

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AGENDA

DATE: September 21, 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 September 21, 2026 Council Meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2026

Page 3

THAT the September 8, 2026 Council Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

**4. CONTINUING BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEES
AND DELEGATIONS**

4.1 Enderby Legion Branch 98 Delegation Requests

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*Staff report prepared by Chief Administrative Officer dated September 16, 2026
THAT Council receive the staff report titled "Enderby Legion Branch 98 Delegation Requests";*

AND THAT Council approve the installation of a commemorative veterans parking stall marking in front of the Enderby Legion main entrance on Belvedere Street, to be funded initially from the 2026 line painting budget savings, with ongoing maintenance incorporated into future line painting budgets;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the replacement of the Veterans Park

sign at a cost of \$3,500, to be funded from the Community Enhancement Fund.

4.2 Enderby Legion – Lounge Permissive Tax Exemption Request Page 14

Staff report prepared by Chief Financial Officer dated September 14, 2026
THAT Council deny the request from the Royal Canadian Legion Enderby Branch #98 for a permissive tax exemption for the lounge area at 909 Belvedere Street on the basis that the lounge does not meet the statutory eligibility requirements under Section 224 of the Community Charter.

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 – August 2026 Page 16

THAT the RDNO Building Permit Report – August 2026 be received and filed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Elected Officials Seminar - 2027 Page 17

Staff report prepared by Chief Financial Officer dated September 11, 2026
THAT Council approves the use of \$14,000 from prior years surplus for the Elected Officials Seminar in 2027.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

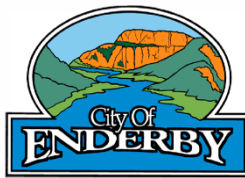
Mayor or Chair will provide an opportunity for any Council member to request that a Correspondence and Information Item be discussed separately.
THAT Council receives and files all Correspondence and Information Items.

7.1 Support for a Minimum Five-Year Renewal of the Local Government Climate Action Program Page 20

Correspondence from Mark Pendergraft, Chair, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, dated September 10, 2026

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

9. ADJOURNMENT



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

Minutes of a **Regular Meeting** of Council held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Huck Galbraith
Councillor Roxanne Davyduke
Councillor David Ramey
Councillor Shawn Shishido
Councillor Sarah Yerhoff

Absent: Councillor Tundra Baird
Councillor Brian Schreiner

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

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 Davyduke
THAT the September 8, 2026 Council Meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2026

Moved by Councillor Ramey, seconded by Councillor Yerhoff
THAT the August 17, 2026 Council Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #98

René Verwey, President of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #98, explained that a permissive tax exemption is provided by the City for the hall portion of the Legion building, but not the lounge portion. Mr. Verwey requested that a permissive tax exemption be provided for the lounge as well. Explained that Legion Branches in other communities are provided an exemption on their whole buildings, not just a portion.

Mr. Verwey requested that the City install decorative sidewalks in or around Veterans Park, rather than a crosswalk.

Mr. Verwey requested that the City pressure wash the cenotaph. Requested that the City restores the Legion's "Veterans Park" sign as well. The Legion does not have the funds nor the volunteers to get this done.

Council asked about the costs of having the entrances to Veterans Park painted and if other communities who have installed veterans crosswalks would be willing to share the stencils used.

Mr. Verwey was unsure of costs and has not discussed sharing stencils with other communities.

Mr. Verwey noted that the Enderby Legion has donated approximately \$200,000 to the community in recent years.

Staff will prepare a report for the next Council meeting with recommendations regarding the requests from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #98.

CONTINUING BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEES AND DELEGATIONS

Foundry North Okanagan – Funding Request

Councillor Ramey asked what the current balance of the Community Enhancement Fund is.

Chief Financial Officer responded that the fund currently has \$89,000 uncommitted.

Councillor Shishido stated that he believes that some of the services that the Foundry provides are harmful, such as the substance use services and gender-affirming care. Funds would be put to better use for other youth services. Would like to know what kind of gender-affirming care is being provided.

Councillor Ramey clarified that the Foundry's services are about mental health for youth. Although most of youth services for Enderby are provided out of Salmon Arm, this is a one-time ask from Foundry. Noted that many youth do not receive support at home and more places for youth to get support are needed.

Councillor Yerhoff stated that services are not going to be perfect, but it gives youth another option to access support. Youth from Enderby are already accessing Foundry services.

Councillor Shishido expressed a need for more information about the provided services and will follow up directly.

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Davyduke

THAT Council provides a grant in the amount of \$4,000 to the Canadian Mental Health Association Vernon & District - Foundry North Okanagan, funded through the Community Enhancement Fund.

CARRIED
OPPOSED Councillor Shishido

Garden Club Cornerstone Garden Pathway Request

Moved by Councillor Ramey, seconded by Councillor Yerhoff

THAT Council permits the Enderby and District Garden Club to install a hard-surfaced pathway at Cornerstone Garden, subject to acceptance of the proposed design and materials by the City;

AND THAT the City requests that the scope of work for the proposed hard-surfaced pathway includes enclosing all irrigation crossings in conduit;

AND THAT, following acceptance of the constructed hard-surfaced pathway by the City, it accepts ownership of the works for the purposes of warranty, asset, and risk management;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to provide a letter of support to the Enderby and District Garden Club to assist with fundraising and grant applications.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Yerhoff

Looking forward to the '80s Dance Party.

Attended a public swim at the new pool. Has received great feedback from the community regarding the pool.

Attended a FACT meeting. There is a plant share event planned at the Enderby Library. The Harvest Hut had a very successful season with over 600 visitors.

Attended Friday Night Lights.

The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an All-Candidates Forum on September 23rd from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

The Chamber of Commerce will soon have staff presence at the Visitor Centre.

Looking forward to UBCM.

Looking forward to dinner with Splatsin. Thanked Mayor Galbraith for organizing this.

Councillor Davyduke

Looking forward to the '80s Dance Party. Has been hearing a lot of positive feedback and excitement in the community for the event.

Attended Friday Night Lights. It was a great success with many people travelling from out of town to enjoy the community.

The Enderby & District Community Resource Centre provided 148 rides from July 2025 to June 2026 through its med-ride program. These rides were provided with the EDCRC vehicle and volunteer vehicles.

Harvest Hut had a very busy season.

The Play in the Park and Art in the Park events held in Barnes Park were not as busy as usual this season. The Community Resource Centre is looking at ways to increase awareness for these events. They are busy planning for Christmas and received a large donation from the Lions Club.

Councillor Ramey

Attended Friday Night Lights and reported it was a great event.

Has been receiving good feedback from people staying at the campground.

Has received complaints from community members regarding jet skis and boats on the River.

Attended a meeting of the Enderby & District Arts Council. The Arts Centre had 1,200 visitors in July. The September exhibit is up and running. EDAC is offering drop in painting and drawing classes. Death, the Musical is being put on as a fundraiser for Gleneden Hall. EDAC is looking to support a live theatre group and are looking for people to be a part of this.

Councillor Shishido

Attended Friday Night Lights.

Has received excellent feedback from longtime community members for Recreation Services and the pool programming in Enderby.

Mayor Galbraith

Attended Friday Night Lights.

Attended a Bill's Place event with Councillor Davyduke. Announced that they are expanding its facility to add 36 new beds. The facility has a 73% success rate.

Reported that he helped get a resident connected to a doctor at the Splatsin Health Centre. Reported that a new nurse practitioner at the Enderby Health Centre is accepting new patients.

Chief Administrative Officer

Thanked the events team and all of the volunteers, including Mayor and Council, who supported Friday Night Lights this year.

An end-of-season celebration at the new Enderby Outdoor Pool is scheduled for Tuesday. The celebration will be coupled with a free swim. Exterior lights are expected to be installed this week. Staff are coordinating various end-of-season tasks, including winterization, installing the spray features, installing the permanent door frames, lifeguard control panel, finalizing hot tub operations, and irrigation and hydroseeding, so that the pool is in a strong position at the start of next season.

The ice is officially in at the John Pritchard Memorial Sports Complex, with training and recruiting for the Enderby Icemen having occurred last week. Thanked the Parks team for their efforts. The Icemen's portable was dropped off today, which will be placed on the north end of the arena. The portable had to be set back more than expected due to Fire Code requirements.

Public Works will be doing some additional investigatory work on a suspected water issue on the paved portion of Francis Drive as, so far, the results have been inconclusive.

Public Works is also preparing for the next round of paving projects, which will include the water service trench restoration on Cliff Avenue between Sicamous and George.

Council has received confirmation of a UBCM meeting with the Deputy Minister for Jobs and Economic Growth. A briefing note will be circulated by staff in advance of the meeting. Unfortunately, the Salmon Arm transit meeting request was combined with the Ministry of Transportation and Transit sign program request, and the latter was declined.

The campfire ban has been lifted and the water restrictions have returned to stage 1. Thanked the public for their compliance with both.

As of August 30th, the Riverside RV Park collected \$248,988 out of its \$265,800 budget, with \$16,812 remaining.

The 80s Dance Party by the River is scheduled for September 11th. Thanked the Farmers Market for participating in the 80s-themed celebration.

Councillor Shishido asked about the repainting of the salmon sculpture in front of City Hall.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that the first step would be to have a conversation with the Enderby & District Arts Council, as this sculpture was donated by and has historically been maintained by EDAC. Staff do not have expertise in work of this nature and it is important that the intentions of the artist and the donor are understood, as it is not clear whether the rusted metal is, in fact, by design.

Councillor Shishido was speaking with one of the coaches with minor hockey and asked about the door that the Enderby Icemen will be using to access their dressing room as there appears to be access issues. Will ask the coach to contact the Parks staff so the issue can be evaluated.

Councillor Shishido asked when the hot tub at the new pool will be operational.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that the hot tub has just been commissioned; however, there are still signoffs from the consultants and Interior Health that need to happen before it can be used.

Councillor Davyduke asked whether the City has a policy for new public art to ensure that expectations around ownership and maintenance responsibility are clear.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that the City does have a public art policy to help guide these discussions. The policy was introduced over a decade ago in order to help clarify expectations between the City, the donor, and the artists up front.

Councillor Davyduke asked whether the pool has a cover and explained that the Osoyoos pool has a cover and that it may allow our season to be further extended.

Chief Administrative Officer explained that staff are having internal conversations regarding acquiring a pool cover, and that more information is needed before a decision can be made.

Mayor Galbraith informed staff of a low hanging power line near Kildonan Drive.

Chief Administrative Officer said staff will inspect it and report it to the appropriate authority.

Bylaw Enforcement Statistics for Second Period of 2026 (May-Aug)

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Yerhoff
THAT Council receives and files the Staff Report titled “Bylaw Enforcement Statistics for Second Period of 2026 (May-Aug)”.

CARRIED

Riverside RV Park – July 31, 2026 Financial Update

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Ramey
THAT Council receives the Riverside RV Park – July 31, 2026 Financial Update for information.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

After Hours Hoops Program Update

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Yerhoff
THAT Council receives and files the update from Legacy North Academy on the After Hours Hoops program, dated September 2, 2026.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Yerhoff
THAT Council receives and files the correspondence and information items titled:

- Advocating that Provincial Legislation Requiring Housing Targets or Density be Directly Tied to Infrastructure Funding dated August 18, 2026
- Rural Home Owner Grant – BC dated August 20, 2026.

AND THAT a letter of support be sent to Prince George concerning the Rural and Northern Home Owner Benefit.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

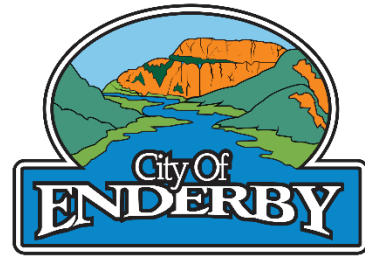
Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Ramey
THAT the regular meeting of September 8, 2026 adjourn at 5:51 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

Staff Report



Date: September 16, 2026
To: Mayor and Council
From: Tate Bengtson, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject: Enderby Legion Branch 98 Delegation Requests

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive the staff report titled "Enderby Legion Branch 98 Delegation Requests";

AND THAT Council approve the installation of a commemorative veterans parking stall marking in front of the Enderby Legion main entrance on Belvedere Street, to be funded initially from the 2026 line painting budget savings, with ongoing maintenance incorporated into future line painting budgets;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the replacement of the Veterans Park sign at a cost of \$3,500, to be funded from the Community Enhancement Fund.

DISCUSSION

This report provides Council with an update regarding three matters raised during the recent delegation by the Enderby Legion Branch 98. The fourth item, involving the permissive tax exemption, is addressed in a separate report on this agenda.

Cenotaph Cleaning

Public Works power-washed the cenotaph on September 15, 2026. Walkways within Veterans Park were cleaned at the same time.

Commemorative Sidewalk

The Legion requested a commemorative sidewalk marking adjacent to the cenotaph. Staff reviewed this request with the City's line painting contractor to evaluate technical feasibility.

The contractor advised that applying road paint to concrete surfaces in a decorative manner may not meet performance expectations. While road paint provides the necessary durability and anti-slip properties, on concrete surfaces, the paint tends to flake off rather than wear down, which may create an unsightly finish over time that will be more apparent with a decorative design.

To achieve a similar form of commemoration, the contractor proposed painting a parking stall with markings commemorating veterans. The contractor has confirmed that it has all materials on hand, including layout stencils, and the project can be completed prior to Remembrance Day.

- Location: Staff reviewed the proposal with the Legion President, who supported the alternative and requested that the commemorative stall be placed directly outside the main entrance to the Legion.
- Financial Impact: The initial layout and application cost is approximately \$1,000. This can be funded from savings realized earlier this year within the 2026 line painting budget. The ongoing repainting cost is estimated at \$400 per application. While this will incrementally increase future operational line painting budgets, the overall financial impact is minimal. Staff recommend that the City fully fund the initial and ongoing costs within its line painting budget.

A photograph of a commemorative parking stall is attached to this report for illustration purposes.

Veterans Park Sign Refurbishment

Staff are in communication with the sign vendor previously engaged by the Legion regarding the "Veterans Park" sign located at the southeast corner of the park. Given the age and physical condition of the existing sign, options for both refurbishment and full replacement have been evaluated.

The vendor advised that the existing sign is in poor condition, which goes beyond refinishing its surface; while refurbishment would improve its appearance, it would serve only as a stopgap measure extending its lifespan by a few years before requiring replacement. Alternatively, the sign could be replaced, which would also provide an opportunity to use a thicker wood stock for the base and incorporate materials and techniques that will significantly extend its service life.

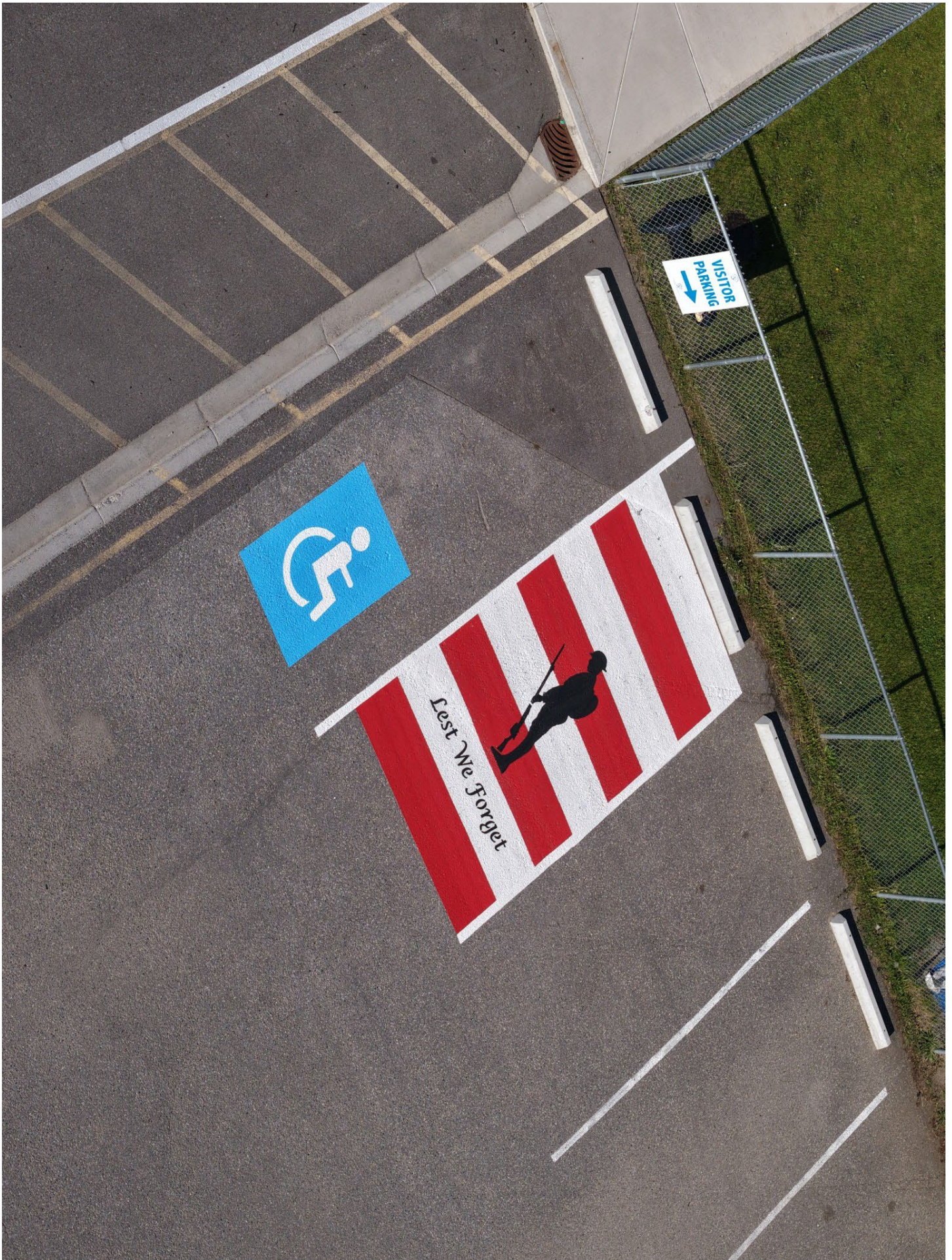
The cost to refurbish the existing sign is \$1,000, while the cost to replace it is \$3,500. The vendor has provided a discounted rate in recognition of veterans' service. The City would be responsible for removal, transportation, and installation.

Given the minimal lifespan extension of a refurbishment relative to its cost, staff recommend proceeding with the replacement option. This project aligns with the criteria of the Community Enhancement Fund, which is supported by non-tax revenue sources and designated for one-off community projects.

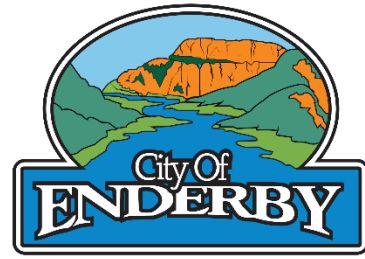
ATTACHMENTS

- Commemorative parking stall photograph

Approved for Inclusion by..... Tate Bengtson
Agenda Council, Regular, September 21, 2026



Staff Report



Date: September 14, 2026
To: Chief Administrative Officer
From: Jennifer Bellamy, Chief Financial Officer
Subject: Enderby Legion – Lounge Permissive Tax Exemption Request

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council deny the request from the Royal Canadian Legion Enderby Branch #98 for a permissive tax exemption for the lounge area at 909 Belvedere Street on the basis that the lounge does not meet the statutory eligibility requirements under Section 224 of the *Community Charter*.

DISCUSSION

At the September 8, 2026 regular meeting of Council, the Royal Canadian Legion Enderby Branch #98 requested a permissive tax exemption for the lounge portion of its property located at 909 Belvedere Street. The property currently receives a permissive tax exemption for the class 8 portion of the property, which is used as a community hall. The class 6 portion of the property, which is used as a lounge, does not receive a permissive tax exemption.

Statutory Framework and Legal Precedent

Section 224(2) of the *Community Charter* permits Council, by bylaw, to exempt certain properties that are owned or held by a charitable, philanthropic or other not for profit corporation from property taxation, provided that the use of the property is directly related to the purpose of the organization.

Historically, the City provided a tax exemption for the entire Legion property, including the lounge. In 2016, the City was advised by the BC Assessment Authority (BCAA) that the lounge portion was not eligible for a tax exemption as the use of the lounge was not considered to be directly related to the purpose of the organization.

This decision was based on a case from the Property Assessment Appeal Board, which determined that, although proceeds from the operation of a lounge are used to support a philanthropic purpose, the sale and consumption of alcohol itself is not directly related to the organization's purpose. BCAA advised that this interpretation would be applied beginning with the 2019 taxation year; the lounge portion of the Legion property has been taxable since that date, in accordance with the directive from BCAA.

There has been no change to the relevant wording of the *Community Charter* and no subsequent Property Assessment Appeal Board decision has been identified that would support a different interpretation of the eligibility requirements for the lounge portion of the property; therefore, the lounge does not meet the legislative requirements for Council to be able to provide a permissive tax exemption for this portion of the property and would be contrary to the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act*.

Analysis

BC Assessment has reiterated that local governments bear the legal responsibility to ensure strict compliance with statutory eligibility criteria prior to adopting a permissive tax exemption bylaw. While some BC municipalities continue to exempt Legion lounges, doing so exposes the tax exemption bylaw to legal vulnerability and non-compliance with statutory provisions.

Alternative Support

Refusing a tax exemption on statutory grounds does not preclude municipal support for the Legion. Local governments, including the City of Enderby, frequently collaborate with local Legion branches by co-funding specific projects, events, or capital initiatives of mutual public benefit. Granting project-specific financial contributions remains a lawful exercise of municipal authority, whereas granting an unauthorized tax exemption does not.

ATTACHMENTS

- None

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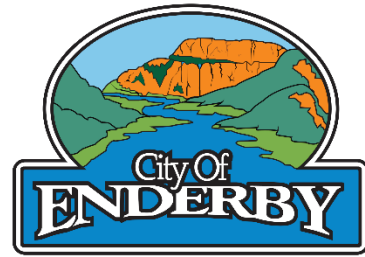
Area: CITY OF ENDERBY

Category: BUILDING PERMITS

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Staff Report



Date: September 11, 2026
To: Chief Administrative Officer
From: Jennifer Bellamy, Chief Financial Officer
Subject: Elected Officials Seminar - 2027

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves the use of \$14,000 from prior years surplus for the Elected Officials Seminar in 2027.

DISCUSSION

The City has historically funded the Elected Officials Seminar that takes place every four years, subsequent to Local General Elections. The next seminar takes place January 20-22, 2027 in Kelowna. With registration, accommodations and expenses, the total cost per person is approximately \$2,000. For all of Council to attend, \$14,000 is required, which would be funded out of prior years surplus.

Staff are seeking early approval for the use of the funds so that registration and accommodations can be booked in advance once it is known who from the newly elected council wishes to attend.

ATTACHMENTS

- Elected Officials Seminar Series - 2027

Approved for Inclusion by Tate Bengtson, Chief Administrative Officer
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Elected Officials Seminar Series

The Local Government Leadership Academy's Elected Officials Series is held every four years following the local government general election to deepen elected officials' understanding of the local government system and best practices for civic leadership.

The following dates have been set for the upcoming EOS Series:

Region	Dates	Conference Centre
LMLGA	December 9-11, 2026	Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport (Richmond)
AVICC	January 13-15, 2027	Vancouver Island Conference Centre (Nanaimo)
SILGA	January 20-22, 2027	Delta Hotels Grand Okanagan (Kelowna)
NCLGA	January 27-29, 2027	Coast Prince George Hotel
AKBLG	February 3-5, 2027	Kimberley Conference Centre

2027 EOS Program

Build the Foundation for Effective Local Government Leadership

Whether you're newly elected or returning to office, the Elected Officials Seminar (EOS) provides the practical knowledge, skills, and connections needed to lead effectively in today's local government environment.

Through **interactive learning**, **real-world scenarios**, **facilitated discussions**, and **peer networking**, the EOS helps elected officials navigate the transition into office and build confidence in their governance role.

Who Should Attend?

The EOS series is designed for **newly-elected** and **returning local and First Nation elected officials**.

Whether you are entering local government for the first time or bringing years of experience, the EOS series offers valuable learning, practical tools, and connections to support your success in office.

Why Attend?

The EOS series is designed specifically for local elected officials who want to:

- Gain a strong understanding of their governance role and responsibilities.
- Strengthen decision-making and leadership skills.
- Learn practical approaches to complex challenges facing local governments.
- Connect with colleagues from communities across BC.
- Build a foundation for a successful and productive term in office.

Participants can expect:

- Governance simulations and hands-on exercises.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking opportunities.
- Discussion of real-world local government challenges.
- Integrated learning on communications, Indigenous relations, climate considerations, and leadership resilience.
- A supportive environment for both new and experienced elected officials.

Program Overview

Day 1 (Wednesday) Start Time: **1:00 p.m.**

Day 3 (Friday) End Time: **12:00 p.m.**

Governance Foundations

Begin your EOS journey by exploring the transition from campaigning to governing. Learn how elected officials work together to make decisions, balance individual perspectives with collective responsibility, and build effective working relationships.

Roles, Responsibilities & Decision-Making

Develop a practical understanding of the roles of councils, boards, and administration. Through interactive exercises and governance simulations, participants will explore decision-making boundaries, meeting procedures, and the fundamentals of effective local government leadership.

Planning & Policy Stewardship

Examine the role elected officials play in shaping the future of their communities. Topics include strategic planning, growth management, housing, community wellbeing, and long-term policy leadership.

Responsible Conduct & Ethical Leadership

Explore respectful governance, productive debate, codes of conduct, and strategies for navigating disagreement while maintaining positive working relationships and public trust.

Financial Stewardship

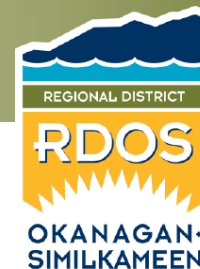
Build confidence in local government finance and budgeting. Learn about taxation, infrastructure investment, reserves, borrowing, asset management, and financial sustainability through practical, decision-focused exercises.

Mentors' Panel

Hear lessons learned from seasoned elected officials and gain insights into building resilience, maintaining effectiveness, and leading successfully throughout a term of office.

Risk, Resilience & Crisis Leadership

Explore the leadership role of elected officials during emergencies and other high-pressure situations. Participants will engage in practical crisis scenarios that strengthen decision-making, communication, and governance skills under p



September 10, 2026

The Honourable David Eby, Premier

The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions

The Honourable Kelly Greene, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

The Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

The Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance

Dear Premier Eby and Ministers:

Re: Support for a Minimum Five-Year Renewal of the Local Government Climate Action Program

On September 3rd, 2026, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) passed the following motion:

THAT the Board direct staff to prepare a letter to the Province in support of the Union of BC Municipalities' (UBCM) call for a minimum five-year renewal of Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) funding, commencing in 2027.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the RDOS, I am writing in support of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' (UBCM) call for a minimum five-year renewal of the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP), commencing in 2027.

The RDOS joins local governments throughout British Columbia in recognizing LGCAP as a critical and effective partnership between the Province and local governments. The program provides predictable and flexible funding that enables communities to undertake locally relevant climate action initiatives, build organizational capacity, and advance projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions while strengthening resilience to climate-related hazards.

As a predominantly rural regional district covering a large and diverse geographic area, the RDOS faces increasing challenges associated with climate change, including wildfire risk, extreme heat, drought, flooding, and other severe weather events. Local governments are on the front lines of responding to these impacts and require stable, long-term funding to plan and implement meaningful actions that protect residents, infrastructure, local economies, and the natural environment.

In the RDOS, LGCAP funding has enabled climate action work that would be difficult to advance through a rural tax base alone. This includes dedicated staff capacity, climate action planning and reporting, community emissions reduction initiatives, energy efficiency programming such as the HomeEnergy Guide initiative, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, climate adaptation and resilience planning, climate-related risk and vulnerability assessments, regional planning efforts, and public engagement. Just as importantly, LGCAP has provided a stable foundation for securing additional provincial and federal grants, building partnerships, and advancing multi-year projects that support both local priorities and provincial climate objectives.



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The value of LGCAP is strengthened by its flexibility and predictability. Unlike competitive grant programs, LGCAP allows communities to respond to local priorities while contributing to broader provincial objectives under CleanBC and related climate resilience strategies. This is particularly important for smaller and rural communities, where administrative capacity and financial resources are often limited and where sustained funding is needed to move from planning to implementation.

Without multi-year certainty, local governments may be forced to delay staffing decisions, defer strategic planning, pause partnerships, or slow project delivery. A renewed commitment would help maintain local capacity, preserve momentum, and ensure climate action investments continue to deliver meaningful outcomes for residents, infrastructure, local economies, and the natural environment.

The RDOS respectfully requests that the Province commit to a minimum five-year renewal of LGCAP beginning in 2027. Multi-year funding certainty would provide local governments with the confidence needed to continue investing in locally relevant climate mitigation, adaptation, emergency preparedness, energy efficiency, and resilience initiatives while supporting the Province's broader climate objectives.

For regional districts and rural communities, continued LGCAP investment is essential to maintaining the Province-local government partnership needed to address climate-related risks. Renewing the program for a minimum five-year term would help ensure local governments remain effective partners in protecting British Columbians and building resilient, sustainable communities.

The Board also encourages the Province to continue working collaboratively with UBCM, local governments, and Modern Treaty Nations to ensure the program remains responsive to the diverse needs of communities throughout British Columbia.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter and for your continued partnership with local governments in building resilient, sustainable communities.

Sincerely,



Mark Pendergraft

Chair

Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

cc: Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

Penticton-Summerland MLA

Boundary-Similkameen MLA

UBCM Member Municipalities