



## REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AGENDA

**Monday, June 22, 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 June 22, 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 June 8, 2026, be adopted, as presented.

#### (b) Special Regular Council Meeting

(9)

Recommended Resolution:

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

### 4. DELEGATIONS

There are no Delegations.

## 5. STAFF REPORTS

- (a) **Report dated June 8, 2026 from the Director of Corporate Services** (10)  
**Re: Corrected Building Code Contraventions at 564 Thacker Avenue, Hope, BC**

Recommended Resolution:

THAT the report dated June 8, 2026 from the Director of Corporate Services regarding a corrected Building Bylaw Code Contravention for property of 564 Thacker Avenue, legally known as: Lot 30, District Lot 14 (formerly Hope) Division Yale District Plan 6046, PID: 010-220-399, be received for information.

- (b) **Report dated June 16, 2026 from the Acting CAO** (11)  
**Re: Support for Hope Specialist Medical Clinic**

Recommended Resolution:

THAT Council approve an annual funding contribution of \$40,971 to support the continued operation of the Hope Specialist Medical Clinic;

AND THAT staff be directed to work with project partners to formalize a funding agreement for an initial term ending December 31, 2028;

AND FURTHER THAT funding sources for the term be as follows:

- 2026- COVID Safe Restart Funds
- 2027- COVID Safe Restart Funds
- 2028 - Tax Revenue

- (c) **Report dated June 16, 2026 from the Director of Finance** (25)  
**Re: 2025 Statement of Financial Information**

Recommended Resolution:

THAT Council approves the 2025 Statement of Financial Information.

- (d) **Report dated June 17, 2026 from the Director of Finance** (71)  
**Re: District of Hope 2025 Annual Report**

Recommended Resolution:

THAT Council approves the District of Hope 2025 Annual Report.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There are no Committee Reports.

## 7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

## 8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS

- (a) **Election Sign Bylaw** (161)

Recommended Resolution:

THAT *Election Sign Bylaw No. 1632, 2026*, be adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2026.

**(b) District of Hope Sign Amendment Bylaw (164)**Recommended Resolution:

THAT *District of Hope Sign Amendment Bylaw No. 1633, 2026*, be adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2026.

**9. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE****(a) For Information Correspondence (165)**Recommended Resolution:

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated June 22, 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, July 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

**13. RECESS TO IN-CAMERA MEETING**Recommended Resolution:

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to consider matters pursuant to Section 90(1)(a) [personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality] of the *Community Charter* and for the adoption of In Camera Minutes.

**14. RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor to reconvene the Regular Council Meeting.

**15. ADJOURN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, June 8, 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 Dusty Smith  
Councillor Heather Stewin

**Staff Present:** Kevin Dicken, Director of Operations/Deputy CAO  
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services  
Mike Olson, Director of Finance  
Robin Beukens, Director of Community Development  
Branden Morgan, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

**Others Present:** 2 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 June 8, 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 May 25, 2026, be adopted, as presented. **CARRIED.**

**4. DELEGATIONS**

**(a) Chilliwack Division of Family Practice**

Dr. Aseem Grover and Petra Pardy were in attendance on behalf of the Chilliwack Division of Family Practice to present to Council regarding a proposal to preserve the Specialist Medical Clinic in Hope. In their presentation, the following items were discussed:

- Hope's Specialist Services
  - One-of-a-kind rural program that serves patients from Hope and the Fraser Canyon with local care without travel
  - Improves health system integration and reduces wait times significantly
  - Alleviates pressure on services such as Care Transit

- 2,819 patient visits from October to December in 2025, avoiding \$192,000 in travel costs
- Reduces travel burdens benefiting vulnerable groups lacking transportation
- Current Situation and Proposal
  - Visiting specialists provide care without compensation for travel time or mileage
  - The existing space next to the Hope Pharmacy is a hybrid clinic where primary care providers are located and visiting specialists are accommodated, resulting in reduced hours
  - Primary care providers are moving into a new smaller dedicated space elsewhere in the District
  - Local physicians have historically absorbed costs for the clinical space, but will no longer cover these costs once they have moved out of the shared space
  - The Specialist Clinic will occupy the full space next to the Hope Pharmacy while partnering with Fraser Health, First Nations Health Authority, the Fraser Valley Regional District, and the District of Hope to cover annual operating costs
- Funding
  - With family doctors leaving the space, office and medical supplies will be reduced by 50%
  - \$126,971 in annual funding is required to maintain the Specialist Clinic
  - Fraser Health has committed to providing funding for a Medical Office Assistant
  - First Nations Health Authority has pledge \$15,000 in annual funding and will utilize the space 1-2 days a week
  - The Fraser Valley Regional District has pledged \$10,000 in annual funding
  - The remaining \$40,971 in annual funding is requested from the District of Hope
- Review funding agreement on a bi-annual basis to monitor utilization, funding contributions and identify other partners and sponsors
- The Village of Harrison Hot Springs and City of Grand Forks have similar agreements in which they pay clinical operating costs in their communities

Council asked whether the specialist clinic also reduces wait times for local people or only eliminates the need for travel. Dr. Grover advised that the clinic addresses both issues. Council inquired as to whether residents in other areas of the Fraser Valley could take advantage of reduced wait times and receive referrals for the specialist clinic. Ms. Pardy advised that referrals from outside Hope and the Fraser Canyon would be redirected elsewhere.

Council inquired as to the timeline for funding decisions. Dr. Grover advised that the lease on the current clinic building expires on September 1<sup>st</sup>, noting that the family physician who currently holds the lease would like to give notice in July. Council inquired as to who would be responsible for cost overruns. Dr. Grover advised that while most costs are standard, any overruns related to equipment or supplies would be handled by the specialists. Council inquired as to what length of agreement is being sought. Dr. Grover advised that they would like to establish an agreement for a minimum of two years.

The Deputy CAO noted that Staff will bring forward a Report to Council with costs, term options, and other information through consultation with the Chilliwack Division of Family Practice.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

**(a) Report dated May 26, 2026 from the Director of Corporate Services  
Re: Management Policy**

Council asked how the District can ensure that matters previously covered by the policy are still addressed under legislation and existing agreements. The Deputy CAO advised that Staff, if directed, could create a new policy for Council's consideration that would be reviewed on a yearly basis. He added that the current policy has not been followed or maintained since its creation.

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Management Policy Number 101-04 be repealed.

**CARRIED.**

**(b) Report dated May 29, 2026 from the Director of Corporate Services  
Re: 280 Hudson Bay Street – Remedial Order for Demolition**

Council discussed the hazards present at the property, including proximity to a neighbouring home, off gassing of fire damaged materials, noxious odors and the appearance of the property. Council asked how the District will recover costs related to remediation. The Director of Corporate Services advised that all costs, plus an administrative fee, are invoiced back to the property owner. She added that if the property owner fails to pay the invoice, the amount owing is added to their property taxes.

Council briefly discussed other areas of the community and the types of situations that would require remedial action. The Director of Corporate Services advised that the *Community Charter* lists specific requirements for remedial actions.

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council, under the authority provided in Section 73 & 74 of the *Community Charter* and after viewing the photographs of the property, declares that the property located at 280 Hudson Bay Street with the following legal description:

- PID: 009-565-230, Lot 1 Section 9 Township 5 Range 26 West of the 6th Meridian Yale Division Yale District Plan 39133;

is a hazardous condition and a nuisance to the community and neighbourhood, and as a result, is a "hazard" and "declared nuisance" that requires remedial action to demolish the burnt house, remove any accumulation of debris and discarded materials, and level the lands on the property;

AND FURTHER THAT Council imposes the remedial action upon the registered property owners, Joseph Mark Louie Mercier and Diane Ellen Mericer, in respect of the property noted above, to demolish and remove the entire structure and any discarded materials, as well as level the lands;

AND FURTHER THAT Council, under the authority provided in Section 79 of the *Community Charter* and after viewing the photographs which displays the proximity of the neighbouring house declare that there is a significant risk to the health and safety of the neighbours to ensure the works are completed due to the possibility of summer temperatures causing the release of noxious odours to the neighbours;

*Municipal Action at Defaulter's Expense:*

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes staff to take all appropriate actions in accordance with Section 17 (Municipal Action at Defaulter's Expense) of the *Community Charter* to ensure the property is brought into compliance with the Remedial Action specified above provided that:

- a. The property owner has not fully complied with the remedial action order on or before the compliance date specified in the applicable Council resolution; and
- b. That all costs incurred by the District to bring the property into compliance shall be at the expense of the property owner and, as per Section 17 of the *Community Charter*, these costs shall be treated as a debt owed to the District of Hope.

*Compliance & Notice Time Limit Recommendations:*

AND FURTHER THAT Council sets the time limit for compliance with all of the above remedial actions at 30 days commencing June 8, 2026;

AND FURTHER THAT Council sets the time limit for a notice of a request for Council to reconsider the remedial action requirement be set at 14 days, commencing June 8, 2026.

**CARRIED.**

- (c) **Report dated May 29, 2026 from the Director of Community Development  
Re: BC Building Code and Building Bylaw Contraventions at 21015 Swallow Place, Hope, B.C.**

Council asked whether the District received a complaint regarding the unauthorized secondary suites at 21015 Swallow Place. The Director of Community Development advised that the District received a complaint in 2025 regarding work being completed without a permit, and that Staff met with the property owner who agreed to stop the work. In Spring 2026, it came to the attention of Staff that the property was listed for sale and advertised as including two unauthorized secondary suites.

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT a Notice in the Land Title Office pursuant to Section 302 of the *Local Government Act* and Section 57 of the *Community Charter* be registered on title against the property legally known as: Lot 4 District Lot 4 Yale (Formerly Hope) Division Yale District Plan 35374; PID #001-499-602, civic address 21015 Swallow Place, Hope BC for a *BC Building Code* and Building Bylaw contravention.

**CARRIED.**

- (d) **Report dated June 2, 2026 from the Director of Finance  
Re: District of Hope 2025 Annual Report**

Council noted minor edits to the Elected Officials Biography section.

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council receive the District of Hope 2025 Annual Report for information.

**CARRIED.**

- (e) **Report dated June 2, 2026 from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Re: Funding Request – Purchase of Flail Mower Head**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council authorize the purchase of one Shear Force FM1100 Flail Mower Head in the amount of \$11,724.27, including tax, with funding to come from the Public Works Vehicle and Equipment Reserve.

**CARRIED.**

**(f) Report dated June 2, 2026 from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Re: Award Recommendation – Supply of One (1) New Rubber Tire Backhoe**

The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer noted that Staff are familiar with CAT equipment and have existing snowplow attachments and diagnostic software. He added that while this was a Request for Proposal and not a tender, which does not require Council approval under the Purchasing Policy to consider bids that are not the lowest, the report was brought forward for transparency.

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT Council award RFP#PW2026-01 to Finning (Canada), for the supply of one (1) 2026 CAT 420 Backhoe, as their proposal represents the best overall value and most operationally suitable option for the District's needs. **CARRIED.**

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Reports.

**7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Mayor Smith Reported:**

- He met with CN Rail to discuss ongoing projects, adding that they spoke about funding a bus stop at the Station House to be used by Ebus and other services.
- He attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference along with the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer. He noted that federal funding and the West Coast Corridor Resiliency Partnership were topics of discussion.
- He attended a Fraser Valley Regional Hospital District Capital Project Working Group meeting, noting that it was the first meeting since April 2022.
- He has three meetings with Fraser Health staff.
- He attended the Lower Mainland District Mayor's Forum at the RCMP "E" Division Head Office. He noted that concerns raised included Hope Detachment members conducting highway patrol and the need for more communication.
- He attended a presentation by Enbridge regarding their upcoming Sunrise Expansion Program, noting that work will begin on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and continue into 2028. He added that the work will include approximately 100 staff, and that an information session will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Blue Moose Coffee House.
- He attended the Purple Lights unveiling of the Skoda artwork on the wall of the Midtown Mall along with Councillor Stewin, Staff Sergeant Mike Sargent, the Hope Eagles, Pastor Jeff Kuhn, and others. He noted that presenters spoke about how domestic violence has no place in our community.
- He attended the Highway 3 Mayor's meeting, noting that most projects are focused in the Kootenay area, but improvements to the Hope-Princeton Highway are on the agenda. He added improvements to cell service are also being requested.

**Councillor Graham Reported:**

- She noted that the AdvantageHOPE Annual General Meeting is taking place on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
- She noted that Concerts in the Park begins on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and runs through August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Councillor Skoglund Reported:**

- She attended a Career Fair at the Spirit of Hope Secondary School, noting that there was limited participation from local businesses.
- She noted that Concerts in the Park begins soon and features a variety of music.

**Councillor Smith Reported:**

- He took part in Tim Hortons' Smile Day as Acting Mayor, noting that approximately \$80,000 was raised across all communities with Hope being one of the highest-raising locations. He added that the Fraser Canyon Hospital Auxiliary is one of the recipients of raised funds.
- He reminded the public to be patient and welcoming as tourist season begins.

**Councillor Stewin Reported:**

- She noted that a Hope Inclusion Project meeting will take place on June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- She attended a webinar from the Office of the Human Rights Commissioner regarding systemic discrimination in the workplace, noting that it included strategies for addressing the issue.

**Councillor Newbigging Reported:**

- She noted that all nine holes at the Hope Golf and Country Club are open. She added that a realtor took photos of the golf course with a drone and that the photos are available online.

**Councillor Medlock had nothing to report.**

**8. PERMITS AND BYLAWS**

**(a) Election Procedures Bylaw**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *Election Procedures Bylaw No. 1631, 2026*, be adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026. **CARRIED.**

**(b) Report dated June 1, 2026 from the Deputy Director of Corporate Services  
Re: Election Sign Bylaw**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *Election Sign Bylaw No. 1632, 2026*, be read a first, second and third time this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026. **CARRIED.**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT *District of Hope Sign Amendment Bylaw No. 1633, 2026*, be read a first, second and third time this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026. **CARRIED.**

- (c) **Report dated June 1, 2026 from the Planner I**  
**Re: Geotechnical Hazard Development Permit Application - 66422 Othello Road**  
**Moved / Seconded**

THAT a Geotechnical Hazard Development Permit be approved for the construction of a single-family dwelling at 66422 Othello Road, subject to the District of Hope receiving a satisfactory report from a qualified professional that meets the Development Permit Area conditions; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Community Development be authorized to endorse the Geotechnical Hazard Development Permit and required covenant documents. **CARRIED.**

- (d) **Report dated June 3, 2026 from the Planner I**  
**Re: Flood & Erosion Hazard Development Permit Application – 19422 Silver Skagit Road**  
**Moved / Seconded**

THAT a Flood & Erosion Hazard Development Permit be approved for an addition to the one family residence located at 19422 Silver Skagit Road, subject to the District of Hope receiving a satisfactory report from a qualified professional that meets the Development Permit Area conditions; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Community Development be authorized to endorse the Flood & Erosion Hazard Development Permit and required covenant documents. **CARRIED.**

**9. FOR INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) **For Information Correspondence**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the For Information Correspondence List dated June 8, 2026, be received. **CARRIED.**

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

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Accounts Payable Cheque Listing for the period of May 1-31, 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, June 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

**13. ADJOURN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

*Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 8, 2026, in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.*

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**Mayor**

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**Director of Corporate Services**

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, June 9, 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 Dusty Smith  
Councillor Heather Stewin

**Staff Present:** Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the June 9, 2026, Special Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted, as presented. **CARRIED.**

**3. RECESS TO GO IN CAMERA**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to consider matters pursuant to Section 90(1)(a) [personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality] and 90(1)(i) [the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose] of the *Community Charter*. **CARRIED.**

**4. RETURN TO REGUAL MEETING**

The Mayor reconvened the Special Regular Council Meeting at 7:44 p.m.

**5. ADJOURN SPECIAL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Moved / Seconded**

THAT the Special Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:45 p.m. **CARRIED.**

*Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Special Regular Meeting of Council held June 9, 2026, in Council Chambers, District of Hope, British Columbia.*

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Mayor

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Director of Corporate Services

# REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

**REPORT DATE:** June 8, 2026

**FILE:** Property Folio File

**SUBMITTED BY:** Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services

**MEETING DATE:** June 22, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Corrected Building Bylaw Code Contraventions at 564 Thacker Avenue, Hope, B.C.

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**PURPOSE:**

To release a *BC Building Code* and *District of Hope Building Bylaw* contravention at 564 Thacker Avenue; contravention has been corrected and meets BC Building Code regulations.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommended Resolution:

THAT the report dated June 8, 2026 from the Director of Corporate Services regarding a corrected Building Bylaw Code Contravention for property of 564 Thacker Avenue, legally known as: Lot 30, District Lot 14 (formerly Hope) Division Yale District Plan 6046, PID: 010-220-399, be received for information.

**ANALYSIS:**

**A. Rationale:**

May 26, 2025 Council passed a resolution directing staff to file a Notice in the Land Title Office, pursuant to Section 302 of the *Local Government Act* and Section 57 of the *Community Charter*, for a *BC Building Code* and Building Bylaw contravention and that the mortgage holder on the property title be informed of the legal notice. There were Structural changes to the roof structure that did not conform to the 2018 *BC Building Code* section 9.23.14.

On April 11, 2026 the District's Building Inspector conducted an inspection, thereby clearing the contravention and passed the repairs that were required.

Once all the fees associated with the registration and release of the notice on the property title have been paid by the property owner, staff will provide with the release of the charge and provide notice that the contravention has been corrected to the property owners and the mortgage holder.

Prepared by:

Approved for submission to Council:

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham  
Director of Corporate Services

Original Signed by Kevin Dicken  
Acting Chief Administrative Officer



# REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

**REPORT DATE:** June 16, 2026

**FILE:** 4900-06

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting CAO

**MEETING DATE:** June 22, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Support for Hope Specialist Medical Clinic

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## **PURPOSE:**

To seek Council direction regarding a request for financial support for the continued operation of the Hope Specialist Medical Clinic.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

### Recommended Resolution:

THAT Council approve an annual funding contribution of \$40,971 to support the continued operation of the Hope Specialist Medical Clinic;

AND THAT staff be directed to work with project partners to formalize a funding agreement for an initial term ending December 31, 2028;

AND FURTHER THAT funding sources for the term be as follows:

- 2026- COVID Safe Restart Funds
- 2027- COVID Safe Restart Funds
- 2028 - Tax Revenue

## **ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:**

1. **Decline the request**, in which case the clinic's long-term operating model may need to be reconsidered by the project partners. This option would avoid a new annual financial commitment from the District, but it may affect the sustainability of local specialist services and could result in increased travel and reduced access for residents who rely on the clinic.
2. **Provide partial funding** and direct staff to work with project partners to revise the funding model or identify other sources of support. This option would allow the District to demonstrate support for the clinic while limiting its financial contribution, but it may require additional negotiation and could delay confirmation of a stable long-term funding arrangement.

## **ANALYSIS:**

### **A. Rationale:**

The Hope Specialist Medical Clinic provides critical access to healthcare services that would otherwise require significant travel outside the community. This service is particularly important for seniors, individuals with mobility challenges, and lower-income households, as well as Indigenous residents in the surrounding region. Providing local access improves health outcomes, reduces travel costs, and supports continuity of care while alleviating pressure on emergency services.

The proposed funding model distributes costs across multiple partners, demonstrating a collaborative and sustainable approach. The total annual operating cost of the clinic is approximately \$126,971, with contributions proposed as follows:

- Fraser Health: \$61,000
- First Nations Health Authority: \$15,000
- Fraser Valley Regional District: \$10,000
- District of Hope (requested): \$40,971

The District's contribution would cover facility-related costs, including lease, insurance, and operating expenses.

The Hope Specialist Medical Clinic is a vital service that improves access to care and supports community health outcomes. Supporting this request will help ensure continued access to specialist services locally and strengthen the overall resilience of the healthcare system serving Hope and surrounding communities.

### **B. Attachments:**

Presentation to Council – Chilliwack Division of Family Practice

### **C. Policy:**

IOCP 14.2.1.4 Support the establishment of medical clinics, access to medical specialists, and healthcare workforce retention in the community through flexible land use policies, repurposing of underutilized municipal infrastructure, access to transit, and consideration of financial incentives for the establishment of new clinics.

**D. Relevant History:**

At the June 8, 2026 Regular Council Meeting, Council received a presentation from the Chilliwack Division of Family Practice regarding the Hope Specialist Medical Clinic.

The clinic provides scheduled access to visiting medical specialists, including services such as obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, orthopedics, internal medicine, and geriatrics, serving residents of Hope and surrounding communities.

During the final quarter of 2025, the clinic facilitated approximately 2,800 patient visits and reduced the need for residents to travel outside the community for care.

**E. Resources:**

- Staff time to work with project partners
- Staff capacity to formalize a funding agreement
- Ongoing administrative support to review participation periodically

**F. Budget Implications:**

The expected obligation for this venture is \$40,971 per annum which would cover the lease, insurance, phone & internet, and business license expense.

The venture is expected to begin in August or September 2026.

If the funding begins in

- August - \$17,017
- September - \$13,657
- October - \$10,243

**Funding Options**

There are two funding options for the specialist clinic in 2026:

- General operating revenue (surplus)
- COVID restart funding

For 2027 the funding options are:

- Prior year surplus
- Tax revenue
- COVID Restart funding

2028 and beyond:

- Tax revenue

## **COVID Safe Restart Funding**

As of December 31, 2025, the District has \$164,505 remaining in COVID Safe Restart funding. Although a portion of this funding is planned for IT projects over the next three years, using it for the specialist clinic in 2026 and 2027 would not affect current approved projects. Under the funding criteria, eligible uses include:

- addressing revenues shortfalls;
- facility reopening and operating costs;
- emergency planning and response costs
- bylaw enforcement and protective services like fire protection and police;
- computer and other electronic technology costs (to improve interconnectivity and virtual communications);
- services for vulnerable persons (e.g. persons living with disabilities, mental illness or addictions, persons experiencing homelessness or other vulnerabilities); and
- other related costs.

Given the broad eligibility criteria, this funding can reasonably be used to support the clinic as either an eligible operating cost or a measure that offsets revenue pressure created by the additional contribution.

## **Funding Rationale**

### ***Current year***

The expense can be accommodated within general operations as a standard transaction. No current year budget adjustment is required, though it would need to be tracked as a variance moving forward.

Staff recommends using COVID Safe Restart funding for the current year, as this allows Council to avoid relying on taxation in the immediate term.

### ***2027***

Based on the availability of the COVID Safe Restart funding, staff recommend continued use of the COVID Safe Restart funding for 2027.

The impact of using the funding is that for 2028 the IT equipment replacement plan will need to be drawn from taxation. This pushes up the replacement plan through taxation by approximately six months.

**2028**

For 2028 and beyond, the funding of this arrangement would be through tax revenue. This funding approach gives Council a practical model that limits immediate tax impacts while allowing time to evaluate the clinic's long-term value to the community.

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Prepared by:

*Original Signed by Kevin Dicken*

Acting Chief Administrative Officer

# PRESERVING LOCAL ACCESS TO SPECIALIST SERVICES IN HOPE & FRASER CANYON



**A STRONG RETURN ON INVESTMENT**

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## AN OVERVIEW OF HOPE'S SPECIALIST SERVICES

- One-of-a-kind rural program in BC
- Specialists come to patients, rather than patients going to specialists
  - Avoids costly travel and/or opting out of specialist care
- Serves patients from Hope up the Fraser Canyon
- Improves health system integration
- Avoids downstream health system costs

## SUSTAINING LOCAL SPECIALIST CARE IN HOPE

# SOME OF THE CURRENT SERVICES PROVIDED



<b>SERVICE AREA</b>	<b>PROVIDER</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>
<b>OB GYN</b>	Dr. Deacon	Monthly
<b>Pediatrics</b>	Dr. Ebesh	Monthly
<b>Orthopedics</b>	Dr. Robles	Every 2–3 months
<b>Internal Medicine</b>	Seven rotating providers	Monthly
<b>Geriatrics</b>	Dr. Chan	Monthly



## UTILIZATION AND TRAVEL SAVINGS OCT. – DEC 2025

### High Clinic Use

- **2,819** patient visits in one quarter

### Significant Travel Savings

- Patients avoided nearly **\$192,000** in travel costs during this period

### Improved Patient Outcomes

- Local access reduces care fragmentation, delays, and emergency visits

### Support for Vulnerable Populations

- Reducing travel burdens benefits vulnerable groups including those lacking transportation, Elders, and those facing mobility challenges



## THE SPECIALIST CLINIC HAS VALUE ACROSS MULTIPLE DIMENSIONS

- Patients
- Families
- Healthcare providers
- The health system
- Local economy
- Municipal and community partners

**A STRONG RETURN ON INVESTMENT**

# A MODEL BUILT ON SHARED COMMITMENT



This clinic exists today because of in-kind contributions:

- **Visiting specialists** provide care without compensation for travel time or mileage
- **Local family physicians** have historically absorbed clinic overhead costs, even though they do not practice in the space
- **Fraser Health** has contributed financially to fund the Medical Office Assistant position

# CURRENT ANNUAL CLINIC EXPENSES

Items	Expenses
Rent	\$34,196
Medical Office Assistant salary (provided in-kind by FH)	\$61,000 (paid by FH)
Insurance	\$2,334
Business license	\$135
Office supplies	\$7,602
Medical supplies	\$13,186
Janitor / cleaning	\$11,000
Shaw (phone, internet)	\$4,284
Hydro	\$1,134
Security system	\$190
Laundry	\$334
Repairs / maintenance	\$1,170
Communications (phone plan, secure fax)	\$800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$137,365</b>

# PARTNERING TO COVER SPACE AND INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORTS

- With the family doctors leaving the space, office and medical supplies will be reduced by 50% (\$10,394)
- Total annual funding required to maintain the Specialist Clinic is **\$126,971**

Partner Organizations	Amount Pledged	Notes
Fraser Health	\$61,000	Medical Office Assistant salary/benefits
First Nations Health Authority	\$15,000	Will use the space 1-2 days per week
Fraser Valley Regional District	\$10,000	
City of Hope	\$40,971 Requested	Covers the lease, insurance, phone & internet, and business license
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$126, 971</b>	



## **A SHARED, FLEXIBLE COMMITMENT**

### **This partnership to preserve HOPE SPECIALIST SERVICES is designed to:**

- Share responsibility through a collaborative solution
- Be a small, manageable investment
- Allow participation at different levels proportionate to community role
- Revisit commitments bi-annually
- Grow over time to include additional partners, sponsors, or capital funders

# REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

**REPORT DATE:** June 16, 2026

**FILE:** 1830-02

**SUBMITTED BY:** Mike Olson, Director of Finance

**MEETING DATE:** June 22, 2026

**SUBJECT:** 2025 Statement of Financial Information

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**PURPOSE:**

To approve the 2025 Statement of Financial Information.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) is a statutory requirement under the *Financial Information Act* that must be filed annually by June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Section 9 of BC reg. 371/93 states: “the Statement of Financial Information and accompanying schedules must be approved in writing by the Council and the Chief Financial Officer. In addition, a Management Report approved by the Chief Financial Officer must accompany the Statement of Financial Information.”

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council approves the 2025 Statement of Financial Information.

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Prepared by:

Approved for submission to Council:

*Original Signed by Mike Olson*  
Director of Finance

*Original Signed by Kevin Dicken*  
Acting Chief Administrative Officer



**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**(In compliance with the Public Bodies Financial Information  
Act Statutes of British Columbia, Chapter 140)**

**DISTRICT OF HOPE**  
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## **MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The Financial Statements contained in this Statement of Financial Information have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Public Sector Accounting Board ("PSAB") of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. The integrity and objectivity of these statements are management's responsibility. Management is responsible for all statements and schedules and for ensuring that this information is consistent with the information contained in the financial statements.

Further management is also responsible for implementing and maintaining a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial information is produced.

The external auditors, KPMG LLP Chartered Professional Accountants, conduct an independent examination, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and express their opinion on the financial statements. Their examination does not relate to the other schedules and statements required by the Financial Information Act. Their examination includes a review of the District's system of internal controls and appropriate tests and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements are presented fairly. The external auditors have full and fair access to the District's records.

On behalf of the District of Hope,

Mike Olson, CPA, CA  
Director of Finance

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## **2025 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Consolidated Financial Statements of

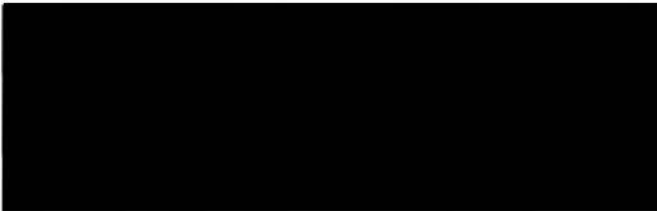
# **DISTRICT OF HOPE**

Year ended December 31, 2025

## MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The accompanying financial statements of the District of Hope (the "District") have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards ("PSAS"). Preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements is the responsibility of the District. Council ensures management fulfills its responsibility for financial reporting, budgeting, and internal controls by approving bylaws and policies, reviewing variance reports and financial statements, and having discussions with the District's auditors.

The audit firm of KPMG LLP, appointed by Council has expressed its opinion that the financial statements prepared by management fairly present, in all material respects, the financial position of the District as at December 31, 2025, and the results of the 2025 operations in accordance with PSAS. The District maintains a system of internal and administrative controls designed to provide reliable and accurate financial information and to ensure assets of the District are appropriately accounted for and adequately safeguarded. Expenditures and revenues are analyzed regularly by management and updates are provided to council on a monthly basis, and as required.



*Original Signed by Mike Olson*



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Mayor and Council of the District of Hope

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the District of Hope (the District), which comprise:

- the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2025
- the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of changes in net financial assets for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(Hereinafter referred to as the “financial statements”).

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the District as at December 31, 2025, and its consolidated results of operations and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the “***Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***” section of our auditor’s report.

We are independent of the District in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



## ***Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the District's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the District or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the District's financial reporting process.

## ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.



- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the District's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the District to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

*KPMG LLP*

Chartered Professional Accountants

Chilliwack, Canada

May 11, 2026

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Consolidated Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2025

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# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

	2025	2024
<b>Financial assets:</b>		
Cash and short term deposits (note 2)	\$ 27,335,323	\$ 14,232,905
Accounts receivable (note 3)	2,170,020	1,603,045
Portfolio investments (note 2)	11,138,894	28,448,793
Investment in government business partnership (note 4)	1,485,840	1,441,476
	42,130,077	45,726,219
<b>Financial liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 6)	4,598,333	4,084,735
Development cost charges (note 7)	2,925,150	2,904,392
Deferred revenue	2,449,951	5,068,981
Long-term debt (note 8)	2,565,281	2,838,550
Equipment financing	3,025	5,247
Asset retirement obligation (note 10)	745,941	822,276
	13,287,681	15,724,181
Net financial assets	28,842,396	30,002,038
<b>Non-financial assets:</b>		
Tangible capital assets (note 11)	46,247,126	41,231,133
Prepaid expenses and deposits	189,949	202,984
Inventories	173,603	176,298
Contingencies (note 14)		
<b>Accumulated surplus (note 12)</b>	<b>\$ 75,453,074</b>	<b>\$ 71,612,453</b>

Director of Finance *Original Signed by Mike Olson*

Mayor *Original Signed by Victor Smith*

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus

Year Ended December 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

	2025 Budget (note 17)	2025	2024
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Municipal taxation	\$ 11,287,400	\$ 11,277,363	\$ 10,729,910
Parcel taxes	229,300	229,520	228,790
Payments in lieu of taxes	295,000	418,775	327,100
Sales of services	4,957,600	5,401,749	4,505,867
Investment income	1,175,000	1,466,986	2,141,771
Government business partnership income	90,000	44,360	222,335
Rents and leases	36,000	34,189	32,933
Transfers from other governments	2,159,500	4,266,993	1,479,175
Contributions from developers	200,000	300,000	49,950
Actuarial adjustment on debenture debt	85,000	70,384	61,091
	20,514,800	23,510,319	19,778,922
<b>Expenses:</b>			
General government	2,487,750	2,450,168	2,326,566
Recreation	1,341,450	1,559,304	3,694,694
Protective services	5,075,500	5,549,603	4,480,907
Environment and public health	2,490,050	2,118,960	2,026,714
Transportation	3,131,650	2,624,479	2,534,787
Community development	1,204,400	1,138,217	937,153
Utilities	1,571,200	1,874,964	1,658,631
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	246,072
Interest	147,700	142,704	127,914
Accretion expense	-	21,021	85,226
Amortization	2,200,000	2,190,278	2,212,916
	19,649,700	19,669,698	20,331,580
Annual surplus (deficit)	865,100	3,840,621	(552,658)
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	-	71,612,453	72,165,111
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 865,100	\$ 75,453,074	\$ 71,612,453

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

## Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

	2025	2024
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ 3,840,621	\$ (552,658)
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(7,206,271)	(2,088,656)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	2,190,278	2,212,916
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	246,072
Capital assets transferred to other governments	-	1,228,272
	(5,015,993)	1,598,604
Change in inventories	2,695	327,672
Change in prepaid expenses	13,035	(10,324)
	15,730	317,348
Change in net financial assets	(1,159,642)	1,363,294
Net financial assets, beginning of year	30,002,038	28,638,744
Net financial assets, end of year	\$ 28,842,396	\$ 30,002,038

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

## Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

	2025	2024
Cash provided by (used in):		
<b>Operating activities:</b>		
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ 3,840,621	\$ (552,658)
Items not involving cash:		
Government business partnership income	(44,364)	(222,335)
Amortization on tangible capital assets	2,190,278	2,212,916
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	246,072
Capital assets transferred to other governments	-	1,228,272
Actuarial adjustment on debt	(70,384)	(61,091)
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	21,021	85,226
Change in non-cash operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(566,975)	(117,289)
Prepays	13,035	(10,324)
Inventories	2,695	327,672
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	513,598	611,424
Asset retirement obligation	(97,356)	(42,009)
Deferred revenue	(2,619,030)	1,839,004
Development cost charges	20,758	355,687
	3,203,897	5,900,567
<b>Capital activities:</b>		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(7,206,271)	(2,088,656)
<b>Investing activities:</b>		
Change in portfolio investments	17,309,899	(5,420,860)
<b>Financing activities:</b>		
Repayment of equipment financing debt	(2,222)	(2,028)
Repayment of long-term debt	(202,885)	(202,884)
	(205,107)	(204,912)
Increase (decrease) in cash	13,102,418	(1,813,861)
Cash and equivalents, beginning of year	14,232,905	16,046,766
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 27,335,323	\$ 14,232,905

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

## Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

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	2025		2024
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Supplemental cash flow information:			
Interest paid	\$ 142,704	\$	127,914
Interest received	\$ 1,466,986	\$	2,141,771

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

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## General

The District of Hope (the "District") was incorporated in 1992 under Letters Patent and operates under the authority of British Columbia Community Charter. The District's principal activities include the provision of local government services to residents of the incorporated area including administrative, protective, transportation, recreational, water, sewer, environmental health and fiscal services.

### 1. Significant accounting policies:

These financial statements are prepared using standards issued by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants.

The consolidated financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting records revenue as it is earned and measurable. Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable based upon the receipt of goods and services or the creation of an obligation to pay.

(a) Basis of presentation:

These consolidated financial statements include the operations of the operating, water, sewer, and reserve funds.

All material interfund accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

The consolidated financial statements do not include assets, liabilities or surplus of trust funds administered by the District.

(b) Cash and short-term deposits:

Cash and short-term deposits include term deposits whose maturities upon acquisition were 90 days or less.

(c) Portfolio investments:

Portfolio investments are recorded at amortized cost plus accrued interest. Discounts or premiums arising on the purchase of portfolio investments are amortized on a straight line basis over the term to maturity. If it is determined that there is a permanent impairment in the value of an investment, it is written down to net realizable value.

(d) Inventories:

Inventories consist of land held for resale and supplies and are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value.

(e) Revenue recognition:

Revenue from municipal taxation payments, grants in lieu of taxes and utility charges are recognized when the levies are billed or billable to the property owner. Revenue from sales of services are recognized when the services are provided and collection is reasonably assured. Government grants are recognized when they are

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

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## 1. Significant accounting policies: (continued)

### (e) Revenue recognition: (continued)

approved by senior governments and the conditions required to earn the grants have been completed. Development cost charges are recognized as revenue in the period the funds are expended on a development project. Development cost charges not expended are recorded as unearned revenue.

### (f) Contaminated sites:

Contaminated sites are defined as the result of contamination being introduced in air, soil, water or sediment of a chemical, organic, or radioactive material or live organism that exceeds an environmental standard.

A liability for remediation of contaminated sites is recognized, net of any expected recoveries, when all of the following criteria are met:

- a) an environmental standard exists
- b) contamination exceeds the environmental standard
- c) the organization is directly responsible or accepts responsibility for the liability
- d) future economic benefits will be given up, and
- e) a reasonable estimate of the liability can be made.

### (g) Use of estimates:

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and reported amounts of revenues and expenses at the date of the financial statements. Areas that contain estimates include assumptions used in determining the landfill post-closure liability, contingent liabilities, and estimated useful lives of tangible capital assets.

### (h) Government Business Partnership

The investment in government business partnership is accounted for using the modified equity basis.

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

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## 1. Significant accounting policies: (continued)

(i) Non-financial capital assets:

Non financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of operations.

(i) Tangible capital assets:

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost which includes amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development, or betterment of the asset. The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital assets, excluding land and landfill sites, are amortized on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

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<b>Asset</b>	<b>Useful life - years</b>
Land	Indefinite
Engineering structures	10-100
Buildings	10-75
Machinery and equipment	5-20
Water systems	10-100
Sewer systems	10-100

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Annual amortization is charged in the year of acquisition and in the year of disposal. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

(ii) Contributions of tangible capital assets:

Tangible capital assets received as contributions are recorded at their fair value at the date of receipt and also are recorded as revenue.

(iii) Natural resources:

Natural resources that have not been purchased are not recognized as assets in the financial statements.

(iv) Works of art and cultural and historic assets:

Works of art and cultural and historic assets are not recorded as assets in these financial statements.

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

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## 1. Significant accounting policies: (continued)

(i) Non-financial capital assets: (continued)

(v) Interest capitalization:

The District does not capitalize interest costs associated with the acquisition or construction of a tangible capital asset.

(vi) Leased tangible capital assets:

Leases which transfer substantially all of the benefits and risks incidental to ownership of property are accounted for as leased tangible capital assets. All other leases are accounted for as operating leases and the related payments are charged to expenses as incurred

(j) Asset retirement obligation

An asset retirement obligation is a legal obligation associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset that the District will be required to settle. The District recognizes asset retirement obligations when there is a legal obligation to incur retirements costs in relation to a tangible capital asset, the past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred, it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up, and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

Asset retirement obligations are initially measured at the best estimate of the amount required to retire a tangible capital asset at the financial statement date. The estimate of a liability includes costs directly attributable to asset retirement activities.

Asset retirement obligations are recorded as liabilities with a corresponding increase to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset. Subsequently, the asset retirement costs are allocated to expenses over the estimated remediation of the tangible capital asset. The obligation is adjusted to reflect period to period changes in the liability resulting from the passage of time and for revisions to either the timing or the amount of the original estimate of the undiscounted cash flows or the discount rate.

(k) Financial instruments

The Districts financial instruments consist of cash, short-term investments, accounts and grants receivable, accounts payable, and long-term debt. It is management's opinion that the District is not exposed to significant interest, currency, or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values.

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

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## 2. Restricted assets:

Included in cash and short-term deposits and portfolio investments are the following restricted amounts:

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	2025	2024
Cash and short term deposits	\$ 27,335,323	\$ 14,232,905
Portfolio investments	11,138,894	28,448,793
	<hr/> 38,474,217	<hr/> 42,681,698
Less restricted for:		
Statutory reserves	4,916,241	5,109,360
Deferred revenue	2,449,951	5,068,981
Development cost charges	2,925,150	2,904,392
	<hr/> 10,291,342	<hr/> 13,082,733
Funds available for operations	\$ 28,182,875	\$ 29,598,965

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# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

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### 3. Accounts receivable:

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	2025	2024
Taxes	\$ 1,071,718	\$ 755,145
Utilities	527,313	483,830
Trade accounts	304,853	233,490
Federal government	266,136	130,580
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	\$ 2,170,020	\$ 1,603,045

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### 4. Investment in Government Business Partnership

(a) Partnership

The District owns a 1/3 partnership share in the Cascade Lower Canyon Community Forest LP "CLCCF" or the "Partnership".

(b) Establishment

In 2006, the District along with Yale First Nation and the Fraser Valley Regional District established the CLCCF for the purpose of operating a community forest. The District initially invested \$10,000 for 10,000 units in the Partnership. In 2013, the Partnership acquired a license to forest up to 34,300 cubic meters of timber annually. At this time net revenues are anticipated to remain within the Partnership until such time that the CLCCF Board determines that sufficient reserves exist to fund capital needs related to forestry operations. Should the Partnership cease to exist, the District would be entitled to 1/3 of the accumulated equity.

The Partnership has a March 31 year-end. The condensed results for the year end March 31, 2025 are summarized below.

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

## 4. Investment in Government Business Partnership (continued)

CLCCF Condensed Financial Statements:

<b>Assets</b>	2025	2024
Cash	\$ 4,451,392	\$ 3,606,470
Other Current Assets	537,004	1,186,342
Tangible Capital Assets	192,801	211,404
	\$ 5,181,197	\$ 5,004,216
<b>Liabilities</b>	2025	2024
Accounts Payable	\$ 733,923	\$ 690,112
Partnership Equity	4,460,579	4,327,487
	\$ 5,194,502	\$ 5,017,599
	2025	2024
Total Revenue	\$ 3,446,902	\$ 4,577,873
Total Expenses	3,313,810	3,910,802
Net Income	\$ 133,092	\$ 667,071

## 5. Municipal finance authority reserve deposits and demand notes:

The District issues its debt instruments through the Municipal Finance Authority. As a condition of these borrowings, a portion of the debenture proceeds are withheld by the Municipal Finance Authority as a debt reserve fund. The District also executes demand notes in connection with each debenture whereby the District may be required to loan certain amounts to the Municipal Finance Authority.

The details of the cash deposits and demand notes at the year-end are as follows:

	2025	2024
General fund	\$ 122,031	\$ 120,702
Sewer fund	92,375	91,812
	\$ 214,406	\$ 212,514

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

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## 6. Accounts payable:

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	2025	2024
Security deposits and other items	\$ 1,142,737	\$ 884,442
Trade accounts	1,877,887	1,654,215
Accrued liabilities	1,221,465	1,263,697
Accrued payroll and benefits	312,745	253,726
Accrued interest	43,499	28,655
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	\$ 4,598,333	\$ 4,084,735

## 7. Development cost charges:

Development cost charges represent funds received from developers for capital infrastructure expenditures required as a result of their development projects. As these funds are expended, the liability will be reduced and the amount expended will be recorded as revenue.

Assets are not always physically segregated to meet the requirements of the restricted revenues. The liability will be settled with cash and portfolio investments.

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Notes to the Financial Statements

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## 8. Long-term debt:

The balance of the long-term debt reported on the consolidated statement of financial position is made up the following:

Purpose	By-Law	Term (Years)	Year Due	Rate	Balance Outstanding	
					2025	2024
General Fund						
Other	1288	20	2030	4.00	\$ 955,299	\$ 1,131,879
Water fund						
Water	1477	15	2038	4.97	1,609,982	1,706,671
					\$ 2,565,281	\$ 2,838,550

Future principal payments required over the next five years on issued debt are as follows:

2026	\$ 280,650
2027	290,752
2028	300,845
2029	311,481
2030	322,494
Thereafter	\$ 1,059,059

Interest on long-term debt totaled \$38,400 (2024 - \$38,400) in the General Fund, and \$89,460 (2024 - \$89,460) in the Water Fund.

## 9. Liability for Contaminated Sites

The District has determined that as of December 31, 2025, no contamination in excess of an environmental standard exists related to land not in productive use for which the District is responsible.

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## 10. Asset retirement obligation

### (a) Landfill

The District closed the Hope Landfill in September 2013. Costs related to post closure activities at the site include, gas monitoring and recovery, leachate management and treatment, closure assessment and planning and regulatory approvals.

The Hope landfill site is still expected to require care up to, and including the year 2038. A liability of \$324,257 at December 31, 2025 (2024 - \$348,836) is calculated based on the discounted estimated future cash flows associated with closure and post-closure activities. The discount rate used in 2025 was 4.16% (2024 - 4.20%). Landfill restoration costs incurred by the District in 2025 were \$24,579 (2024 - \$42,009). The District had an agreement with a private contractor to contribute in-kind the remaining closure costs in exchange for the right to fill the remaining airspace in the landfill. This contribution and related operating expenditure was recognized in 2013 when the closure activities were significantly completed.

### (b) Building and wells

The District owns and operates several assets that are known to have asbestos and lead paint, which represent a health hazard upon demolition or renovation of the assets. There is a legal obligation to remove and dispose of the hazardous materials. Following the adoption of Public Accounting Standard PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations, the District recognized an obligation relating to the removal of the hazardous materials in these assets as estimated at January 1, 2023. The transition and recognition of asset retirement obligations involved an accompanying increase to the Buildings and Water system capital assets. The increase in capital assets is amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining expected useful life of the related assets.

The District has adopted this standard prospectively. Under the prospective method, the discount rate and assumptions used on initial recognition are those as of the date of adoption of the standard. Estimated costs totaling \$370,497 have been discounted using a present value calculation with a discount rate of 4.94% (2024 - 4.44%) for buildings and 4.94% (2024 - 4.44%) for well infrastructure. The timing of these expenditures is estimated to occur between 2026 and 2079 with the regular replacement, renovation, or disposal of assets. No recoveries are expected at this time.

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Liability, beginning of year	\$ 822,276	\$ 779,059
Remeasurement adjustment	(47,777)	-
Remediation costs	(25,000)	-
Increase due to accretion	21,021	85,226
Reduction to landfill liability for costs incurred	(24,579)	(42,009)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 745,941</b>	<b>\$ 822,276</b>

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## 11. Tangible capital assets:

Cost	Balance December 31, 2024	Transfers/ Additions	Transfers/ Disposals	Balance December 31, 2025
Engineering structures	\$ 41,050,700	\$ 2,634,479	\$ -	\$ 43,685,179
Buildings	3,689,347	18,998	-	3,708,345
Machinery and equipment	10,009,705	1,578,287	-	11,587,992
Land	3,416,273	-	-	3,416,273
Sewer systems	16,714,387	1,375,046	-	18,089,433
Water systems	13,478,816	101,156	-	13,579,972
Work in progress	1,474,844	2,417,190	(918,885)	2,973,149
	\$ 89,834,072	\$ 8,125,156	\$ (918,885)	\$ 97,040,343

Accumulated amortization	Balance December 31, 2024	Amortization	Disposals	Balance December 31, 2025
Engineering structures	\$ 24,059,359	\$ 896,874	\$ -	\$ 24,956,233
Buildings	2,010,976	201,838	-	2,212,814
Machinery and equipment	6,284,209	474,112	-	6,758,321
Sewer systems	8,986,822	375,584	-	9,362,406
Water systems	7,261,573	241,870	-	7,503,443
	\$ 48,602,939	\$ 2,190,278	\$ -	\$ 50,793,217

	Net book value December 31, 2024	Net book value December 31, 2025
Engineering structures	\$ 16,991,340	\$ 18,728,946
Buildings	1,678,372	1,495,531
Machinery and equipment	3,725,496	4,829,671
Land	3,416,273	3,416,273
Sewer systems	7,727,565	8,727,027
Water systems	6,217,243	6,076,529
Work in progress	1,474,844	2,973,149
	\$ 41,231,133	\$ 46,247,126

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## 12. Financial equity - current fund:

	2025	2024
Unappropriated:		
Operating	\$ 8,296,179	\$ 12,219,143
Non-Statutory reserves:		
Accessibility initiatives reserve	8,218	7,960
Community events reserve	14,914	14,445
Community development regulatory reserve	47,707	46,206
Coquihalla Campground Reserve	150,970	131,413
Fire department reserve	969,763	870,101
Future capital expenditures reserve	5,623,414	6,520,654
Infrastructure replacement reserve	6,342,317	6,903,523
Water reserve	1,770,516	1,685,480
Sewer reserve	458,769	497,845
Assessment appeals reserve	42,604	41,263
	15,429,192	16,718,890
Statutory reserves and restricted funds:		
Parkland acquisition reserve	530,999	514,280
Landfill reserve	875,121	847,568
Land for development reserve	213,550	206,827
Growing Communities reserve	2,866,838	3,124,482
Bridge unexpended funds reserve	429,733	416,203
	4,916,241	5,109,360
Total financial equity	28,641,612	34,047,393
Equity in tangible capital assets	46,811,462	37,565,060
Accumulated surplus	\$ 75,453,074	\$ 71,612,453

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## 13. Collections for other governments:

The District collects and remits taxes on behalf of other government jurisdictions as follows:

	2025	2024
Tax Collected - School Tax	\$ 5,618,892	\$ 5,321,044
Tax Collected - FVRD	2,487,240	2,358,063
Tax Collected - Regional Hospital	336,930	285,663
Tax Collected - BC Assessment	149,094	139,689
Tax Collected - MFA	670	642
	<u>\$ 8,592,826</u>	<u>\$ 8,105,101</u>

## 14. Contingencies:

- (a) Debt held by the Fraser Valley Regional District is, pursuant to the Local Government Act, a direct joint and several liability of each member municipality within the regional district, including the District.
- (b) Monitoring of leachates in the landfill is required for 25 years subsequent to the closure. Any potential costs arising from future issues will be the responsibility of the District.
- (c) The District is currently engaged in certain legal actions. The District has accrued for claims for which the amounts are known or can be reasonably estimated. The outcome of other claims is indeterminable at this time. Accordingly, no provision has been made in the accounts for these actions.
- (d) The District and its employees contribute to the Municipal Pension Plan (Plan) a jointly trusted pension plan. The Board of Trustees, representing plan members and employers, is responsible for administering the plan, including investment of the assets and administration of benefits. The Plan is a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. Basic pension benefits are based on a formula. As at December 31, 2024, the Plan has about 273,000 active members and approximately 133,000 retired members. Active members include approximately 47,000 contributors from local governments.

Every three years, an actuarial valuation is performed to assess the financial position of the Plan and adequacy of plan funding. The actuary determines an appropriate combined employer and member contribution rate to fund the Plan. The actuary's calculated contribution rate is based on the entry-age normal cost method, which produces the long-term rate of member and employer contributions sufficient to provide benefits for average future entrants to the Plan. This rate may be adjusted for the amortization of any actuarial funding surplus and will be adjusted for the amortization of any unfunded actuarial liability.

The most recent valuation for the Municipal Pension Plan as of December 31, 2024, indicated a \$2.675 million funding surplus for basic pension benefits on a going concern basis.

The District paid \$414,986 (2024 - \$380,841) for employer contributions to the Plan in fiscal 2025.

The next valuation will be as at December 31, 2027.

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## 14. Contingencies: (continued)

Employers participating in the Plan record their pension expense as the amount of employer contributions made during the fiscal year (defined contribution pension plan accounting). This is because the Plan records accrued liabilities and accrued assets for the Plan in aggregate, resulting in no consistent and reliable basis for allocating the obligation, assets and cost to individual employers participating in the Plan.

## 15. Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities:

The fair value of the District's cash and short term deposits, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate their carrying amounts due to the immediate or short term maturity of these financial instruments.

The fair value of portfolio investments at December 31, 2025 was \$23,271,355 (2024 - \$28,448,793).

The fair value of the long-term debt and obligations under capital lease approximate their book value as the interest rates represent borrowing rates for loans under similar terms and maturities.

## 16. Contractual Rights

The District has entered into contracts for various property rentals and service agreements, and is scheduled to receive the following amounts under those contracts.

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2026	\$	239,467
2027		245,709
2028		251,968
2029		258,428
2030		243,902

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## 17. Budget figures:

The financial statements have included the Annual budget as approved by Council. The following is a reconciliation of the budget presentation required for the financial statements and the annual financial plan bylaw:

	2025
Annual surplus from statement of operations	\$ 865,100
Amortization of capital assets	2,200,000
Capital expenditures	(10,521,000)
Transfers from surplus	1,070,000
Proceeds from grant financing	5,844,200
Reserves used for capital financing	2,511,000
Contributions to reserves	(1,767,000)
Principal repayment of debt	(202,300)
<b>Net annual budget</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

## 18. Perpetual Cemetery Care Trust:

The District operates a cemetery in accordance with the Cemetery and Funeral Services Act. The District is required to maintain a trust fund which is not included in these financial statements.

The asset and equity of the Perpetual Cemetery Care Trust are as follows:

	2025	2024
Cash and Deposits	\$ 172,690	\$ 158,665

	2025	2024
Equity balance, beginning of the year	\$ 158,665	\$ 146,185
Transfer from operating	8,805	5,065
Interest	5,164	7,415
<b>Equity, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 172,634</b>	<b>\$ 158,665</b>

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## 19. Financial risks

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates, will affect the District's income. The District's cash and portfolio investments include amounts on deposit with financial institutions that earn interest at market rates. The District manages its cash by maximizing the interest income earned on excess funds while maintaining the liquidity necessary to conduct operations on a day-to-day basis. Fluctuations in market rates of interest would not have a significant effect on the District's income.

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. Management does not believe that the District is exposed to significant credit risk.

There has been no change to the risk exposures outlined above from 2024.

## 20. Segmented information:

The District is a diversified municipal government institution that provides a wide range of services to its citizens. For management reporting purposes, the local government's operations and activities are organized and reported by service areas. Service areas were created for the purpose of recording specific activities to attain certain objectives in accordance with Council policies and District's bylaws. The service areas are as follows:

### General Government Services

General government services include activities associated with Mayor and Council administration, bylaw review and adoption, financial management, and information systems, economic development and corporate services, including human resources.

### Protective Services

Protective services include activities associated with community safety. These services include local policing, fire protection, bylaw enforcement and emergency services.

### Transportation Services

A component of Public Works department is transportation services. Transportation services include activities associated with roads and drainage networks. Services include traffic services, street lighting, public works administration, fleet operations, winter maintenance, and maintenance and improvements to roads, shoulders, sidewalks, drainage, storm sewers and dykes.

### Environmental Health Services

Environmental development services include all activities associated with waste management, landfill operations, transfer stations and cemetery operations.

### Community Development Services

Community Development services include development activities associated with planning and zoning and building inspections.

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## 20. Segmented information: (continued)

### Recreation and Culture Services

Recreation and Cultural services include activities associated with operations of parks, recreation and cultural services. Activities also include grants-in-aid, library operations, tourism and minor building maintenance services.

### Utilities: Water and Sewer Services

Water and sewer services include all activities associated with water and sanitary sewer operations. Items include maintenance and enhancements of the water supply system, water pump stations, water distribution systems, hydrants, sanitary sewer collection system, sewer lift stations and sewer treatment and disposal.

Segmented information has been identified based upon lines of service provided by the District. District services are provided by departments and their activities are reported by functional area in the body of the financial statements.

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## Segmented Reporting Note

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Recreation and Culture	Protective Services	Transportation	Environmental Health	Community Development	Utilities - Water & Sewer	General Government	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>Revenues</b>									
Municipal taxation	\$ -	\$ 3,142,115	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,135,248	\$11,277,363	\$ 10,729,910
Parcel taxes	-	-	-	-	-	229,520	-	229,520	228,790
Payments in lieu of taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	418,775	418,775	327,100
Sales of services	152,521	153,101	2,876	2,262,824	362,956	1,944,692	522,779	5,401,749	4,505,867
Investment income	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,466,986	1,466,986	2,141,771
Government business partnership income	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,360	44,360	222,335
Rents and leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,189	34,189	32,933
Transfers from other governments	25,000	147,050	2,740	-	-	-	4,092,203	4,266,993	1,479,175
Actuarial adjustment on debenture debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,384	70,384	61,091
Contributions from developers	-	-	-	-	-	300,000	-	300,000	49,950
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>177,521</b>	<b>3,442,266</b>	<b>5,616</b>	<b>2,262,824</b>	<b>362,956</b>	<b>2,474,212</b>	<b>14,784,924</b>	<b>23,510,319</b>	<b>19,778,922</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>									
Salaries and benefits	397,838	1,576,151	1,227,695	85,115	663,913	594,357	1,713,580	6,258,649	5,639,044
Insurance and claims	9,712	13,840	91,226	337	-	44,911	103,011	263,037	279,763
Office and administration	531,483	3,599,850	162,333	1,970,227	474,304	42,994	567,493	7,348,684	6,499,423
Repair and maintenance	599,961	338,351	1,104,964	52,604	-	971,002	43,411	3,110,293	2,507,724
Government transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,278,272
Utilities	20,310	21,411	38,261	10,677	-	221,700	22,673	335,032	455,226
<b>Total Expense, before interest and amortization</b>	<b>1,559,304</b>	<b>5,549,603</b>	<b>2,624,479</b>	<b>2,118,960</b>	<b>1,138,217</b>	<b>1,874,964</b>	<b>2,450,168</b>	<b>17,315,695</b>	<b>17,659,452</b>
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	246,072
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	89,460	53,244	142,704	127,914
Accretion expense	-	-	-	15,686	-	5,335	-	21,021	85,226
Amortization	-	-	-	1,572,824	-	617,454	-	2,190,278	2,212,916
<b>Net operating revenues(expenses)</b>	<b>\$ (1,381,783)</b>	<b>\$ (2,107,337)</b>	<b>\$ (2,618,863)</b>	<b>\$ (1,444,646)</b>	<b>\$ (775,261)</b>	<b>\$ (113,001)</b>	<b>\$ 12,281,512</b>	<b>\$ 3,840,621</b>	<b>\$ (552,658)</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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## Schedule 1 - COVID-19 Safe Restart Grants for Local Governments

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

In November 2020 the District of Hope was the recipient of a \$1,833,000 grant under the COVID-19 Safe Restart for Local Governments program from the Province of BC.

	2025	2024
<b>COVID Reserve, beginning of year</b>	853,643	\$ 906,612
Information technology	-	34,713
Public works infrastructure	707,725	-
Fire department	15,495	18,256
Interest income	(34,082)	-
<b>Net expenditures through the year</b>	689,138	52,969
<b>COVID reserve, end of year</b>	164,505	\$ 853,643

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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## Schedule 2 - Growing Communities Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

In 2023, the District of Hope was the recipient of a \$2,874,000 grant under the Growing Community Fund for Local Governments program from the Province of BC.

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Opening balance	\$ 3,124,482	\$ 2,950,846
Interest received	137,910	173,636
Sewer infrastructure	(166,797)	-
Public works infrastructure	(228,758)	-
	<b>\$ 2,866,837</b>	<b>\$ 3,124,482</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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## **SCHEDULE OF DEBTS - December 31, 2025**

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, Section 4

### **Schedule of Debenture Debt - December 31, 2025**

<b>Bylaw</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Term (Years)</b>	<b>Year Due</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Balance Outstanding</b>
1288	Other	20	2030	4.00	955,299
1477	Water	15	2038	4.97	<u>1,609,982</u>
					<u>\$ 2,565,281</u>

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## **SCHEDULE OF GUARANTEE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS**

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, Section 5

Information on all guarantees and indemnities for the District of Hope is included in Note 17 to the Financial Statements.

## Schedule of Remuneration and Expenses

For the Year Ending December 31, 2025

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, subsection 6(2)

Regulations require the District of Hope to report the total amount of remuneration for each employee that exceeds \$75,000 in the year reported. However, certain exceptions have been noted below:

### 1. Elected Officials, Employees appointed by Cabinet and Members of the Board of Directors

Name	Position	Remuneration	Expenses
Graham, Bonny	Councillor	12,832.00	3,659.64
Medlock, Scott N.	Councillor	20,852.00	3,733.04
Newbigging, Pauline	Councillor	20,852.00	-
Skoglund, Angela	Councillor	20,852.00	-
Smith, Dustin	Councillor	20,852.00	-
Smith, Victor A	Mayor	36,799.10	9,971.47
Stewin, Heather	Councillor	20,852.00	487.95
Wells, Zachary	Councillor	2,406.00	-
<b>Total Elected Officials</b>		<b>\$ 143,465.10</b>	<b>\$ 17,852.10</b>

### 2. Other Employees

Name	Remuneration	Expenses
Bellingham, Donna	146,156.97	1,506.50
Beukens, Robin	134,805.97	4,161.00
Blackett, Melanie J.	79,521.59	1,048.63
Blackwell, Ross E.	106,133.74	1,931.09
Blake, Scott	93,157.23	2,979.37
Cameron, Thomas K	131,539.25	7,630.05
Clarke, Bobby	115,217.63	4,632.10
Cline, Duncan H.	84,906.62	1,682.51
Del Degan, Kevin	96,632.04	4,417.30
Dicken, Kevin	156,836.32	4,559.06
Felker, Joel A	75,356.99	2,219.01
Flynn, Caleigh	94,817.86	14,608.97
Fortoloczky, John	202,882.33	10,161.11
Glasson, Stephen	120,006.93	4,269.58
Goglin, Linda	101,121.44	3,713.76
Hick, David	95,317.86	8,240.26
Howard, Mark E	79,764.58	4,645.77
Laport, Danielle	77,217.76	31.47
Leboe, Jason	82,912.45	6,016.08
Lepitre, Donald R	117,688.76	691.53
Lothian, Nolan	94,817.86	12,152.79
McMillan, Dan J	95,176.73	920.59
Morgan, Branden R	98,968.89	1,105.14
Olson, Michael	155,698.39	5,314.52
Padgett, Ineke	83,545.16	5,031.36
Parr, Christian	92,183.90	1,197.57
Westcott, Joshua	102,405.97	9,980.47
<b>Total over \$75,000 remuneration</b>	<b>\$ 2,914,791.22</b>	<b>\$ 124,847.59</b>

<b>Consolidated total under \$75,000 remuneration</b>	<b>\$ 1,824,581.55</b>	<b>\$ 41,917.00</b>
<b>Consolidated total of all Employees</b>	<b>\$ 4,739,372.77</b>	<b>\$ 184,616.69</b>

### 3. Reconciliation

Total Remuneration - elected officials	\$ 143,465.10	
Total Remuneration - other employees	4,739,372.77	
<b>Subtotal (Per T4 Summaries RP0001 &amp; RP0002)</b>	<b>\$ 4,882,837.87</b>	
Other: fringe benefits, accruals	\$ 1,375,811.13	
<b>Total per Statement of Revenue and Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 6,258,649.00</b>	

#### Reconciliation fo Remuneration to the Financial Statements

The schedules of remuneration are based on actual payments made during 2025. This figure differs significantly from the expenses recorded in the financial statements which are reported on an accrual basis and include all wages and benefits.

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## **Schedule of Remuneration and Expenses - con't**

**For the Year Ending December 31, 2025**

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, subsection 6(6)

Regulations require the District of Hope to report the total employer portion of CPP & EI paid to the Receiver General for Canada

CPP \$	209,388.48
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EI \$	71,634.33
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## **Statement of Severance Agreements**

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1,  
subsection 6(7)

There were no severance agreements under which payment commenced  
between District of Hope and its non-unionized employees during fiscal  
year 2025.

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## **Schedule of Suppliers of Goods and Services**

For the Year Ending December 31, 2025

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, subsection 7(1)

### **1. Alphabetical list of suppliers who received aggregate payments exceeding \$25,000**

<b>Supplier Name</b>		<b>Amount</b>
1361011 BC Ltd	\$	91,585
604 Traffic Control Ltd	\$	29,506
Aardvark Pavement Marking Services	\$	62,406
Alumichem Canada Inc	\$	157,444
A-Mais Technologies Inc.	\$	33,445
Amazon.com.ca Inc	\$	26,304
Amrize Canada Inc	\$	34,313
Anser Power Systems	\$	39,988
BC Hydro	\$	411,439
Bell Mobility Inc.	\$	38,959
Black Press Group Ltd.	\$	26,902
Brogan Fire and Safety	\$	114,582
Calian Ltd	\$	29,981
Canyon Automotive Ltd.	\$	32,497
Coastal Mountain Fuels	\$	115,863
Decker Diana	\$	57,831
Ebbwater Consulting Inc	\$	36,969
Ecowise Tree Care	\$	32,897
Elite Asbestos Removal Ltd	\$	26,250
Emco Corporation	\$	116,997
Employer Health Tax	\$	94,859
Empyryon Technologies Inc.	\$	118,232
Exceed Electrical Engineering Ltd	\$	42,560
Finning Canada	\$	25,146
Flowsystems Distribution Inc	\$	57,629
Fort Garry Fire Trucks Ltd	\$	493,602
Fortin's Supply Ltd	\$	67,081
Fortis BC-Natural Gas	\$	31,358
Fortune Midtown Real Estate Ltd	\$	63,559
Fraser Valley Regional Library	\$	443,397
Gardner Chevrolet Pontiac Buick GMC Ltd	\$	71,282
Hoots Bicycle Accessories Ltd	\$	29,746
Hope Business And Development Society	\$	358,005
Hope Communities in Bloom	\$	30,281
Hope Mountain Centre For Outdoor	\$	40,950
Insurance Corporation Of BC	\$	55,431
Jake's Construction Ltd.	\$	1,397,847
Kan-Arm Contracting Ltd	\$	64,685
Kemano Construction Ltd	\$	983,895
KPMG LLP T4348	\$	45,611
L. B. J. Services Ltd	\$	59,724
Lacas Consultants Inc.	\$	74,295

Lidstone & Company	\$	25,668
Linterra Aggregates Ltd	\$	48,575
Loewen Paving	\$	40,425
Mechanical Advantage Industries Ltd	\$	30,101
Minister Of Finance	\$	154,172
Mt. Hope Electric	\$	59,050
Municipal Insurance Association Of BC	\$	212,960
No BS Construction Group Inc	\$	118,162
Prairiecoast Equipment	\$	86,172
Receiver General R.C.M.P.	\$	3,724,487
Robin's Eye View Consulting Inc	\$	25,191
Rocky Mountain Phoenix	\$	36,568
Roper Greyell LLP	\$	70,977
Seal Tec Industries Ltd	\$	50,779
Silver Skagit Mechanical	\$	26,055
Spectre Utilities Inc	\$	36,983
Sperling Hansen Associates	\$	41,686
Stantec Consulting Ltd.	\$	256,602
Sylvis Environmental Services Inc	\$	442,985
Telus	\$	27,446
Terraforma Developments Ltd	\$	52,662
Timbro Contracting	\$	2,547,310
Top Notch Roofing Inc	\$	29,690
Tri-West Group Enterprises Ltd	\$	28,595
True Consulting Ltd	\$	557,311
Uline Canada Corporation	\$	77,875
Universal Contracting	\$	94,933
Valley Waste & Recycling Inc	\$	1,974,707
Vertec Transport Ltd	\$	42,584
Wasp Manufacturing Ltd	\$	62,657
WFR Wholesale Fire & Rescue Ltd	\$	31,991
Worksafe BC	\$	151,602
<b>Total of aggregate payments exceeding \$25,000 paid to suppliers</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,332,295</b>
Total of payments to suppliers under \$25,000	\$	1,552,167
<b>Total Payments for the Provision of Goods &amp; Services</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>18,884,462</b>
Total per Statement of Revenue and Expenditures	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,669,698</b>

#### Reconciliation of Payments to Suppliers to the Financial Statements

The schedule of payments to suppliers is reported on a cash basis and therefore the total will differ significantly from the expenses in the consolidated financial statements which are reported on an accrual basis resulting in timing differences.

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## Schedule of Approved District Grants

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, subsection 7(2)(b) regulations require the District of Hope to report a statement of payments for the purposes of grants or contributions.

<b>Non-profit Organization</b>	<b>Approved (\$)</b>
Hope & District Arts Council	5,000.00
Hope Care Transit Society	5,000.00
Hope Community Choir	600.00
Hope Running Club	800.00
Hope Crime Prevention Society	5,000.00
Mount Hope Senior Citizens' Housing Society	2,000.00
	<b>\$ 18,400.00</b>
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<b>Total Grants for 2025</b>	<b>\$ 18,400.00</b>

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## **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION APPROVAL**

The undersigned, as authorized by the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, subsection 9(2), approves all the statements and schedules included in this Statement of Financial Information, produced under the *Financial Information Act*.

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Mayor, District of Hope

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Director of Finance



# REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

**REPORT DATE:** June 17, 2026

**FILE:** 640-20

**SUBMITTED BY:** Mike Olson, Director of Finance

**MEETING DATE:** June 22, 2026

**SUBJECT:** District of Hope 2025 Annual Report

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**PURPOSE:**

To approve the 2025 Annual Report.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council approves the District of Hope 2025 Annual Report.

**ANALYSIS:**

Section 98 and 99 of the Community Charter requires that an annual report be considered by Council at a council or other public meeting. The report was made available to the public on June 8, 2026 for public inspection. The report is to be approved by Council by June 22, 2026.

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Prepared by:

Approved for submission to Council:

*Original Signed by Mike Olson*  
**Director of Finance**

*Original Signed by Kevin Dicken*  
**Acting Chief Administrative Officer**

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

District of Hope,  
British Columbia

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2025

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# **2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

**For the 2025 Fiscal Year  
(Ended Dec. 31, 2025)**

**Prepared by the District of Hope  
Financial Services, Community  
Development, Operations, Corporate  
Services & Fire Department.**

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Hope, B.C.**

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# INTRODUCTORY SECTION



# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Situated at the eastern gateway to the Fraser Valley, Hope offers a unique blend of small-town charm and natural beauty. Surrounded by mountains, rivers, and forests, the community provides a peaceful lifestyle while remaining accessible to the Lower Mainland. With relatively affordable housing and endless outdoor recreation—from hiking and cycling to fishing and camping—Hope continues to be an attractive place to call home.

Equally defining is Hope's strong sense of community. Residents come together year-round to celebrate beloved local events such as Hope Brigade Days, the Hope Classic Car Show, and Mini Stock Derbies, reflecting the town's welcoming spirit and deep community pride.

# GUIDING PRINCIPALS

At the District of Hope, our work is guided by a shared commitment to excellence, accountability, and inclusivity. These principles shape our decisions, strengthen our community, and support a vibrant future for everyone who calls Hope home.

**Communication** – We keep residents informed about what we do and why, continue to build transparency, trust, and meaningful connection with our community.

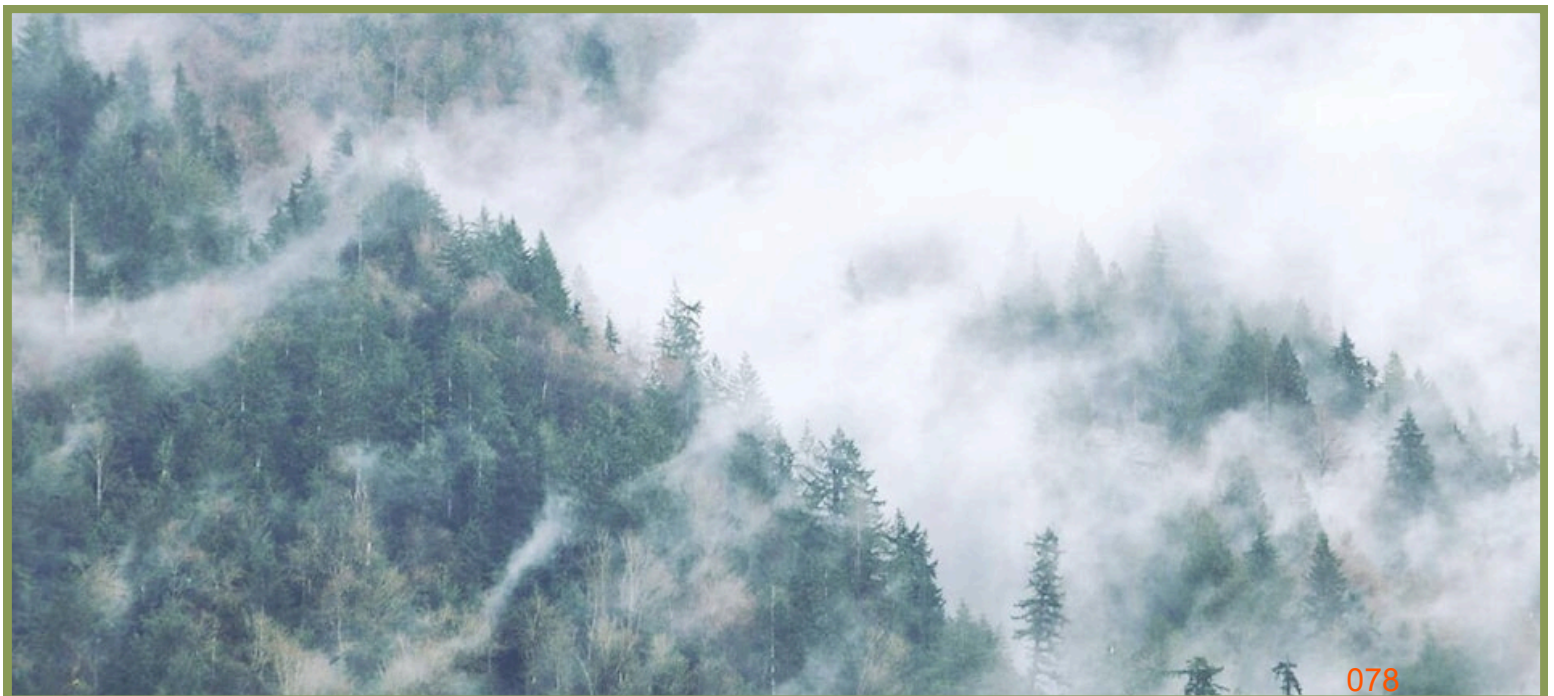
**Inclusion** – We are committed to listening to diverse perspectives and ensuring our programs, services, and spaces are welcoming and accessible to all.

**Environmental Responsibility** – We recognize the importance of protecting the natural environment that surrounds us and consider sustainability in our decisions and actions.

**Forward Thinking** – We embrace innovation and thoughtful planning, making bold decisions today that support the long-term wellbeing of our community.

**Financial Sensitivity** – We respect the financial realities faced by residents and businesses and strive to make responsible, balanced decisions with public resources.

Together, these principles guide our vision of Hope as a progressive, connected, and resilient mountain community... where people, nature, and opportunity continue to thrive.



# INITIATIVE SUMMARY



Each project listed below aligns with the District’s strategic priorities and is supported through targeted funding, partnerships, and careful planning. The table highlights progress made throughout the year, along with anticipated timelines, key milestones, and any adjustments to scope or scheduling.

## 2025 Community Services Objectives and Progress Measures

Objectives	Strategies	Measures
<b>Othello Road Stabilization Project</b>	Phased approach. \$1.67 M grant received.	To be completed 2025.
<b>Station House Project</b>	Relocate or demolish Station House.	Building moved Feb 2024. Development in progress (2026).
<b>Paving Program</b>	Follow Paving Management Plan.	Planning for 2025; spot repairs & maintenance underway.
<b>Transportation Master Plan</b>	\$50 K grant received; project started.	Delayed to 2025.
<b>Richmond Hill Pathway Project</b>	\$1 M grant secured; design underway.	Completion late 2025.
<b>Water Utility Borrowing Bylaw</b>	\$1.56 M grant applied to 753 Water System.	Public assent completed 2023.
<b>Homelessness Response</b>	BC Housing advancing transition proposal.	New site confirmed; build underway for 2025/26.
<b>Facilities Master Plan</b>	Consultant to draft long-term plan.	RFP in progress. Delayed to 2025.
<b>Flood Recovery</b>	\$2.5 M provincial grant for design.	Ongoing Glenhalla Dyke repairs complete 2024.
<b>Flood Recovery Planning</b>	\$500 K grant for regional plan.	Delayed to 2026 (data updates required).

# COUNCIL MEMBERS





# A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

## Victor Smith

The District of Hope has made steady progress in advancing its strategic priorities while maintaining a strong commitment to responsible growth, infrastructure investment, and sound financial management. Over the past year, Council has remained focused on balancing the needs of our community with the long-term sustainability of our services, ensuring that we continue to deliver value while preparing for future demands.

Progress continued on key infrastructure and asset management initiatives, with ongoing investment in roads, utilities, and critical capital projects. These investments are essential to addressing long-standing infrastructure deficits and maintaining reliable service delivery. At the same time, the District has continued to strengthen its approach to long-term planning, recognizing that proactive asset management and sustainable funding strategies are critical to supporting growth and maintaining service levels over time. You will also have seen further improvements in how we communicate and engage with the community, as we continue to prioritize transparency and accessibility in local government.

Emergency management remains a central focus for Council. As provincial expectations evolve and climate-related risks increase, the District has taken further steps to strengthen our preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities. This includes advancing flood hazard and mitigation planning, expanding FireSmart initiatives, and improving coordination with regional and provincial partners. These efforts are not short-term in nature; they represent an ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and resilience of our community in the face of changing conditions.

Council also continues to prioritize First Nations relations and partnerships. Building on the Protocol Agreement with Chawathil First Nation, we have worked to strengthen relationships through respectful dialogue, collaboration, and shared understanding. These partnerships are foundational to the future of our community, and we remain committed to advancing reconciliation in a meaningful and practical way through continued engagement and cooperation with First Nations in our region.

Financial management has remained a guiding principle in all of Council's decisions. We continue to take a disciplined and measured approach, carefully considering the financial impacts on residents and businesses while ensuring that necessary investments in infrastructure and services are made. Maintaining this balance requires focus and prioritization, and Council remains committed to delivering on its strategic objectives while safeguarding the District's long-term financial health.

The past year has also been marked by continued community pride and engagement. Local events, volunteer initiatives, and community-led projects continue to play an important role in shaping the character and vibrancy of Hope. These contributions strengthen our sense of connection and make Hope a welcoming place to live, work, and visit.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the many volunteers, community organizations, and District staff whose dedication and hard work make a meaningful difference every day. Their continued commitment supports the delivery of services, enhances community well-being, and contributes directly to the quality of life we all enjoy.

As we look ahead, Council remains focused on delivering on its strategic priorities, strengthening our infrastructure, enhancing emergency preparedness, and continuing to build strong and respectful relationships throughout our region. We will continue to approach decision-making with care, transparency, and accountability as we work toward a resilient and sustainable future for the District of Hope.

On behalf of Council, thank you to our residents and businesses for your continued support and engagement. Together, we will continue to build a strong, connected, and forward-looking community.

Mayor, Victor Smith **082**

# ELECTED OFFICIALS



## Pauline Newbigging

**Elected:** 2022 - present

**Committees:** Hope Chamber of Commerce, Fraser Valley Regional Library, Tillicum Board (Secretary) & Cariboo Place Strata Board.

**Notable:** Pro Shop Manager at the Hope Golf & Country Club and organizer of the annual *Fundraiser on the Fraser* community fundraiser.

## Scott Medlock



**Elected:** 2008 - present

**Committees:** Director on AdvantageHOPE, alternate to the Mayor for the FVRD board & the Hospital board, Hope Lion's Club, Vice Chair of Community Futures Sun Country.

**Notable:** Served 16 years as a volunteer firefighter and remains active with the Hope Motorsports Group. The longest-serving member of Council, serving the community since 2008.



## Angela Skoglund

**Elected:** 2022 - present

**Committees:** Hope & District Ratepayers Association, Accessibility Committee, District Representative to the Hope & District Arts Council.

**Notable:** A long-time Hope resident of over 40 years who remains actively involved in local community groups while working as Assistant Manager at the Hope Kal Tire.

# ELECTED OFFICIALS



## Heather Stewin

**Elected:** 2014 - present

**Committees:** The Hope Inclusion Project, The Municipal Insurance Association as a delegate, Liaison to Purple Light Nights.

**Notable:** Previously served as Council Liaison to the Golden Agees Society from 2014 to 2023.

## Dusty Smith



**Elected:** 2014 - 2022 + 2024 - present

**Committees:** Former President of Hope Brigade Days (2014 - 2017), Communities in Bloom.

**Notable:** Former owner of Silver Skagit Mechanical and Hope Minor Hockey coach. Currently restoring and working on hot rods.



## Bonny Graham

**Elected:** 2025 - present

**Committees:** Accessibility Committee, Hope & District Arts Council Board, AdvantageHOPE Board.

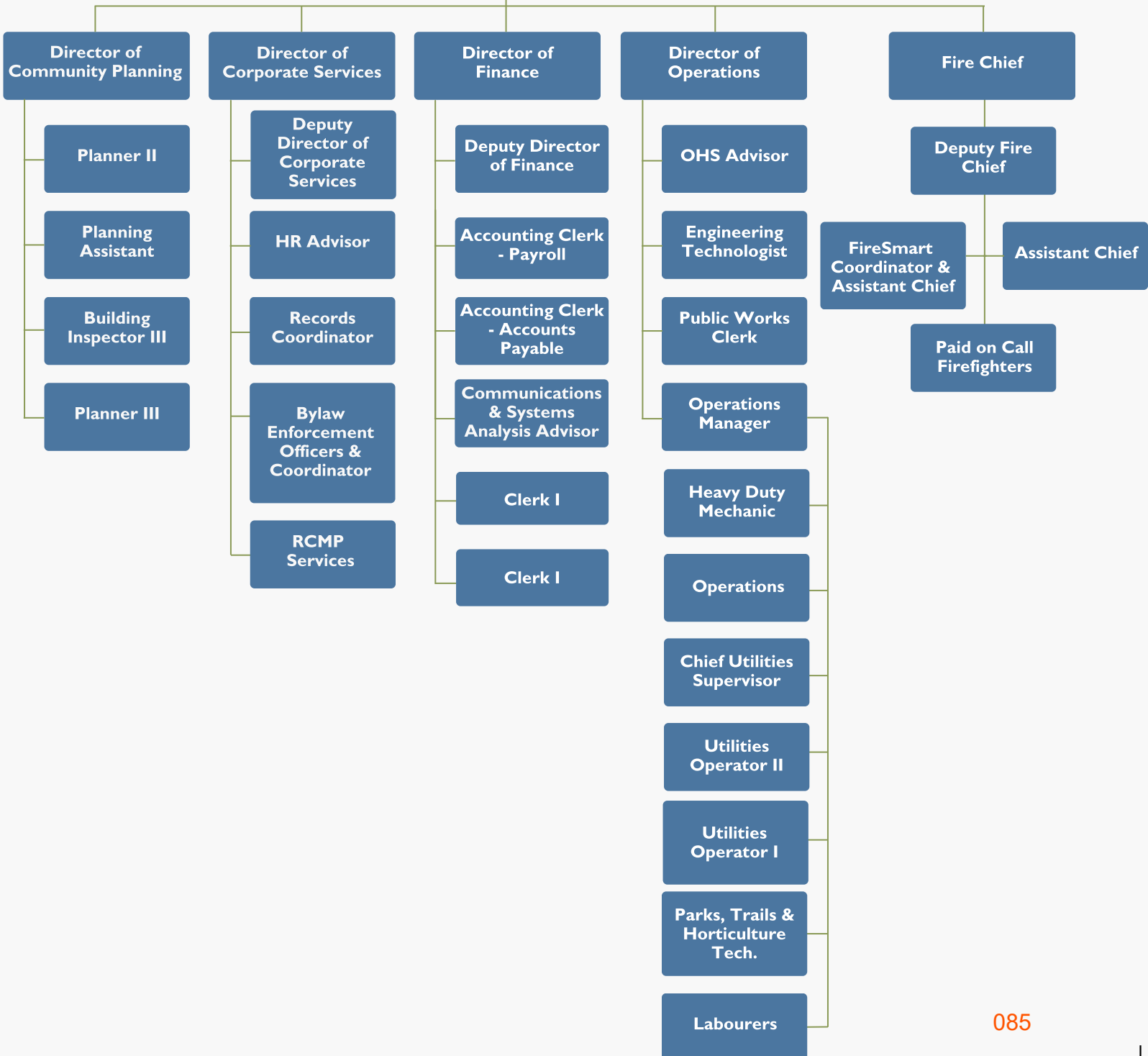
**Notable:** Stó:lō Tourism Coordinator and professional graphic designer and artist who creates Indigenous public art, logos, custom fonts, and design work featuring the Halq'eméylem language.

# CORPORATE STRUCTURE

Mayor & Council

Council Committees

Chief Administrative Officer



# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**Community Development** continued to play a key role in shaping thoughtful growth across the District of Hope in 2025, balancing long-term planning priorities with day-to-day development activity, regulatory updates, and evolving community needs. The department supports responsible land use, development review, policy implementation, and strategic planning initiatives that help guide Hope's future.

A major milestone this year was the advancement of the District's updated **Official Community Plan** (OCP), a foundational document that will help guide land use, housing, infrastructure, environmental stewardship, and community development decisions for years to come. Shaped through months of engagement with residents, stakeholders, and local First Nations, the updated OCP reflects evolving community priorities, legislative requirements, and future growth opportunities. Hope's Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw 1617, 2025 was formally adopted in early 2026.

Several additional regulatory improvements were also completed to support clearer, more efficient development processes. New short-term rental regulations were established, updated development application fees were introduced to simplify payment processes and better reflect administrative costs, and the Application Procedures Bylaw was updated to improve clarity and consistency for applicants.

By balancing growth with sustainability and community values, Community Development supports Council and senior leadership in making informed decisions that shape the future of the District of Hope.



In 2025, the District of Hope's Planning Department processed a total of **34 land development applications**, reflecting ongoing development interest and continued community investment.

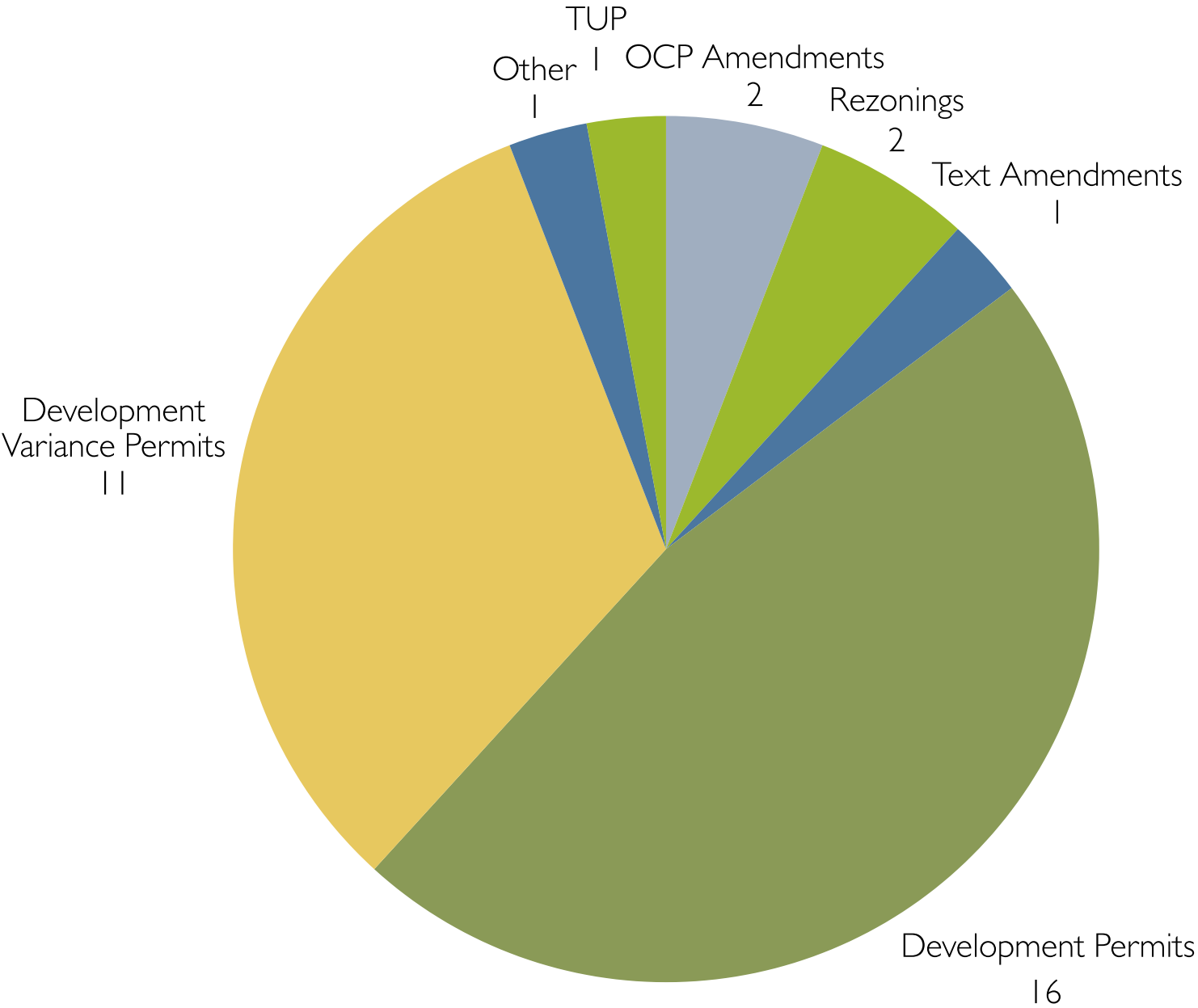
**Key highlights include:**

- **16 Development Permits:** The largest application category, reflecting consistent construction and development activity aligned with the Official Community Plan.
- **11 Development Variance Permits (DVPs):** Demonstrating a steady need for flexibility in addressing unique site conditions and project requirements.
- **2 Official Community Plan Amendments and 2 Rezoning:** Reflecting an active planning environment where land use adjustments continue to support growth and evolving community needs.
- **1 Zoning Text Amendment:** Supporting refinement of regulatory language to improve clarity and responsiveness.
- **1 Temporary Use Permit (TUP):** Highlighting the department's responsiveness to specialized or case-specific development needs.
- **2 Phased Strata Development Applications:** Indicating continued interest in diverse housing and ownership opportunities.

In 2025, the District of Hope issued **52 building permits** with a combined construction value of approximately **\$38.6 million**, compared to \$15.4 million in 2024. For a visual breakdown of the 2025 land development applications by type, please see the chart on the following page.



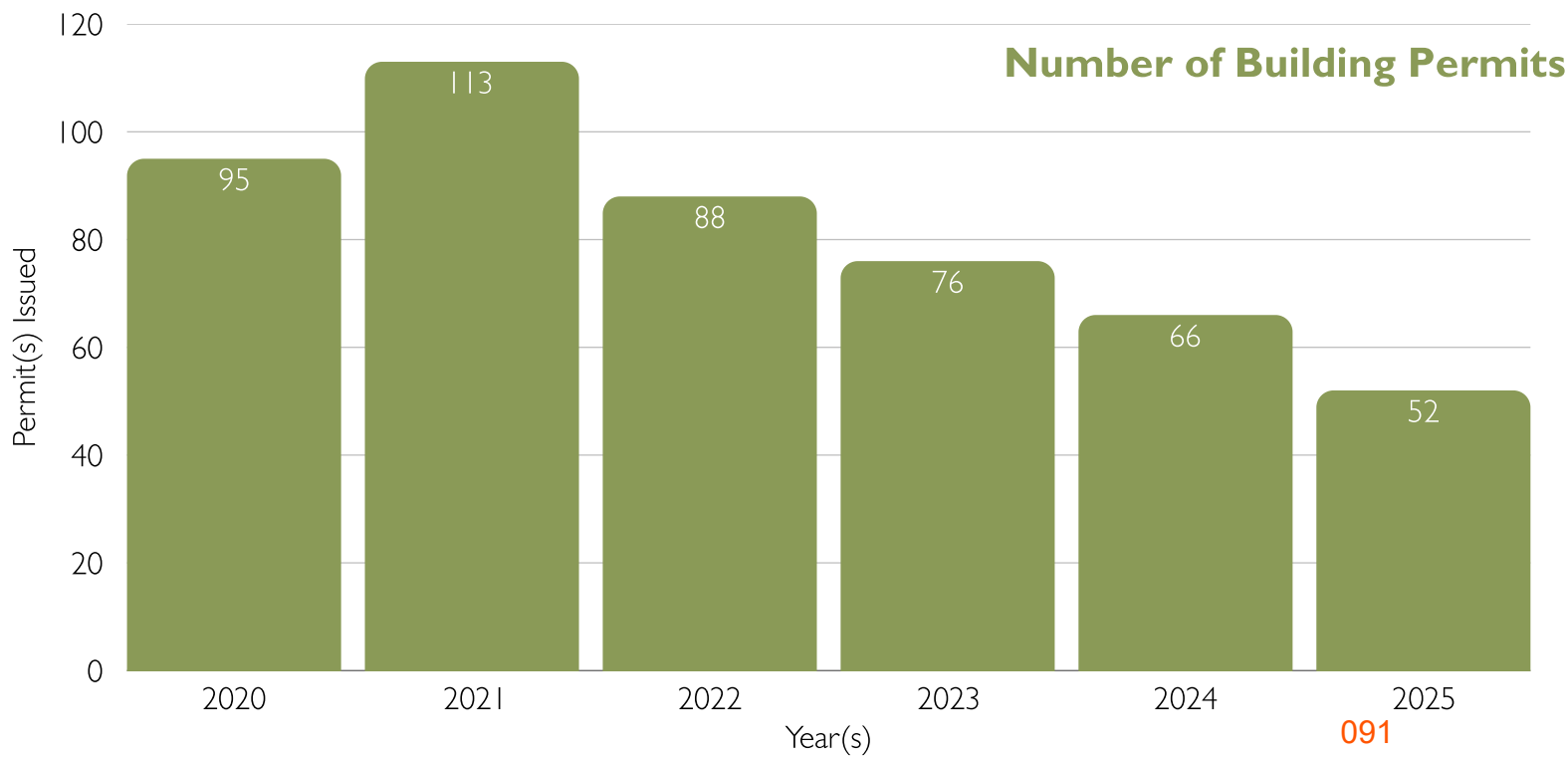
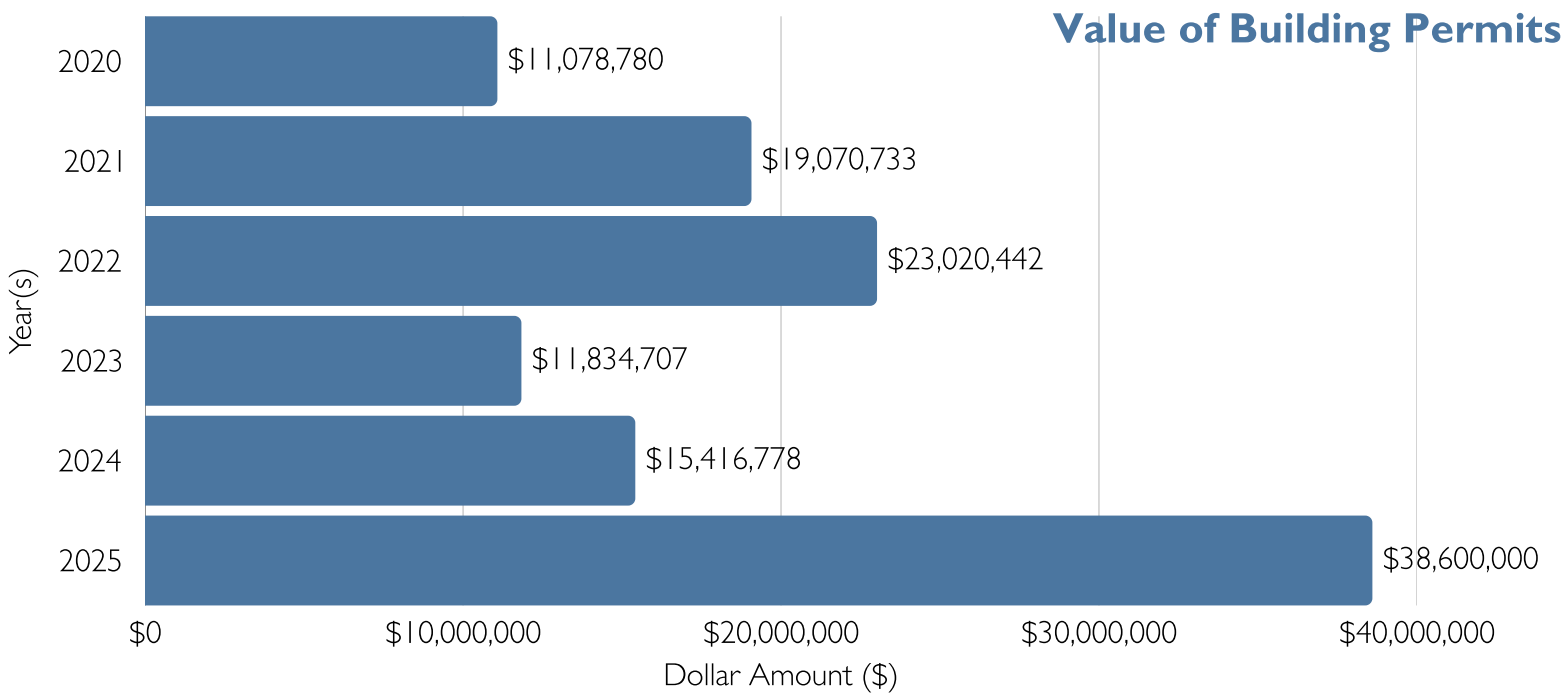
# 2025 Land Development Permit Applications



While the total number of permits issued decreased, the overall construction value increased by more than 100%, suggesting a shift toward larger-scale or higher-value developments.

Over the past two decades, permit activity and construction values have naturally fluctuated in response to economic conditions, market demand, and community growth patterns. The continued presence of residential, commercial, and industrial development signals sustained confidence in Hope's future.

This year's data tells a clear story: while fewer projects may have broken ground, those that did represent significant investment and lasting community impact.



## In Progress & Completed Projects

Development activity in 2025 included several notable residential, light industrial, institutional, and mixed-use projects that continue to shape Hope's built environment. From new housing developments to significant community-serving infrastructure, these projects reflect ongoing investment in the District's growth and livability.

- 558 Park Street
- 455 Coquihalla Street
- 711 Water Avenue
- 1115 5th Avenue
- 1275 7th Avenue (BC Housing)



## Short-Term Rental Regulations

In 2025, the District updated its Zoning Bylaw to formally permit and regulate short-term rentals, providing greater clarity for property owners while helping balance tourism accommodation with neighbourhood livability.

Under the updated regulations, both guest unit rentals (such as a room within a principal residence) and full dwelling unit short-term rentals are now permitted in select zones, subject to zoning requirements and applicable licensing regulations. These changes create a clearer framework for operators while supporting responsible tourism and housing management within the community.



## Future Work

Looking ahead, Community Development will continue advancing key policy and regulatory initiatives that support responsible growth and effective land management. Priority work includes the development of a new Soil Deposit Bylaw, as well as broader Zoning Bylaw updates to ensure regulations remain clear, current, and aligned with the District's evolving needs and long-term planning objectives.



# CORPORATE SERVICES



**Corporate Services** plays a central role in supporting the governance, legislative, and administrative functions of the District of Hope. The department ensures compliance with legislative requirements under the *Community Charter*, *Local Government Act*, *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), and other applicable legislation.

Core responsibilities include providing administrative support to Mayor and Council, coordinating Council meeting agendas, preparing and maintaining official minutes, and overseeing the certification and execution of legal documents such as bylaws, agreements, and contracts. Corporate Services also manages the District's corporate records management program and supports transparency and accountability through the administration of freedom of information requests.

The department also oversees Human Resources and Bylaw Services, supporting organizational operations while promoting education, compliance, and community well-being through municipal bylaw enforcement.



District of Hope Town Hall

Additional responsibilities and highlights in 2025 included:

- **Freedom of Information (FOI):** The District **processed 61 Freedom of Information requests** in accordance with provincial legislation, supporting transparency and public access to information.
- **Records Management:** Ongoing oversight of the District's digital and physical records management systems ensured effective documentation, retention, and retrieval practices across the organization.
- **Bylaw Enforcement & Animal Control:** Corporate Services continued to oversee enforcement related to animal control, parking, unsightly premises, noise complaints, and other community concerns. Public education remained a key focus, particularly around responsible pet ownership and compliance with solid waste regulations.
- **Policy, Legal Documents & Governance Support:** The department supported the drafting, review, and administration of bylaws, policies, agreements, and other corporate documents to ensure legislative compliance and operational effectiveness.
- **Human Resources:** Corporate Services supported recruitment, job postings, personnel administration, labour relations, and ongoing Labour/Management meetings in accordance with the Collective Agreement.
- **Elections & Democratic Processes:** In 2025, the District of Hope conducted a local government by-election following the resignation of Councillor Zachary Wells. Bonny Graham was elected, receiving 382 of 805 votes cast (47.4%).

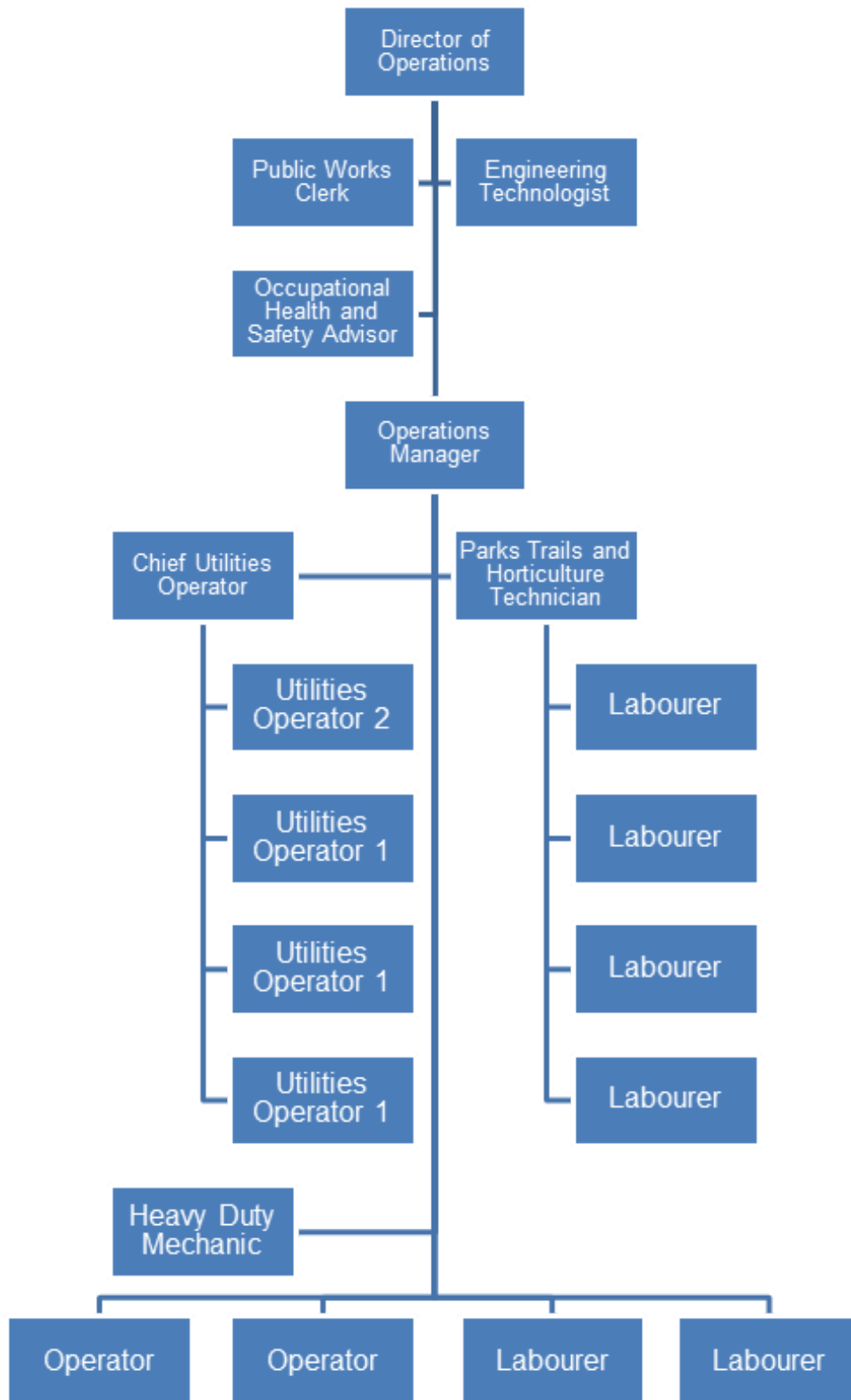


# OPERATIONS



The **Operations Department** is responsible for the essential infrastructure and services that support daily life in the District of Hope. Whether maintaining roads and bridges, caring for parks and public facilities, managing utilities and solid waste, or responding to emergencies such as flooding and winter weather, our team helps keep the community safe, connected, and running efficiently.

The department is organized into nine core service areas: Administration, Fleet Maintenance, Transportation, Utilities, Parks, Solid Waste, Facilities and Infrastructure Planning & Replacement.



**Administration** Located at 1225 Nelson Avenue and led by the Director of Operations, this team oversees the planning, inspection, and delivery of essential services like roads, wastewater, parks, and buildings, ensuring cost-effective, high-quality public works.

**Fleet Renewal** We continued our Fleet Replacement Program to maintain a reliable and versatile equipment inventory. Notable 2025 purchases included:

- John Deere Mower - \$71,000
- 2025 Chevrolet I 500 Pickup Truck - \$57,000



John Deere Mower



2025 Chevrolet I 500 Pickup Truck

## Richmond Hill Multi-Use Pathway (Completed)

Construction of the Richmond Hill Multi-Use Pathway was completed in 2025, transforming a former highway corridor into a safer, more accessible active transportation route for pedestrians and cyclists. The project repurposed excess roadway width along Flood-Hope Road to create a separated 3.6-metre multi-use pathway, improving east-west connectivity while supporting traffic calming and long-term transportation planning.



Completed Richmond Hill Pathway



Completed Richmond Hill Pathway

## Rockfall Hazard Mitigation Planning

The District also advanced critical transportation safety planning through a comprehensive rock cut assessment of three priority locations: Flood-Hope Road, Union Bar Road, and Kawkawa Lake Road. Engineering analysis identified Flood-Hope Road as the highest priority for mitigation, with recommendations including scaling, selective vegetation removal, rock bolting, and pedestrian safety measures to reduce rockfall risk along key transportation corridors.



Flood-Hope Road

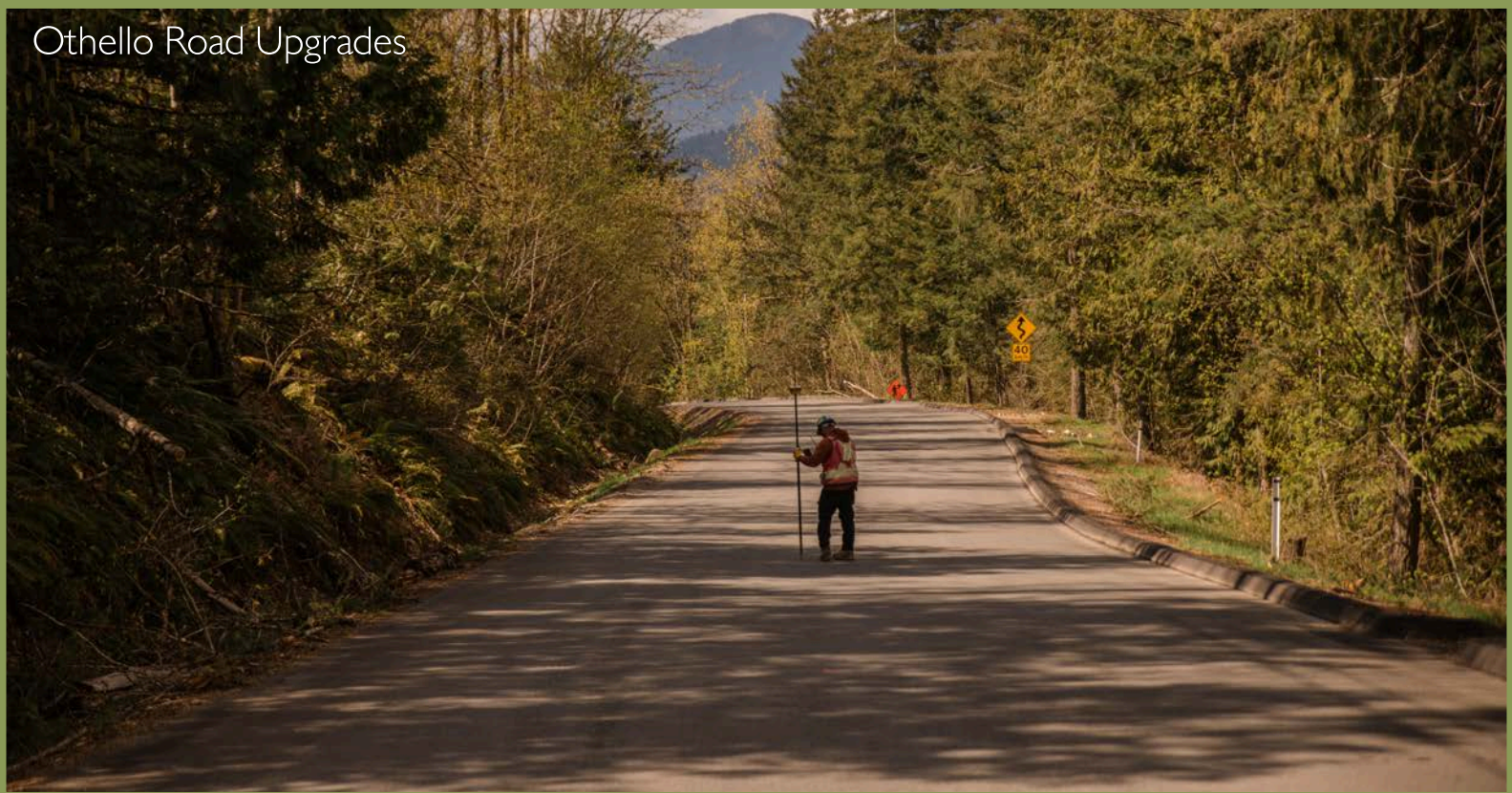
## Othello Road Upgrades

Construction began on the Othello Road improvement project, building on earlier corridor work associated with the Trans Mountain expansion. The project will enhance road infrastructure, safety, and long-term accessibility in this key area of the community.

Othello Road Upgrades



Othello Road Upgrades



## Utilities

**Water:** We maintain four water systems, including 60 km of pipes and assets valued at \$55 million.

- 87 m and 138 m pressure zones in the central area;
- Silver Creek;
- East Kawkawa Lake;
- Lake of the Woods

Groundwater is the primary water source used by the District. One exception to this is the Lake of the Woods area, which is a small system using surface water.

For more information on the District of Hope water systems; please refer to the [Water Master Plan](#), available on our website.

**Sanitary Sewer:** A \$57 million system with 49 km of gravity pipes and 7 km of force mains, with upgrades spanning decades. The existing wastewater collection and treatment system has been constructed in the period since the early 1960's. Some key dates in the development of the system include:

- 1960's First sewers constructed in the Town of Hope.
- 1970's Trunk sewer constructed to a new treatment plant in Silver Creek. Sewers constructed in the Kawkawa Lake area.
- 1980's Sewers constructed in Silver Creek.
- 1980's Construction of original Pollution Control Centre and outfall.
- 1993 District takes responsibility for the Pollution Control Centre.
- 1999 Third treatment cell added at the Pollution Control Centre.
- 2017 Pollution Control Centre lagoons re-configured and aeration replaced.
- 2018 Dissolved air flotation system constructed at Pollution Control Centre.



For more information on the District of Hope Sanitary Sewer System; please refer to the [Sanitary Sewer Master Plan](#), available on our website.

## Stormwater

The District of Hope is responsible for managing a complex and aging stormwater system valued at approximately \$28 million. It includes nearly 37 km of storm pipe, hundreds of manholes and catch basins, and around 50 discharge points such as outfalls, rock pits, and infiltration areas. This infrastructure is essential for protecting the community from flooding, erosion, and environmental damage.

### Forrest Crescent Culvert Replacement (Completed)

Following damage caused by the 2021 atmospheric river event, the District completed the Forrest Crescent culvert replacement at Thacker Creek in 2025. This important infrastructure upgrade was 100% funded through a provincial grant and improves stormwater capacity during extreme weather events, strengthening the community's long-term climate resilience in alignment with the District's Stormwater Master Plan.



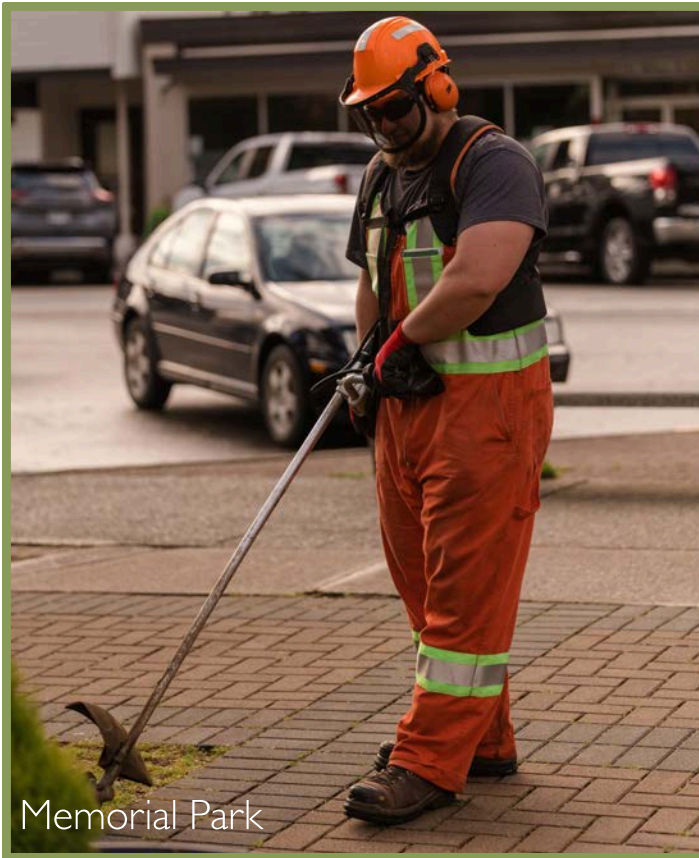
Replacement Culvert

### Planning for the Future

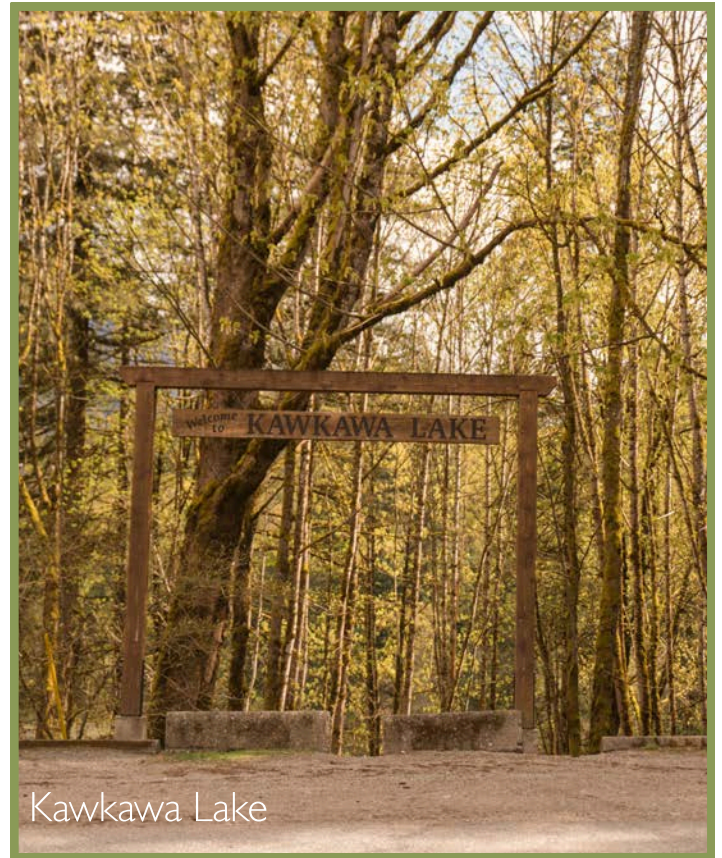
The Stormwater Master Plan (2022) recommends a combination of capital upgrades and policy changes to address aging infrastructure and increasing climate pressures. With a current infrastructure deficit estimated at \$6.5 million, continued investment and innovation are essential to ensure long-term system resilience.

For more information, please visit our website to view the [Stormwater Master Plan 2022](#)

**Parks** The Parks Department maintained a wide range of assets: trails, sports fields, trees, benches, hanging baskets, and more. They also supported key events like Brigade Days, the Farmer’s Market, and Concerts in the Park.



Memorial Park



Kawkawa Lake

**Facilities** Operations staff are responsible for the maintenance, repair, and upkeep of the District’s municipal buildings and public assets, including District Hall, libraries, fire halls, the Visitor Centre, and other community facilities. In 2025, key work included the installation of a new fence at the Operations Yard, replacement of problematic maple trees, and ongoing maintenance improvements that support safe, reliable, and efficient public spaces.

### Infrastructure Planning

We continued advancing the District’s Asset Management Investment Plan through strategic infrastructure planning projects that support long-term service reliability, resilience, and community growth, including:

- **Richmond Hill Reservoir & Pressure Zone Connection:** Improving water storage capacity and fire flow performance.
- **138 m Zone to East Kawkawa Lake Connection:** Enhancing firefighting capacity, water system redundancy, and service reliability.
- **Integrated Transportation Master Plan (Completed):** In 2025, the District completed its Integrated Transportation Master Plan, establishing a long-term roadmap for safer, more accessible, and more connected mobility throughout the community. The plan outlines strategies to support active transportation, improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, enhance road safety, and guide future transportation investments as the community grows. (Link to plan on website.)

# Service Requests and After-Hours Operational Activity

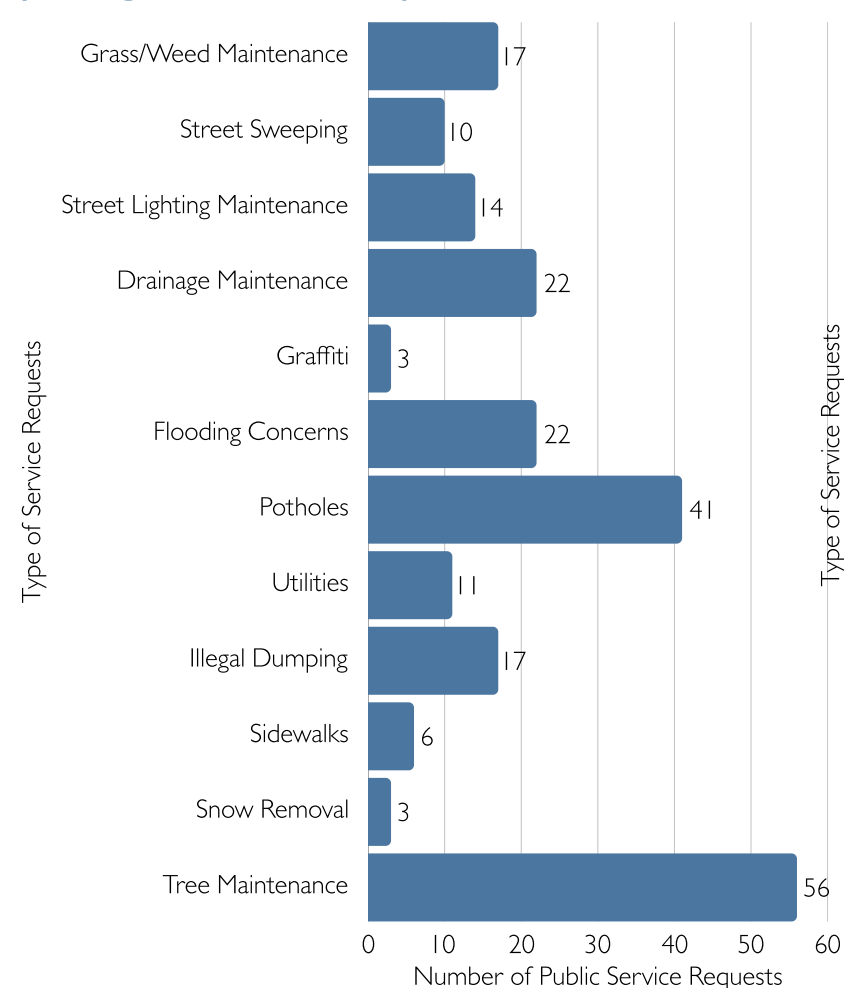
In 2025, the Operations Department continued to provide essential municipal services through both daytime public requests and after-hours operational responses. Public Concern Form submissions and service calls reflected the wide range of infrastructure and maintenance issues managed by staff throughout the year.

The first chart highlights Public Service Requests received during business hours. Tree maintenance generated the highest number of requests (56), followed by potholes (41), with drainage maintenance and flooding concerns also representing significant service demands. Grass and weed maintenance, illegal dumping, and street lighting maintenance remained ongoing operational priorities.

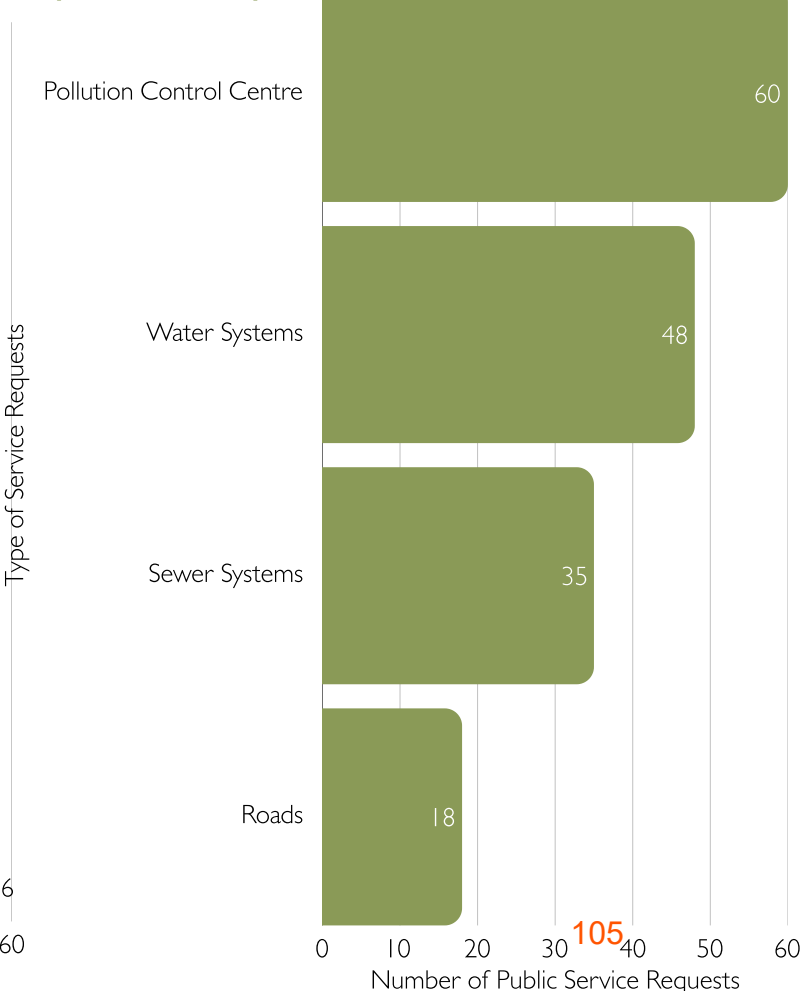
The second chart outlines after-hours service calls responded to by Operations staff. Pollution Control Centre-related calls accounted for the highest volume of activity (60), followed by Water Systems (48) and Sewer Systems (35). Road-related calls also represented a notable portion of after-hours responses.

Together, these statistics demonstrate the breadth of services delivered by the Operations Department and the team's continued commitment to maintaining safe, reliable, and responsive municipal operations for the community.

## Public Service Requests (during business hours)



## Service Calls (after-hours)



# FIRE DEPARTMENT



## Acknowledgements

The District of Hope extends sincere thanks to our Paid-on-Call firefighters, career chief officers, and department staff for their dedication, and continued service to the community throughout 2025.

2025 was a milestone year for the **District of Hope Fire Department**, marking the **25th anniversary** of the amalgamation of the Kawkawa Lake, Hope, and Flood/Laidlaw/Silver Creek fire departments. It was also the busiest year in department history, with **841 emergency responses**, a 36% increase over 2024.

Through continued investment in responder safety, emergency preparedness, wildfire resilience, and community risk reduction, the department strengthened its capacity to meet the evolving demands of emergency service delivery in Hope.



## **Operational Growth & Responder Safety**

Several key initiatives helped strengthen operational readiness and firefighter safety in 2025. In May, the department deployed **HAAS Alert Safety Cloud®**, a real-time responder safety system that warns nearby motorists through navigation platforms such as Apple Maps and Waze when emergency crews are operating roadside. More than **3,870 motorists** received advance warnings during emergency responses, helping improve awareness and reduce risk to responders.

In July, Council formally endorsed the Hope Fire Department's new **Mission Statement and Core Values**, further defining the principles that guide the department's service to the community. The mission — "To protect life, property, and the environment through excellence in emergency response, fire prevention, and community engagement, guided by integrity, professionalism, and commitment to public service" — is supported by the department's core values of Safety, Integrity, Teamwork, Service Before Self, Accountability, and Respect and Inclusion.

Hope Fire also continued to strengthen its internal safety culture through its dedicated **Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee**, officially established in November 2024. The committee supports regular safety meetings, facility inspections, and ongoing assessments, marking another important step in the department's growth and continued commitment to regulatory compliance and responder safety.



Fleet capacity was also enhanced in December with the delivery of a **new water tender**, strengthening the department's emergency response capability, particularly in areas requiring reliable high-capacity water supply. The new apparatus includes a 2,000-imperial-gallon water tank and a PTO-driven 1,050 IGPM pump with pump-and-roll capability, expanding both the versatility and operational capacity of the fleet.



## Emergency Management & Community Preparedness

Emergency preparedness remained a major focus throughout the year.

Department members participated in **Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)** training and flood-response exercises, strengthening readiness for emergency activation and interagency coordination.

The District also launched its update to the **Emergency Management Plan and Hazard Plans**, including Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA) engagement with stakeholders. This work will help guide emergency preparedness and response priorities into the future.

In October, the District of Hope participated in a full-day **landslide response exercise** and Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) training in partnership with the Fraser Valley Regional District. The exercise brought together emergency management professionals, municipal leadership, and technical specialists to strengthen coordinated response to landslide and debris flow incidents, with training focused on hazard awareness, emergency coordination, decision-making during geotechnical events, and field-based situational awareness.

The department also participated in an interagency task force focused on fire and life safety within vulnerable and unhoused community members. Working alongside partners including RCMP, Hope Bylaw Services, Fraser Health, Cedar Strong, Integrated Homelessness Action Response Teams, BC Emergency Health Services, BC Wildfire Service, and Chawathil First Nation, the committee supported fire safety education, emergency planning, and encampment mapping to improve response coordination and support services.

The addition of a new **Emergency Support Services (ESS) trailer** further strengthened the District's ability to support residents during evacuations and emergencies.



## Incident Response Overview

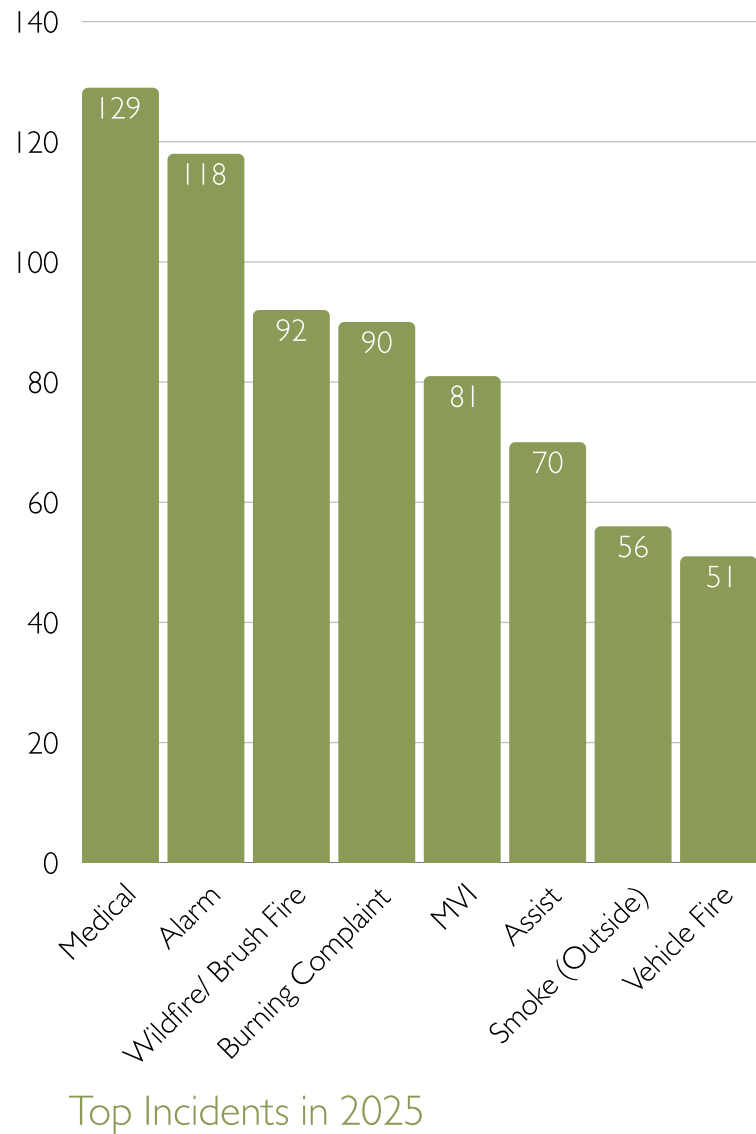
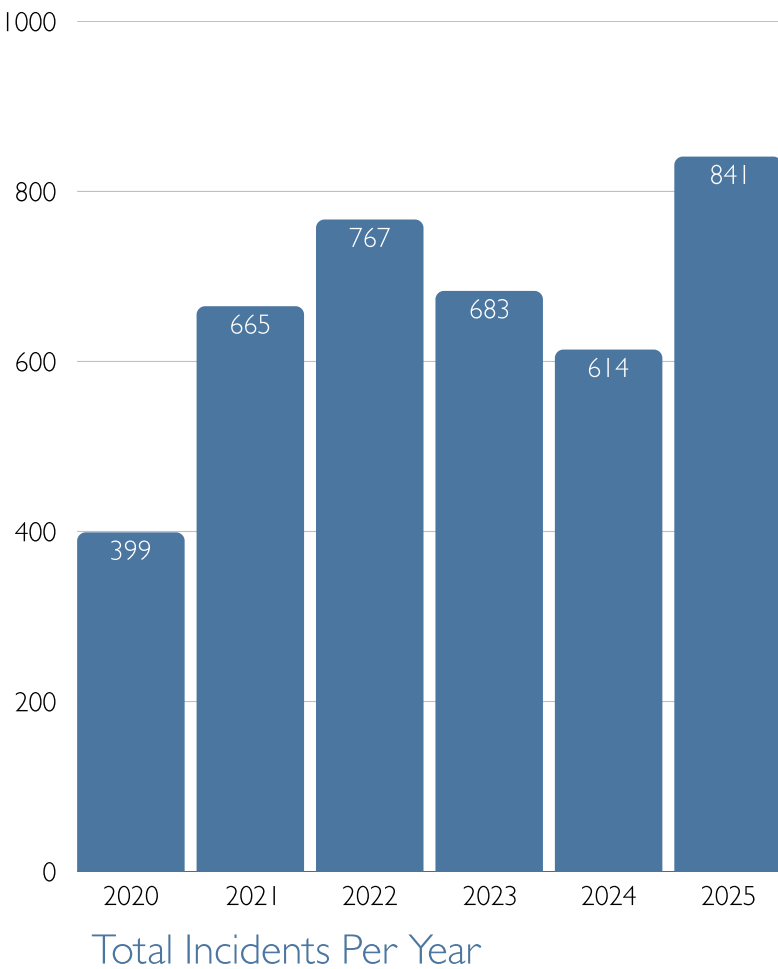
The department responded to **841 incidents** in 2025, making it the busiest operational year on record.

Key response highlights included:

- 42% increase in medical calls
- 268% increase in wildfire/brush fire responses
- 8% decrease in burning complaints
- 6% decrease in fire alarms

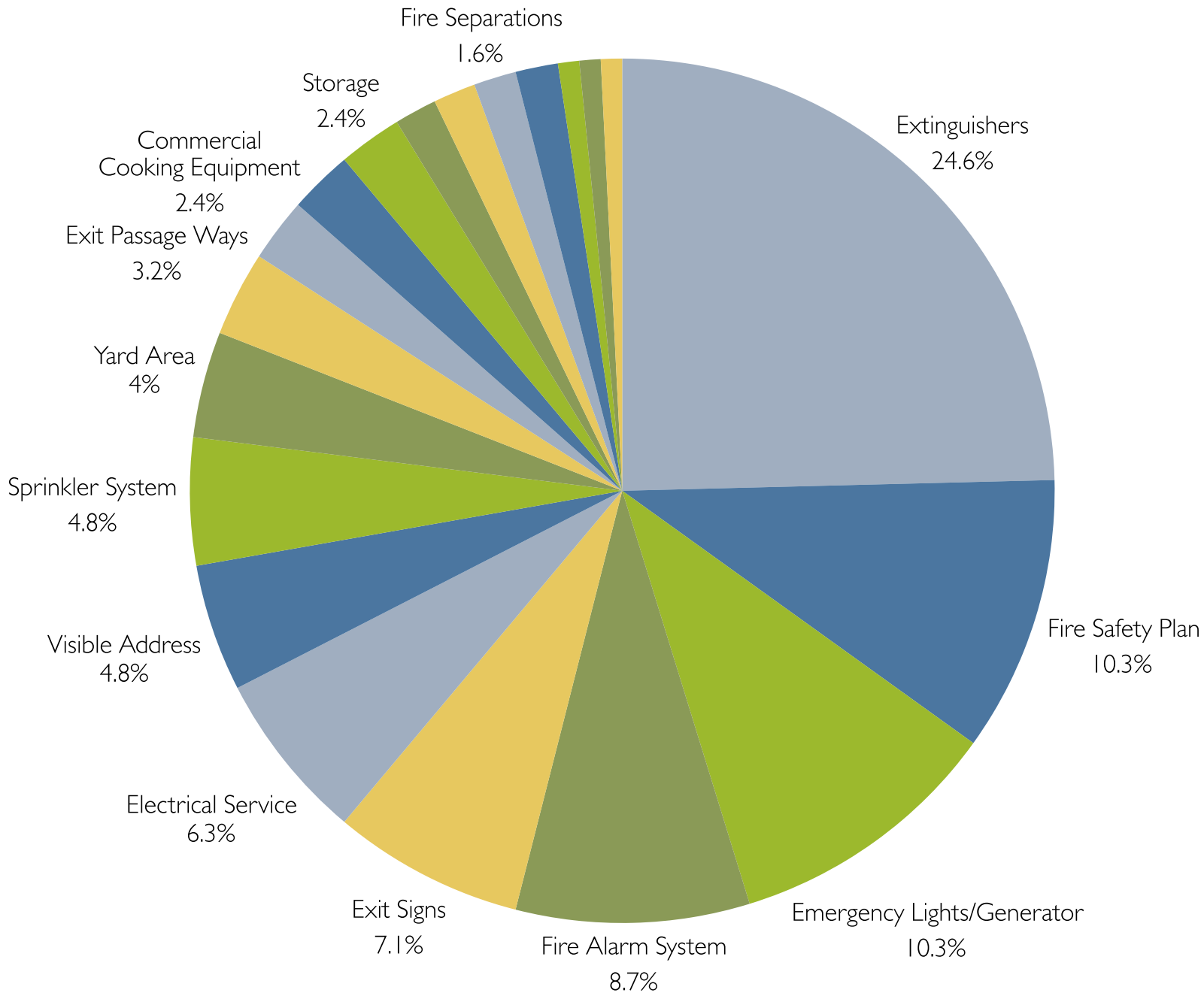
July was the busiest month, with **97 calls for service**.

The department reported **43 fires** to the Office of the Fire Commissioner, with an estimated **\$1.1 million in property loss**. No fire-related fatalities occurred in 2025.



## Fire Inspection Program

The department conducted **126 occupancy inspections** in 2025, up from 75 the previous year. The most frequent issues are illustrated in the pie chart below.



Regular fire inspections remain an important part of community fire prevention and occupant safety in commercial, industrial, and multi-family buildings.

In 2025, the most common issues identified included fire extinguisher compliance (24.6%), fire safety plans (10.3%), emergency lighting and generator systems (10.3%), fire alarm systems (8.7%), and exit signage (7.1%).

The department continues to work with property owners and managers to improve compliance through education, early intervention, and proactive fire prevention. **111**

## Wildfire Resilience & FireSmart

Wildfire preparedness continued to be a major priority in 2025.

The District made significant progress on its **Structure Protection Unit (SPU)** program, completing Phase I of development through the purchase of a dedicated trailer and supporting equipment to strengthen future wildfire response capacity.

A seasonal **two-person FireSmart crew** delivered meaningful mitigation work throughout the community, including:

- 10 residential wildfire mitigation projects
- 2 critical infrastructure mitigation projects
- 160 free wildfire assessments
- 16 homeowner rebates totaling \$5,482

Public education also remained a focus, with six FireSmart education events and two neighbourhood engagement initiatives delivered throughout the year.

Hope Fire also participated in a multi-agency wildfire exercise with **Agassiz Fire Department** and **BC Wildfire Service**, strengthening regional interoperability and structure protection readiness for large-scale wildfire events. This initiative was supported by recommendations outlined in the **District's Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP)**, reflecting the District's ongoing commitment to maintaining preparedness plans and supporting strong interagency collaboration.



# CORPORATE SAFETY



## Safety

Creating and maintaining a safe workplace remains a core organizational priority for the District of Hope. Through continued investment in employee wellness, training, risk reduction, and return-to-work practices, the District has strengthened its organizational safety culture while also achieving measurable financial savings.

In 2025, the District of Hope received the British Columbia Municipal Safety Association (BCMSA) **Organizational Safety Excellence Award**, the highest level of organizational safety recognition awarded by the association in the province. The District was one of only 12 municipalities in British Columbia to receive this distinction, recognizing significant reductions in WorkSafeBC premiums through demonstrated excellence in workplace health and safety performance.

The District also celebrated **Mark Howard**, recipient of the BCMSA 2025 **Occupational Health & Safety Employee of the Year Award**, recognizing his leadership and dedication to fostering a strong culture of safety across the organization. Mark was also invited to participate on a BCMSA education and technical advisory committee.



Mark Howard



Safety performance improvements have resulted in substantial financial savings for the District. WorkSafeBC total claim costs for the District of Hope are falling from a high in 2021 of \$82,224, to be reduced by more than half, to \$35,102 in 2025, a **57% cost reduction due to targeted efforts**. The District's WorkSafeBC experience rating also improved significantly, moving from a 69.3% surcharge in 2021 to a **9.9% discount in 2025**, contributing to reduced workplace insurance premiums despite organizational growth and continuing to trend downward for next year.

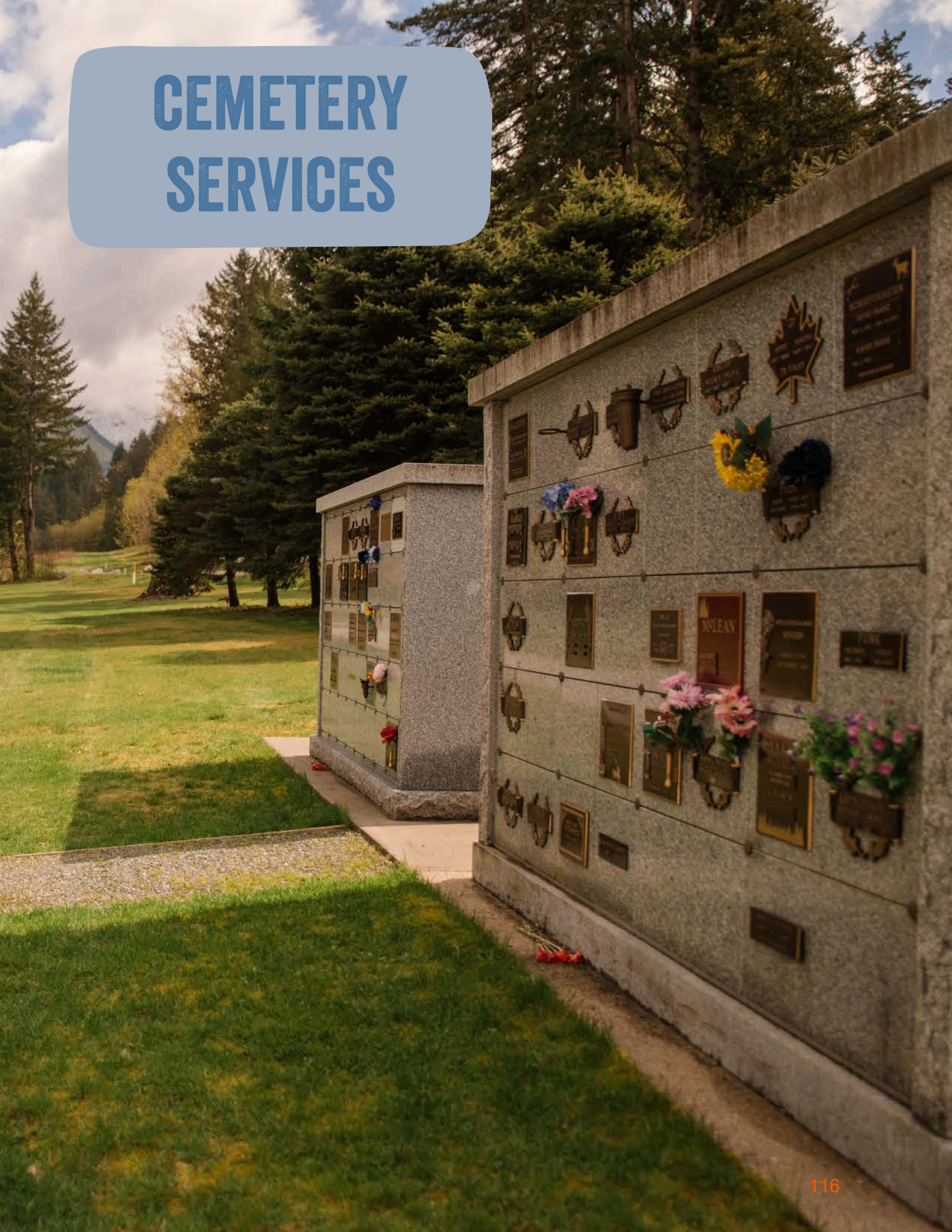
The District maintained strong return-to-work outcomes throughout 2025, with all applicable claims successfully returning to work within 26 weeks. Ongoing collaboration between staff, leadership, supervisors, and the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee (JOHSC) continues to ensure that safety remains embedded in daily operations.

Throughout 2025, the Safety Department coordinated numerous training sessions and information initiatives across the organization. Town Hall and Operations Yard Fire Wardens participated in fire extinguisher training to support emergency preparedness and reinforce fire safety awareness across municipal facilities.

The Safety Department also led the development of a new Confined Space Rescue Agreement between the Utilities Department and the District of Hope Volunteer Fire Department. Under this agreement, the Fire Department expanded its services to provide confined space rescue and standby support for municipal utility operations.



# CEMETERY SERVICES



## Cemeteries

The District of Hope remains committed to providing respectful, compassionate cemetery services that support residents and families during times of loss. The District operates two municipal cemeteries: Mountainview Cemetery and Pioneer Cemetery, with Mountainview Cemetery currently serving as the active site for new interments.

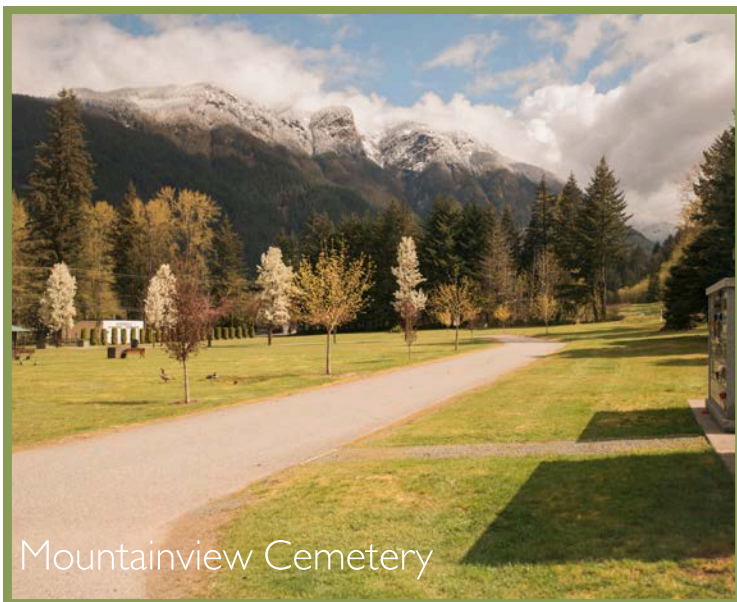
Located at 65823 Kawkawa Lake Road, **Mountainview Cemetery** offers a peaceful and dignified setting for remembrance, with a range of interment options including traditional burial plots, cremation plots, and columbarium niches. These options help ensure families can choose arrangements that reflect their personal, cultural, and spiritual preferences.

**Pioneer Cemetery**, located at 555 Coquihalla Street, remains an important historical site within the community but is no longer accepting new burials.

To support families during the planning process, the District offers private appointments to discuss interment options, answer questions, and provide personalized assistance. Both in-person and virtual meetings are available to accommodate individual needs and circumstances.

In addition to cemetery services, the District's **Legacy Program** offers residents the opportunity to commemorate loved ones through memorial bench installations in parks and green spaces throughout the community. These personalized tributes provide lasting spaces for remembrance and reflection.

Through thoughtful cemetery planning and compassionate support services, the District continues to provide meaningful ways to honour loved ones while serving the needs of the community with care and dignity.



# FINANCIAL SECTION



# FINANCIAL SERVICES

The **Finance Department** is responsible for managing the District's financial services as well as the IT infrastructure. Core functions include revenue collection, property tax administration, treasury and asset management, grant processing, budgeting, financial planning, and ensuring compliance with the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter*. The department also supports the District's technology needs to maintain reliable and secure digital services.

In 2025, the District managed an operating budget of over \$19 million, while maintaining a strong financial position with over **\$30 million in net financial assets**. Strategic portfolio management helped generate **\$1.5 million in investment income**, exceeding expectations. The District also continued to benefit from government funding through the **Interim Flood Support** and **Capital Project Funding**.

Staff also prepared and updated our five year capital and operating plans to support informed decision making by Council, senior leadership, and external stakeholders. Staff prepared the financial plan in advance of the year commencing which provided the District with additional flexibility in tendering projects.

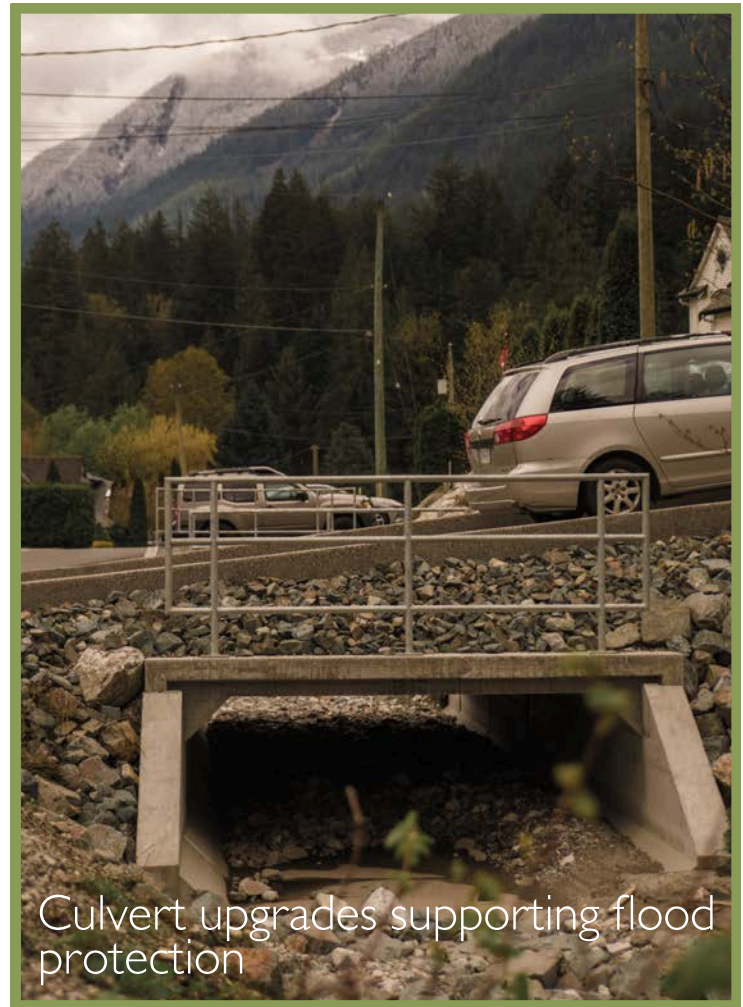
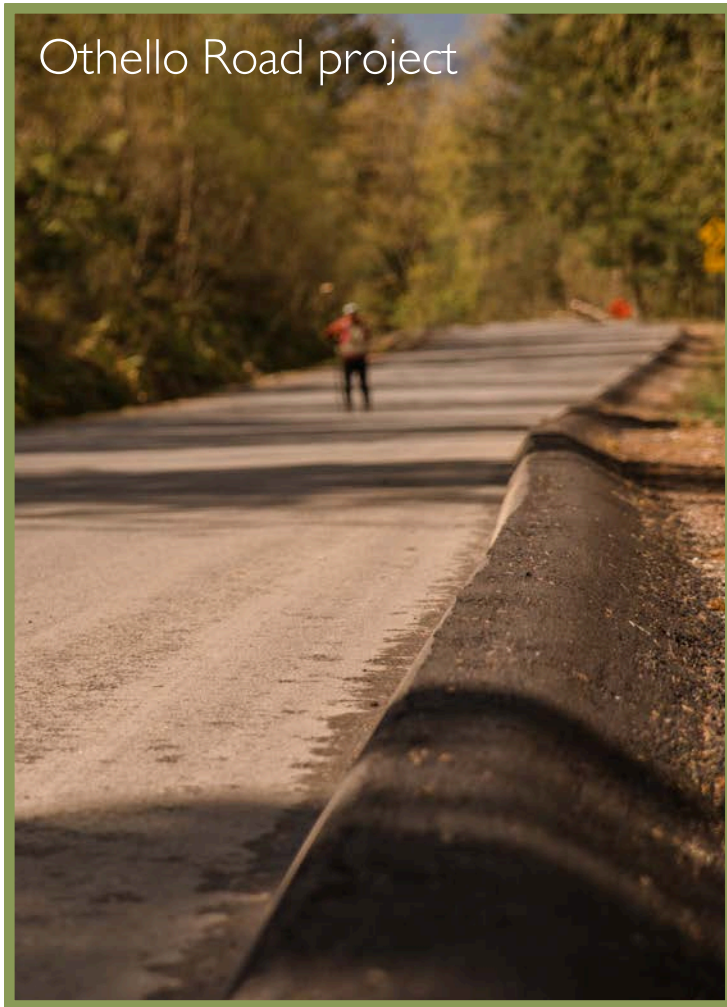
The department remains focused on **long term sustainability**, transparent reporting, and providing timely, accurate information to support responsible governance and effective service delivery for the community.



# REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE



In 2025, the District of Hope ended the year with an **annual surplus of \$3.8 million**, compared to a \$0.6 million deficit in 2024. A key factor influencing this year's results was the government transfers received in previous years were recognized into income as the capital projects were worked on and completed this year. Flood mitigation work, and the Othello Road project were major projects that had substantial grant funding.



District revenues exceeded budget expectations, driven primarily by:

- **Higher than anticipated government funding** (\$2.3 million above budget), and
- **Strong investment income** (\$0.3 million above budget), thanks to favourable interest rates and strong reserve balances.

Total **expenses for 2025 were \$19.7 million**, down from **\$20.3 million in 2024**, and these expenses were **budgeted for in 2025**. The District service levels have increased to match public demand. Additional cost pressures included **increased policing costs**, as policing costs have increased at a greater rate than other costs.

The District's **tangible capital assets grew by \$7.2 million** in 2025 (2024 – \$2.1 million). Notable capital projects and equipment purchases **in progress but not completed** by year-end include:

- Othello Road upgrade – \$2,028,000
- Gardner Drive road work – \$140,000
- 753 Water Amalgamation – \$214,000

Major capital projects **completed in 2025** include:

- Richmond Hill Mutli-use pathway – \$2,663,000
- Forest Crescent stormwater upgrades – \$1,261,000
- New fire tender - \$669,000



New fire tender

These investments reflect the District's ongoing commitment to improving core infrastructure and delivering essential services to the community.

The District currently holds **\$42.1 million in financial assets** (2024 – \$45.7 million), strategically placed in a mix of short- and long-term holdings. Interest earned from these investments is reinvested into the appropriate reserve funds, helping support future capital needs and operational stability.

Under the leadership of Council, the District of Hope continues to follow a disciplined and forward thinking financial strategy. A sincere thank you is extended to the Finance team for their dedication and hard work in ensuring responsible stewardship of public funds and quality service to the residents of Hope.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



Consolidated Financial Statements of

# **DISTRICT OF HOPE**

Year ended December 31, 2025

## MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The accompanying financial statements of the District of Hope (the "District") have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards ("PSAS"). Preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements is the responsibility of the District. Council ensures management fulfills its responsibility for financial reporting, budgeting, and internal controls by approving bylaws and policies, reviewing variance reports and financial statements, and having discussions with the District's auditors.

The audit firm of KPMG LLP, appointed by Council has expressed its opinion that the financial statements prepared by management fairly present, in all material respects, the financial position of the District as at December 31, 2025, and the results of the 2025 operations in accordance with PSAS. The District maintains a system of internal and administrative controls designed to provide reliable and accurate financial information and to ensure assets of the District are appropriately accounted for and adequately safeguarded. Expenditures and revenues are analyzed regularly by management and updates are provided to council on a monthly basis, and as required.



Original Signed by Mike Olson  
Director of Finance



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Mayor and Council of the District of Hope

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the District of Hope (the District), which comprise:

- the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2025
- the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of changes in net financial assets for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(Hereinafter referred to as the “financial statements”).

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the District as at December 31, 2025, and its consolidated results of operations and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the “***Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***” section of our auditor’s report.

We are independent of the District in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



## ***Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the District's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the District or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the District's financial reporting process.

## ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.



- ♦ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- ♦ Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the District's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the District to cease to continue as a going concern.
- ♦ Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- ♦ Communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

*KPMG LLP*

Chartered Professional Accountants

Chilliwack, Canada

May 11, 2026

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Consolidated Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2025

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# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

	2025	2024
<b>Financial assets:</b>		
Cash and short term deposits (note 2)	\$ 27,335,323	\$ 14,232,905
Accounts receivable (note 3)	2,170,020	1,603,045
Portfolio investments (note 2)	11,138,894	28,448,793
Investment in government business partnership (note 4)	1,485,840	1,441,476
	42,130,077	45,726,219
<b>Financial liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 6)	4,598,333	4,084,735
Development cost charges (note 7)	2,925,150	2,904,392
Deferred revenue	2,449,951	5,068,981
Long-term debt (note 8)	2,565,281	2,838,550
Equipment financing	3,025	5,247
Asset retirement obligation (note 10)	745,941	822,276
	13,287,681	15,724,181
Net financial assets	28,842,396	30,002,038
<b>Non-financial assets:</b>		
Tangible capital assets (note 11)	46,247,126	41,231,133
Prepaid expenses and deposits	189,949	202,984
Inventories	173,603	176,298
Contingencies (note 14)		
<b>Accumulated surplus (note 12)</b>	\$ 75,453,074	\$ 71,612,453



Original Signed by Mike Olson  
Director of Finance

Original Signed by Victor Smith  
Mayor

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus

Year Ended December 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

	2025 Budget (note 17)	2025	2024
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Municipal taxation	\$ 11,287,400	\$ 11,277,363	\$ 10,729,910
Parcel taxes	229,300	229,520	228,790
Payments in lieu of taxes	295,000	418,775	327,100
Sales of services	4,957,600	5,401,749	4,505,867
Investment income	1,175,000	1,466,986	2,141,771
Government business partnership income	90,000	44,360	222,335
Rents and leases	36,000	34,189	32,933
Transfers from other governments	2,159,500	4,266,993	1,479,175
Contributions from developers	200,000	300,000	49,950
Actuarial adjustment on debenture debt	85,000	70,384	61,091
	20,514,800	23,510,319	19,778,922
<b>Expenses:</b>			
General government	2,487,750	2,450,168	2,326,566
Recreation	1,341,450	1,559,304	3,694,694
Protective services	5,075,500	5,549,603	4,480,907
Environment and public health	2,490,050	2,118,960	2,026,714
Transportation	3,131,650	2,624,479	2,534,787
Community development	1,204,400	1,138,217	937,153
Utilities	1,571,200	1,874,964	1,658,631
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	246,072
Interest	147,700	142,704	127,914
Accretion expense	-	21,021	85,226
Amortization	2,200,000	2,190,278	2,212,916
	19,649,700	19,669,698	20,331,580
Annual surplus (deficit)	865,100	3,840,621	(552,658)
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	-	71,612,453	72,165,111
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 865,100	\$ 75,453,074	\$ 71,612,453

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

## Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

	2025	2024
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ 3,840,621	\$ (552,658)
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(7,206,271)	(2,088,656)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	2,190,278	2,212,916
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	246,072
Capital assets transferred to other governments	-	1,228,272
	(5,015,993)	1,598,604
Change in inventories	2,695	327,672
Change in prepaid expenses	13,035	(10,324)
	15,730	317,348
Change in net financial assets	(1,159,642)	1,363,294
Net financial assets, beginning of year	30,002,038	28,638,744
Net financial assets, end of year	\$ 28,842,396	\$ 30,002,038

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

## Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

	2025	2024
Cash provided by (used in):		
<b>Operating activities:</b>		
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ 3,840,621	\$ (552,658)
Items not involving cash:		
Government business partnership income	(44,364)	(222,335)
Amortization on tangible capital assets	2,190,278	2,212,916
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	246,072
Capital assets transferred to other governments	-	1,228,272
Actuarial adjustment on debt	(70,384)	(61,091)
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	21,021	85,226
Change in non-cash operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(566,975)	(117,289)
Prepays	13,035	(10,324)
Inventories	2,695	327,672
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	513,598	611,424
Asset retirement obligation	(97,356)	(42,009)
Deferred revenue	(2,619,030)	1,839,004
Development cost charges	20,758	355,687
	3,203,897	5,900,567
<b>Capital activities:</b>		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(7,206,271)	(2,088,656)
<b>Investing activities:</b>		
Change in portfolio investments	17,309,899	(5,420,860)
<b>Financing activities:</b>		
Repayment of equipment financing debt	(2,222)	(2,028)
Repayment of long-term debt	(202,885)	(202,884)
	(205,107)	(204,912)
Increase (decrease) in cash	13,102,418	(1,813,861)
Cash and equivalents, beginning of year	14,232,905	16,046,766
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 27,335,323	\$ 14,232,905

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

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	2025		2024
Supplemental cash flow information:			
Interest paid	\$ 142,704	\$	127,914
Interest received	\$ 1,466,986	\$	2,141,771

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

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## General

The District of Hope (the "District") was incorporated in 1992 under Letters Patent and operates under the authority of British Columbia Community Charter. The District's principal activities include the provision of local government services to residents of the incorporated area including administrative, protective, transportation, recreational, water, sewer, environmental health and fiscal services.

### 1. Significant accounting policies:

These financial statements are prepared using standards issued by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants.

The consolidated financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting records revenue as it is earned and measurable. Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable based upon the receipt of goods and services or the creation of an obligation to pay.

(a) Basis of presentation:

These consolidated financial statements include the operations of the operating, water, sewer, and reserve funds.

All material interfund accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

The consolidated financial statements do not include assets, liabilities or surplus of trust funds administered by the District.

(b) Cash and short-term deposits:

Cash and short-term deposits include term deposits whose maturities upon acquisition were 90 days or less.

(c) Portfolio investments:

Portfolio investments are recorded at amortized cost plus accrued interest. Discounts or premiums arising on the purchase of portfolio investments are amortized on a straight line basis over the term to maturity. If it is determined that there is a permanent impairment in the value of an investment, it is written down to net realizable value.

(d) Inventories:

Inventories consist of land held for resale and supplies and are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value.

(e) Revenue recognition:

Revenue from municipal taxation payments, grants in lieu of taxes and utility charges are recognized when the levies are billed or billable to the property owner. Revenue from sales of services are recognized when the services are provided and collection is reasonably assured. Government grants are recognized when they are

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

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## 1. Significant accounting policies: (continued)

### (e) Revenue recognition: (continued)

approved by senior governments and the conditions required to earn the grants have been completed. Development cost charges are recognized as revenue in the period the funds are expended on a development project. Development cost charges not expended are recorded as unearned revenue.

### (f) Contaminated sites:

Contaminated sites are defined as the result of contamination being introduced in air, soil, water or sediment of a chemical, organic, or radioactive material or live organism that exceeds an environmental standard.

A liability for remediation of contaminated sites is recognized, net of any expected recoveries, when all of the following criteria are met:

- a) an environmental standard exists
- b) contamination exceeds the environmental standard
- c) the organization is directly responsible or accepts responsibility for the liability
- d) future economic benefits will be given up, and
- e) a reasonable estimate of the liability can be made.

### (g) Use of estimates:

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and reported amounts of revenues and expenses at the date of the financial statements. Areas that contain estimates include assumptions used in determining the landfill post-closure liability, contingent liabilities, and estimated useful lives of tangible capital assets.

### (h) Government Business Partnership

The investment in government business partnership is accounted for using the modified equity basis.

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

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## 1. Significant accounting policies: (continued)

(i) Non-financial capital assets:

Non financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of operations.

(i) Tangible capital assets:

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost which includes amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development, or betterment of the asset. The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital assets, excluding land and landfill sites, are amortized on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

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<b>Asset</b>	<b>Useful life - years</b>
Land	Indefinite
Engineering structures	10-100
Buildings	10-75
Machinery and equipment	5-20
Water systems	10-100
Sewer systems	10-100

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Annual amortization is charged in the year of acquisition and in the year of disposal. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

(ii) Contributions of tangible capital assets:

Tangible capital assets received as contributions are recorded at their fair value at the date of receipt and also are recorded as revenue.

(iii) Natural resources:

Natural resources that have not been purchased are not recognized as assets in the financial statements.

(iv) Works of art and cultural and historic assets:

Works of art and cultural and historic assets are not recorded as assets in these financial statements.

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

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## 1. Significant accounting policies: (continued)

(i) Non-financial capital assets: (continued)

(v) Interest capitalization:

The District does not capitalize interest costs associated with the acquisition or construction of a tangible capital asset.

(vi) Leased tangible capital assets:

Leases which transfer substantially all of the benefits and risks incidental to ownership of property are accounted for as leased tangible capital assets. All other leases are accounted for as operating leases and the related payments are charged to expenses as incurred.

(j) Asset retirement obligation

An asset retirement obligation is a legal obligation associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset that the District will be required to settle. The District recognizes asset retirement obligations when there is a legal obligation to incur retirements costs in relation to a tangible capital asset, the past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred, it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up, and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

Asset retirement obligations are initially measured at the best estimate of the amount required to retire a tangible capital asset at the financial statement date. The estimate of a liability includes costs directly attributable to asset retirement activities.

Asset retirement obligations are recorded as liabilities with a corresponding increase to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset. Subsequently, the asset retirement costs are allocated to expenses over the estimated remediation of the tangible capital asset. The obligation is adjusted to reflect period to period changes in the liability resulting from the passage of time and for revisions to either the timing or the amount of the original estimate of the undiscounted cash flows or the discount rate.

(k) Financial instruments

The Districts financial instruments consist of cash, short-term investments, accounts and grants receivable, accounts payable, and long-term debt. It is management's opinion that the District is not exposed to significant interest, currency, or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values.

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## 2. Restricted assets:

Included in cash and short-term deposits and portfolio investments are the following restricted amounts:

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	2025	2024
Cash and short term deposits	\$ 27,335,323	\$ 14,232,905
Portfolio investments	11,138,894	28,448,793
	38,474,217	42,681,698
Less restricted for:		
Statutory reserves	4,916,241	5,109,360
Deferred revenue	2,449,951	5,068,981
Development cost charges	2,925,150	2,904,392
	10,291,342	13,082,733
Funds available for operations	\$ 28,182,875	\$ 29,598,965

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### 3. Accounts receivable:

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	2025	2024
Taxes	\$ 1,071,718	\$ 755,145
Utilities	527,313	483,830
Trade accounts	304,853	233,490
Federal government	266,136	130,580
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	\$ 2,170,020	\$ 1,603,045

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### 4. Investment in Government Business Partnership

(a) Partnership

The District owns a 1/3 partnership share in the Cascade Lower Canyon Community Forest LP "CLCCF" or the "Partnership".

(b) Establishment

In 2006, the District along with Yale First Nation and the Fraser Valley Regional District established the CLCCF for the purpose of operating a community forest. The District initially invested \$10,000 for 10,000 units in the Partnership. In 2013, the Partnership acquired a license to forest up to 34,300 cubic meters of timber annually. At this time net revenues are anticipated to remain within the Partnership until such time that the CLCCF Board determines that sufficient reserves exist to fund capital needs related to forestry operations. Should the Partnership cease to exist, the District would be entitled to 1/3 of the accumulated equity.

The Partnership has a March 31 year-end. The condensed results for the year end March 31, 2025 are summarized below.

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## 4. Investment in Government Business Partnership (continued)

CLCCF Condensed Financial Statements:

<b>Assets</b>	2025	2024
Cash	\$ 4,451,392	\$ 3,606,470
Other Current Assets	537,004	1,186,342
Tangible Capital Assets	192,801	211,404
	\$ 5,181,197	\$ 5,004,216
<b>Liabilities</b>	2025	2024
Accounts Payable	\$ 733,923	\$ 690,112
Partnership Equity	4,460,579	4,327,487
	\$ 5,194,502	\$ 5,017,599
	2025	2024
Total Revenue	\$ 3,446,902	\$ 4,577,873
Total Expenses	3,313,810	3,910,802
Net Income	\$ 133,092	\$ 667,071

## 5. Municipal finance authority reserve deposits and demand notes:

The District issues its debt instruments through the Municipal Finance Authority. As a condition of these borrowings, a portion of the debenture proceeds are withheld by the Municipal Finance Authority as a debt reserve fund. The District also executes demand notes in connection with each debenture whereby the District may be required to loan certain amounts to the Municipal Finance Authority.

The details of the cash deposits and demand notes at the year-end are as follows:

	2025	2024
General fund	\$ 122,031	\$ 120,702
Sewer fund	92,375	91,812
	\$ 214,406	\$ 212,514

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## 6. Accounts payable:

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	2025	2024
Security deposits and other items	\$ 1,142,737	\$ 884,442
Trade accounts	1,877,887	1,654,215
Accrued liabilities	1,221,465	1,263,697
Accrued payroll and benefits	312,745	253,726
Accrued interest	43,499	28,655
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	\$ 4,598,333	\$ 4,084,735

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## 7. Development cost charges:

Development cost charges represent funds received from developers for capital infrastructure expenditures required as a result of their development projects. As these funds are expended, the liability will be reduced and the amount expended will be recorded as revenue.

Assets are not always physically segregated to meet the requirements of the restricted revenues. The liability will be settled with cash and portfolio investments.

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## 8. Long-term debt:

The balance of the long-term debt reported on the consolidated statement of financial position is made up the following:

Purpose	By-Law	Term (Years)	Year Due	Rate	Balance Outstanding	
					2025	2024
General Fund						
Other	1288	20	2030	4.00	\$ 955,299	\$ 1,131,879
Water fund						
Water	1477	15	2038	4.97	1,609,982	1,706,671
					\$ 2,565,281	\$ 2,838,550

Future principal payments required over the next five years on issued debt are as follows:

2026	\$ 280,650
2027	290,752
2028	300,845
2029	311,481
2030	322,494
Thereafter	\$ 1,059,059

Interest on long-term debt totaled \$38,400 (2024 - \$38,400) in the General Fund, and \$89,460 (2024 - \$89,460) in the Water Fund.

## 9. Liability for Contaminated Sites

The District has determined that as of December 31, 2025, no contamination in excess of an environmental standard exists related to land not in productive use for which the District is responsible.

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## 10. Asset retirement obligation

### (a) Landfill

The District closed the Hope Landfill in September 2013. Costs related to post closure activities at the site include, gas monitoring and recovery, leachate management and treatment, closure assessment and planning and regulatory approvals.

The Hope landfill site is still expected to require care up to, and including the year 2038. A liability of \$324,257 at December 31, 2025 (2024 - \$348,836) is calculated based on the discounted estimated future cash flows associated with closure and post-closure activities. The discount rate used in 2025 was 4.16% (2024 - 4.20%). Landfill restoration costs incurred by the District in 2025 were \$24,579 (2024 - \$42,009). The District had an agreement with a private contractor to contribute in-kind the remaining closure costs in exchange for the right to fill the remaining airspace in the landfill. This contribution and related operating expenditure was recognized in 2013 when the closure activities were significantly completed.

### (b) Building and wells

The District owns and operates several assets that are known to have asbestos and lead paint, which represent a health hazard upon demolition or renovation of the assets. There is a legal obligation to remove and dispose of the hazardous materials. Following the adoption of Public Accounting Standard PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations, the District recognized an obligation relating to the removal of the hazardous materials in these assets as estimated at January 1, 2023. The transition and recognition of asset retirement obligations involved an accompanying increase to the Buildings and Water system capital assets. The increase in capital assets is amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining expected useful life of the related assets.

The District has adopted this standard prospectively. Under the prospective method, the discount rate and assumptions used on initial recognition are those as of the date of adoption of the standard. Estimated costs totaling \$370,497 have been discounted using a present value calculation with a discount rate of 4.94% (2024 - 4.44%) for buildings and 4.94% (2024 - 4.44%) for well infrastructure. The timing of these expenditures is estimated to occur between 2026 and 2079 with the regular replacement, renovation, or disposal of assets. No recoveries are expected at this time.

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Liability, beginning of year	<b>\$ 822,276</b>	\$ 779,059
Remeasurement adjustment	<b>(47,777)</b>	-
Remediation costs	<b>(25,000)</b>	-
Increase due to accretion	<b>21,021</b>	85,226
Reduction to landfill liability for costs incurred	<b>(24,579)</b>	(42,009)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 745,941</b>	\$ 822,276

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## 11. Tangible capital assets:

Cost	Balance December 31, 2024	Transfers/ Additions	Transfers/ Disposals	Balance December 31, 2025
Engineering structures	\$ 41,050,700	\$ 2,634,479	\$ -	\$ 43,685,179
Buildings	3,689,347	18,998	-	3,708,345
Machinery and equipment	10,009,705	1,578,287	-	11,587,992
Land	3,416,273	-	-	3,416,273
Sewer systems	16,714,387	1,375,046	-	18,089,433
Water systems	13,478,816	101,156	-	13,579,972
Work in progress	1,474,844	2,417,190	(918,885)	2,973,149
	\$ 89,834,072	\$ 8,125,156	\$ (918,885)	\$ 97,040,343

Accumulated amortization	Balance December 31, 2024	Amortization	Disposals	Balance December 31, 2025
Engineering structures	\$ 24,059,359	\$ 896,874	\$ -	\$ 24,956,233
Buildings	2,010,976	201,838	-	2,212,814
Machinery and equipment	6,284,209	474,112	-	6,758,321
Sewer systems	8,986,822	375,584	-	9,362,406
Water systems	7,261,573	241,870	-	7,503,443
	\$ 48,602,939	\$ 2,190,278	\$ -	\$ 50,793,217

	Net book value December 31, 2024	Net book value December 31, 2025
Engineering structures	\$ 16,991,340	\$ 18,728,946
Buildings	1,678,372	1,495,531
Machinery and equipment	3,725,496	4,829,671
Land	3,416,273	3,416,273
Sewer systems	7,727,565	8,727,027
Water systems	6,217,243	6,076,529
Work in progress	1,474,844	2,973,149
	\$ 41,231,133	\$ 46,247,126

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## 12. Financial equity - current fund:

	2025	2024
Unappropriated:		
Operating	\$ 8,296,179	\$ 12,219,143
Non-Statutory reserves:		
Accessibility initiatives reserve	8,218	7,960
Community events reserve	14,914	14,445
Community development regulatory reserve	47,707	46,206
Coquihalla Campground Reserve	150,970	131,413
Fire department reserve	969,763	870,101
Future capital expenditures reserve	5,623,414	6,520,654
Infrastructure replacement reserve	6,342,317	6,903,523
Water reserve	1,770,516	1,685,480
Sewer reserve	458,769	497,845
Assessment appeals reserve	42,604	41,263
	15,429,192	16,718,890
Statutory reserves and restricted funds:		
Parkland acquisition reserve	530,999	514,280
Landfill reserve	875,121	847,568
Land for development reserve	213,550	206,827
Growing Communities reserve	2,866,838	3,124,482
Bridge unexpended funds reserve	429,733	416,203
	4,916,241	5,109,360
Total financial equity	28,641,612	34,047,393
Equity in tangible capital assets	46,811,462	37,565,060
Accumulated surplus	\$ 75,453,074	\$ 71,612,453

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## 13. Collections for other governments:

The District collects and remits taxes on behalf of other government jurisdictions as follows:

	2025	2024
Tax Collected - School Tax	\$ 5,618,892	\$ 5,321,044
Tax Collected - FVRD	2,487,240	2,358,063
Tax Collected - Regional Hospital	336,930	285,663
Tax Collected - BC Assessment	149,094	139,689
Tax Collected - MFA	670	642
	<u>\$ 8,592,826</u>	<u>\$ 8,105,101</u>

## 14. Contingencies:

- (a) Debt held by the Fraser Valley Regional District is, pursuant to the Local Government Act, a direct joint and several liability of each member municipality within the regional district, including the District.
- (b) Monitoring of leachates in the landfill is required for 25 years subsequent to the closure. Any potential costs arising from future issues will be the responsibility of the District.
- (c) The District is currently engaged in certain legal actions. The District has accrued for claims for which the amounts are known or can be reasonably estimated. The outcome of other claims is indeterminable at this time. Accordingly, no provision has been made in the accounts for these actions.
- (d) The District and its employees contribute to the Municipal Pension Plan (Plan) a jointly trusted pension plan. The Board of Trustees, representing plan members and employers, is responsible for administering the plan, including investment of the assets and administration of benefits. The Plan is a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. Basic pension benefits are based on a formula. As at December 31, 2024, the Plan has about 273,000 active members and approximately 133,000 retired members. Active members include approximately 47,000 contributors from local governments.

Every three years, an actuarial valuation is performed to assess the financial position of the Plan and adequacy of plan funding. The actuary determines an appropriate combined employer and member contribution rate to fund the Plan. The actuary's calculated contribution rate is based on the entry-age normal cost method, which produces the long-term rate of member and employer contributions sufficient to provide benefits for average future entrants to the Plan. This rate may be adjusted for the amortization of any actuarial funding surplus and will be adjusted for the amortization of any unfunded actuarial liability.

The most recent valuation for the Municipal Pension Plan as of December 31, 2024, indicated a \$2.675 million funding surplus for basic pension benefits on a going concern basis.

The District paid \$414,986 (2024 - \$380,841) for employer contributions to the Plan in fiscal 2025.

The next valuation will be as at December 31, 2027.

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## 14. Contingencies: (continued)

Employers participating in the Plan record their pension expense as the amount of employer contributions made during the fiscal year (defined contribution pension plan accounting). This is because the Plan records accrued liabilities and accrued assets for the Plan in aggregate, resulting in no consistent and reliable basis for allocating the obligation, assets and cost to individual employers participating in the Plan.

## 15. Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities:

The fair value of the District's cash and short term deposits, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate their carrying amounts due to the immediate or short term maturity of these financial instruments.

The fair value of portfolio investments at December 31, 2025 was \$23,271,355 (2024 - \$28,448,793).

The fair value of the long-term debt and obligations under capital lease approximate their book value as the interest rates represent borrowing rates for loans under similar terms and maturities.

## 16. Contractual Rights

The District has entered into contracts for various property rentals and service agreements, and is scheduled to receive the following amounts under those contracts.

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2026	\$	239,467
2027		245,709
2028		251,968
2029		258,428
2030		243,902

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## 17. Budget figures:

The financial statements have included the Annual budget as approved by Council. The following is a reconciliation of the budget presentation required for the financial statements and the annual financial plan bylaw:

	2025
Annual surplus from statement of operations	\$ 865,100
Amortization of capital assets	2,200,000
Capital expenditures	(10,521,000)
Transfers from surplus	1,070,000
Proceeds from grant financing	5,844,200
Reserves used for capital financing	2,511,000
Contributions to reserves	(1,767,000)
Principal repayment of debt	(202,300)
<b>Net annual budget</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

## 18. Perpetual Cemetery Care Trust:

The District operates a cemetery in accordance with the Cemetery and Funeral Services Act. The District is required to maintain a trust fund which is not included in these financial statements.

The asset and equity of the Perpetual Cemetery Care Trust are as follows:

	2025	2024
Cash and Deposits	\$ 172,690	\$ 158,665

	2025	2024
Equity balance, beginning of the year	\$ 158,665	\$ 146,185
Transfer from operating	8,805	5,065
Interest	5,164	7,415
<b>Equity, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 172,634</b>	<b>\$ 158,665</b>

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## 19. Financial risks

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates, will affect the District's income. The District's cash and portfolio investments include amounts on deposit with financial institutions that earn interest at market rates. The District manages its cash by maximizing the interest income earned on excess funds while maintaining the liquidity necessary to conduct operations on a day-to-day basis. Fluctuations in market rates of interest would not have a significant effect on the District's income.

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. Management does not believe that the District is exposed to significant credit risk.

There has been no change to the risk exposures outlined above from 2024.

## 20. Segmented information:

The District is a diversified municipal government institution that provides a wide range of services to its citizens. For management reporting purposes, the local government's operations and activities are organized and reported by service areas. Service areas were created for the purpose of recording specific activities to attain certain objectives in accordance with Council policies and District's bylaws. The service areas are as follows:

### General Government Services

General government services include activities associated with Mayor and Council administration, bylaw review and adoption, financial management, and information systems, economic development and corporate services, including human resources.

### Protective Services

Protective services include activities associated with community safety. These services include local policing, fire protection, bylaw enforcement and emergency services.

### Transportation Services

A component of Public Works department is transportation services. Transportation services include activities associated with roads and drainage networks. Services include traffic services, street lighting, public works administration, fleet operations, winter maintenance, and maintenance and improvements to roads, shoulders, sidewalks, drainage, storm sewers and dykes.

### Environmental Health Services

Environmental development services include all activities associated with waste management, landfill operations, transfer stations and cemetery operations.

### Community Development Services

Community Development services include development activities associated with planning and zoning and building inspections.

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## 20. Segmented information: (continued)

### Recreation and Culture Services

Recreation and Cultural services include activities associated with operations of parks, recreation and cultural services. Activities also include grants-in-aid, library operations, tourism and minor building maintenance services.

### Utilities: Water and Sewer Services

Water and sewer services include all activities associated with water and sanitary sewer operations. Items include maintenance and enhancements of the water supply system, water pump stations, water distribution systems, hydrants, sanitary sewer collection system, sewer lift stations and sewer treatment and disposal.

Segmented information has been identified based upon lines of service provided by the District. District services are provided by departments and their activities are reported by functional area in the body of the financial statements.

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Segmented Reporting Note

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Recreation and Culture	Protective Services	Transportation	Environmental Health	Community Development	Utilities - Water & Sewer	General Government	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>Revenues</b>									
Municipal taxation	\$ -	\$ 3,142,115	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,135,248	\$11,277,363	\$ 10,729,910
Parcel taxes	-	-	-	-	-	229,520	-	229,520	228,790
Payments in lieu of taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	418,775	418,775	327,100
Sales of services	152,521	153,101	2,876	2,262,824	362,956	1,944,692	522,779	5,401,749	4,505,867
Investment income	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,466,986	1,466,986	2,141,771
Government business partnership income	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,360	44,360	222,335
Rents and leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,189	34,189	32,933
Transfers from other governments	25,000	147,050	2,740	-	-	-	4,092,203	4,266,993	1,479,175
Actuarial adjustment on debenture debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,384	70,384	61,091
Contributions from developers	-	-	-	-	-	300,000	-	300,000	49,950
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>177,521</b>	<b>3,442,266</b>	<b>5,616</b>	<b>2,262,824</b>	<b>362,956</b>	<b>2,474,212</b>	<b>14,784,924</b>	<b>23,510,319</b>	<b>19,778,922</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>									
Salaries and benefits	397,838	1,576,151	1,227,695	85,115	663,913	594,357	1,713,580	6,258,649	5,639,044
Insurance and claims	9,712	13,840	91,226	337	-	44,911	103,011	263,037	279,763
Office and administration	531,483	3,599,850	162,333	1,970,227	474,304	42,994	567,493	7,348,684	6,499,423
Repair and maintenance	599,961	338,351	1,104,964	52,604	-	971,002	43,411	3,110,293	2,507,724
Government transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,278,272
Utilities	20,310	21,411	38,261	10,677	-	221,700	22,673	335,032	455,226
<b>Total Expense, before interest and amortization</b>	<b>1,559,304</b>	<b>5,549,603</b>	<b>2,624,479</b>	<b>2,118,960</b>	<b>1,138,217</b>	<b>1,874,964</b>	<b>2,450,168</b>	<b>17,315,695</b>	<b>17,659,452</b>
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	246,072
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	89,460	53,244	142,704	127,914
Accretion expense	-	-	-	15,686	-	5,335	-	21,021	85,226
Amortization	-	-	-	1,572,824	-	617,454	-	2,190,278	2,212,916
<b>Net operating revenues(expenses)</b>	<b>\$ (1,381,783)</b>	<b>\$ (2,107,337)</b>	<b>\$ (2,618,863)</b>	<b>\$ (1,444,646)</b>	<b>\$ (775,261)</b>	<b>\$ (113,001)</b>	<b>\$ 12,281,512</b>	<b>\$ 3,840,621</b>	<b>\$ (552,658)</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# DISTRICT OF HOPE

## Schedule 1 - COVID-19 Safe Restart Grants for Local Governments

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

In November 2020 the District of Hope was the recipient of a \$1,833,000 grant under the COVID-19 Safe Restart for Local Governments program from the Province of BC.

	2025	2024
<b>COVID Reserve, beginning of year</b>	853,643	\$ 906,612
Information technology	-	34,713
Public works infrastructure	707,725	-
Fire department	15,495	18,256
Interest income	(34,082)	-
<b>Net expenditures through the year</b>	689,138	52,969
<b>COVID reserve, end of year</b>	164,505	\$ 853,643

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Schedule 2 - Growing Communities Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

In 2023, the District of Hope was the recipient of a \$2,874,000 grant under the Growing Community Fund for Local Governments program from the Province of BC.

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Opening balance	\$ 3,124,482	\$ 2,950,846
Interest received	137,910	173,636
Sewer infrastructure	(166,797)	-
Public works infrastructure	(228,758)	-
	<b>\$ 2,866,837</b>	<b>\$ 3,124,482</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

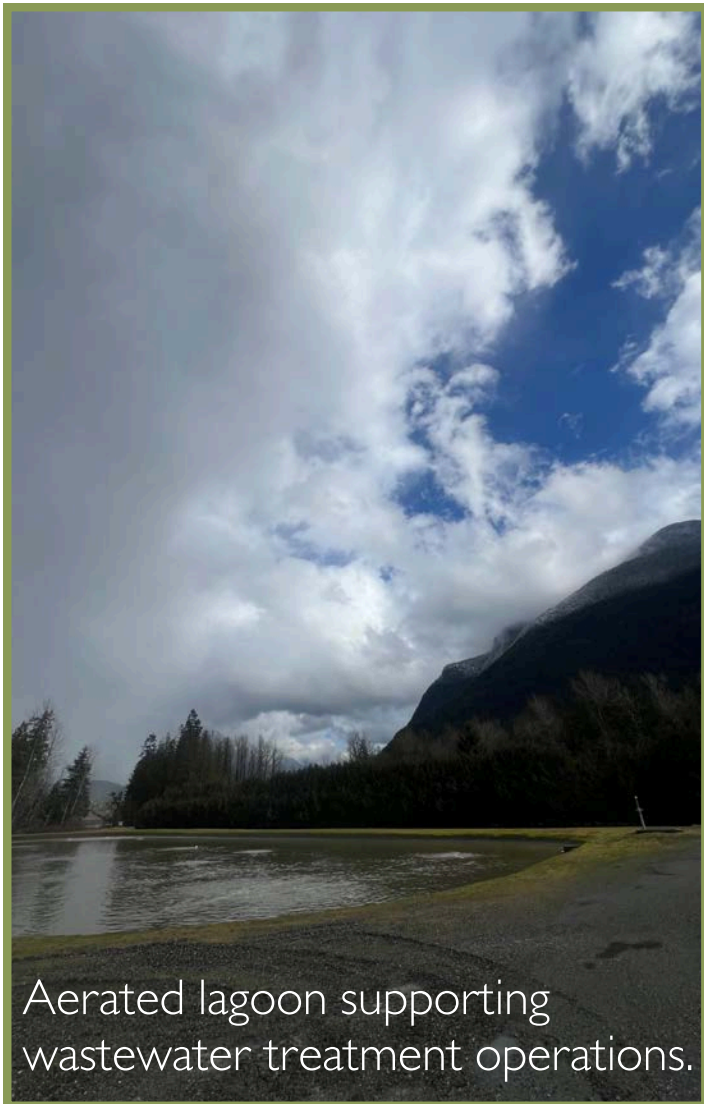
# DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES



## Development Cost Charges (DCCs) – 2025 Snapshot

In 2025, the District of Hope maintained a healthy Development Cost Charge (DCC) reserve, with a year-end total of \$2.9 million. Contributions from developers added over \$226 000, while interest revenue generated an additional \$94 000. These funds support future infrastructure projects in water, drainage, and sanitary systems - ensuring growth pays for growth.

Development Cost Charges — 2025								
	Water		Drainage		Sanitary		DCC Total	
Opening balance	\$	1,681,842	\$	357,182	\$	865,369	\$	2,904,393
Deductions		-		-		300,000		300,000
Contributions		109,580		34,099		82,744		226,423
<b>Sub-Total</b>	\$	1,791,422	\$	391,281	\$	648,113	\$	2,830,816
Interest Revenue		54,626		11,601		28,107		94,334
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	1,846,048	\$	402,882	\$	676,220	\$	2,925,150



Aerated lagoon supporting wastewater treatment operations.



# PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS



## Permissive Tax Exemptions – 2025

Each year, the District of Hope provides permissive tax exemptions to qualifying non-profit organizations, faith-based groups, and community service providers. These exemptions support groups that offer vital services and programs aligned with Council’s social, cultural, and recreational priorities.

In 2025, **23 organizations received exemptions totaling approximately \$126,754** in foregone municipal taxes. The largest exemption was granted to **Kawkawa Camp & Retreat Society**, which continues to operate extensive community recreation and youth programming. Other recipients include local churches, housing societies, seniors' services, and cultural and service organizations.

These exemptions represent the District's continued commitment to supporting community wellbeing and ensuring that valuable services remain accessible to all residents.

Permissive Tax Exemptions		
Organization Name	Community Charter	2025 Municipal Taxes
Anglican Lord Bishop of New Westminster	Section 224(2)(f)	\$ 4,571.18
Fraser-East Affordable Housing Society	Section 224 (2)(a)(i)	\$ 5,902.23
BC Corporation of Seventh-Day Adventist	Section 224(2)(f)	\$ 6,488.53
Coquihalla Intercare Society	Section 224 (2)(a)(i)	\$ 525.52
Fraser Inclusive and Supportive Housing Society	Section 224(2)(a)(i)	\$ 1,238.74
Fraternal Order of Eagles	Section 224(2)(a)(i)	\$ 2,228.38
Grace Fellowship Baptist Church	Section 224(2)(f);224(2)(a)(i)	\$ 6,042.61
Hope Branch 228 Canadian Legion	Section 224(2)(a)(i)	\$ 7,507.82
Hope Christian Fellowship/Northwest Harvest Church	Section 224(2)(g)	\$ 7,281.04
Hope Community Services	Section 224(2)(a)(i)	\$ 3,242.49
Hope Congregation of Jehovah's Witness	Section 224(2)(f)	\$ 2,242.49
Hope Curling Club	Section 224(2)(i)	\$ 7,083.21
Hope Golf & Country Club	Section 224(2)(b)	\$ 8,087.91
Hope Search & Rescue Group	Section 224(2)(b)	\$ 4,685.28
Hope United Church	Section 224(2)(f)	\$ 6,969.78
Kawkawa Camp & Retreat Society	Section 224(2)(a)(i)	\$ 17,468.74
Mamele'awt Qweesome Housing Society	Section 224 (2)(a)(i)	\$ 4,864.60
Mount Hope Senior Citizens Housing Society	Section 224(2)(h)	\$ 3,788.74
Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada	Section 224(2)(f)	\$ 2,397.64
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver	Section 224(2)(f)	\$ 4,324.09
The Hope & Area Transition Society	Section 224(2)(a)(i)	\$ 10,579.27
The Nature Trust of BC	Section 224(2)(a)(i)	\$ 5,211.45
Vancouver Soaring Association	Section 224(2)(i)	\$ 4,022.76
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		\$ 126,754.48



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## BYLAW NO. 1632

*A bylaw to regulate the use of election signs*

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### CITATION

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as ***“Election Sign Bylaw No. 1632, 2026.”***

### INTERPRETATION

2. Unless otherwise specified in this Bylaw, the definitions in the *District of Hope Sign Bylaw* and *Traffic Bylaw*, as amended from time to time, shall apply to this Bylaw.

### DEFINITIONS

"Candidate" means a person who is nominated for election.

"District" means the District of Hope.

"Election Sign" means a sign, sign board, advertisement, advertising device or structure that is used to promote a candidate, elector organization or other voting or election matter.

"Election Sign Period" means

- (a) in relation to municipal elections, the period between when the nomination period begins and the close of voting;
- (b) in relation to federal and provincial elections, the period between the issue of the writ and the close of voting;
- (c) in the case of an election or other voting matter where neither of the above apply, the period begins no more than 30 days before the voting opportunity and ends at the close of voting.

"General Voting Day" means the day fixed under applicable legislation for voting in a General Local Election or other voting matter;

"Official Mark" includes any District slogan, wordmark, phrase, tartan, coat of arms, or flag;

"Place" means place, erect, affix or attach;

"Political Organization" means any incorporated or unincorporated organization, or any elector organization, campaign organizer, or political party as defined under provincial or federal legislation, that engages in promoting, opposing, or taking a position on an election or voting matter.

### GENERAL

3. Election Signs placed in accordance with this Bylaw are exempt from the District's *Sign Bylaw*, except as provided elsewhere in this Bylaw.
4. Election Signs shall only be placed or displayed during an Election Sign Period and removed within 10 days of the close of voting.

## **CANDIDATE AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITY**

5. It is the responsibility of each Candidate or Political Organization that places Election Signs in the District to ensure compliance with this Bylaw.
6. Election Signs must be maintained, clean and in a good state of repair.
7. If an Election Sign is vandalized, the Candidate or Political Organization is responsible for repairing and restoring the sign as soon as they are made aware of the damage.
8. It is the responsibility of each Candidate or Political Organization to ensure there is no damage to property or infrastructure resulting from Election Sign installation. If there is damage, the Candidate or Political Organization will be responsible for the repairs.

## **GENERAL SIGN RESTRICTIONS**

9. Except as provided elsewhere in this Bylaw, an Election Sign must not:
  - (a) be located on a balcony or the roof of a building;
  - (b) be lit, electrified, animated, moving, or flashing;
  - (c) be located within 3 metres of a fire hydrant;
  - (d) be located anywhere that obstructs sight lines or traffic;
  - (e) have District logos, trademarks, official marks, or branding; or
  - (f) have attachments such as balloons, kites, an electronic message centre or inflatable devices.

## **SIZE AND HEIGHT LIMITATIONS**

10. Election Signs shall not exceed 1.5 square meters in total.
11. Election Signs shall not exceed a height of 2 meters above grade.

## **PLACEMENT ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

12. A person must not place, or permit to be placed, an election sign on
  - (a) a District highway or right of way;
  - (b) a centre median, island or sidewalk;
  - (c) any roadway structure, signpost, bridge, overpass structure or traffic control device;
  - (d) a tree, bush or in a park;
  - (e) any other District-owned property, including land, buildings, structures, and equipment.

## **PLACEMENT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

13. Election Signs may not be placed on private property without the approval of the property owner or occupant, or the strata corporation in the case of a parcel containing strata lots.
14. There shall be no more than one election sign on any private lot.

## **RESTRICTIONS ON ELECTION CAMPAIGNING NEAR VOTING PLACES**

15. No person shall place or display an Election Sign at or within 100 metres of a building, structure or other place where voting proceedings are being conducted at the time.

**ENFORCEMENT**

- 16. If this bylaw is being contravened by the placing or display of an Election Sign, the Chief Election Officer, another election official authorized by the Chief Election Officer, or a Bylaw Enforcement Officer may enter on the property where the materials are located and remove or otherwise obscure them from view.
- 17. If an Election Sign is removed under Section 16, the Candidate or Political Organization will be notified of the compliance issue and the location to collect the Election Sign. The Election Sign must be collected within 7 days of removal.
- 18. An Election Sign may be disposed of or destroyed without compensation and without notice if unclaimed in accordance with Section 17.

READ A FIRST, SECOND & THIRD TIME this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

ADOPTED this XX day of XXXX, 2026.

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**Mayor**

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**Director of Corporate Services**

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## BYLAW NO. 1633

*A bylaw to amend the District of Hope Sign Bylaw*

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### CITATION

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “***District of Hope Sign Amendment Bylaw No. 1633, 2026.***”
2. That *District of Hope Sign Bylaw No. 35/96* be amended by deleting Section 6.13, Political Signs, in its entirety and subsequently renumbering the remaining sections accordingly.

Read a first, second and third time this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026

Adopted this XX day of XXXX, 2026.

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Mayor

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Director of Corporate Services

1. News Release dated June 8, 2026 from Ministry of Forests re: Strengthening wildfire prevention, creating local jobs.
2. News Release dated June 8, 2026 from Ministry of Health re: Sharing local farm harvests through coupon program.
3. News Release dated June 8, 2026 from Ministry of Attorney General re: Continuing to strengthen BC Sheriff Service with new sheriffs.
4. News Release dated June 9, 2026 from Ministry of Attorney General re: New drivers in B.C. can now take first knowledge test online.
5. Information Bulletin dated June 9, 2026 from Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation re: Providing information, opportunities for dialogue about Treaty Land Entitlement.
6. News Release dated June 10, 2026 from Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth re: B.C. Business House opens June 12 as FIFA World Cup 2026 games begin.
7. Information Bulletin dated June 10, 2026 from Ministry of Transportation and Transit re: Bringing safer, faster travel to the Fraser Valley through new rail overpass.
8. Information Bulletin dated June 11, 2026 from Ministry of Transportation and Transit re: Smoother travel coming to Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island highways.
9. Information Bulletin dated June 11, 2026 from Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General re: April 2026 saw 119 lives lost due to unregulated-drug toxicity.
10. Information Bulletin dated June 12, 2026 from Ministry of Attorney General re: Knowing your rights when buying tickets for summer events.
11. News Release dated June 15, 2026 from Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills and Skilled Trades BC re: Improving access to skilled trades training in rural, remote communities.
12. News Release dated June 15, 2026 from Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions re: Powering B.C.'s future: New plan drives clean energy, growth, jobs.
13. News Release dated June 15, 2026 from Ministry of Transportation and Transit re: Moving ahead on Fraser River Tunnel Project with revised procurement approach.
14. News Release dated June 16, 2026 from Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, Ministry of Forests, and Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship re: Urging preparedness as wildfire, drought risks increase.
15. News Release dated June 17, 2026 from Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship re: New floodplain maps support flood preparedness.
16. News Release dated June 17, 2026 from Ministry of Health re: Approving access to over-the-counter hearing aids.
17. News Release dated June 17, 2026 from Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions and BC Hydro re: Optimizing BC Hydro assets, increasing electricity capacity by 7%.