry of Environment and Parks re: Strengthening conservation, stewardship at BC Parks with licence plate program.
29. News Release dated April 7, 2026 from Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth re: Supporting early-stage tech innovation.
30. News Release dated April 8, 2026 from Ministry of Forests re: Forestry company secures five years of wood, adding stability to sector.



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March 18, 2026

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LETTER TO ALL BC MUNICIPAL COUNCILS

Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: Judicial Review Coalition Update — Provincial Housing Legislation (Bills 44, 47, 13, 15, and M216)

This letter provides an update further to the Town of View Royal's correspondence dated December 4, 2025 regarding a potential coordinated Judicial Review of recent provincial housing legislation .

Since issuing the initial invitation, the Town of View Royal, the District of West Vancouver, the District of Oak Bay, the Regional District of North Okanagan, and the Township of Spallumcheen have formally indicated their participation in the coalition. These early participants have recognized the shared concern regarding the cumulative impact of recent provincial housing legislation on local governance, planning authority, and accountability to residents. Dozens of other municipalities have attended information sessions, and others have reached out for further information and support. We continue to receive expressions of interest from councils across British Columbia.

This initiative is not occurring in isolation. Recent actions across the province reinforce the concerns raised in our initial letter. Metro Vancouver mayors sought meaningful engagement with the Province on housing legislation that materially affects municipal authority, planning responsibilities, and public accountability. While the Province acknowledged this request, its response confirmed an implementation-focused approach and did not address the broader governance and procedural concerns raised. This exchange underscores the absence of a forum to resolve these issues collaboratively and reinforces the need for legal clarity. Councils across British Columbia have similarly raised concerns regarding the pace and scale of legislative change, the removal of public hearings, the shift of land-use authority away from locally elected councils, and the implications for infrastructure planning, financial sustainability, and service delivery. Bill M216 and related legislation continue to raise questions regarding the balance between provincial objectives and municipal responsibilities, particularly where expectations are evolving without a clearly defined framework for delivery.

As noted previously, this process is not about opposing housing but about obtaining legal clarity. The coalition's first step will be to commission a shared legal opinion to assess the scope of provincial authority relative to municipalities, the implications of the legislative changes on

procedural fairness and democratic accountability, and the extent to which municipal powers have been altered or constrained. Municipalities that formally join the coalition will have full access to this legal opinion. The estimated budget for the legal opinion is \$150,000, to be shared among participating municipalities through a cost-sharing model to be confirmed.

Following completion of the legal opinion, a subsequent meeting will be convened with participating municipalities to review findings, discuss implications, and determine whether there is sufficient basis and collective support to proceed with a Judicial Review.

In the absence of clarity, municipalities are left managing uncertain planning frameworks, increasing infrastructure and financial pressures, and a growing disconnect between responsibility and authority. At present, a coordinated Judicial Review remains the only available mechanism to obtain a clear and authoritative interpretation of these issues.

Councils are asked to signal their intent to join the coalition no later than March 31, 2026. Municipalities indicating intent will receive a formal invitation and next-step materials in the first week of April, including a cost-sharing framework, a draft Memorandum of Understanding, and the scope for the legal opinion. A meeting of participating and interested municipalities will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, April 10, 2026, to review the approach, confirm participation, and discuss next steps. Participation at this stage does not commit a municipality to a Judicial Review but ensures access to the legal analysis required to make an informed decision.

This effort is grounded in a shared interest in ensuring clarity in the roles, responsibilities, and relationships between orders of government. We encourage your Council to consider joining this collaborative process.

For further information or to confirm participation, please contact me at Mayor Sid Tobias at mayortobias@viewroyal.ca.

Sincerely,



Mayor Sid Tobias
Town of View Royal

March 27, 2026

Subject: Urging Council to oppose the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) expansion on Professional Services

Dear Mayor and Council:

We, the undersigned organizations, write to express our concern regarding the impact that *Budget 2026's* tax changes will have on municipal finances and on local taxpayers. We are urgently requesting Council **oppose the provincial government's decision in *Budget 2026*** to expand the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) to a wide range of professional services. This tax expansion will directly impact municipal budgets, increase local project costs, and harm local businesses in your community.

As was confirmed by the [Union of BC Municipalities](#), this new tax will increase the cost of the many professional services that municipalities rely on, including engineering and geoscience, architectural services, accounting and auditing, strata and rental management, commercial real estate commissions, and security and private investigation services.¹

Based on our initial analysis of *Budget 2026*, expanding PST to these essential professional services will:

- Increase capital and infrastructure project costs;
- Raise the cost of protecting businesses from crime, vandalism, and street disorder;
- Add pressure to already constrained municipal operating budgets;
- Increased costs and delays in processes relying on qualified professionals or specialized services; and
- Potentially lead to higher property taxes, delayed projects, or service reductions.

At a time when municipalities are facing pressure to control costs, manage infrastructure backlogs, and respond to community safety needs downloaded on them by the provincial government, this cost burden will make it more difficult to maintain service levels and deliver projects within budget. This risks upwards pressure on property taxes at a time BC businesses can ill-afford any further cost increases.

Previously, municipal governments were instrumental in voicing their concerns regarding the downloaded costs of the Employer Health Tax. A 2018 survey by the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) found that 71 per cent of surveyed local governments expected an increase in costs due to the introduction of the provincial Employer Health Tax (EHT). The expansion of PST to professional services threatens to deepen

¹ UBCM, "Expansion of PST to Increase Local Government Costs," Feb. 25, 2026, <https://www.ubcm.ca/about-ubcm/latest-news/expansion-pst-increase-local-government-costs>

the tax pressures downloaded onto local governments, while also slowing economic activity by increasing the cost of new homes, projects, and municipal infrastructure.

With this in mind, we respectfully urge council to:

- 1) Directly raise its concerns with the provincial government **regarding the cost Budget 2026's PST** expansion will have on local government operating costs and public safety.
- 2) Publicly disclose any cost pressures downloaded onto council by the PST expansion, and any related cuts or tax increases that may follow.

Municipal leaders are essential advocates for strong local economies and safer communities. By speaking **out against the PST expansion on professional services, councils can help protect their community's** financial stability while also contributing to the long-term sustainability of the local businesses that create jobs and support the tax base.

Budget 2026's broad-based tax increases come as BC faces deteriorating provincial finances, entrepreneurial drought, and a record \$13.3-billion deficit. Federal data shows that BC has experienced more business exits than entries for five consecutive quarters. When small businesses close or choose not to grow, local governments feel the impact through reduced commercial activity and shrinking revenues.

Thank you for considering the financial realities facing both your municipality and the small businesses that form the backbone of your community. We would be pleased to discuss the impact of Budget 2026 further or provide additional information at your request.

Sincerely,



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Canadian Federation of Independent Business



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President & CEO
Association of Consulting Engineering Companies
British Columbia



Todd Stone
President & CEO
Association for Mineral Exploration



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