

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
AGENDA**

DATE: May 19, 2026
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Enderby City Hall

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1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwepemc.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

THAT the May 19, 2026 Council Meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2026

THAT the May 4, 2026 Council Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

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4. CONTINUING BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEES AND DELEGATIONS

4.1 Canada Day Parade 2026 – Parade Route and Road Closure Application

Staff report prepared by Manager of Strategic Priorities and Community Services dated May 13, 2026

THAT Council endorses the Recommended Route for the 2026 Canada Day parade route;

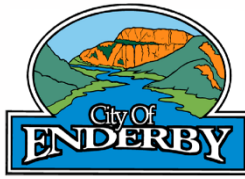
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AND THAT Council approves the Recommended Route road closure application.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Mayor and Council Reports

- 5.2 Area F Director Report
- 5.3 Chief Administrative Officer Report
- 5.3.1 Council Inquiries
- 5.4 RDNO Building Permit Report – April 2026 Page 14
THAT the RDNO Building Permit Report – April 2026 be received and filed.
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
- 6.1 UBCM 2026 Provincial Meeting Requests and Attendance Page 15
 Staff report prepared by Chief Administrative Officer dated May 8, 2026
THAT Council identifies policy-level topics for Ministerial meetings and technical-level topics for Provincial Staff meetings for the 2026 UBCM Convention;
- AND THAT Council indicates the specific request and designates the lead spokesperson and attending members for each request;*
- AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to prepare information briefs for all confirmed meetings.*
- 6.2 Request for Letter of Support: Continued Reliable Intercity Bus Service Page 17
 Correspondence from Glen Desjardine, Director of Operations BC, Ebus and Red Arrow, Keolis Canada
THAT Council provides a letter of support for Ebus and Red Arrow providing continued reliable intercity bus service.
- 7. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS**
 Mayor or Chair will provide an opportunity for any Council member to request that a Correspondence and Information Item be discussed separately.
THAT Council receives and files all Correspondence and Information Items.
- 7.1 Provincial Sales Tax Expansion Page 18
 Correspondence from Ross Siemens, Mayor of Abbotsford dated May 8, 2026
- 8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

Minutes of a **Regular Meeting** of Council held on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Huck Galbraith
Councillor Tundra Baird
Councillor Roxanne Davyduke
Councillor David Ramey
Councillor Brian Schreiner
Councillor Shawn Shishido
Councillor Sarah Yerhoff

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer – Tate Bengtson
Chief Financial Officer – Jennifer Bellamy
Manager of Planning, Community Safety and Bylaw Compliance – Kurt Inglis
Manager of Strategic Priorities and Community Services – Kelsey Campbell
Clerk-Secretary – Andraya Imrich

Other: Press and Public

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwepemc.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Ramey, seconded by Councillor Baird
THAT the May 4, 2026 Council Meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2026

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Ramey
THAT the April 20, 2026 Council Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT MATTERS AND RELATED BYLAWS

Development Variance Permit #0090-26-DVP-END

The Manager of Planning, Community Safety and Bylaw Compliance gave an overview of the application.

There were no written submissions.

There were no members of the public who wished to make representation.

Councillor Shishido asked where the front yard setbacks are measured from.

The Manager of Planning, Community Safety and Bylaw Compliance explained that setbacks are measured from the property boundary.

Councillor Ramey asked about potential for future development on surrounding properties.

The Manager of Planning, Community Safety and Bylaw Compliance explained that the farmland in the vicinity is part of the Agricultural Land Reserve and is designated in the Official Community Plan as country residential, so it is unlikely the land will be developed in the near future.

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Schreiner

THAT Council authorizes the issuance of a Development Variance Permit for the property legally described as LOT 1 DISTRICT LOT 226 KAMLOOPS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT PLAN KAP57152 and located at 2308 McGowan Street, Enderby BC, to permit a variance to Section 801.8.b of the City of Enderby Zoning Bylaw No. 1550, 2014 to reduce the minimum front yard setback from 8 m (26.25 feet) to 2 m (6.56 feet), as shown on the attached Schedule 'A'.

CARRIED

CONTINUING BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEES AND DELEGATIONS

Save Your Skin Sunscreen Dispenser Initiative

Councillor Baird asked if other locations were considered for sunscreen dispensers, particularly the ball fields at Riverside Park.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that Riverside Park was considered among other potential locations, but that there is no consistent staff presence there to monitor for abuse.

Councillor Davyduke asked about maintenance needs for the dispensers.

The Manager of Strategic Priorities and Community Services responded that she has spoken with Salmon Arm and Penticton who use these dispensers and they have reported that they are well utilized and the only maintenance that has been required is the changing of batteries.

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Baird

THAT Council supports participation in the Save Your Skin Foundation Sunscreen Dispenser initiative based on the attached terms and conditions;

AND THAT Council supports publicly accessible sunscreen dispensers being made available at the Visitor Centre and for community events.

CARRIED

BYLAWS**2026 Budget Bylaws**

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Ramey
THAT Council adopts the bylaws cited as “City of Enderby 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1829, 2026”, “City of Enderby Annual Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1830, 2026”, “City of Enderby Sewer Frontage Tax Bylaw No. 1831, 2026”, “City of Enderby Water Frontage Tax Bylaw No. 1832, 2026” and “City of Enderby Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1479, 2010 Amendment Bylaw No. 1833, 2026”.

CARRIED

REPORTS**Mayor and Council Reports****Councillor Shishido**

Spoke with Sheryl Hay of Recreation Services and reported that arena bookings for tournaments next season are already filling up.

Reported that the Enderby ball diamonds are in excellent condition and noted that the Grindrod diamond outfield could use some attention.

Spoke with Area F Director Hopkins about organizing a meeting with Spallumcheen and Armstrong regarding demand for ball diamonds in the area.

Councillor Baird

Attended SILGA in Revelstoke and reported that it was a great event. Discussed public washrooms with representatives of Revelstoke and reported that they have 4 large public washrooms and that there may be grant funding available for similar projects. Attended sessions on infill and development, the evolving functions of Libraries and their lack of funding and talks by George Abbott and Don Lidstone.

Councillor Davyduke

Will be attending the Get Connected Enderby Service Provider Fair at Splatsin Centre on May 5th.

Attended SILGA and reported it was a great event for regional collaboration and advocacy to higher government. Attended sessions regarding fire protection and infill and development, discussed concerns about transit with a Councillor from Lake Country, and encouraged Council to watch the documentary BC is Burning, about wildfires and prevention in BC.

Attended a Memory Café event held in Revelstoke for people experiencing cognitive decline and dementia, as well as their families and caregivers. Reported that it was a very good event and that there may be an opportunity to host a Memory Café in Enderby in the near future.

Visited the Revelstoke Museum.

The Chamber is hosting a ladies golf tournament on June 4th.

Councillor Ramey

Reported that he has received many comments from the public about the cannabis stores on the Highway south of Enderby.

Reported that the ball diamonds look great and that Riverside RV Park is starting to fill up for the camping season.

Reported that the pavement on Enderby Mabel Lake Road is very uneven and dangerous.

Councillor Yerhoff

Volunteered at the Enderby Legion Meat Draw with Mayor Galbraith.

Attended the Garden Club's plant sale and reported it was very busy.

Attended the Chamber's Business After 5 event hosted at Transition Marketing.

Councillor Schreiner

Reported that the ball diamonds are looking great but that he has received some complaints about user groups playing loud music early in the mornings. Asked if this is something that can be addressed.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that this can be addressed by bylaw if reported to the City.

Councillor Schreiner asked about the patch of dirt to the south of the ball diamonds and how the grass doesn't seem to be growing there.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that he is aware of this issue and working on some potential solutions with the Parks lead hand. Noted that the lack of precipitation has limited the growth of grass on the new soil.

Mayor Galbraith

Volunteered at the Enderby Legion Meat Draw with Councillor Yerhoff.

Attended the Business After 5 event at Transition Marketing.

Will attend the Service Providers Fair at the Splasin Centre on May 5th.

Chief Administrative Officer

Reported that succession planning for Parks Department leadership has entered its implementation phase. With the forthcoming retirement of the current foreman, Travis Branton has been appointed to Lead Hand I, and has assumed operational responsibility. Guidance and cross-training will be provided by Sheldon Tokairen, the outgoing foreman, who will continue as

part of the permanent parks staff until his June retirement. Thanked all parties for their efforts to provide a seamless transition.

The soon-to-be vacant Recreation Facility Maintenance Worker position will be backfilled in June. A job posting to that effect will be posted soon.

Congratulated Ray Brown on his progression from Public Works Lead Hand II to Foreman. Reported that Ray has implemented a lot of positive changes to operational aspects of Public Works, such as improving the dust control/de-icing system and working on the new coverall structure for sand storage. He has also worked closely with the team on the new reservoir's design and integration into the system.

As of April 30, the Riverside RV Park has collected \$126,665 out of its \$265,800 budget, with \$139,135 remaining. This value is difficult to compare to the prior year, as 100% of the fees are now collected at booking rather than a 50% deposit, which front loads more revenue to the start of the season. So far, the campground is on track for meeting budgeted revenue.

Pool construction is continuing. The deck has been poured, and the basins are being prepared. A dry inspection occurred with Interior Health last week. The slide is expected to arrive in mid-May, and the spray features shortly thereafter. Staff are planning for a soft opening in late May, with the precise date to be announced as soon as more details are available on the arrival of critical components that must be commissioned first. Thanked Sheryl Hay of Recreation Services and the Clerk Secretary for their assistance in getting the new lifeguard training manual ready for roll-out.

Sidewalks have been poured on King Avenue. The crew is now filling in the bulbs, completing driveway tie-ins, and preparing for the final grade. Asphalt will go down late this week. The asphalt subcontractor will also be doing the utility and emergency vehicle access path to the new pool at the same time.

Line painting is reported as complete by the contractor. An inspection is forthcoming to assess completion across the community.

As part of the initiative to support local volunteers, Volunteer Enderby will be promoted publicly beginning this week, including at the Service Provider Fair on May 5th. There has already been a lot of positive feedback on the initiative.

The City is now in its normal Stage 1 drinking water restriction for the season, as of May 1st.

Approval of 2025 Statement of Financial Information

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Davyduke
THAT Council approves the 2025 Statement of Financial Information.

CARRIED

Vernon North Okanagan Detachment: 1st Quarter (January to March) 2026

Councillor Baird expressed concern about the high numbers listed for Enderby and asked if there is a way to find out the statistics for within City limits without including surrounding area to get a better picture of what is happening within the City.

Chief Administrative Officer will invite a representative of the RCMP to a future meeting.

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Baird
THAT Council receives and files the report titled Vernon North Okanagan Detachment: 1st Quarter (January to March) 2026.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Disclosure of Contracts – Council

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Davyduke
THAT Council receives the Disclosure of Contracts – Council staff report dated April 24, 2026 for information.

CARRIED

Award of Property Insurance Contract

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Yerhoff
THAT Council awards the contract for the provision of property, equipment breakdown and crime insurance to Acera Insurance Services Ltd. for a three-year term commencing May 23, 2026, with an option to extend for an additional two years.

CARRIED

Canada Day Parade 2026 – Parade Route and Road Closure Application

Council discussed the proposed parade route and concerns about the safety of the use of Evergreen Street as a demobilization area for the parade participants. Discussed the desire to find a route that avoids the five-way intersection and the resulting traffic issues that volunteer traffic controllers have had to manage in past.

Councillor Ramey expressed opposition to the use of Evergreen for demobilization.

Councillor Baird expressed concern about the amount of space available for demobilization as well as potential issues if this site were used for staging in future years when the parade moves north to south.

Chief Administrative Officer suggested that Staff consider feedback from Council and that this item be postponed to next meeting.

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Davyduke
THAT the item titled Canada Day Parade 2026 – Parade Route and Road Closure Application be postponed to the regular meeting of May 19, 2026.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

Moved by Councillor Davyduke, seconded by Councillor Shishido
THAT pursuant to Section 92 of the Community Charter, the regular meeting convene In-Camera to deal with matters deemed closed to the public in accordance with Section 90 (1) (k) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

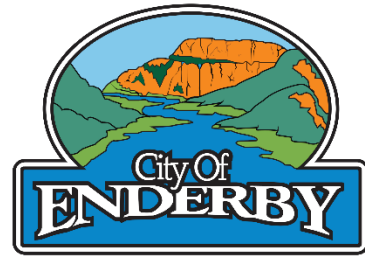
Moved by Councillor Yerhoff, seconded by Councillor Davyduke
THAT the regular meeting of May 4, 2026 adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

Staff Report



Date: May 12, 2026
To: Chief Administrative Officer
From: Kelsey Campbell, Manager of Strategic Priorities and Community Services
Subject: Canada Day Parade 2026 – Revised Parade Route

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorses the Recommended Route for the 2026 Canada Day parade route;
AND THAT Council approves the Recommended Route road closure application.

DISCUSSION

Council postponed consideration of the Canada Day Road Closure Application at the April 27, 2026 Council Meeting following discussion related to parade operations, traffic flow, and event logistics.

Staff are proposing a different route (“the Recommended Route”) for the 2026 Canada Day Parade, in consideration of the original parade management objectives and the matters raised during Council’s discussion. As it is expected that the venue will change in 2027, the Recommended Route is only proposed for Canada Day 2026.

The City of Enderby’s 2026 Canada Day Celebrations will take place at Riverside Park from 12pm to 2pm. The parade is proposed to begin at 11:30am and conclude by approximately 12pm.

Route Analysis

The Recommended Route takes the following path, which will have rolling road closures:

- Parade: Railway Street → Cliff Avenue → Belvedere Street → Regent Avenue
- Demobilization: Woods Lane and Baird Avenue, egress onto Brickyard Road

The Recommended Route, in contrast to the route previously proposed, increases spectator capacity along Regent Avenue and provides improved post-parade traffic circulation, compared to the route brought forward previously. The demobilization area on Baird Avenue allows parade participants to travel north or south via Brickyard Road with minimal disruption.

Key Considerations

- Marshalling area remains on Railway Street, consistent with Canada Day 2025
- Expanded spectator viewing opportunities along both sides of Regent Avenue
- Improved participant access to Riverside Park and return routes into town
- Familiar route configuration for parade participants and spectators following the 2025 Christmas Parade

Objectives Considered

The Recommended Route supports the following parade objectives:

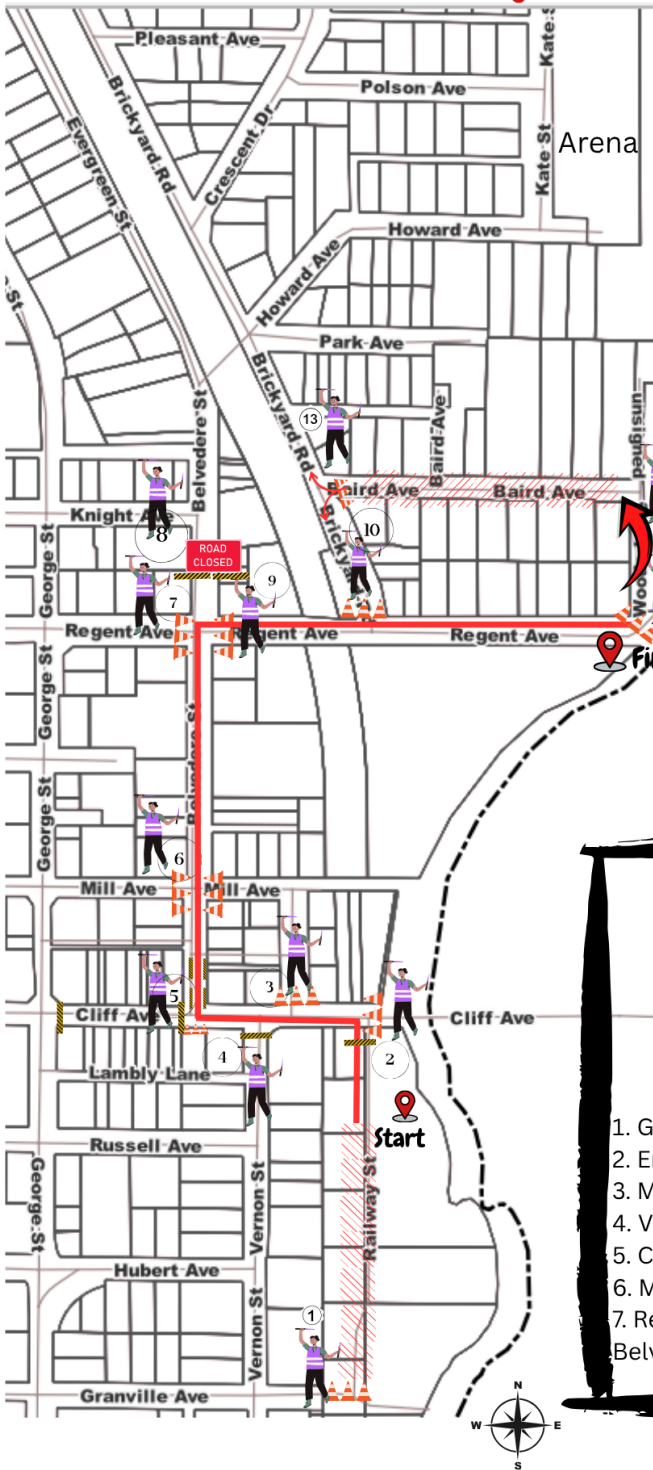
1. **Event-Aligned Orientation:** Maintains the northerly orientation established in 2025, ensuring the parade continues to flow toward the primary event site at Riverside Park.
2. **Staging and Demobilization Efficiency:** Prevents operational conflicts by separating the parade’s endpoint (demobilization) from the primary vehicle access routes to event parking. This ensures that the dismantling of floats does not obstruct the high volume of traffic travelling directly to the park after the parade.
3. **Conflict Reduction at High-Volume Intersections:** Simplifies traffic management at the 5-way intersection of Belvedere and Brickyard. By adjusting the route, the City can more effectively and safely manage the competing pressures of through-traffic, local residents, and the heavy volume of pedestrians expected to cross north as they make their way toward the event site.
4. **Enhanced Spectator Capacity:** Provides a longer route (relative to the route used for the 2025 Christmas Parade) that increases the available viewing area for the public, accommodating a larger crowd comfortably along the parade corridor.

ATTACHMENTS


- Canada Day 2026 Revised Parade Route & Traffic Control Plan











Approved for Inclusion by..... Tate Bengtson, Chief Administrative Officer
 Agenda Council, Regular, May 19, 2026






Canada Day **TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN**



Traffic Control Volunteers



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-  **Start**
Visitor Centre
(702 Railway St.)
-  **Finish**
Regent Ave. &
Woods Lane
-  Designated Marshalling & Tear Down Areas
-  Participants turn up Woods Lane to Baird Ave to tear down
-  Participants exit Tear Down Area onto Brickyard, North or South

-  33 Delineators
-  10 Barricades
-  13 Traffic Control

Traffic Control People at

1. Granville & Railway	8. Knight & Belvedere
2. Enderby Bridge	9. Regent (E) & Belvedere
3. Maud & Cliff	10. Brickyard & Regent
4. Vernon & Cliff	11. Regent & Woods
5. Cliff & Belvedere	12. Baird & Woods
6. Mill & Belvedere	13. Baird & Brickyard
7. Regent (W) & Belvedere	

**Schedule A
Application for a Temporary Road Closure for a Community Event**

Is this a first-time or relocated event? Yes No

Name of Sponsoring Organization City of Enderby

Name of Contact Person Kelsey Campbell

Telephone or Email 250-838-7230

Name of Event City of Enderby's Canada Day Celebrations

Date(s) of Closure July 1, 2026

Start time for Closure 10am End time for Closure 12pm

Location of Closure Railway → Cliff → Belvedere →
Regent → Woods Lane → Baird

Required Attachments

- Map showing closure and emergency access route
- Petition of affected business owners (if applicable)
- Certificate of insurance (if applicable)

Indemnity: The applicant agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City of Enderby from and against any and all claims, including but not limited to harm, damage, injury, or loss to body or property caused by, arising from, or connected with any act or omission of the applicant or any agent, employee, customer licensee or invitee of the applicant, and against and from all liabilities, expense costs and legal or other fees incurred in respect of any such claims or any actions or proceedings brought thereon arising directly or indirectly from or in connection with the property, facilities, or services of the City. The applicant will be required to obtain and keep in force throughout the period of use insurance in a form specified by the City of Enderby unless waived in writing.

Authorized Signatory K Campbell Date May 12, 2026

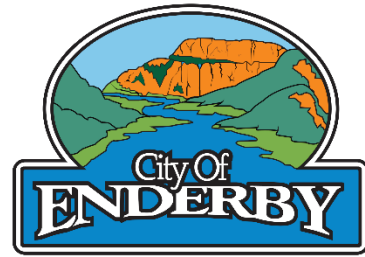
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Petition of Affected Business Owners	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A

RDNO Building Permits Issued Comparison for Year/Month - Summary

Area: CITY OF ENDERBY **Category:** BUILDING PERMITS **Year:** 2026 **Month:** 04

Folder Type	2026 / 04		2025 / 04		2026 to 04		2025 to 04	
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AGRICULTURAL BUILDING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COMMERCIAL BUILDING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Staff Report



Date: May 8, 2026
To: Mayor and Council
From: Tate Bengtson, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject: UBCM 2026 Provincial Meeting Requests and Attendance

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council identifies policy-level topics for Ministerial meetings and technical-level topics for Provincial Staff meetings for the 2026 UBCM Convention;

AND THAT Council indicates the specific request and designates the lead spokesperson and attending members for each request;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to prepare information briefs for all confirmed meetings.

DISCUSSION

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) conference will be hosted in Vancouver, September 14-18, 2026. The theme is “Common Good,” which is intended to “draw our focus to what unites us and invites delegates to explore solutions that strengthen social cohesion.”

At UBCM, local governments have an opportunity to meet with Provincial ministries, agencies, commissions, and corporations. This year, the meeting format is being restructured. Of particular note:

1. There is more emphasis on local governments assessing whether a Minister (policy level) or Staff (technical level) meeting is most appropriate to meet their meeting objectives, at the time that the request is made.
2. Staff (technical level) meetings will be held virtually the week before the convention.

The deadlines for submitting meeting requests are:

- Ministers: June 24, 2026
- Staff: August 5, 2026

Meetings with Ministers are 15 minutes in length while meetings with Provincial Staff are 30 minutes in length (except for the Ministry of Transportation and Transit, which is 20 minutes in length).

UBCM has further emphasized the importance of specific and clear detail in meeting requests so that an effective evaluation may occur as to accepting, declining, or redirecting a meeting request.

Once Council identifies the topics for which it wishes to meet with Provincial representatives, Staff will review the Provincial Appointment Book to match the topic to the most appropriate ministry, agency, commission, or corporation.

As part of the meeting request form, UBCM requests that local government representatives who are planning to attend the meeting are indicated. Staff recommend that a spokesperson be identified for the meeting before the request is made.

Once Council has decided upon its UBCM meeting requests, Staff will submit the request form for each meeting. Accepted meeting requests are expected to be confirmed in early September.

Staff will research and prepare information briefs for any confirmed meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

- None

Approved for Inclusion by..... Tate Bengtson
Agenda Council, Regular, May 19, 2026



Request for Letter of Support: Continued Reliable Intercity Bus Service

Dear Mayor and Council of City of Enderby,

Ebus and Red Arrow have been proud to provide dependable, affordable and efficient intercity bus transportation to communities throughout British Columbia for many years. We have been instrumental in filling the gap left after Greyhound Canada discontinued operations, ensuring residents in the community continued to have access to essential, reliable scheduled public transportation.

As part of our licenses granted, we are required to demonstrate that we are meeting public need. We are proud to declare that our companies have been deeply involved in connecting communities, supporting local economies and contributing to your overall growth and well-being.

With this in mind, and to demonstrate our we are meeting public need to the Passenger Transportation Board, we respectfully request the support of the City of Enderby by writing a letter affirming that current intercity bus services adequately meet the transportation needs of your community. We also request that this letter highlight the positive role Ebus and Red Arrow play in contributing to the vibrancy of the community. In addition to delivering reliable transportation, both Ebus and Red Arrow have actively engaged with local communities, contributing to social and economic development. We believe our ongoing commitment benefits residents and businesses alike by providing accessible travel options and fostering tourism.

We would very much welcome the opportunity to discuss how we can continue to serve and support your community in the years ahead and to hear any feedback you may have.

Thank you for considering this request. We appreciate your support in helping maintain a vital public service that connects and strengthens communities across British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Glen Desjardine

Director of Operations BC



Kamloops, BC

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Mayor

Ross Siemens

Councillors

Les Barkman

Kelly Chahal

Patricia Driessen

Simon Gibson

Dave Loewen

Patricia Ross

Dave Sidhu

Mark Warkentin

May 8, 2026

File: 0530-003/0400-30

Via email - FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Brenda Bailey
Minister of Finance
Province of British Columbia

Dear Minister Bailey:

Re: Provincial Sales Tax Expansion

The City of Abbotsford has received a copy of your April 30, 2026 response to the Village of Zeballos regarding the expansion of the Provincial Sales Tax (PST). We appreciate your explanation of the Government of BC's rationale, including the goal of broadening the tax base to better reflect the modern, service-oriented economy.

On behalf of Abbotsford City Council, I am writing to respectfully reinforce concerns raised by local governments across British Columbia regarding the application of PST to professional and related services, and to request further consideration of measures that would mitigate the impacts on municipalities.

As reflected in the City of Abbotsford's proposed 2026 UBCM resolution, local governments already face substantial fiscal pressures, including infrastructure renewal, climate adaptation, and housing delivery, with limited revenue tools available. Applying PST to required professional services represents an internal cost shift within the public sector that constrains the ability of local governments to effectively deliver provincially mandated and essential community services. Professional services are crucial for municipal infrastructure delivery, regulatory compliance, and long-term capital planning.

While we acknowledge that the tax will apply to only a portion of certain service costs, the cumulative financial impact on local governments remains significant and creates upward pressure on project budgets and property taxation without improving service outcomes.

We also note the province's reference to broader tax policy alignment across jurisdictions and measures taken to reduce costs for businesses and local governments. While these measures are appreciated, they do not directly offset the specific and immediate financial impacts of the PST expansion on municipal capital and operating budgets.

Consistent with Abbotsford's UBCM resolution and the concerns raised by other communities such as the Village of Zeballos, we respectfully request that the province consider one of the following approaches:

1. Exempt local governments from the application of PST on professional and related services;
or
2. Implement a rebate or offset mechanism, similar to the GST model, to avoid intergovernmental cost downloading and mitigate impacts on affordability and infrastructure delivery.

We believe these approaches would maintain the broader tax objectives while recognizing the distinct role of local governments as public service providers operating within constrained fiscal frameworks.

The City of Abbotsford values its strong partnership with the Government of BC and remains committed to working collaboratively on solutions that support sustainable infrastructure investment, housing delivery, and community well-being. We would welcome the opportunity to engage further with you and your ministry to explore options that address these concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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