



**UPDATED Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District Board Agenda**

June 24, 2026; 10:30 AM

Meeting Held via Electronic Facilities

Meeting Location: SLRD Boardroom

1350 Aster Street, Pemberton, BC

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1. Call to Order

2. Territorial Acknowledgement

We would like to recognize that this meeting is being held on the Traditional Territory of the Lil'wat Nation.

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Delegations and Invited Presentations (10:30 AM)

4.1. Invited Presentation - Deborah Carlson, Staff Lawyer, West Coast Environmental Law, and Member of the Lower Fraser Floodplains Coalition

(5 minutes presentation; 5 minutes Q&A; see related Item 13.3.)

- Joint Statement on Action for Floodplain Resilience in the Lower Mainland

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5. Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board Closed Meeting

THAT the Board close the meeting to the public under the authority of section 226(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act*, sections 90(1)(a), (c), (e), (f), (i1), and sections 90(2)(b)(i), (b)(ii), (b)(iii) of the *Community Charter* and that there be a short recess before convening in the Closed session.

- 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; (personnel)
- (c) labour relations or other employee relations; (employee relations)
- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;
- (f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment; (legal or bylaw enforcement)
- (i1) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 18.1 of the Freedom of Information

- and Protection of Privacy Act;
- 90(2)(b)(i) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party; (negotiations)
- (b)(ii) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and another local government or between another local government and a third party; (negotiations)
- (b)(iii) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a first nation or a prescribed Indigenous entity, or between a first nation or a prescribed Indigenous entity and a third party; (negotiations)

6. Consent Agenda

(Voting rule on each item may vary; unanimous vote required)

Items appearing on the consent agenda which present a conflict of interest for Board Directors must be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

Any items to be debated or voted against must be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

THAT the resolutions set out in the Consent Agenda be approved, and those Consent Agenda items which do not have resolutions related thereto be received.

6.1. Approval and Receipt of Minutes

- 6.1.1. **Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Regular Board Draft Meeting Minutes of May 27 & 28, 2026** 23 - 39

THAT the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 27 & 28, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

- 6.1.2. **Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Committee of the Whole Draft Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2026** 40 - 45

THAT the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

- 6.1.3. **Electoral Area Directors Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2026** 46 - 51

6.2. Correspondence For Information

- 6.2.1. **Letter from D. Gould - Joint BC Hydro and WLNG** 52 - 76

Media Statement, May 22, 2026

6.2.2. **Letter from Minister of Forests - Response to Request for Continuation and Expansion of FireSmart Community Funding and Supports (FCFS)** 77 - 80

6.2.3. **Bridge River Valley Community Association (BRVCA) - Bralorne Pioneer Mines Office Project - 2025 Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) Application Update** 81

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

8. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

9. Report of the Chair

- **Board Director Round Table Updates**

10. Committee Reports and Recommendations

(Unweighted All Vote, except as noted; 2/3 majority required for bylaw adoption on same day as third reading)

10.1. Electoral Area Directors Committee Recommendations of June 10, 2026

10.1.1. **Request for Decision - 2026/27 Civic Addressing Project Funding Request** 82 - 90

THAT up to \$31,027 be allocated to Civic Addressing service (CC 1202) from Area B Community Works Funds towards Phase 2 of the civic addressing signage project within Area B of the SLRD.

THAT up to \$17,000 be allocated to Civic Addressing service (CC 1202) from SLRD Community Works Funds towards the cost of providing civic addressing signage upon request to all residents of the SLRD, with funding split between the four electoral areas as follows:

- \$3,679 from Area A Community Works Funds
- \$1,550 from Area B Community Works Funds
- \$7,195 from Area C Community Works Funds
- \$4,576 from Area D Community Works Funds

11. Bylaws

(Unweighted All Vote, except as noted; 2/3 majority required for bylaw adoption on same day as third reading)

11.1. **Request for Decision - Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Directors Remuneration Bylaw No.1951-2026** 91 - 113

THAT Bylaw No. 1951-2026, cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Directors Remuneration Bylaw No.1951-2026" be

introduced and read a first, second and third time.

(2/3 Majority Vote)

THAT Bylaw No. 1951-2026, cited as “Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Directors Remuneration Bylaw No.1951-2026” be adopted.

11.2. **Request for Decision - Amendment Bylaw No. 1969-2026 (proposed amendments to Development Application Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1936-2025)** 114 - 135

THAT Bylaw No. 1969-2026, cited as “Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Development Approval Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1936-2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 1969-2026”, be introduced and read a first and second time.

THAT Bylaw No. 1969-2026, cited as “Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Development Approval Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1936-2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 1969-2026”, be referred to Lílʷat Nation, Sk̓wx̓ wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and St’át’imc Nation including N’Quatqua, Samahquam, Sekw’el’was, Skatin, T’ít’q’et, Tsal’alh, Ts’kw’aylaxw, Xaxli’p, Xa’xtsa and Xwisten Nations for comment.

11.3. **Request for Decision - Zoning Amendment - AGR1 to AGR1 with B&B - 14988 Squamish Valley Rd** 136 - 142

THAT Bylaw No. 1955-2026, cited as “Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1955-2026” be given second reading.

THAT the Board direct staff to schedule and advertise a public hearing, to be held electronically, and delegate the holding of the public hearing to Electoral Area D Tony Rainbow with Director Jen Ford as alternate delegate pursuant to Section 469 of the Local Government Act, for the consideration of Bylaw No. 1955-2026, cited as “Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1955-2026”.

11.4. **Request for Decision - Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1970-2026 (District of Squamish)** 143 - 152

THAT Bylaw No. 1970-2026, cited as “Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1970-2026 (District of Squamish)” be introduced and read a first, second and third time.

(2/3 Majority Vote)

THAT Bylaw No. 1970-2026, cited as “Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1970-2026 (District of Squamish)” be adopted.

12. Department Reports and Other Business

(Unweighted All Vote, except as noted)

12.1. CAO Verbal Update

- **BC Hydro Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Policy**
- **Place Glacier Outburst Flood Risk**
- **Paradise Valley Bailey Bridge Abutments**
- **Seton Portage and Tsal'ah Fire Protection Service Townhall**

12.2. Request for Decision - SLRD 2025 Statements of Financial Information

153 - 167

THAT Squamish-Lillooet Regional District 2025 Statements of Financial Information be approved as presented; and

THAT the SLRD Board Chair and Treasurer (Director of Finance) be authorized to sign the 2025 Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Statements of Financial Information Approval.

12.3. Request for Decision - Bralorne Water Emergency Capital Repair Funding

168 - 171

THAT the Board approve the transfer of \$26,995.64 from the Bralorne Water capital reserves (CC #2703) towards the emergency pump replacement work.

THAT a 2026 budget amendment be requested to include the project into the Cost Centre 2703 within the current financial plan when time permits.

12.4. Request for Decision - Protective and Emergency Services Support Vehicle Funding

172 - 175

THAT the \$81,750 be allocated to the Emergency Planning Service (Cost Centre #1761) for the purchase and 2026 operating costs of a Protective and Emergency Services support vehicle, with funding allocated as follows:

- \$23,250 from Area A BC Hydro PILT Reserve
- \$23,250 from Area B BC Hydro PILT Reserve
- \$23,250 from Southern/Area D BC Hydro PILT Reserve
- \$12,000 from Area C Amenity Funds

12.5. Request for Decision - Draft Policy No. 54-2026, Administrative Overhead Allocation Policy

176 - 187

THAT the Board approve the adoption of the Administrative Overhead Allocation Policy No. 54-2026.

THAT staff be directed to implement the policy beginning with the next budget cycle (2027), with any material year-over-year impacts phased in to maintain service stability.

THAT the Board repeal Policy No. 2.6 Administration Charge.

12.6. Request for Decision - CWF Third-Party Project Application - Lil'wat Nation Sweat Lodge

188 - 199

THAT the Board acknowledge and confirm the following with respect to the Lil'wat Nation Health and Healing Sweat Lodge project:

1. That the Board has identified the Lil'wat Nation Health and Healing Sweat Lodge project as a regional priority and that the project is included within the Squamish- Lillooet Regional District Board's Strategic Plan;
2. That the Board has reviewed the project in relation to local government-owned capital priorities and confirms that approval of funding for the Lil'wat Nation Health and Healing Sweat Lodge project does not result in the project being prioritized over a higher-priority local government-owned capital project;
3. That the Board confirms the Lil'wat Nation Health and Healing Sweat Lodge project is supported by asset management planning principles, including consideration of lifecycle costs, service delivery needs, and long-term sustainability;
4. That the Board supports the reporting of the minimum outcomes reporting criteria required under the Canada Community-Building Fund program for the Lil'wat Nation Health and Healing Sweat Lodge, as identified in the applicable program guide; and

THAT staff be authorized to provide this resolution and any other supporting documentation to UBCM for the purpose of confirming the Lil'wat Nation Health and Healing Sweat Lodge project's eligibility under the Community Works Fund Program.

THAT up to \$6,000 of Area C Community Works Funds be granted to Lil'wat Nation for the construction of a cultural sweat lodge, conditional upon the SLRD receiving third-party CWF project approval from UBCM.

13. Correspondence For Action

13.1. Request for Support - Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen - Letter to Minister Eby - Bill M214 - Firefighters' Health Act

200 - 202

Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen requests that SLRD Board write a letter to Premier David Eby regarding Bill M214 - Firefighters' Health Act and its associated operational and financial implications for rural and volunteer fire services.

- 13.2. **Invitation for Feedback - Metro Vancouver Regional District - Draft Solid Waste Management Plan** 203 - 205

Metro Vancouver Regional District invites SLRD Board to provide feedback on the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan by August 1, 2026.

- 13.3. **Request for Support - Lower Fraser Floodplains Coalition - Joint Statement for Action on Floodplain Resilience in the Lower Mainland** 206 - 217

Lower Fraser Floodplains Coalition requests that SLRD Board sign the Joint Statement for Action on Floodplain Resilience in the Lower Mainland.

- 13.4. **Request for Letter of Support - Ashlu Creek Foundation - Connecting Communities BC (CCBC) Application - Upper Squamish Valley Fibre Broadband Project** 218 - 219

Ashlu Creek Foundation requests a letter of support to endorse its Connecting Communities BC program application to bring fibre broadband to 85 households in Electoral Area D. Application deadline is June 25, 2026.

14. Correspondence For Information

- 14.1. **Combined Letters from E. Duruisseau - OFC Policy 3.200.2 Authority Having Jurisdiction** 220 - 222

15. Decision on Late Business or Additional Late Business

(2/3 Majority Vote)

THAT the late business items be considered at this meeting.

16. Late Business or Additional Late Business

17. Notice of Motion

18. Motion For Which Notice Has Been Given

19. Recess for the June 25, 2026 Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Committee of the Whole Meeting

THAT the meeting be recessed until 12:00 PM or immediately following the June 25, 2026 Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Committee of the Whole meeting.

----- Thursday, June 25, 2026 -----

20. Recommendations from the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 25, 2026

(To be determined)

21. Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board Closed Meeting

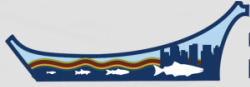
THAT the Board close the meeting to the public under the authority of section 226(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act* and section 90(1)(c) of the *Community Charter*.

90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations; (employee relations)

22. Rise and Report from the Closed Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board Meeting

23. Adjournment

THAT the meeting be adjourned.



LOWER FRASER
FLOODPLAINS COALITION

Joint Statement on Action for Floodplain Resilience in the Lower Mainland

Presentation to Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board
Deborah Carlson, Staff Lawyer, West Coast Environmental Law

June 24, 2026

Lower Fraser Floodplains Coalition (LFFC)



ADVOCATE
for better governance
& funding to do this work



CONVENE
communities to build
capacity & relationships



CATALYZE
projects at local
& regional scales

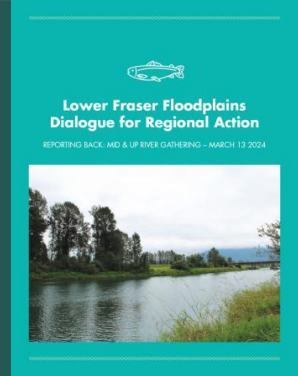
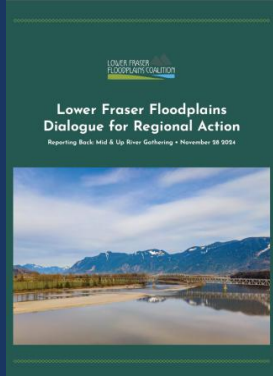
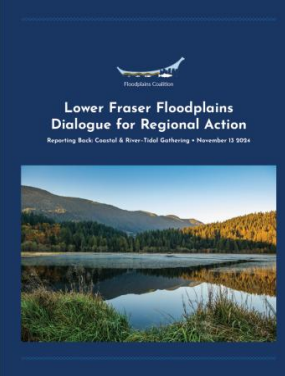
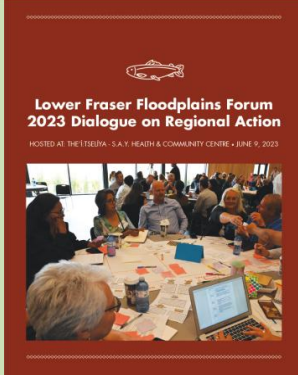
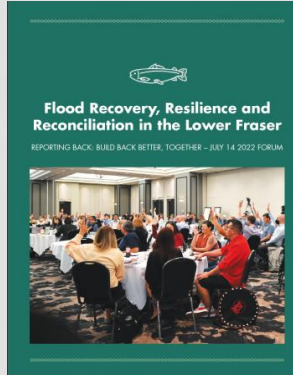


Regional Gatherings 2022 - 2026

We listened as the region spoke...



There is a growing regional alignment on the need for coordinated action

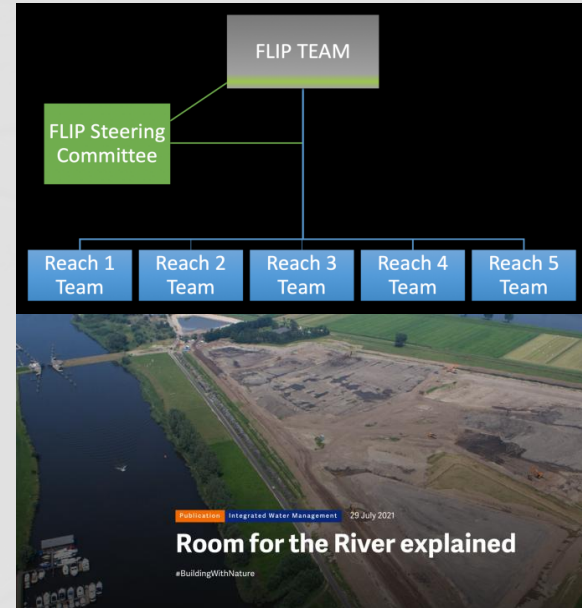


Multi-benefit Flood Management

Being strategic and making good choices from all available risk reduction options adds up to multi-benefit flood management:

- Safe Communities
- Resilient Economies
- Healthy Ecosystems
- Avenues for Reconciliation

State of Washington & the Netherlands examples demonstrate the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of hybrid, regional-scale approaches that combine planning, infrastructure & ecosystem restoration.



Crisis...

Increasing flood risk is driven by more frequent atmospheric rivers, aging infrastructure, and ongoing development pressures

The Lower Fraser is not supported at a level that reflects its importance and national significance (food security, trade, critical infrastructure)

Local governments and First Nations have responsibilities, but not resources

Changes to federal Disaster Financial Assistance may leave areas of Lower Mainland ineligible for support

BC Flood Strategy not funded

No significant federal or provincial investments in flood safety in our region since the Fraser River Flood Control Program ended in 1995

...but Opportunity

Opportunity to build on regional alignment and readiness to act

Opportunity to deliver regional solutions that work with nature

Opportunity to advance reconciliation through partnership and shared decision-making



Federal emphasis on nation building investments, e.g.:

- Build Communities Strong Fund (\$51 billion over 10 years)
- Nature Strategy (\$412 million over 5 years for Pacific salmon & habitat)
- Trade Diversification Corridors Fund (\$5 billion)



JOINT STATEMENT

on Action for Floodplain Resilience in
the Lower Fraser

The Joint Statement: Key Points

1. We are ready to **work together as a region** to build flood resilience
2. Federal and provincial governments **must step up**
3. Investment must match the **scale and importance** of this region



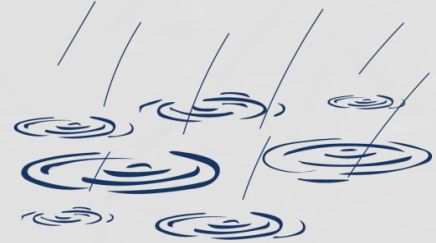
THE ASK FOR OUR REGION

The Joint Statement calls for:

- A dedicated, long-term flood resilience program for the Lower Fraser
- Stable, committed funding (not project-by-project)
- Regional coordination
- Investment in:
 - critical infrastructure
 - the full flood risk reduction toolbox, including nature-based solutions
- Capacity support for **First Nations and local government leadership**

Joint Statement & Backgrounder

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JOINT STATEMENT

for Action on Floodplain Resilience in the Lower Mainland



We call on the federal and provincial governments to:

- Recognize the Lower Fraser's resilience as a matter of national and provincial significance: urgently requiring attention, but manageable with practical measures, and essential for the long-term safety, and the cultural and economic well-being of all communities, the province and the country;
- Recognize that collaboration, not competition for piecemeal funding, is the foundation for resilience in the Lower Fraser, and that enabling First Nations and local governments to work together to meet responsibilities to their communities that flow from title and rights and jurisdictions, is part of that foundation.
- Address federal and provincial responsibilities to ensure the resilience of critical infrastructure essential for the region, for British Columbia and for Canada; and
- Develop a sustained, long-term investment program for the Lower Fraser adequate to support collaborative work across federal, provincial and local governments, First Nations and the private sector to achieve regional floodplain resilience that works with nature, not against it.

No single community can do this work alone.

We know that our future depends on working together to build a safer, more resilient region and we call on the federal and provincial governments to step forward with us.

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Thank you



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DRAFT Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board Minutes

May 27 & 28, 2026; 10:30 AM

Meeting Held via Electronic Facilities Meeting

Location: SLRD Boardroom

1350 Aster Street, Pemberton, BC

In Attendance:

Board:

J. Ford, Chair (Whistler) - *in-person*
R. Mack, Vice-Chair (Area C) - *in-person*
S. DeMare (Area A) - *electronic*
J. Rasmussen (Alternate - Area B) - *in-person*
T. Rainbow (Area D) - *electronic*
L. Hopfl (Lillooet) - *in-person*
M. Richman (Pemberton) - *in-person May 27 only*
J. Crompton (Whistler) - *in-person and electronic May 27 only*
J. Morden (Alternate - Whistler) - *in-person May 28 only*
A. Hurford (Squamish) - *electronic May 27; in-person May 28*
C. Pettingill (Squamish) - *in-person*
J. Stoner (Squamish) - *in-person*

Absent: Village of Pemberton Director - *May 28 only*

Staff:

H. Paul, Chief Administrative Officer (Deputy Corporate Officer) - *in-person*
A. Belsham, General Manager of Corporate Services (Corporate Officer) - *in-person*
G. Harris, Legislative Coordinator - *in-person*
I. Jelinek, Legislative Assistant - *in-person*
M. Phillips, General Manager of Protective and Emergency Services - *in-person*
B. Stoner, Fire Services Manager - *in-person*
P. Westerholm, Director of Communications and Engagement - *in-person*
C. Hodgins, Deputy Director of Finance - *in-person*
V. Reid, Project and Program Coordinator - *in-person*
R. Rehill, Legislative Coordinator - *in-person*
O. Butt, General Manager of Infrastructure and Environmental Services - *in-person*
M. Leblanc, Manager of Solid Waste Services - *in-person; electronic*
C. Dewar, General Manager of Planning and Development Services - *in-person*
K. Bell, Planner - *in-person*
M. Fusca, Emergency Program Manager - *electronic*
A. Koterniak, Planner Analyst - *electronic*
K. Clark, Director of Strategic Services - *in-person*

Others:

Member of the public

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM.

The Chair recognized that this meeting is being held on the Traditional Territory of the Lil'wat Nation.

2. **Approval of [Agenda](#)**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Director Crompton joined the meeting at 10:34 AM.

The meeting recessed at 11:23 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:29 AM.

The meeting recessed at 11:30 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:36 AM without Director Hopfl.

Director Hopfl returned to the meeting at 11:38 AM.

8.2. **Request for Decision - Fire Service Resiliency Project – Draft Policy and Service Agreement**

(10:30 AM; Staff presentation with Tim Pley, President, Tim Pley & Associates Ltd.)

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board endorse, in principle, the Fire Operations Level of Service and Funding Policy.

THAT the board direct staff to enter into Fire Service Agreements with the Gun Lake, Bralorne, Birken and Pemberton Meadows Fire Department Societies.

THAT the CAO be authorized to sign Fire Protection Service Agreements with Fire Societies within the SLRD on substantially the same terms and conditions as the draft agreement attached to the staff report.

CARRIED

3. **Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board Closed Meeting**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board close the meeting to the public under the authority of section 226(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act*, sections 90(1)(a), (g), (i), and section 90(2)(b)(iii) of the *Community Charter* and that there be a short recess before convening in the Closed session.

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(personnel)

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality; (potential litigation)
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; (legal matters or legal advice)
- 90(2)(b)(iii) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a first nation or a prescribed Indigenous entity, or between a first nation or a prescribed Indigenous entity and a third party; (negotiations)

CARRIED

The meeting closed to the public at 11:41 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 1:57 PM and immediately recessed.

The meeting reconvened at 1:58 PM.

4. Consent Agenda

(Voting rule on each item may vary; unanimous vote required)

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the resolutions set out in the Consent Agenda be approved, and those Consent Agenda items which do not have resolutions related thereto be received.

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4.1.3. Policy Development and Review Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2026

4.1.4. Electoral Area Directors Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2026

4.2. Correspondence for Information

4.2.1. City of Abbotsford - Letter to Minister of Finance Brenda Bailey - Provincial Sales Tax Expansion

4.2.2. Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) - Provincial efforts to renew the Heritage Conservation Act

4.2.3. **The Corporation of the District of Saanich - Letter to Premier and Ministries - BC Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) - Funding Continuation**

4.2.4. **The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich - Letter to Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs and Minister of Finance - Request for Dedicated Provincial Funding to Support Municipalities That Achieve Provincially Mandated Housing Targets**

CARRIED

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

None

6. **Committee Reports and Recommendations**

(Unweighted All Vote, except as noted; 2/3 majority required for bylaw adoption on same day as third reading)

6.1. **Policy Development and Review Committee Meeting Recommendations of May 6, 2026**

6.1.1. **Request for Decision - Policy Development and Review Committee Terms of Reference**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Board Policy No. 46-2026 – Policy Development and Review Committee Terms of Reference be adopted.

CARRIED

6.1.2. **Request for Decision - Communications Policy No. 51-2026**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Communications Policy No. 51-2026 be adopted.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Communications Policy No. 1.11 be rescinded; and

THAT Social Media Policy No. 7-2016 be rescinded.

CARRIED

6.2. **Electoral Area Directors Committee Recommendations of May 13, 2026**

6.2.1. **2026 Community Works Fund (CWF) Project Funding Allocation**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT up to \$20,000 be allocated to Pemberton Transfer Station service (CC 1900) from Area C Community Works Funds towards the cost of an accessibility audit of the station's capital infrastructure.

CARRIED

7. **Bylaws**

(Unweighted All Vote, except as noted; 2/3 majority required for bylaw adoption on same day as third reading)

7.1. **Request for Decision - Procedure Bylaw No. 1899-2026**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Bylaw No. 1899-2026, cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Procedure Bylaw No. 1899-2026" be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

(2/3 Majority Vote)

THAT Bylaw No. 1899-2026, cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Procedure Bylaw No. 1899-2026" be adopted.

CARRIED

7.2. **Request for Decision - Lillooet Landfill Fees and Charges Regulation Bylaw Update**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Bylaw No. 1967-2026 cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Lillooet Landfill Fees and Charges Regulation Bylaw No. 1835-2023, Amendment Bylaw No. 1967-2026" be introduced and read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

(2/3 Majority Vote)

THAT Bylaw No. 1967-2026 cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Lillooet Landfill Fees and Charges Regulation Bylaw No. 1835-2023, Amendment Bylaw No. 1967-2026" be adopted.

CARRIED

7.3. **Request for Decision - Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1917-2025 (Electoral Area C Zoning Bylaw Updates)**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT third reading of Bylaw No. 1917-2025, cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area C Zoning Bylaw No. 765, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 1917-2025", be rescinded.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Bylaw No. 1917-2025, cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area C Zoning Bylaw No. 765, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 1917-2025", be read a third time as amended.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Bylaw No. 1917-2025, cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area C Zoning Bylaw No. 765, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 1917-2025", be adopted.

CARRIED

Director DeMare left the meeting at 2:57 PM.

Director Crompton left the meeting at 2:58 PM.

7.4. **Request for Decision - Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1968-2026 (Britannia Oceanfront Comprehensive Development 2 Zone (CD2) Map Fix)**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Bylaw No. 1968-2026, cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1968-2026", be read a first and second time, and;

THAT Bylaw referrals be waived as the original amending bylaw No. 1556-2018 was previously referred to all appropriate provincial agencies and the Squamish Nation and the proposed mapping revision is considered to be consistent with the intent of amending bylaw No.1856-2018, and;

THAT pursuant to Section 464 of the *Local Government Act* the public hearing be waived and notice be advertised as required by the *Local Government Act*.

CARRIED

Director Crompton returned to the meeting at 3:00 PM attending electronically.

7.5. **Request for Decision - Consideration of Adoption of Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Squamish Valley Agricultural Plan Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1946-2026**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Bylaw No. 1946-2026 cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Squamish Valley Agricultural Plan Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1946-2026", be adopted.

THAT a new cost centre for the Squamish Valley Agricultural Plan Service be incorporated into the upcoming 2027–2031 budgeting process.

CARRIED

Director Crompton left the meeting at 3:11 PM.

8. **Staff Reports & Other Business**
(Unweighted All Vote, except as noted)

8.1. **CAO Verbal Update**

- **Pemberton Valley Culverts**
- **Order in Council 186/2026 - Emergency and Disaster Management Act**
- **SLRD 24/7 Public Safety Duty Officer**
- **Seton Fire Services Townhall**
- **Downton Creek Forest Service Road**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board send a letter to the Province in support of preserving continued access to the Downton Creek Forest Service Road, which aligns with the priority of "Deliver Experiences" in B.C.'s Outdoor Recreation Strategy and specifically Target #8 (A modernized framework for high-value recreation access and resource roads).

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

THAT CAO Verbal Update be received.

CARRIED

Director Stoner left the meeting at 3:13 PM.

Director Stoner returned to the meeting at 3:16 PM.

8.3. **Information Report - May 2026 Place Glacier Hazard Update**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Information Report - May 2026 Place Glacier Hazard Update be received.

CARRIED

Director Crompton returned to the meeting at 3:17 PM.

Director Crompton left the meeting at 3:26 PM.

8.4. Direction Request - Protective and Emergency Services Support Vehicle

It was moved and seconded:

THAT staff bring forward a report to the June 24, 2026 Board meeting outlining funding options associated with the purchase of a Protective and Emergency Services Support Vehicle.

CARRIED

8.5. Request for Decision - Temporary Use Permit - River Rafting at 12825 Squamish Valley Road

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board approve the issuance of a temporary use permit ("TUP") for a one-year term on the property legally described as LOT 1 DISTRICT LOT 1512 PLAN 21704.

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute TUP No. 79.

THAT the applicant be advised to proceed with a zoning amendment application to facilitate consideration of a longer-term land use authorization.

CARRIED

15. Recess for the May 28, 2026 Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Committee of the Whole Meeting

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the meeting be recessed until 12:00 PM or immediately following the May 28, 2026 Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting was recessed at 3:57 PM on May 27, 2026.

The meeting reconvened at 11:44 AM on May 28, 2026 with Director DeMare and Alternate Director Morden, with Director Hurford attending in person, and without Director Richman.

8.6. Request for Decision - Development Variance - Parcel Line Setbacks - 367 Stafford Rd

It was moved and seconded:

THAT issuance of a development variance permit ("Permit") be approved for the property legally described as BLOCK I OF DISTRICT LOT 8277 LILLOOET DISTRICT EXCEPT PLAN H18072 to vary the allowable rear parcel line setback from 4.5 m to 3.4 m, the allowable side parcel line setback from 1.5 m to 1.39 m, the allowable front setback from 7.5 m to 1.97 m, and the Ministry of Transportation setback from 4.5 m to 1.97 m.

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the Permit.

CARRIED

8.7. **Information Report - Public Notice Plan for Electoral Areas A & B - Legislative Requirements**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Information Report - Public Notice Plan for Electoral Areas A & B - Legislative Requirements be received.

CARRIED

8.8. **Request for Decision - Furry Creek Streetlighting Unbudgeted Capital Expenditures**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board approve the allocation of \$34,536.26 from Furry Creek Streetlight capital reserves (Cost Centre #1804) towards the unbudgeted streetlight replacement project costs incurred in 2026.

THAT a 2026 budget amendment be requested to include the project into the Cost Centre 1804 within the current financial plan when time permits.

CARRIED

8.9. **Request for Decision - Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan Update - Public and Technical Advisory Committee - SLRD Board Representatives**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Director Mack be appointed as the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board Representative to the Public and Technical Advisory Committee, and that Director Stoner be appointed as Alternate Board Representative.

CARRIED

8.10. **Information Report - 2025 SLRD Audited Financial Statements with Auditor's Report**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Information Report - 2025 SLRD Audited Financial Statements with Auditor's Report be received.

CARRIED

8.11. **Request for Decision - Partnering Agreement Related to Trail Maintenance to be Undertaken by Furry Creek Community Association on Portions of Loop Trail and Oliver's Landing North Trail**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT a notice of intention to provide assistance under a partnering agreement be published for two consecutive weeks in the Squamish Chief, with associated costs paid by Electoral Area D Amenity Funds.

THAT the SLRD enter into a partnering agreement with Furry Creek Community Association (the "Association"), Fine Peace Furry Creek Upland Ltd., Fine Peace Furry Creek Resort Ltd. and Fine Peace Furry Creek Waterfront Land Ltd. for the

provision of assistance related to trail maintenance to be undertaken by the Association on a portion of the Loop Trail and the Oliver's Landing North Trail which are located on privately-owned or managed land.

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the partnering agreement on behalf of the SLRD in substantially the same form as presented.

THAT subject to all parties signing the partnering agreement, up to \$13,000 from Electoral Area D Amenity Funds be provided to the Furry Creek Community Association for trail maintenance on the publicly used and accessed Loop Trail and the Oliver's Landing North Trail, both of which are located on privately-owned or managed land.

OPPOSED: Director Pettingill, Director Stoner

CARRIED

9. **Director's Reports**

9.1. **Chair's Verbal Report**

- **Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) Update**
- **Pemberton Valley Evacuation Route Plan - Community Engagement**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Chair's Verbal Report be received.

CARRIED

9.1. **Chair's Verbal Report (Continued)**

- **Board Director Round Table Updates**

9.2. **Hurley Forest Service Road Maintenance Funding Request (Director DeMare)**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT funding of \$25,000 be granted to Cascades Forest District from Electoral Area A Northern Area BC Hydro Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Reserve Funds as a one-time payment towards costs associated with 2026 maintenance of the Hurley Forest Service Road.

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the main motion be amended by adding the words *subject to entering into a financial contribution agreement*.

such that the main motion as amended be as follows:

THAT subject to entering into a financial contribution agreement, funding of \$25,000 be granted to Cascades Forest District from Electoral Area A Northern Area BC Hydro Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Reserve Funds as a one-time payment towards costs associated with 2026 maintenance of the Hurley Forest Service Road.

AMENDMENT:

CARRIED

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

**OPPOSED: Director Ford, Director Hurford,
Director Mack, Alternate Director Morden,
Director Pettingill, Director Stoner**

MOTION DEFEATED

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:48 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 1:02 PM.

9.3. **Request BC Hydro to Support the Maintenance of Hurley Forest Service Road (Director DeMare)**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board request that BC Hydro provide financial support for the ongoing maintenance of the Hurley Forest Service Road in recognition of its use by BC Hydro personnel and contractors, and to help ensure a safe and reliable transportation corridor for all users.

CARRIED

10. **Correspondence for Action**

10.1. **Request for Funding - Lillooet Agriculture & Food Society (LAFS) - 2026–2027 Fiscal Year**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT funding of \$40,100 be granted to Lillooet Agriculture and Food Society (LAFS) from Electoral Area B Northern Area BC Hydro Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Reserve Funds towards operational support during the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

CARRIED

10.2. **Request for Funding - Lillooet Camelsfoot TV and Radio Association (LCTVRA) - Community Radio Service Sustainability**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT funding of \$16,461.06 be granted to Lillooet Camelsfoot TV and Radio Association (LCTVRA) from Electoral Area B Amenity Funds towards offsetting essential, extraordinary costs incurred in 2024, 2025, and to date in 2026, including replacement of transmission equipment, studio computer upgrade, infrastructure and site work, tenure and licensing costs, and CRA Arrears.

CARRIED

10.3. **Request for Funding - British Columbia Mountain Foundation (BCMF) - Mountain Lake Helipad**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT funding of up to \$20,000 be granted to British Columbia Mountain Foundation (BCMF) from Electoral Area D Amenity Funds towards the construction of a helipad in the Mountain Lake Hut area, subject to submission of receipts satisfactory to the Director of Finance.

CARRIED

10.4. **Invitation to Participate - Village of Pemberton - Recreation Service Advisory Committee**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Electoral Area C Director Mack, or their designate, be appointed as the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board's non-voting liaison representative to the Village of Pemberton Recreation Service Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

10.5. **Meeting Request - Sea to Sky School District (No. 48) - Mutual Concern Discussion**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT staff coordinate a meeting between the SLRD Board Chair and Vice-Chair, and School District No. 48 Board Chair and Vice-Chair, and senior staff from both organizations to discuss matters of mutual interest.

CARRIED

11. **Correspondence for Information**

11.1. **BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council (BCMCLC) - Streamlining to Enable the Energy Transition with BC Hydro - Network Meeting Summary**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council (BCMCLC) - Streamlining to Enable the Energy Transition with BC Hydro - Network Meeting Summary be received.

CARRIED

12. **Decision on Additional Late Business**

None

13. **Late Business**

13.1. **Correspondence for Information - Metro Vancouver Regional District - Reporting Back on Metro 2050 Amendment Options and Consultation Results in Response to Three South of the Fraser Mayors' Requests**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Correspondence for Information - Metro Vancouver Regional District - Reporting Back on Metro 2050 Amendment Options and Consultation Results in Response to Three South of the Fraser Mayors' Requests be received.

CARRIED

13.2. **Correspondence for Information - District of Lillooet - Letter to Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions - Support for Continued LGCAP Funding for BC Local Governments & Modern Treaty First Nations**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Correspondence for Information - District of Lillooet - Letter to Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions - Support for Continued LGCAP Funding for BC Local Governments & Modern Treaty First Nations be received.

CARRIED

14. **Director's Notice of Motion**

None

16. **Recommendations from the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 28, 2026**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT staff proceed with Option 4, as outlined in the staff report regarding funding models for Electoral Area Director support, and bring forward options to enhance departmental staff capacity, including consideration of alignment with Board strategic priorities, approved workplans, and associated financial implications, to inform the 2027 budget process.

THAT staff submit a request for a meeting to be held during the 2026 UBCM Convention with the Minister of Environment and Parks to discuss the following topics:

- Enhanced provincial oversight and enforcement of the maximum 14 consecutive-day overnight camping provision on Public Land;
- Reinstatement of mattresses and foundations in the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Five-Year Action Plan; and
- Preserving continued recreational access to the Downton Creek Forest Service Road in alignment with the priority of “Deliver Experiences” in B.C.’s Outdoor Recreation Strategy and specifically Target #8.

THAT staff submit a request for a meeting to be held during the 2026 UBCM Convention with the Minister of Forests to discuss the following topics:

- Responsibility for Jack Webster replacement bridge;
- Continuation and expansion of FireSmart community funding and supports in recognition of the program’s vital role in supporting communities; and
- Request for a provincially established standard for wildland fire operations that local governments may consider adopting.

THAT on behalf of Sea to Sky Regional Hospital District, staff submit a request for a meeting during the 2026 UBCM Convention with the Minister of Health during the 2026 UBCM Convention to discuss the following topics:

- Capital planning, master planning and long-term funding.

THAT staff submit a request for a meeting to be held during the 2026 UBCM Convention with the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation to discuss the following topics:

- First Nations engagement, DRIPA implementation and relationship building.

THAT staff submit a request for a meeting to be held during the 2026 UBCM Convention with the appropriate Minister to discuss the following topic:

- Establishing a sustainable provincial funding model for search and rescue organizations.

THAT staff submit a request for a meeting to be held during the 2026 UBCM Convention with Premier David Eby and the Minister of Transportation and Transit to discuss the various requests that the SLRD has already made to the Province for a regional transit system.

THAT the Board send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Food on the topic of improvements to CanadaGAP certification program to remove local producer challenges to sell locally and the financial burden of GAP certification program.

THAT if any Minister's meeting requests are declined and if associated deadlines allow, staff submit a request for meetings to be held during the week of September 8 to 11, 2026 with staff from the associated Ministry.

THAT the Directors Remuneration Bylaw be amended to provide mileage reimbursement for all Directors for round trips exceeding 60 kilometres undertaken on Regional District business.

THAT the Directors Remuneration Bylaw be amended to establish Director stipends, as outlined in the staff report, as follows:

- Electoral Area Director – \$41,980;
- Municipal Director – \$20,713;
- Board Chair – \$36,638; and
- Board Vice-Chair – \$10,611.

THAT the Directors Remuneration Bylaw be amended to include dependent care provisions in accordance with Option 1 outlined in the staff report, including a dependent care reimbursement of up to \$100 per meeting for Directors and Alternate Directors attending SLRD-sanctioned meetings, conferences, or engagements in special circumstances, excluding regular Board and Committee meetings.

THAT the Directors Remuneration Bylaw be amended to provide Electoral Area Directors with an annual taxable allowance of \$1,500 for long-distance telephone, internet, and cellphone expenses.

CARRIED

Director Rainbow left the meeting at 1:20 PM.

17. Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board Closed Meeting

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board close the meeting to the public under the authority of section 226(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act* and section 90(1)(c) of the *Community Charter* and that there be a short recess before reconvening in Closed session.

90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations; (employee relations)

CARRIED

The meeting closed to the public at 1:24 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 1:49 PM without Director Hurford and with Director Rainbow.

18. Rise & Report from the Closed Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board Meeting

THAT the SLRD Board make the following appointments to the Public and Technical Advisory Committee for the duration of the update process:

Committee members (Public Advisors):

1. Association of Whistler Area Residents for the Environment (AWARE), Kristy Smith
2. Lillooet Agriculture and Food Association (LAFA), Sarah Petznick
3. ReCap Materials Management Inc., Garron Dalby
4. Pemberton Valley Environmental, Colin Hamilton
5. Squamish Climate Action Network (CAN), Shannon Friday
6. TYAX Lodge and Heli Skiing, Margaux Saverys
7. Sea to Sky Soils, an EverGen Infrastructure Corp. facility, Dayton Skei
8. Sue Maxwell, Resident
9. Troy Glasner, Resident
10. Robert Hazel, Resident

Technical Advisors:

1. District of Lillooet, Eldon De Strake
2. Village of Pemberton, To be determined
3. Resort Municipality of Whistler, Andrew Tucker
4. District of Squamish, Shannon White
5. Tsal'álh, Jolene Rendolic
6. Lil'wat Nation, Brian Jones

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THAT until further notice, the start of construction of the lower section of the re-aligned Gate 5 Road continue to be deferred while associated project impacts are assessed.

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THAT staff submit funding applications for the Future Offsetting Project to the Disaster Resilience and Innovation Fund (DRIF) if supported by Lil'wat Nation.

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the DRIF expression of interest and full proposal, and any subsequent documents, including funding agreements (and amendments or extensions thereto).

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19. **Adjournment**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Certified Correct:

J. Ford, Chair

A. Belsham, Corporate Officer

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**DRAFT Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
Committee of the Whole Minutes**

May 28, 2026; 9:00 AM

Meeting Held via Electronic Facilities

Meeting Location: SLRD Boardroom

1350 Aster Street, Pemberton, BC

In Attendance:

Board:

J. Ford, Chair (Whistler) - *in-person*
R. Mack, Vice-Chair / Presiding Chair (Area C) - *in-person*
S. DeMare (Area A) - *electronic*
J. Rasmussen (Alternate - Area B) - *in-person*
T. Rainbow (Area D) - *electronic*
L. Hopfl (Lillooet) - *in-person*
J. Morden (Alternate - Whistler) - *in-person*
A. Hurford (Squamish) - *in-person*
C. Pettingill (Squamish) - *in-person*
J. Stoner (Squamish) - *in-person*

Absent: Village of Pemberton Director

Staff:

H. Paul, Chief Administrative Officer (Deputy Corporate Officer) - *in-person*
A. Belsham, General Manager of Corporate Services (Corporate Officer) - *in-person*
G. Harris, Legislative Coordinator - *in-person*
I. Jelinek, Legislative Assistant - *in-person*
A. Twiss, Senior Policy Analyst - *in-person*
O. Butt, General Manager of Infrastructure and Environmental Services - *in-person*
K. Clark, Director of Strategic Services - *in-person*
C. Dewar, General Manager of Planning and Development Services - *in-person*
M. Halitzki, Human Resources Manager - *in-person*

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM by Vice-Chair Mack.

The Vice-Chair recognized that this meeting is being held on the Traditional Territory of the Lil'wat Nation.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

of the minutes of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Committee of the Whole meeting, held on Thursday, May 28, 2026 via Electronic Facilities - Meeting Location: SLRD Boardroom 1350 Aster Street, Pemberton, BC.

4. **Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Committee of the Whole Closed Meeting**

None

Director Ford joined the meeting at 9:03 AM and assumed the Chair.

Director Morden joined the meeting at 9:03 AM.

Director Rainbow joined the meeting at 9:04 AM.

5. **Delegation (9:00 AM)**

5.1. **Jim Phillips, Chair of Marine Parks Forever Society and Geraldine Guilfoyle, Squamish Yacht Club Member**

3. **Regional Moment - Area D**

None

6. **Staff Reports and Other Business**

(Unweighted All Vote)

6.1. **CAO Verbal Update**

None

Chair Ford turned the Chair over to Vice-Chair Mack and left the meeting at 10:06 AM.

Director Ford returned to the meeting at 10:08 AM and resumed the Chair.

The meeting recessed 10:13 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 10:20 AM.

6.2. **Direction Request - Funding Model Options for Electoral Area Director Support**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT it be recommended to the Regional Board:

THAT staff proceed with Option 4, as outlined in the staff report regarding funding models for Electoral Area Director support, and bring forward options to enhance departmental staff capacity, including consideration of alignment with Board strategic priorities, approved workplans, and associated financial implications, to inform the 2027 budget process.

CARRIED

6.3. **Direction Request - Meeting Requests with Ministers and Provincial Public Service Staff During and Before the UBCM Convention**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT it be recommended to the Regional Board:

of the minutes of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Committee of the Whole meeting, held on Thursday, May 28, 2026 via Electronic Facilities - Meeting Location: SLRD Boardroom 1350 Aster Street, Pemberton, BC.

THAT staff submit a request for a meeting to be held during the 2026 UBCM Convention with the Minister of Environment and Parks to discuss the following topics:

- Enhanced provincial oversight and enforcement of the maximum 14 consecutive-day overnight camping provision on Public Land;
- Reinstatement of mattresses and foundations in the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Five-Year Action Plan; and
- Preserving continued recreational access to the Downton Creek Forest Service Road in alignment with the priority of “Deliver Experiences” in B.C.’s Outdoor Recreation Strategy and specifically Target #8.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

THAT it be recommended to the Regional Board:

THAT staff submit a request for a meeting to be held during the 2026 UBCM Convention with the Minister of Forests to discuss the following topics:

- Responsibility for Jack Webster replacement bridge;
- Continuation and expansion of FireSmart community funding and supports in recognition of the program’s vital role in supporting communities; and
- Request for a provincially established standard for wildland fire operations that local governments may consider adopting.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

THAT it be recommended to the Regional Board:

THAT on behalf of Sea to Sky Regional Hospital District, staff submit a request for a meeting during the 2026 UBCM Convention with the Minister of Health during the 2026 UBCM Convention to discuss the following topics:

- Capital planning, master planning and long-term funding.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

THAT it be recommended to the Regional Board:

THAT staff submit a request for a meeting to be held during the 2026 UBCM Convention with the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation to discuss the following topics:

- First Nations engagement, DRIPA implementation and relationship building.

CARRIED

of the minutes of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Committee of the Whole meeting, held on Thursday, May 28, 2026 via Electronic Facilities - Meeting Location: SLRD Boardroom 1350 Aster Street, Pemberton, BC.

It was moved and seconded:

THAT it be recommended to the Regional Board:

THAT staff submit a request for a meeting to be held during the 2026 UBCM Convention with the appropriate Minister to discuss the following topic:

- Establishing a sustainable provincial funding model for search and rescue organizations.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

THAT it be recommended to the Regional Board:

THAT staff submit a request for a meeting to be held during the 2026 UBCM Convention with Premier David Eby and the Minister of Transportation and Transit to discuss the various requests that the SLRD has already made to the Province for a regional transit system.

CARRIED

Alternate Director Morden left the meeting at 11:01 AM.

It was moved and seconded:

THAT it be recommended to the Regional Board:

THAT the Board send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Food on the topic of improvements to CanadaGAP certification program to remove local producer challenges to sell locally and the financial burden of GAP certification program.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

THAT it be recommended to the Regional Board:

THAT if any Minister's meeting requests are declined and if associated deadlines allow, staff submit a request for meetings to be held during the week of September 8 to 11, 2026 with staff from the associated Ministry.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 11:02 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:07 AM with Alternate Director Morden.

6.4. **Direction Request - Directors Remuneration Bylaw No. 1501-2016, Follow-Up Review of Directors Remuneration**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT it be recommended to the Regional Board:

THAT the Directors Remuneration Bylaw be amended to provide mileage reimbursement for all Directors for round trips exceeding 60 kilometres undertaken on Regional District business.

CARRIED

of the minutes of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Committee of the Whole meeting, held on Thursday, May 28, 2026 via Electronic Facilities - Meeting Location: SLRD Boardroom 1350 Aster Street, Pemberton, BC.

It was moved and seconded:

THAT it be recommended to the Regional Board:

THAT the Directors Remuneration Bylaw be amended to establish Director stipends, as outlined in the staff report, as follows:

- Electoral Area Director – \$41,980;
- Municipal Director – \$20,713;
- Board Chair – \$36,638; and
- Board Vice-Chair – \$10,611.

OPPOSED: Director Rainbow

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

THAT it be recommended to the Regional Board:

THAT the Electoral Area Committee Chair stipend be aligned with the average stipend outlined in the staff report.

OPPOSED: Director DeMare, Director Ford, Director Hopfl, Director Hurford, Director Mack, Alternate Director Morden, Director Pettingill, Director Rainbow, Alternate Director Rasmussen, Director Stoner

MOTION DEFEATED

It was moved and seconded:

THAT it be recommended to the Regional Board:

THAT the Directors Remuneration Bylaw be amended to include dependent care provisions in accordance with Option 1 outlined in the staff report, including a dependent care reimbursement of up to \$100 per meeting for Directors and Alternate Directors attending SLRD-sanctioned meetings, conferences, or engagements in special circumstances, excluding regular Board and Committee meetings.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

THAT it be recommended to the Regional Board:

THAT the Directors Remuneration Bylaw be amended to provide Electoral Area Directors with an annual taxable allowance of \$1,500 for long-distance telephone, internet, and cellphone expenses.

CARRIED

7. Director's Reports

7.1. Chair's Verbal Update

None

of the minutes of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Committee of the Whole meeting, held on Thursday, May 28, 2026 via Electronic Facilities - Meeting Location: SLRD Boardroom 1350 Aster Street, Pemberton, BC.

8. **Decision on Late Business**

None

9. **Late Business**

N/A

10. **Adjournment**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 AM.

Certified Correct:

J. Ford, Chair

A. Belsham, Corporate Officer

R. Mack, Vice-Chair / Presiding
Chair



DRAFT Electoral Area Directors Committee Minutes

June 10, 2026; 10:30 AM

Meeting Held via Electronic Facilities

Meeting Location: SLRD Boardroom

1350 Aster Street, Pemberton, BC

In Attendance:

Committee:

V. Birch-Jones, Chair (Area B) - *in-person*
R. Mack, Vice-Chair (Area C) - *in-person*
S. DeMare (Area A) - *in-person*
T. Rainbow (Area D) - *electronic*
J. Ford (SLRD Board Chair ex-officio member) - *in-person*

Staff:

H. Paul, Chief Administrative Officer (Deputy Corporate Officer) - *in-person*
A. Belsham, General Manager of Corporate Services (Corporate Officer) - *in-person*
G. Harris, Legislative Coordinator - *in-person*
I. Jelinek, Legislative Assistant - *in-person*
S. Lafrance, Director of Finance - *in-person*
C. Hodgins, Deputy Director of Finance - *in-person*
C. Dewar, General Manager of Planning and Development Services - *in-person*
A. Koterniak, Planner Analyst - *electronic*

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:36 AM.

2. **Territorial Acknowledgement**

The Chair recognized that this meeting is being held on the Traditional Territory of the Lil'wat Nation.

3. **Approval of [Agenda](#)**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. **Electoral Area Directors Committee Closed Meeting**

None

5. **Rise and Report from the Closed Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting**

N/A

of the minutes of the Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting, held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 via Electronic Facilities - Meeting Location: SLRD Boardroom 1350 Aster Street, Pemberton, BC.

6. **Consent Agenda**

(Voting rule on each item may vary; unanimous vote required)

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the resolution set out in the Consent Agenda be approved, and the Consent Agenda item which does not have resolutions related thereto be received.

6.1 **Approval and Receipt of Minutes**

6.1.1. **Electoral Area Directors Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2026.**

THAT the Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

6.2 **Correspondence For Information**

6.2.1. **Pemberton Secondary School Graduating Class of 2026 - Thank You Letter**

CARRIED

7. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

None

8. **Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

None

9. **Department Reports and Other Business**

(Unweighted All Vote, except as noted)

9.1. **CAO Verbal Update**

- Seton Portage & Tsal'alh Fire Protection Service Community Townhall - June 20, 2026

It was moved and seconded:

THAT CAO Verbal Update be received.

CARRIED

9.2. **Information Report - June 2026 Select Funds Report**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Information Report - June 2026 Select Funds Report be received.

CARRIED

of the minutes of the Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting, held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 via Electronic Facilities - Meeting Location: SLRD Boardroom 1350 Aster Street, Pemberton, BC.

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the receipts submitted by Director Mack for refreshments provided at the Electoral Area C Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting be received, and that the previously incurred expenditure of \$70.17, charged to the Area C Select Funds Appreciation Fund (Cost Centre #2903), be recognized.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

THAT up to \$600 be allocated to Seton/Shalalth Fire Protection Service Area (Cost Centre #1711) from Electoral Area B Select Funds (Cost Centre #2902) towards food and beverage costs for the Seton Portage and Tsal'alh Fire Protection Service community townhall on June 20, 2026.

CARRIED

9.3. **Information Report - June 2026 Reserve Balance Update**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Information Report - June 2026 Reserve Balance Update be received.

CARRIED

9.4. **Request for Decision - 2026/27 Civic Addressing Project Funding Request**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT up to \$4,000 be allocated to Civic Addressing service (CC 1202) from SLRD Select Funds towards the cost of the communication mailouts, community outreach and educational activities related to the civic addressing signage project, with funding allocated as follows:

- \$1,000 from Area A Select Funds
- \$1,000 from Area B Select Funds
- \$1,000 from Area C Select Funds
- \$1,000 from Area D Select Funds

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

THAT it be recommended to the Regional Board:

THAT up to \$31,027 be allocated to Civic Addressing service (CC 1202) from Area B Community Works Funds towards Phase 2 of the civic addressing signage project within Area B of the SLRD.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

THAT it be recommended to the Regional Board:

THAT up to \$17,000 be allocated to Civic Addressing service (CC 1202) from SLRD Community Works Funds towards the cost of providing civic addressing signage upon request to all residents of the SLRD, with funding split between the four electoral areas as follows:

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- \$3,679 from Area A Community Works Funds
- \$1,550 from Area B Community Works Funds
- \$7,195 from Area C Community Works Funds
- \$4,576 from Area D Community Works Funds

CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 11:08 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:12 AM without Director Rainbow.

Director Rainbow returned to the meeting at 11:13 AM.

9.5. **Request for Decision - CWF Third-Party Project Application - Lil'wat Nation Sweat Lodge**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Request for Decision - CWF Third-Party Project Application - Lil'wat National Sweat Lodge be referred back to staff and returned to a future Board meeting with additional project information, taking into consideration the feedback and comments provided by the Electoral Area Directors Committee.

CARRIED

9.6. **Direction Request - Electoral Area Directors Committee - August Meeting Options**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting on August 12, 2026 be cancelled.

CARRIED

10. **Correspondence For Action**

10.1. **Request for Funding - District of Lillooet - Game Changer Reno Event**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT funding of \$1,000 be granted to District of Lillooet from Electoral Area B Select Funds (Cost Centre #2902), on behalf of Director Birch-Jones, towards costs associated with hosting the Vancouver Canucks and LiUNA 1611 Game Changer Reno event held in Lillooet on May 9, 2026, with funding support from SLRD Electoral Area B recognized in all related promotional materials.

CARRIED

10.2. **Request for Funding - Tourism Pemberton - Slow Food Cycle Sunday 2026**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT funding of \$2,650 be granted to Tourism Pemberton from Electoral Area C Select Funds (Cost Centre #2903), on behalf of Director Mack, for the 21st Annual Slow Food Cycle Sunday to be held on August 16, 2026, with funding support from SLRD Electoral Area C recognized in all related promotional materials.

CARRIED

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In respect of Item 10.3. Request for Funding - Bridge River Valley Community Association (BRVCA) - Marshall Valley FireSmart Cleanup Event, Director DeMare declared a conflict of interest pursuant to section 100(2) of the *Community Charter* due to his daughter being an employee of BRVCA and due to his spouse being on the Board of BRVCA.

Director DeMare left the meeting at 11:50 AM.

10.3. **Request for Funding - Bridge River Valley Community Association (BRVCA) - Marshall Valley FireSmart Cleanup Event**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT funding of \$1,912 be granted to Bridge River Valley Community Association (BRVCA) from Electoral Area A Select Funds (Cost Centre #2901) towards rental and disposal costs of a vegetation debris bin for the Marshall Valley FireSmart cleanup event to be held from July 31 to August 4, 2026, with funding support from SLRD Electoral Area A recognized in all related promotional materials.

CARRIED

Director DeMare returned to the meeting at 11:51 AM.

10.4. **Request for Funding - Birken Recreation and Cultural Society (BRCS) - Gates Lake Park Spring Cleanup**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT funding of \$2,267.23 be granted to Birken Recreation and Cultural Society from Electoral Area C Select Funds (Cost Centre #2903), on behalf of Director Mack, towards the 2026 Gates Lake Park spring cleanup, with funding support from SLRD Electoral Area C recognized in all related promotional materials.

CARRIED

11. **Decision on Late Business or Additional Late Business**

None

12. **Late Business or Additional Late Business**

N/A

13. **Notice of Motion**

None

14. **Motion For Which Notice Has Been Given**

N/A

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15. **Adjournment**

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM.

Certified Correct:

V. Birch-Jones, Chair

A. Belsham, Corporate Officer

DRAFT

June 2, 2026

Dear BC Hydro Board of Directors, Charlotte Mitha, Ajay Kumar, Greg Alexis, Luke Schauerte, Sean Beardow, Daria Hasselman, John Morgan, BC Hydro media , WLNG media,

Re: Joint BC Hydro, WLNG Media Statement, May 22, 2026

On March 31/26 an open house was held in Squamish by BC Hydro and WLNG to present the change from BC Hydro's 2015 interconnection proposal to a surprise new proposal to construct a 19 km, 230kv standard overhead power line alongside an already established 138kv line through Brackendale to power WLNG.

BC Hydro and WLNG representatives were repeatedly unable to provide answers to attendees' questions and concerns. This included the repeated question, "why has BC Hydro abandoned their 2015 plan which was released to the public at the January 2015 open house in Squamish then, without consultation, determined the route will now be a 19km, 230 kv standard line running parallel to an existing 138kv line ROW which runs through 40 properties in a residential neighbourhood as well as biodiverse areas. The only response was to say requirements have changed. Details and explanations were not provided when repeatedly requested by attendees. After this open house, residents determined the need to appear before Squamish Council to express their concerns and request support. (see attached BC Hydro 2015 WLNG Interconnection Proposal).

On May 19, 2026 a delegation appeared before Squamish Council to express concerns regarding this change by BC Hydro's from their 2015 proposal to supply electricity to WLNG when operational by stepping down the 500kv line located on the west side of the Squamish river, which runs approximately 600m west of the WLNG site or, utilizing their other planned option of connecting from Port Mellon. BC Hydro's new proposal, as described in the previous paragraph, creates additional concerns that were expressed during the presentation to the Mayor and council.

* Supporting documentation provided to the Mayor and Council and WLNG site/500kv line map are attached.

The Squamish Chief newspaper published an article in the May 22/26 edition on the delegation's appearance before council and followed up with BC Hydro and WLNG for comment. (see attached article.)

I am writing in response to the joint BC Hydro, WLNG media release provided to the Squamish Chief Newspaper. I am dismayed by a number of statements within this media release, as follows.

Statement (1):

"A key difference comes down to how much electricity the project needs now compared to what was expected in 2015. Back then, the 500-kilovolt option was studied based on a much higher projected demand. Since then, Woodfibre's electricity requirements have been reduced. With that updated information, BC Hydro reassessed the options to ensure the solutions match today's needs."

Why is so much less power required? This is difficult to understand and requires further explanation. What was the projected power demand in 2015? What is the current projected power demand? Is there documentation on what the original production plans and electricity needs were for Woodfibre LNG in 2015 and as well as current production plans and electricity needs? I am requesting this documentation,

thank you. Regardless, stepping down the power from any high power transmission line would be required.

It is well understood, and repeatedly expressed to BC Hydro representatives at the March 31st open house, that the expectation is for the 500kv line to be utilized by stepping down the power to meet WLNG's electrical requirement via connection transformers/substations.

Additionally, the recent announcement of WLNG's intention to double or triple it's capacity makes this statement even less understandable, WLNG is going to need more power soon enough. Why was this lower power requirement not explained at the March 31st open house when attendees repeatedly asked why the plan had changed so dramatically?

Statement (2):

"Based on this review, the 500-kilovolt option is no longer considered the more practical approach. It would provide far more capacity than required—essentially overbuilding the system—and wouldn't align with Woodfibre's project timeline."

Again, an explanation is needed. BC Hydro and WLNG will need to step down their power requirement regardless of the chosen power supply, be it the 500kv line, the line at Port Mellon, or a new 230kv line. Stepping down from the 500kv line to provide WLNG its electricity needs is far less invasive than constructing an additional 19km, 230kv standard line alongside an already established 138kv line ROW through 40 properties. WLNG only needs to take as much power from the 500kv line as required. When WLNG's capacity increases as advertised, then more electricity will be available.

Also, the media statement above seems to imply that concerned residents have been suggesting BC Hydro use 500kv of power for WLNG. At no time has that ever been implied. Everyone in council chambers on May 19/26 was well aware that the step down process would be implemented to provide the appropriate amount of power to WLNG regardless of which line is used.

Statement (3):

"The solution shared at the March 31 open house instead focuses on using the existing 138-kilovolt system, including the current right of way through Brackendale. This approach builds on infrastructure that's already in place, limits the need for new construction and better matches the actual electricity demand—while still meeting reliability requirements and project timelines."

BC Hydro is not building on infrastructure that's already in place. They are doubling the infrastructure on a ROW that's already in place. They are certainly not limiting new construction, it's a brand new 19km, 230kv standard transmission line versus less than 1km of transmission line construction from the 500kv line.

Regarding the project timeline: there is no reason for BC Hydro to speak now of a timeline restraint, this project has been delayed for years. Issues in meeting mentioned timelines seem to be a direct result of the lack of forward planning and inactivity regarding the electrical needs for this project. There has been ample time. Why should this lack of planning affect the quality of many Brackendale residents' lives as well as the surrounding ecosystems?

Also, how can less than 1 km of transmission line take longer to construct than 19 km? I understand that WLNG or BC Hydro would need to acquire the approximately 600 km of Crown land, however, in this day

and age of governmental fast tracking, this cannot be given as an excuse. BC Hydro and WLNG have had more than ample time to secure this land.

BC Hydro and WLNG have not provided a reasonable explanation for their about face on how to provide electricity to the site. I am requesting communication and dialogue in response to my input above as well as answers to my questions.

In closing, I respectfully request that BC Hydro reevaluate their abrupt change (without consultation) and return to their original 2015 permanent options of stepping down from either the 500 kV line located 600m from the WLNG site or, connecting and stepping down from the line at Port Mellon rather than constructing an entirely new 19km, 230kv standard high-powered transmission line through Brackendale properties, Brackendale Eagle Provincial Park and diverse ecosystems.

Thank you for your time.

Diane Gould

Brackendale BC

CC: Adrian Dix, Provincial Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions
David Eby, Premier of British Columbia
Jeremy Valeriote, MLA West Vancouver-Sea to Sky
Tim Hodgson, Federal Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
Patrick Weiler, MP West Vancouver, Sunshine Coast, Sea-to-Sky
Squamish Nation Council
Squamish Lillooet Regional District
District of Squamish Council

Issue

BC Hydro is proposing a new high-voltage transmission line through **more than 40 Brackendale residential properties, Fisherman's Park, Brackendale Eagles Provincial Park and First Nations land** to power the Woodfibre LNG project in spite of BC Hydro's 2015 commitment to use the existing 500 kV transmission line on the West side of the Squamish River adjacent to the Woodfibre site.

This proposal [was announced](#) in January, 2026 after 11 years without community engagement or consultation from BC Hydro with stakeholders and First Nations.

History

2015

In March 2015, BC Hydro and WLNG held an open house and shared information on three alternatives for powering WLNG's facility. [Open house storyboards](#). The presentation concluded with the statement, "BC Hydro will continue stakeholder engagement and First Nations consultation throughout the planning, design and construction of the projects."

Brackendale neighbours asked BC Hydro representatives directly about the potential use of the ROW through Brackendale and were told that it would not be used and 'not to worry' the high-power line would run on the west side of the river.

Following the open house, BC Hydro posted an update on their [website](#):

We have identified Alternative 1 as our leading alternative based on our study results and input from First Nations and local communities. However, before we make a final decision on how we'll power Woodfibre LNG, we'll be doing additional studies and further consultation on this alternative. At this time, we are waiting for authorization from Woodfibre LNG to move forward with additional studies.

Alternative 1 - Permanent Solution

- Interconnecting the proposed Woodfibre LNG facility to the existing 500 kV transmission line adjacent to the Woodfibre site
- Constructing a new point of interconnection switching station on Woodfibre's property

2026

In January of 2026, 40+ property owners along the right of way (ROW) in Brackendale received [notification](#) that BC Hydro would be designing and building an additional 19-kilometre, 138 kV overhead line within the existing right of way. Stating, "This approach avoids creating a new transmission line route and minimizes new impacts to the area. Construction is planned for

spring 2028 at the earliest with completion anticipated by 2030.” And concluding, “We are committed to keeping you informed and working respectfully with First Nations, Brackendale residents and the wider Squamish community throughout this project.”

Meeting with BC Hydro/WLNG project representatives revealed:

- The new line would actually be 230 kV
- The leading design would twin the existing 138 kV transmission line in parallel
- The construction period would run over 2.5 years
- A temporary construction road would be built in the ROW requiring the removal of all trees, fences, outbuildings, play structures, pools, gardens etc., around and in the ROW

This adverse change of course occurred without consultation or engagement with stakeholders, Brackendale residents nor First Nations members and BC Hydro/WLNG between 2015 and 2026.

With little to no detail about the project to understand its scope or how it could affect our community, it is clear it has the potential to have disproportionate and considerable impacts on the neighbourhood of Brackendale, the many varied users of Fisherman’s Park, Brackendale Eagles Provincial park and the vibrant river wildlife corridor.

Over 500 people signed a petition calling for honest, transparent public engagement from BC Hydro/WLNG, including support from our MLA. BC Hydro was contacted directly, requesting that they switch to a town hall-style meeting from the scheduled open house format on March 31st. BC Hydro refused to make this change.

Brackendale residents are asking the Squamish Council to write a letter of support to BC Hydro/WLNG on behalf of the greater Squamish community to use the existing 500 kV transmission line adjacent to the Woodfibre site.

The adverse change of course by BC Hydro/WLNG without consultation or engagement with community and neighbourhood stakeholders will have:

- Considerable, maximum and long-term impact on the families and home owners of the 40+ properties the ROW runs through and the neighbourhood of Brackendale
- Environmental and ecological impacts to sensitive wildlife habitat, a vibrant river wildlife corridor, Fisherman’s Park and Brackendale Eagles Provincial Park through the 2.5+ years of construction
- Significant health risks to families and homeowners related to long-term exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMFs)

We are calling for:

- Use of the existing 500kV transmission system as originally planned
- Cancellation of the proposed new line through Brackendale
- Protection of established residential lands from industrial expansion

Anmore Case

Residents in Anmore, BC, faced the same issues when BC Hydro proposed a high-power transmission line through a residential neighbourhood and they won! **BC Hydro terminated the project.** In the lead advocate's words:

"We had the Mayor, Council and MLA on our side supporting our concern and providing us with additional information...! We got all the support from the politicians and many people with several hundred signatures expressing their concerns...!!!"

~ Dr. Urs Ribary, Professor Emeritus and Former BC LEEF Leadership Chair, Former Director, Behavioural and Cognitive Neuroscience Institute (BCNI), Simon Fraser University (SFU), University of British Columbia (UBC), BC Children's Hospital Research Institute (BCCHRI)

Social and Environmental Impacts – Key Concerns

- The proposed transmission line through the Brackendale ROW impacts 40+ private properties, Fisherman's Park, the Eagle Run dike, Brackendale Eagles Provincial Park, and First Nations land.
- BC Hydro projects the timeline for this major construction period to last 2.5+ years (spring 2028 - fall 2030)
- Construction would permanently affect private properties, including removal or relocation of yards, gardens, sheds, greenhouses, pools, fences, chicken coops, play structures etc. and include a temporary construction road along the ROW.
- The construction phase of this project would bring significant disruption to Squamish residents and all users of Fisherman's Park (dog walking, running, walking, picnicking, biking, filming, visiting tourists etc.)
- Loss of trees, wildlife habitat, biodiversity, and the natural character of the river wildlife corridor
- Disturbance to the Squamish River ecosystem and wildlife corridor along both sides of the river
- Increased noise, traffic, and industrial activity
- Reduced access to recreation areas and community spaces
- Long-term impacts on residents' quality of life, privacy, increased stress and enjoyment of the neighbourhood.
- Overall environmental and ecological degradation, including the disruption of a sensitive and established ecosystem
- Threat to the wildlife, landscapes, and community spaces that make Brackendale unique

- Well-documented archaeological site disruption (Yekwaupsum 19 Ancestral Graveyard): The Heritage Conservation Act prevents this.

Health Concerns

- High-power transmission lines emit electromagnetic fields (EMFs), which consist of electric and magnetic fields. These fields are generated by the flow of electricity through conductors, particularly in high-voltage lines. *“These lines close to homes emit much larger magnetic fields at unhealthy levels.”* ~ Dr. Urs Ribary
- The health concerns from long-term EMF exposure from high-powered overhead power lines **cannot be ignored**, regardless of BC Hydro’s published information stating, *“These organizations (WHO and Health Canada) have concluded that low-level electric and magnetic fields, like those from power lines, are not a cause for concern and aren’t linked to adverse health effects.”*
- Unlike many other countries, such as Italy, the Netherlands, and China, which focus on the “precautionary principle” for public safety, **Canada (and BC) do not have uniform, legally binding legislation to limit EMFs from power lines in residential areas**. This allows BC Hydro to cherry-pick information from the WHO and Health Canada that supports their agenda.
- The International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) is a formally recognized, international non-profit organization made up of independent scientific experts of which the WHO, Health Canada, and similar agencies around the world refer to when developing their guidelines.
- The [ICNIRP’s protection guidelines](#) regarding powerlines state:
“When people are exposed to low frequency fields (LF) electric fields and currents are generated inside the body and they can interfere with the body’s own electric fields and current flows that are related to normal biological functioning.”
“To prevent health-relevant interactions with LF fields, ICNIRP recommends limiting exposure to LF fields so that the threshold, at which the interactions between the body and the external electric and magnetic field causes adverse effects, is never reached inside the body.”
- In addition, it is imperative to note that although the ICNIRP has established guidelines, they also state, **“These voluntary guidelines were developed to address short-term exposure only. ICNIRP determined that evidence for health effects from long-term exposure is insufficient to establish exposure standards.”** Likely, the insufficient evidence is because high-power overhead transmission lines are not generally constructed so close to homes, regardless of an existing ROW.

- BC Hydro refuses to acknowledge that human exposure from cramming a second high-powered transmission line within the current ROW ensures long-term EMF exposure within the powerline corridor. Some homes are less than 1m from the ROW.
- [The Toronto Public Health Report \(2008\)](#) states risks for long-term health effects with above 1mG constant long-term emissions (living close to power lines), AND with average levels of 3-4 mG, a doubling risk of childhood leukemia (related to reports of the US National Institutes of Health NIH and the WHO International Agency for Research on Cancer IARC in 2002).
- This table provides general, estimated magnetic field levels at various distances from the centerline of a 230 kV transmission line under typical loading conditions. It comes from the [Public Service Commission of Wisconsin](#) and is evidence-based and easy to understand.

Distance from 230 kV Centerline	Estimated Magnetic Field (mG)
Directly under line (0 ft)	20 – 60 mG
50 feet (15 m)	10 – 25 mG
100 feet (30 m)	3 – 13 mG
300 feet (91 m)	< 2 mG

Note: Values are estimates based on typical line configurations; actual levels fluctuate with time-of-day demand and line-specific design.

- Prolonged exposure to EMFs from high-powered transmission lines is unsafe for humans and pets. BC Hydro must return to its original 2015 interconnection proposal of utilizing the 500kv line on the west side of the Squamish River or, their number 2 alternative, interconnection from Port Mellon.

LINKS:

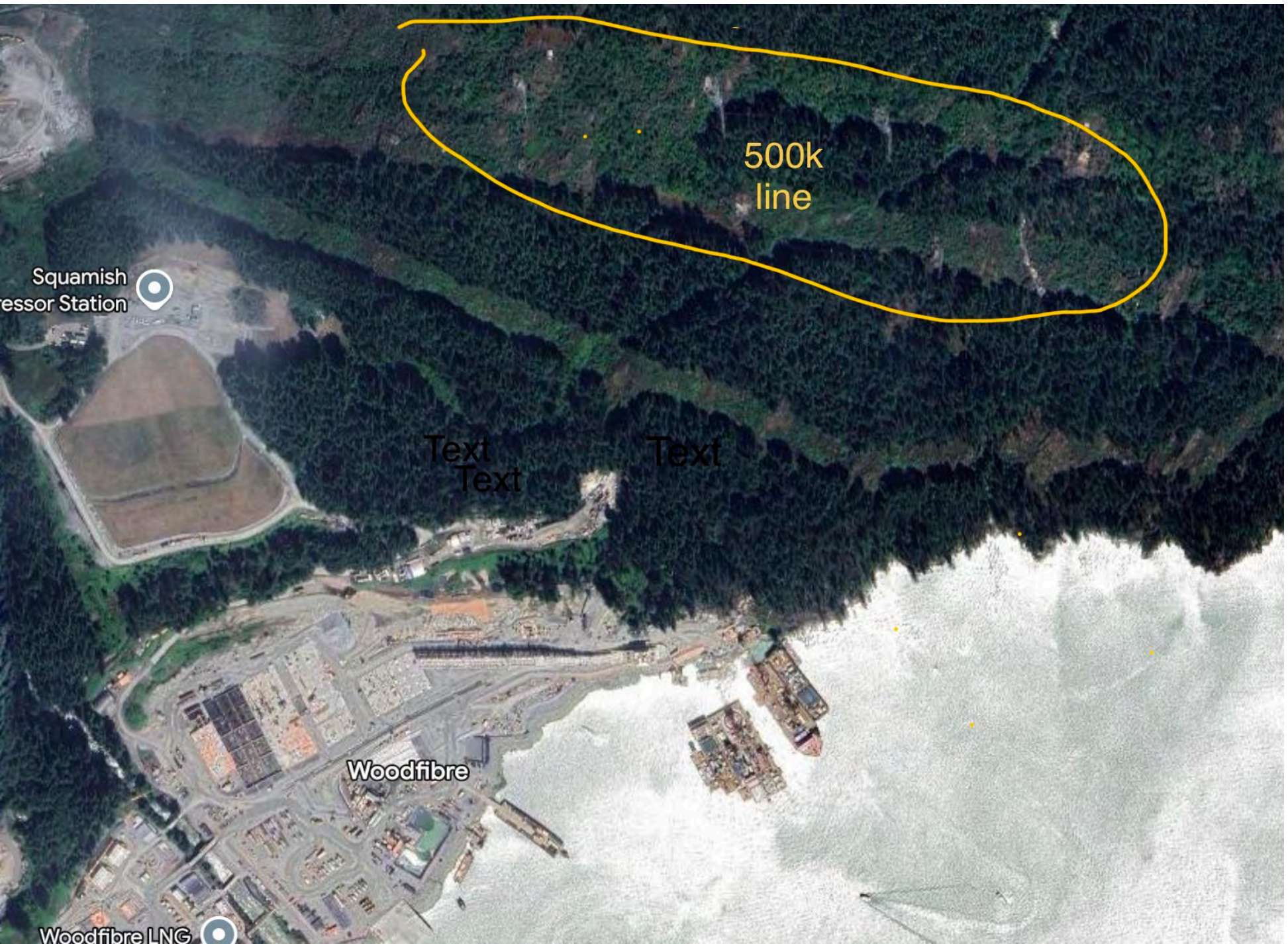
Petition: <https://win.newmode.net/brackendaleownersandtenantsassociation/stopbchydro>

BOATA (Brackendale Tenants and Owners Association) website: <https://boata.ca/>

[2015 letter to residents from BC Hydro identifying the permanent solution, which involves connecting the Woodfibre LNG facility to the existing 500 kV transmission line adjacent to their site.](#)

[BC Hydro statement attesting to using the 500kv transmission lines already in place on the west side of the river.](#)

[Squamish Chief Article April 2026 - Concerns raised by community about proposed power line expansion project by BC Hydro and Woodfiber LNG](#)



Squamish council seeks answers on Woodfibre LNG power line shift

Move comes after Brackendale residents raise concerns over potential health, environmental, and disruption risks from a newly proposed transmission line. BC Hydro and Woodfibre LNG defend the route as a practical upgrade tailored to reduced power demands.



The plan is for the new transmission line to be constructed within the existing BC Hydro right-of-way from Cheekye substation through Brackendale to the Woodfibre LNG facility. Jennifer Thuncher

Concerns related to the Woodfibre LNG project were front and centre at Squamish council on May 19, when the Brackendale Owners and Tenants Association (BOTA) [presented as a delegation](#).

Following the presentation, both Woodfibre LNG and BC Hydro representatives told The Squamish Chief they heard the concerns and are planning a follow-up public meeting.

The issue: proposed transmission line route through Brackendale

The residents are upset about the planned BC Hydro transmission line through more than 40 Brackendale properties to power the Woodfibre LNG project. They say this is going ahead in spite of a commitment by BC Hydro in 2015 to use the existing 500 kilovolt transmission line on the West side of the Squamish River adjacent to the Woodfibre site.

They say that in the 11 intervening years, there was no consultation about the change.

BOTA were asking council for a letter demanding BC Hydro and Woodfibre LNG use the existing 500 kilovolt transmission line adjacent to the Woodfibre LNG site, rather than building a new line through Brackendale.

In the end, council voted to have the mayor write a letter supporting the 2015 plan and requesting that BC Hydro and Woodfibre LNG attend a future public council meeting to answer questions,

Woodfibre LNG is using electricity rather than natural gas to power the liquefaction process, thus the need for BC Hydro upgrades.

This is Stage 2 of BC Hydro's work with Woodfibre LNG. Stage 1 was meeting Woodfibre LNG's initial power requirements by connecting the facility to an existing power line. Stage 2 will add the new transmission line constructed within the existing BC Hydro right-of-way from Cheekye Substation through Brackendale to the Woodfibre LNG facility.

More than 500 residents [have signed a petition](#) calling for a reconsideration of the current BC Hydro route plan.

"The proposed transmission line through Brackendale would negatively impact more than 40 properties and valued community spaces, including Fisherman's Park," said presenter and Brackendale resident Vairdy Frail.

"Construction—expected to last more than two and a half years beginning in spring of 2028—would significantly disrupt homes and require the removal or relocation of yards, gardens, sheds, fences, play structures, etc. Residents are concerned about increased noise, traffic, industrial activity, reduced access to outdoor spaces, along with the construction of a temporary access road through the right-of-way corridor."

"In short, we believe this project would cause irreparable damage to Brackendale's environment, culture, and community. It is seen as especially unjustified given that a viable alternative already exists to meet Woodfibre LNG's power needs through the originally proposed 500 kV transmission line across the river."

Resident Diane Gould challenged BC Hydro's language around the safety of the power lines in terms of electric and magnetic fields (EMF), which are invisible forces found everywhere electricity is used.

"Unlike many other countries such as Italy, the Netherlands, and China, which focus on the precautionary principle for public safety, Canada and, therefore, B.C. do not have uniform, legally binding legislation to limit EMFs from power lines in residential areas. This allows BC Hydro to 'cherry-pick' information from the WHO and Health Canada that supports their agenda," she said.

"BC Hydro refuses to acknowledge that human exposure from cramming a second high-powered transmission line within the current right-of-way ensures long-term EMF exposure. Some homes are less than one metre from the right-of-way. Therefore, children, families, and pets would be playing and spending time far too close to the lines."

On the EMF issue, the Canadian government states the following:

"Power lines that distribute electricity around your home emit extremely low frequency EMF. These fields are strongest at their source. This means you are exposed to stronger extremely low EMFs when you are close to a source such as: right beside a transformer box, directly under a high voltage power line," the [Government of Canada website reads](#).

“As you move away, your level of exposure rapidly decreases. When you are inside your home, the electric fields from transformer boxes and high voltage power lines are often weaker than the fields from household electrical appliances.”

Council discussion and decision

Though it was ultimately amended, Coun. Chris Pettingill put forward a motion to support the letter that would express opposition to the 2026 plan and to support the 2015 plan.

“I recognize there's a right-of-way there,” he said, adding he attended the open house about the new plan and was frustrated there weren't more answers from BC Hydro or Woodfibre LNG.

“There seems to be existing several options that ... the community ... has provided feedback on that seemed workable that still seems workable, and we haven't seen—from my perspective—an explanation of why something else is necessary,” he said.

Coun. Lauren Greenlaw, who seconded Pettingill's motion, spoke to her concerns about health risks.

“I do have concerns around the potential long-term health impacts. At the very least, I feel like our community has not been informed about the lack of health impacts should that be the case,” she said.

“I do feel like there needs to be more coordination, collaboration, and communication with our community should they decide to change their plan or should they pursue this plan that they're now proposing, but I see no reason to put our residents in distress this way.”

A few council members were uncomfortable with the letter as it was proposed by Pettingill.

For example, Coun. Eric Andersen and Coun. Andrew Hamilton both expressed hesitation on taking a stand on something they ultimately didn't fully understand.

“My preference would be to ask BC Hydro some questions on our own and with the information that we've received rather than write a letter of support for BOTA at this time,” Andersen said.

Hamilton questioned the jurisdiction of the municipality on the issue. He preferred a letter asking questions.

“I'd like more information on this. I'd be very happy to support a letter requesting additional clarity and information. It's my understanding from looking at the BC Hydro maps, we already have two 230 kilovolt lines running through Squamish through residential areas,” he said.

“I'm torn here by the jurisdiction piece, where when a utility has a right of way, that's what right of way means. They have the right to put the utility there. And so I struggle right now with the balance between respecting the jurisdictions that are in our land use policies and the actual challenges that residents are going to face with the ... use of that right of way.”

Mayor Armand Hurford put forward an amendment—that passed unanimously—that council direct the mayor to write a letter supporting the original 2015 plan and asking for further explanation from BC Hydro and Woodfibre LNG at a future council meeting.

“I think this is a good balance and also leaves the door open for dialogue so that they stand a chance of coming to speak to us and with the community. I don't think that council meetings are the best or always a constructive place for public engagement, but I can see in this instance, the public engagement that was offered was inadequate, and we'll see if we can flesh some of these answers out on behalf of the community through this mechanism.”

In voicing her support for this route, Coun. Jenna Stoner said she wanted it to be very clear that the 2015 route was the one that was understood and had the support.

“We've long held that these companies need to show up [to] a high standard and engaging our community and being informed in the decisions that are being made. We have seen them fall short of that time and time again. And this is just one more example of the goalpost changing without really allowing us an opportunity to be engaged in that decision or understanding what the trade-offs are.”

Andersen voiced his support for this version, saying this isn't the first time Squamish has seen controversy around BC Hydro plans.

“Squamish has been here before many times. We have a number of hydro transmission corridors through our valley, and they've all been controversial,” he said.

“[Former] mayor [Pat] Brennan campaigned against BC Hydro's lack of consultation and planning. We have a giant scar across the river, and on the other side of that line at Dunsmuir, the substation was bombed by protesters. So, we've been here before and Hydro knows that or should know that. So, I welcome that engagement with BC Hydro, and I believe that we should acknowledge the well-presented concerns and information from the Brackendale Owners and Tenants Association.”

(Andersen was referring to the bombing in Dunsmuir on Vancouver Island on May 31, 1982. The BC Hydro substation was dynamited by an eco-extremist group called Direct Action. The group said they were protesting industrial expansion. Those responsible were dubbed The Squamish Five as they had training grounds near the [Tantalus lookout](#).)

‘Woodfibre’s electricity requirements have been reduced’

For its part, in a joint statement, Woodfibre LNG and BC Hydro told The Squamish Chief the concerns have been heard loud and clear.


“Both BC Hydro and Woodfibre LNG understand that residents have questions about the approach being considered today—especially how it compares to the options reviewed in 2015, and why some residents preferred the 500-kilovolt option at the time,” the statement reads.

“A key difference comes down to how much electricity the project needs now compared to what was expected in 2015. Back then, the 500-kilovolt option was studied based on a much higher projected demand. Since then, Woodfibre’s electricity requirements have been reduced. With that updated information, BC Hydro reassessed the options to ensure the solutions match today’s needs.

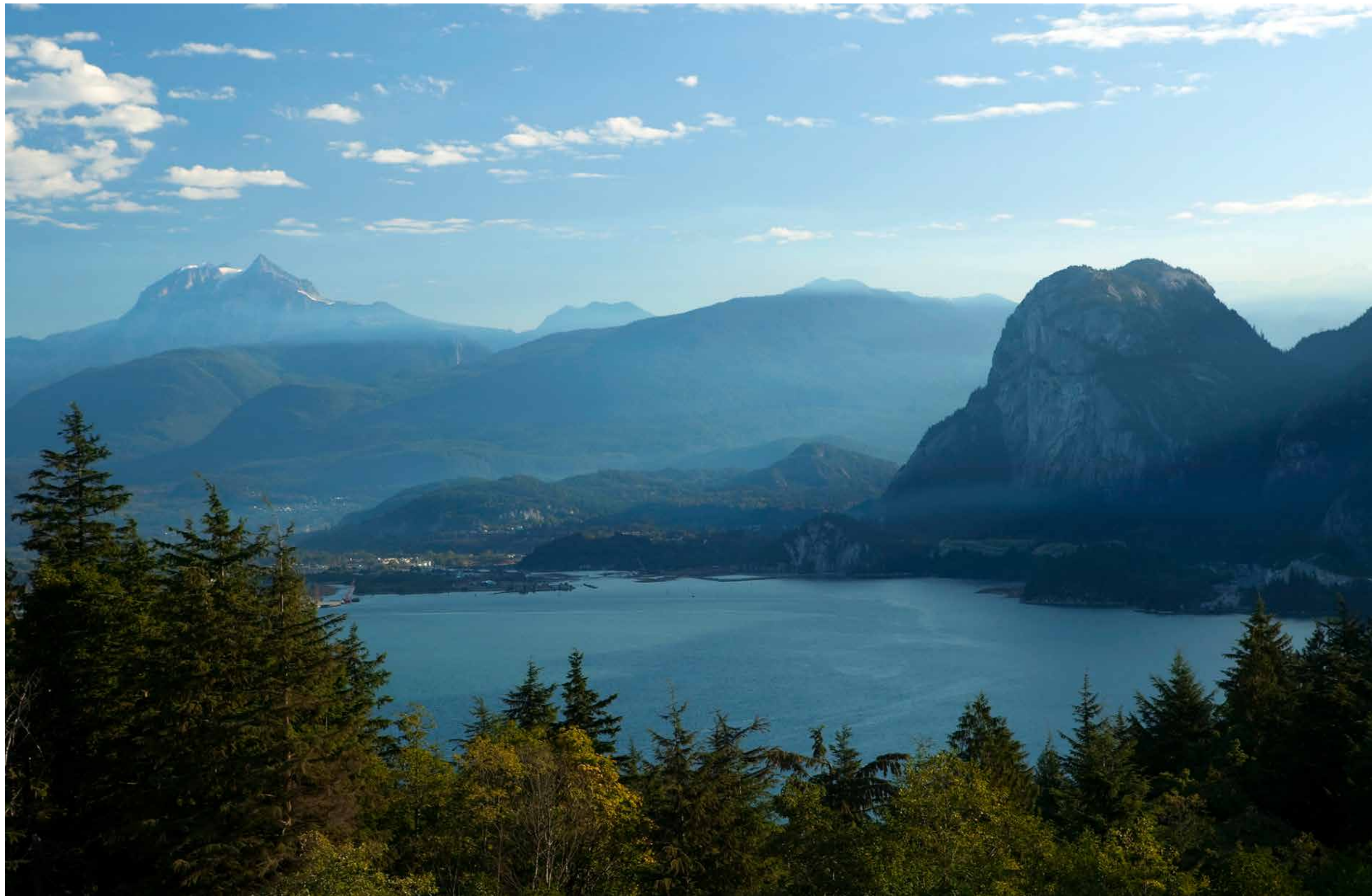
Based on this review, the 500-kilovolt option is no longer considered the more practical approach. It would provide far more capacity than required—essentially overbuilding the system—and wouldn't align with Woodfibre’s project timeline,” the statement continues.

“The solution shared at the March 31 open house instead focuses on using the existing 138-kilovolt system, including the current right of way through Brackendale. This approach builds on infrastructure that’s already in place, limits the need for new construction and better matches the actual electricity demand—while still meeting reliability requirements and project timelines.”

“We heard clearly at the open house that some residents would like us to revisit the 2015 proposal. We take that feedback seriously. Our team is reviewing the earlier studies and materials, and we’re working to schedule a follow-up meeting to share what we’ve found, answer questions, and walk through how different options are evaluated. “

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WELCOME



Take a look at the storyboards and map to learn more about how BC Hydro is involved in both the [Woodfibre LNG Interconnection Project](#) and the [FortisBC Compressor Stations Interconnection Project](#).

Project team members are here to answer your questions, so please have a chat with us.

WOODFIBRE LNG INTERCONNECTION PROJECT



Woodfibre LNG has proposed a small-scale liquefied natural gas processing and export facility located approximately seven kilometres southwest of Squamish.

Woodfibre will use electricity to liquefy natural gas at its facility.

BC Hydro has been asked to interconnect the proposed LNG facility to the electricity system by March 2017.

THREE INTERCONNECTION ALTERNATIVES

Each alternative involves a temporary solution to provide power to Woodfibre by March 2017, and a permanent solution to provide a fully redundant power supply (date to be determined).

The team is completing studies in the following areas:

- Environmental (fisheries, vegetation, wildlife, terrain, etc.)
- Archeological
- Electric and magnetic fields
- Audible noise
- Visual aesthetics
- Radio interference
- Geotechnical

BC Hydro is continuing First Nations consultation and seeking stakeholder input in order to select a preferred alternative in spring 2015.

What is redundant supply?

Redundant supply means there is more than one transmission line providing power to the facility. That way, if one line unexpectedly stops functioning, the other can still supply the facility's electricity needs.

ALTERNATIVE 1: 138 KV/500 KV CONNECTION

TEMPORARY SOLUTION

- Upgrading the existing 138 kV transmission line located between Gibsons and BC Hydro's existing Cheekye Substation (work expected to be within existing right-of-way)
 - o More detailed studies are required to determine the exact upgrades needed and the locations of the upgrades; upgrades could include replacing wood poles with slightly taller wood poles, retensioning (tightening) the conductors, etc.

PERMANENT SOLUTION

- Interconnecting the proposed Woodfibre LNG facility to the existing 500 kV transmission line adjacent to the Woodfibre site
- Constructing a new point of interconnection switching station on Woodfibre's property

ALTERNATIVE 2: 230 KV CONNECTION

TEMPORARY SOLUTION

- Converting sections of the existing 138 kV transmission line to 230 kV from the Cheekye Substation to the Woodfibre site (work expected to be within existing right-of-way)
- Upgrading the existing Cheekye Substation

PERMANENT SOLUTION

- Constructing a new substation on BC Hydro property near Port Mellon
- Converting sections of the existing 138 kV transmission line to 230 kV from the new substation to the Woodfibre site
- Constructing a new point of interconnection switching station on Woodfibre's property
- Interconnecting the proposed Woodfibre LNG facility to the 230 kV transmission line adjacent to the Woodfibre site
- Upgrading the existing Cheekye and Malaspina substations
- Upgrading the existing 230 kV transmission line from Port Mellon to Malaspina

ALTERNATIVE 3: 230 KV/500 KV CONNECTION

TEMPORARY SOLUTION

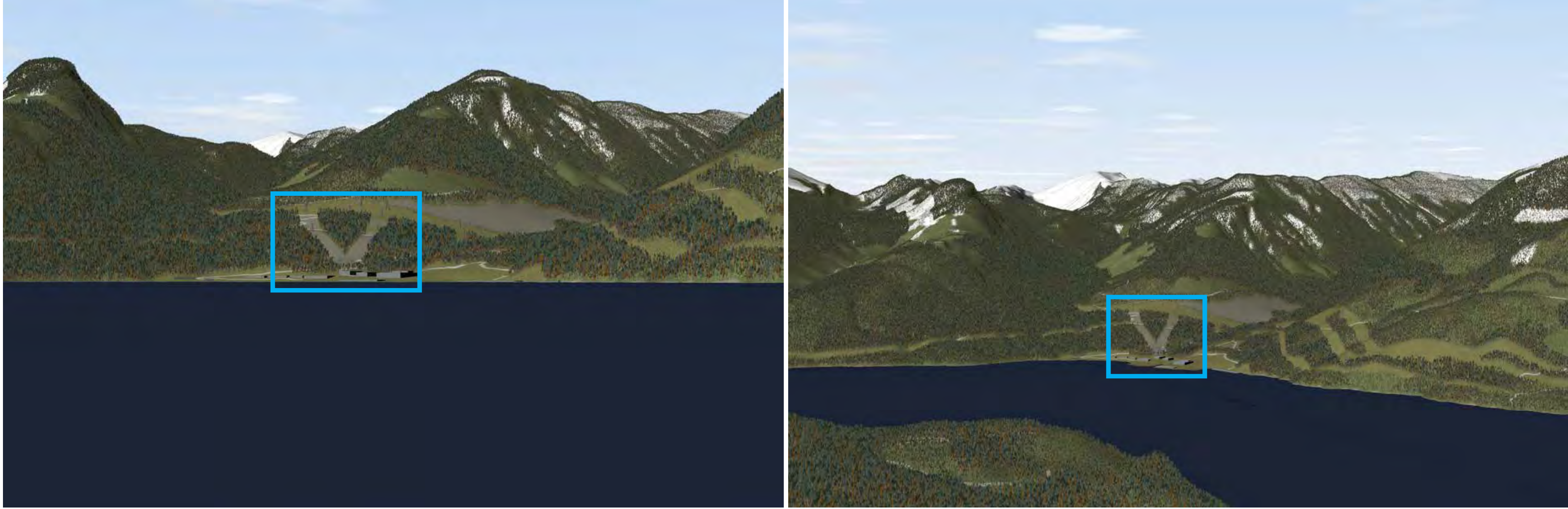
- Converting sections of the existing 138 kV transmission line to 230 kV from the Cheekye Substation to the Woodfibre site (work expected to be within existing right-of-way)
- Upgrading the existing Cheekye Substation

PERMANENT SOLUTION

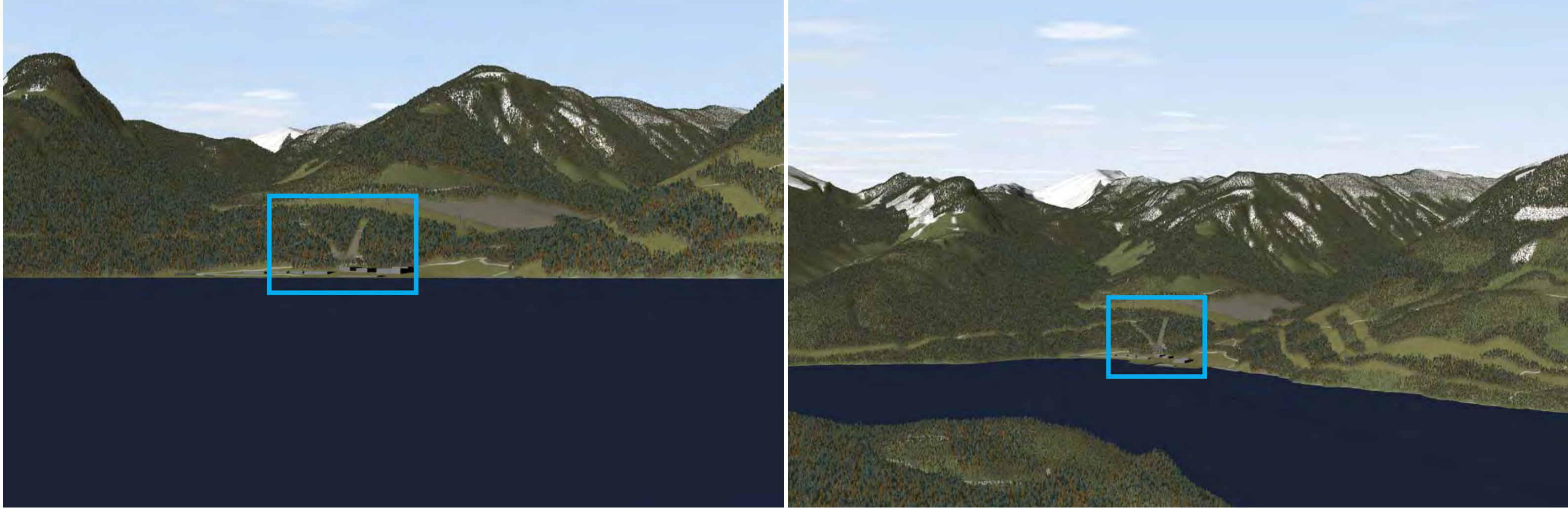
- Interconnecting the proposed Woodfibre LNG facility to the existing 500 kV transmission line adjacent to the Woodfibre site
- Constructing a new point of interconnection switching station on Woodfibre's property

WHAT COULD THE INTERCONNECTION LOOK LIKE FOR THE PERMANENT SOLUTIONS

Below are preliminary visual renderings showing new potential rights-of-way to BC Hydro's existing system. These are for discussion purposes only.



Alternatives 1 and 3: interconnecting Woodfibre's proposed LNG facility to BC Hydro's existing 500 kV transmission line



Alternative 2: interconnecting Woodfibre's proposed LNG facility to BC Hydro's existing 230 kV transmission line

Please note that if Woodfibre's proposed LNG facility is not built, there will be no electricity system upgrades required by BC Hydro at this time.



FORTISBC COMPRESSOR STATIONS INTERCONNECTION PROJECT



Should Woodfibre's LNG facility be constructed, FortisBC will need to:

- Expand a portion of its existing pipeline system (from Coquitlam to the Woodfibre site)
- Upgrade existing FortisBC compressor stations in Coquitlam and Port Mellon
- Construct a new compressor station in or near Squamish

FortisBC will be using electricity to power its expanded Coquitlam and new Squamish compressor stations.

- Expansion at Port Mellon will not require a new electrical connection

BC Hydro has been asked to interconnect the compressor stations by November 2016.

To interconnect the compressor stations into the electricity system, BC Hydro has identified the following upgrades:

- Coquitlam (addition to existing Eagle Mountain Compressor Station)
 - 230 kV connection at BC Hydro's Meridian Substation
- Squamish (new compressor station)
 - Connection to existing 69 kV transmission line

BC HYDRO SYSTEM NEAR WOODFIBRE LNG



PROJECT COSTS

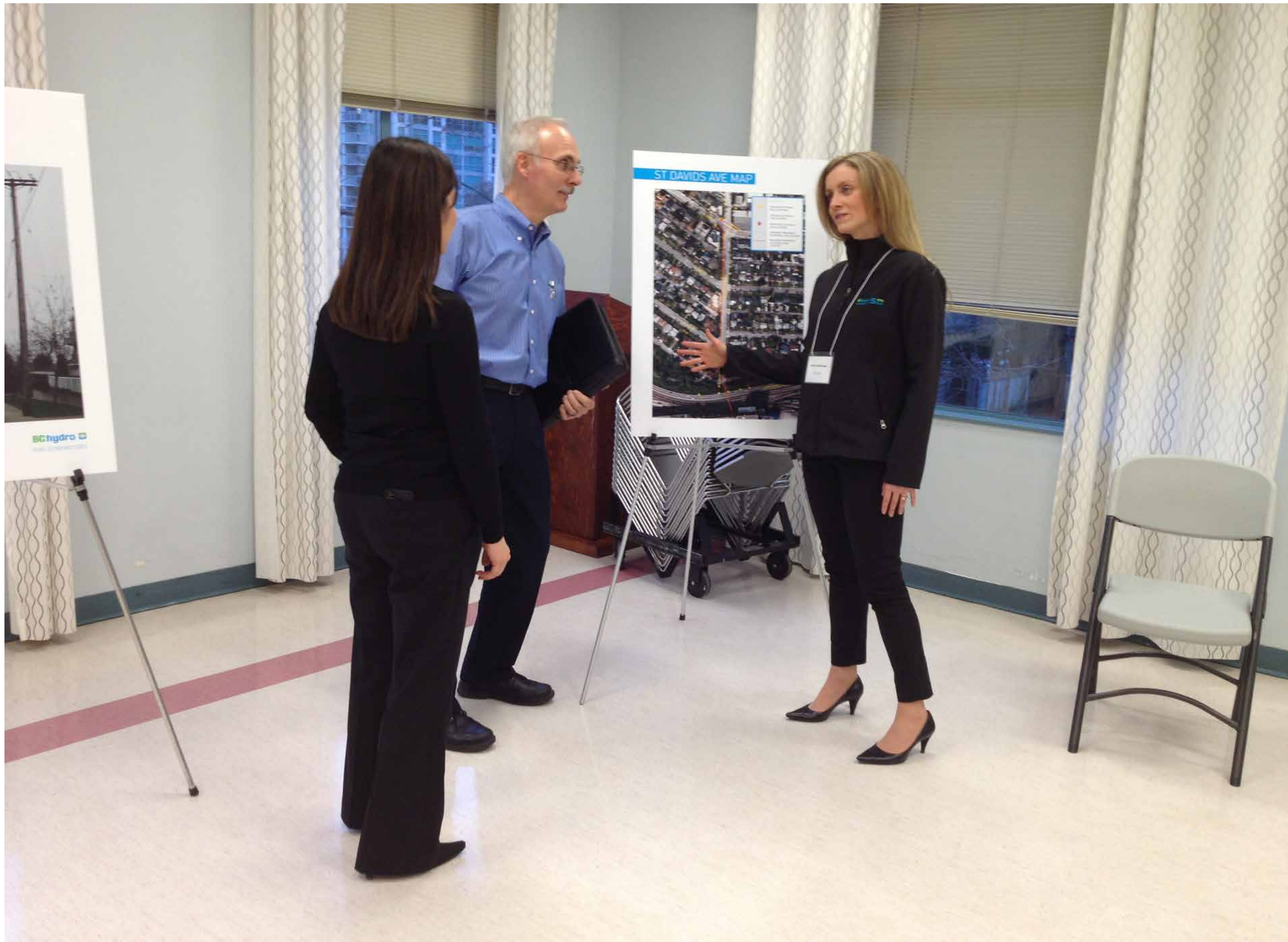


Woodfibre LNG will be responsible for all costs associated with upgrading the electricity system for interconnecting the proposed LNG facility.

- BC Hydro's ratepayers will not be paying for this work

Costs for the FortisBC Compressor Stations Interconnection Project will be split between BC Hydro and FortisBC as per the Electric Tariff Supplement No. 6.

NEXT STEPS



BC Hydro will continue stakeholder engagement and First Nations consultation throughout the planning, design and construction of the projects.

For more information, please visit bchydro.com/woodfibrelng or contact us at **604 623 4472**, toll free **1 866 647 3334**, or stakeholderengagement@bchydro.com.



Reference: 284496

June 16, 2026

VIA EMAIL: NKlein@slrd.bc.ca

Jen Ford, Board Chair
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
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Dear Jen Ford:

Thank you for your letter of February 4, 2026, to Premier David Eby and Minister of Finance Brenda Bailey, regarding changes to the FireSmart Community and Funding Supports (FCFS) program. The Province of British Columbia greatly appreciates the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District's dedication and work carrying out FCFS-funded activities to reduce wildfire risks and keep your communities safe.

Over the last several years we have played a very active role in risk reduction in our forests to better protect communities from wildfire. The Province has invested more than \$175 million in FCFS since 2018. As part of Budget 2022 and 2023, provincial government allocated \$100 million to support the FCFS program.

FCFS has directly benefited 132 First Nations, 121 municipalities, and 27 regional districts, enabling them to conduct activities aligned with FireSmart disciplines. All told, an estimated 576 projects have been completed in activity areas such as emergency planning, vegetation management, legislation and planning development, cross-training, and education, with an additional 209 currently underway.

However, as you know, interest in the FCFS program has exceeded forecasts and funds have drawn down faster than expected. Hard choices had to be made to ensure the remaining funds are distributed equitably to communities throughout B.C.

We have made decisions that will allow the program to focus on key funding priorities to ensure wildfire mitigation activities will continue. For more information, please see the [ministry news release](#) on how Budget 2026 supports wildfire-resilient forests and communities with an additional investment of \$15 million for FCFS.

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Jen Ford, Board Chair

For the time being, all currently approved projects will carry on while future funding of the FCFS program is under review by the Province. The Ministry of Forests will now examine FCFS in light of broader wildfire resilience efforts (BC Timber Sales, Forest Enhancement Society of BC, Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction), with the goal of determining how best to coordinate efforts in collaboration with First Nations and local governments.

Again, thank you for writing to express the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District's appreciation for the FCFS program and to share your funding concerns.

Sincerely,



Ravi Parmar
Minister

pc: Honourable David Eby, Premier of British Columbia
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Dear Premier Eby and Minister Bailey,

Re: Request for Continuation and Expansion of FireSmart Community Funding and Supports (FCFS)

On behalf of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD), I am writing to express our sincere appreciation for the Province's longstanding commitment to the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports (FCFS) program. This program has been instrumental in advancing community wildfire resilience across British Columbia, and its continued support has made a measurable difference in the communities across the SLRD.

As the Province enters discussions on the 2026 budget, we respectfully urge the Government of British Columbia to ensure the continuation and expansion of sustainable and long-term funding for this vital program.

Through FCFS funding, the SLRD has delivered meaningful wildfire mitigation initiatives with a primary focus on addressing capacity and resource gaps in remote communities that are disproportionately impacted by the effects of climate change. Central to the success of our efforts has been the ability to fund dedicated FireSmart positions. These roles serve as trusted community navigators, enhancing regional resilience while fostering collaboration with First Nations, neighbouring jurisdictions, and responding agencies.

FireSmart funding also plays a critical role in protecting essential infrastructure, including transportation corridors, water and sewage systems, and communications networks. These assets are not only foundational to our public health and safety but are essential to the economic prosperity of British Columbia's regions. Furthermore, this funding has enabled the SLRD to establish development standards in wildfire-prone areas and will soon support the implementation of an agricultural program aimed at securing local food systems.

As wildfire risk continues to increase, sustained FireSmart investment is essential to building safe and thriving communities capable of supporting long-term economic growth. A renewed and

Members: District of Squamish, Resort Municipality of Whistler, Village of Pemberton, District of Lillooet, Electoral Areas A, B, C, and D

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robust provincial commitment will help ensure equity in disaster preparedness across British Columbia and reinforce the Province's leadership in proactive wildfire risk reduction.

Thank you for your continued support of the FCFS program and your commitment to the safety and resiliency of communities throughout British Columbia.

Sincerely,



Jen Ford
Board Chair
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

CC: Tony Luck, MLA Fraser-Nicola
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strengths and a desire to
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June 5, 2026

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Dear Director DeMare:

RE: Bralorne Pioneer Mines Office Project – REDIP Funding Update

On behalf of the Bridge River Valley Community Association (BRVCA), I would like to provide an update regarding our application to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) for the Bralorne Pioneer Mines Office Project.

Although the 2025 intake did not result in funding, our organization remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing this vital heritage and community economic development project. We are continuing to move the work forward with our partners and will actively pursue the next available opportunities to secure support. With the REDIP program expected to be offered again in 2026, we intend to submit a new application as soon as funding becomes available.

We would like to thank the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and Electoral Area A for your support of this initiative. The encouragement and commitment demonstrated through your consideration of our request have been greatly appreciated.

The Bralorne Pioneer Mines Office Project continues to be a significant community priority that will enhance preservation of local heritage, improve public access to museum collections, and support tourism and economic development in the Bridge River Valley. BRVCA will continue to pursue funding opportunities while reviewing project elements, identifying remaining requirements, and refining our approach to ensure the project is well-positioned for future funding opportunities.

We look forward to keeping you informed as the project progresses and hope to seek your support again in the future.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of initiatives that strengthen the social, cultural, and economic vitality of our communities.

Sincerely,

Signed by:


Michelle Nortje, Treasurer
Bridge River Valley Community Association

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Staff Report Request for Decision

To: EAD Committee

Date: June 10, 2026

From: Finance

Subject: 2026/27 Civic Addressing Project Funding Request

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT up to \$4,000 be allocated to Civic Addressing service (CC 1202) from SLRD Select Funds towards the cost of the communication mailouts, community outreach and educational activities related to the civic addressing signage project, with funding allocated as follows:

- \$1,000 from Area A Select Funds
- \$1,000 from Area B Select Funds
- \$1,000 from Area C Select Funds
- \$1,000 from Area D Select Funds

AND

THAT it be recommended to the Regional Board:

THAT up to \$31,027 be allocated to Civic Addressing service (CC 1202) from Area B Community Works Funds towards Phase 2 of the civic addressing signage project within Area B of the SLRD.

THAT up to \$17,000 be allocated to Civic Addressing service (CC 1202) from SLRD Community Works Funds towards the cost of providing civic addressing signage upon request to all residents of the SLRD, with funding split between the four electoral areas as follows:

- \$3,679 from Area A Community Works Funds
- \$1,550 from Area B Community Works Funds
- \$7,195 from Area C Community Works Funds
- \$4,576 from Area D Community Works Funds

PURPOSE

To allocate Community Works Funds towards Phase 2 of the Area B civic addressing project and the SLRD-wide civic addressing project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This project involves installing civic addressing signage on 142 Area B properties. In addition, an additional SLRD-wide phase of the project is being introduced that will provide civic addressing signage to residents within all electoral areas of the SLRD upon request. Ensuring

that properties have a clearly visible, bylaw-compliant civic address is critical for effective emergency readiness and response and is an eligible expenditure under the Resilience funding category of the CWF program.

KEY INFORMATION

The Board adopted Policy No. 26-2021 – Canada Community – Building Fund Community Works Funds and within this Policy, responsibilities are described as follows:

- Staff are to assist in the development of CWF projects and the completion of the CWF Project Application Form.
- The EAD Committee is to approve, reject or request further information for each project. Approved projects will be recommended for approval by the Regional Board.
- Community Works Funds, although tracked on an area-specific basis, can be used to support projects for any area within the SLRD.
- The Regional Board will approve, reject or request further information for each project.

If the resolutions presented above are approved, the estimated unallocated CWF balances will be as follows:

Area A	\$82,140.52
Area B	\$279,490.16
Area C	\$535,128.24
Area D	\$102,797.37
Total	\$999,556.29

The above balances are an estimate and include staff’s best estimate of expected interest revenue for the year. The balances also assume that all currently approved projects will be completed. CWF revenue amounts for 2026 have been included in the above calculation and allocated using the 2026 completed roll assessment data as per policy.

Because civic addressing signage will be provided on a request basis, it is not possible to determine the exact cost split between electoral Areas. Therefore, staff are recommending using folio counts to determine the funding allocation between electoral areas.

Costs are proposed to be split among the 4 Electoral Areas by folio count as per the 2026 Revised Assessment Roll, with the 336 Area B properties which have already received signage via the Area B project removed from Area B’s folio count:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Folio Count</u>	<u>% Split</u>	<u>Cost Allocation</u>
Area A	795	21.64%	\$3,679
Area B	335	9.12%	\$1,550
Area C	1,555	42.32%	\$7,195
Area D	989	26.92%	\$4,576
Total	3,580	100%	\$17,000.00

Staff have reviewed the CWF request for eligibility under the program and documented the details of the project within the attached CWF Project Form for the committee’s review and recommendation.

CONSIDERATIONS

Relevant Plans and Strategies:

[2026 SLRD Financial Plan](#)

Organizational / External Impacts:

Allocating Community Works Funds to the civic addressing signage project will help improve public safety by helping first responders locate properties more efficiently, particularly in remote areas, during nighttime, or under adverse weather conditions. This initiative enhances community resilience and ensures residents receive critical services without unnecessary delays.

Financial Implications:

Community Works Funds represent a significant external funding source for the SLRD and form part of the organization’s broader capital financing strategy. Allocating these funds to the civic addressing project enables the SLRD to undertake this work without increasing taxation.

Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Relations:

The SLRD is committed to enhancing relations with the Indigenous communities and First Nations within whose traditional and unceded territories we operate, with a focus on the Lílwat Nation, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and St’át’imc Nation, and its member communities. Decisions are informed by the SLRD’s Indigenous Relations, Truth & Reconciliation Guide.

Level of Community Engagement:

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Strategic Priority Alignment:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community well-being and livability | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Truth, reconciliation and relationships | <input type="checkbox"/> Climate action and sustainability |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsible governance and service excellence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency planning, response and recovery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable | |

OPTIONS

1. Approve the recommendation as presented. **[Preferred]**
2. Do not approve the recommendation and request additional information.
3. Other as directed by the Committee.

NEXT STEPS

If supported, this recommendation will be brought forward to the May Board meeting for approval. If approved, staff will notify the departments responsible for the project and confirm that work may proceed.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. CWF Project Form – SLRD Civic Addressing Project 2026/27

Submitted by:	C. Hodgins, Deputy Director of Finance
Reviewed by:	S. Lafrance, Director of Finance
Approved by:	H. Paul, CAO

Attachment A

Schedule "A" to Policy No. 26-2025

CWF Project Application Form (All areas to be completed)		Application Date: 5/28/26
<p>** Minimum CWF Request is \$10,000 **</p> <p>CWF disbursements for each project should result in incremental value-added capital spending for services primarily for public use or for capacity building to strengthen the ability of the SLRD to develop long-term planning practices.</p>		
<p>1. Select the Eligible CWF Project Category from the list below</p> <p><u>Please review the most recent list of UBCM approved CWF Projects online here</u></p>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local roads, bridges – roads, bridges and active transportation infrastructure (e.g.: cycling lanes and paths, sidewalks, hiking and walking trails).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drinking Water – infrastructure that supports drinking water conservation, collection, treatment and distribution systems.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wastewater – infrastructure that supports wastewater and storm water collection, treatment and management systems.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Solid waste – infrastructure that supports solid waste management systems including the collection, diversion and disposal or recyclables, compostable materials and garbage.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation Infrastructure – Recreational facilities or networks.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural Infrastructure – Infrastructure that supports arts, humanities, and heritage.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tourism Infrastructure – Infrastructure that attract travelers for recreation, leisure, business, etc.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Broadband connectivity – infrastructure that provides Internet access to residents, business, and/or institutions in Canadian communities.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public transit – infrastructure that supports a passenger transport system which is for public use.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resilience – Infrastructure and systems that protect and strengthen the resilience of communities and withstand and sustain service in the face of climate change, natural disasters and extreme weather events.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regional and local airports – airport-related infrastructure, excluding the National Airport System.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community energy systems – infrastructure that generates or increases efficient usage of energy.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Brownfield redevelopment – remediation or decontamination and redevelopment of a brownfield site within SLRD boundaries, where the redevelopment includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the construction of public infrastructure as identified in the context of any other eligible project category under the Federal Gas Tax Agreement, and/or ii. the construction of an SLRD park and publicly-owned social housing. 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Short-line Rail – Railway related infrastructure for carriage of passengers or freight	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Short-sea shipping – infrastructure related to the movement of cargo and passengers around the coast and on inland waterways, without directly crossing an ocean.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Hall and Fire Station Infrastructure -including Fire Trucks.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sports Infrastructure - amateur sport infrastructure (excludes facilities, including arenas, which would be used as the home of professional sports teams or major junior hockey teams.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Capacity building - includes investments related to strengthening the ability of municipalities to develop long-term planning practices including: capital investment plans, integrated community sustainability plans, integrated regional plans, housing needs assessments and housing planning, and/or asset management plans, related to strengthening the ability of recipients to develop long-term planning practices.	

Explanation of the category selection in relation to the Project:

Ensuring that properties have a clearly visible, bylaw-compliant civic address is critical for effective emergency readiness and response. Correct signage enables first responders to locate properties quickly in urgent situations, including at night or during extreme weather conditions when visibility may be limited. Inconsistent or missing addresses signs can delay emergency services, putting lives and property at greater risk.

2. Is the project for Public Use or Public Benefit? Answer Yes or No (Y/N) to the following

Public Use:

- Yes Does the proposed project primarily provide a service that is available or open to the public?
- Yes Does the proposed project result in a service that is not limited by private membership?
- Yes Does the proposed project primarily result in a publicly owned asset or delivers a public service that a local government traditionally provides?

Benefit:

- Yes Does the project provide a service that is a tangible benefit that aligns with the national outcomes of productivity and economic growth; a clean environment; or strong cities and communities?
- Yes Does the project result in a service that benefits a sufficiently large segment of the public or community?

Description of the public use and benefit of the Project:

Remainder of Electoral Area B: The project involves the installation of civic address signs on remaining properties (vacant and non-vacant) with assigned civic addresses; approximately 142 civic addresses remain to be installed. SLRD Wide Approach: Public education and outreach to all areas, communicating the importance of civic addressing, SLRD civic addressing services, and promoting a low barrier civic addressing application process including potential to provide standardized subsidized civic address signs at no charge to the public (similar to TNRD program found here). Clear, standardized addresses improve public safety by helping first responders locate properties more efficiently, particularly in remote areas, during nighttime, or under adverse weather conditions. This initiative enhances community resilience and ensures residents receive critical services without unnecessary delays.

3. Ultimate Recipient

Who is the eligible recipient (I.E. the owner of the infrastructure) as set out in the "Ultimate Recipient" definition within the CWF Agreement? Please select one of the below options and add the name of the organization (as required):

- The SLRD
- BC Transit
- A Local Government: _____
- Not-for-profit organization (NPO): _____
(includes Improvement Districts) NPO Status Verified? (Y/N):
- A for-profit organization (FPO): _____
(May not qualify as must not give any advantages to the FPO; may require a partnering agreement)

4. Description of Ultimate Recipient if other than SLRD

Legal Name: _____

Mailing Address:

Email: _____

Registration Number (Societies Act): _____

CRA Business Number: _____
 Contact Person: _____
 Phone number: _____

5. Project Details

Project Description (Title): SLRD Civic Addressing Project 2026/27

Project Timeline: Project Start Date Project End Date
 6/11/26 6/30/27

Detailed Project Description (including Project phases & timeline):

Part 2: Remainder of Electoral Area B Civic Address Installation
 Month 1
 >Initiate contractor procurement process
 >Select contractor
 >Begin pre-project outreach to inform affected property owners of upcoming address sign installations
 >Social Media outreach with respect to new program whereby owners in other parts of the SLRD can request signs
 >Coordinate with involved staff for communication and implementation strategies

Month 2 - 3
 >Update civic addressing data where needed
 >Second mail-out to affected property owners
 >Confirm final property list and installation plan
 >Prepare a map package and mobile application that tracks location and completed sites

Month 4
 >Undertake installation of civic address signs

Part 3: SLRD Wide Approach/Program
 Months 4-13
 >Public outreach and education to encourage property owners to apply for civic addresses to be included in the SLRD Wide Program
 >Community outreach around value, process and resources to support civic addressing
 >Provide standardized civic addresses signs by mail to property owners involved with the program

How will the Project be managed (Include Project team and qualifications)?

The project will be led by Anna Koterniak (Planner Analyst) and will include public outreach, assigning civic addresses where required, and provide overall project management and field coordination through the development of an interactive mobile map. Renee St-Aubin (Planning and Building Clerk) will obtain quotes and assist with project-related communications and project management. Qualified contractors will be engaged to install bylaw-compliant signage. Harichand Dhaliwal (Building Official) will provide on-site support and guidance on installation days. Claire Dewar (General Manager of Planning and Development Services) will oversee the project and Mark Phillips (General Manager of Protective and Emergency Services) will provide advise on emergency readiness and response aspects as needed.

Output indicator (select from drop down menu and indicate value):

Resilience infrastructure - Count (#) of equipped for climate change impacts

Request for Decision - 2026/27 Civic Addressing Project Funding Request

Eligible Infrastructure Land Owner & Parcel Details:

Ownership and Legal Description details are required for all parcels of land on which the proposed works will occur.

Part 2: 142 civic addresses on private parcels in Electoral Area B that have been assigned civic addresses.
 Part 3: SLRD wide program for properties that have assigned civic addresses and want standardized SLRD signage mailed to them free of charge.

Confirmation of ownership long-term? (Y/N): Y

Crown lease # and term remaining (must be 6 years or more): _____

Describe the long-term Asset Management Plan for the Eligible Infrastructure:

Dedicated budget line for civic signage maintenance and replacement within the broader asset management framework. Signs typically have a lifespan of approximately 30 years depending on environmental exposure, so replacement cycles should be planned accordingly.

SLRD Service(s) involved: Cost Centre 1202 - Civic Addressing Service

Is this Project supported by the Electoral Area Director(s) involved? (Y/N): Y

Description of Electoral Area Director(s) support received:

The project has received strong support from the Electoral Area B Director, as well as formal support from the Electoral Area Directors Committee at the May 13, 2026 EAD Meeting.

6. Project Budget Minimum Limit of \$10,000 Total Gas Tax CWF Request

Describe below the Project budget breakdown, using estimates from contractors, and any other relevant details. Include all funding sources for the Project.

Eligible Project Expenses	Gas Tax CWF Request	Other Contributions		Total Budget
		Source	Amount	
aluminum signs and installation x 142	\$ 26,980.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 26,980.00
community outreach, mailouts and education activities	\$ 0.00	SLRD Select Funds	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
contingency (15%)	\$ 4,047.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 4,047.00
funds to provide free signs (on request) for other parts of the SLRD	\$ 17,000.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 17,000.00
				\$ 0.00
				\$ 0.00
TOTALS	\$ 48,027.00		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 52,027.00

Total Ineligible costs of the Project, if any (review list at end of form):

Revenue being used for CWF ineligible project costs:

Describe how the Project Budget was developed:

The estimated cost is based on expenditures from a previous project, where the total installation cost per address was \$190. That project also included unforeseen expenses; therefore, a contingency amount is being requested. In addition, funding is being requested to provide civic address sign plates at no charge to residents who request them throughout the SLRD.

Accountability Framework

The Eligible Ultimate Recipient will ensure the following:

- Net incremental capital spending is on infrastructure (or capacity building for the SLRD long-term planning).
- Funding is used for Eligible Projects and Eligible Costs.
- Project is implemented in a diligent and timely manner.
- Provide access to all records of the Project.
- Comply with legislated requirements, including environmental assessment requirements and environmental impact mitigation measures.
- Provision of a Final Report including copies of all applicable invoices and a Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the full Project.

Ineligible Expenditures

The following are deemed Ineligible Expenditures:

- a) project expenditures incurred before April 1, 2005;
- b) project expenditures incurred before April 1, 2014 for the following investment categories:
 - i. highways;
 - ii. regional and local airports;
 - iii. short-line rail;
 - iv. short-sea shipping;
 - v. disaster mitigation;
 - vi. broadband connectivity;
 - vii. brownfield redevelopment;
 - viii. cultural infrastructure;
 - ix. tourism infrastructure;
 - x. sport infrastructure; and
 - xi. recreational infrastructure.
- c) Fire Hall project expenditures incurred before April 1, 2021;
- d) Fire Truck purchases as stand-alone expenditures and expenditures under the Resilience Infrastructure category before April 1, 2024;
- e) the cost of leasing of equipment by the Ultimate Recipient, any overhead costs, including salaries and other employment benefits of any employees of the Ultimate Recipient, its direct or indirect operating or administrative costs of Ultimate Recipients, and more specifically its costs related to planning, engineering, architecture, supervision, management and other activities normally carried out by its staff, except in accordance with Eligible Expenditures above;
- f) taxes for which the Ultimate Recipient is eligible for a tax rebate and all other costs eligible for rebates;
- g) purchase of land or any interest therein, and related costs;
- h) legal fees;
- i) routine repair or maintenance costs; and
- j) costs associated with healthcare infrastructure or assets.



Staff Report Request for Decision

To: SLRD Board
Date: June 24 & 25, 2026
From: Human Resources

Subject: Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Directors Remuneration Bylaw No.1951-2026

RECOMMENDATION(S)

THAT Bylaw No. 1951-2026, cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Directors Remuneration Bylaw No.1951-2026" be introduced and read a first, second and third time.

(2/3 majority)

THAT Bylaw No. 1951-2026, cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Directors Remuneration Bylaw No.1951-2026" be adopted.

PURPOSE

To seek Board approval of three readings and adoption of Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Directors Remuneration Bylaw No.1951-2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The current [Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Directors Remuneration Bylaw No.1501-2016](#), ("Bylaw No 1501-2016"), sets out the remuneration of the SLRD Board of Directors.

Remuneration bylaws are reviewed from time to time to:

- ensure the Board's intention of supporting the attraction and retention of qualified and engaged elected officials;
- reflect the work required by elected officials, while maintaining transparency and accountability in the use of public funds; and
- streamline the internal administration of the bylaw.

Following a review of the terms of SLRD Board remuneration and Bylaw No 1501-2016 over the current term of office, staff recommend adoption of a new bylaw - Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Directors Remuneration Bylaw No. No.1951-2026 ("Proposed Bylaw No. No.1951-2026", Attachment A) and repeal of Bylaw No 1501-2016.

Proposed Bylaw No.1951-2026 incorporates Board-approved changes to Director remuneration and introduces an updated format with staff-recommended housekeeping and administrative updates.

If adopted, the Proposed Bylaw No.1951-2026 shall come into effect on November 25, 2026.

KEY INFORMATION

Background

Past staff reports related to the review of Board remuneration are linked below:

- [November 22, 2023 Board Meeting: Direction Request – Directors Remuneration Review](#)
- [November 20, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting: Direction Request – SLRD Board Remuneration Review](#)
- [December 18, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting: – Direction Request – SLRD Board Remuneration Analysis](#)
- [March 25, 2026 Board Meeting: Direction Request – Directors Remuneration Bylaw No. 1501-2016, Review of Proposed Bylaw Amendments](#)
- [May 28, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting: – Direction Request – Directors Remuneration Bylaw No. 1501-2016, Follow-Up Review of Directors Remuneration](#)

At the May 28, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Board passed the following resolutions:

THAT it be recommended to the Regional Board:

THAT the Directors Remuneration Bylaw be amended to provide mileage reimbursement for all Directors for round trips exceeding 60 kilometres undertaken on Regional District business.

THAT the Directors Remuneration Bylaw be amended to establish Director stipends, as outlined in the staff report, as follows:

- *Electoral Area Director – \$41,980;*
- *Municipal Director – \$20,713;*
- *Board Chair – \$36,638; and*
- *Board Vice-Chair – \$10,611.*

THAT the Directors Remuneration Bylaw be amended to include dependent care provisions in accordance with Option 1 outlined in the staff report, including a dependent care reimbursement of up to \$100 per meeting for Directors and Alternate Directors attending SLRD-sanctioned meetings, conferences, or engagements in special circumstances, excluding regular Board and Committee meetings.

THAT the Directors Remuneration Bylaw be amended to provide Electoral Area Directors with an annual taxable allowance of \$1,500 for long-distance telephone, internet, and cellphone expenses.

The Proposed Bylaw No.1951-2026 incorporates housekeeping updates (format, numbering, language) and administrative updates to improve readability and administration. It also reflects updates to Director remuneration, including new and revised elements as previously reviewed

and approved by the Board. If adopted, the Proposed Bylaw No.1951-2026 shall come into force and effect on November 25, 2026 – the date when the new Board for the 2026-2030 term is sworn into Office.

Key Updates to Proposed Bylaw No.1951-2026

In addition to housekeeping and administrative refinements, the key updates to Proposed Bylaw No.1951-2026 include:

- **Annual stipend for Electoral Area Directors:** Increase from \$36,915 to \$41,980.
- **Annual stipend for Municipal Directors:** Increase from \$18,462 to \$20,713.
- **Annual indemnity for Board Chair:** Increase from \$25,885 to \$36,638.
- **Annual indemnity for Board Vice-Chair:** Increase from \$5,054 to \$10,611.
- **Annual indemnity for Electoral Area Directors Committee Chair:** Increase from \$4,143 to \$5,966 (*proposed 44% adjustment which is the average % increase of the stipends and indemnities listed above).
- **Consumer Price Index adjustment:** the inclusion of a provision that the new telecommunications and dependent care allowances available to Directors be adjusted annually for CPI.
- **Absence by Director for three consecutive Board meetings:** addition of new subsection that sets out that payment of eligible expenses and payment for benefit coverage premiums are to be suspended where a Director is without leave of the Board.
- **Absence by Directors due to Maternity or Parental leave:** addition of new subsection that sets out Directors' eligibility for payment of expenses while on approved maternity or parental leave.
- **Reduction of Remuneration for Code of Conduct Breach:** addition of new section that set outs the reduction of remuneration where a Director has been found to have breached the Code of Conduct Bylaw.
- **Updates to the Schedule of Eligible Expenses (Schedule "A"):**
 - Expanded list of meetings where Directors and Alternate Directors are entitled to automatic reimbursement of expenses:
 - *Meetings of the Regional District Board or Regional District Committees at which the Director or Alternate Director will be voting;*
 - *Meetings of Regional District Committees at which the Chair of the Regional District Board is an ex-officio member; and*
 - *Advisory Committee meetings, Commission meetings, and meetings of external organizations in respect of which the Director or Alternate*

Director has been appointed by resolution of the Regional Board to sit as a Regional Board representative.

- *Public Hearings of the Regional District;*
 - *Public information meetings hosted by the Regional District for any purpose;*
 - *Other meetings and conferences when appointed by the Board or the Board Chair to represent the interests of the Regional Board.*
- Clarification that business incurred within a Director's electoral or municipal area jurisdiction, including but not limited to neighbourhood, residents or community association meetings or official ceremonies do not qualify for automatic reimbursement of expenses.
 - Replacement of a daily "per diem" rate with a daily "Incidentals" rate (for trips lasting more than 24 hours) that follows the current daily rate established by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for incidental expenses.
 - New increased meal rates that follow the current rates established by the CRA for meal allowances where receipts are provided; and where receipts are not provided, 75% of the CRA rate shall be reimbursed.
 - Directors and Alternate Directors entitled to their mileage for round-trips driven on Regional District business in excess of 60 kilometres (reduction from the previous minimum of 80 kilometres).
 - A new "Telecommunications" allowance of \$1,500 per year for Electoral Area Directors and the Board Chair (if eligible) that replaces the previous provision allowing for reimbursement of actual costs of long-distance telephone, high speed internet, cellphone, and dedicated telephone line charges (based on reasonable estimated percentage of usage for Regional District business).
 - Revised procedures for the provision of electronic devices to Electoral Area Directors where one electronic device (a laptop or tablet) per term, selected and purchased by the SLRD will be provided to Electoral Area Directors and to be transferred to the Director at no cost at the end of the term.
 - Revised procedures for the provision of one colour printer and reasonable printer supplies being supplied to Electoral Area Directors; and such printer and supplies to be transferred to the Director at no cost at the end of the term.
 - A new dependent care subsidy of \$100 per meeting where a Director or Alternate Director requires dependent care in order to attend non-regular meetings or engagements.
 - The automatic reimbursement of the Board Chair and Electoral Area Directors expenses incurred to attend Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and area association conferences.

- Reimbursement of expenses to a maximum of \$500 per year for Directors to attend conferences and professional development relevant to their duties as an SLRD Director.
- Clarification that transportation mileage reimbursed to Directors at the prescribed rates is intended to cover costs associated with operating a personal vehicle (including but not limited to fuel, maintenance, repairs, insurance, and vehicle licensing fees) for Regional District business.
- **Updates to the Schedule of Remuneration of Alternate Directors (Schedule “B”):**
 - Inclusion of Alternate Directors being entitled to claim meeting fees for Orientation meetings to onboard Members of the newly elected Regional Board.
 - Increase in meeting fees for Alternate Directors attendance at meetings:
 - from \$130-\$232 per meeting to \$155-\$332 per meeting (depending on the length and type of meeting)
 - Inclusion of Alternate Directors being entitled to claim meeting fees for one shadowing meeting per election term.

CONSIDERATIONS

Relevant Plans and Strategies:

The proposed updates to the Directors Remuneration Bylaw are consistent with principles of transparency, accountability, and responsible financial management. The proposed updates also support the Board’s objective of attracting and retaining qualified and engaged elected officials, thereby contributing to effective governance and service delivery.

Organizational / External Impacts:

The proposed updates to the Directors Remuneration Bylaw will have implications for the Administration and Finance Department’s internal processes, however it should be noted that some of the proposed updates will create administrative efficiencies.

While these proposed amendments may introduce additional administrative and budgetary considerations, as well as potential implications involving public scrutiny, they are intended to have a positive overall impact. The amendments ensure that SLRD Board remuneration remains fair and transparent, supporting the encouragement of a broad range of individuals to run for local office, and promote a Board that is engaged and committed to serving the community effectively.

Financial Implications:

Board Remuneration is budgeted in the SLRD’s General Government Services (Cost Centre #1000). The estimated 2027 taxation increase per \$1 million of assessed value for the increase to Board stipends is \$0.91.

Board expenses related to UBCM Conference attendance and activities are budgeted in a separate cost centre for Elections/UBCM (Cost Centre #1500).

The estimated unbudgeted costs associated with the changes to Directors remuneration in Proposed Bylaw No.1952-2026 (proposed to come into effect November 25, 2026) are as follows:

Stipends & Indemnities	\$4,580
Transportation - mileage claims (under new mileage reimbursement parameters allowing all Directors to claim mileage for round trips over 60km)	\$1,574
Telecommunications allowances	\$500
Total estimated increase in 2026	\$6,654

If adopted, the increase to stipends, and expense provisions set out in the new Directors Remuneration Bylaw will be reflected in the 2027 Budget and 2027-2031 Financial Plan.

Level of Community Engagement:

- Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Strategic Priority Alignment:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community well-being and livability | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Truth, reconciliation and relationships | <input type="checkbox"/> Climate action and sustainability |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsible governance and service excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency planning, response and recovery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable | |

OPTIONS

1. Approve the Recommendations as set out above (preferred).
2. Do not approve the Recommendations.
3. Other, as per Board direction.

NEXT STEPS

If Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Directors Remuneration Bylaw No.1951-2026 is adopted the SLRD will:

- Undertake public communications in advance of the 2026 General Local Elections to increase awareness of remuneration available and encourage a broad and diverse range of individuals to consider seeking elected office.
- Post a copy of the Bylaw on the SLRD website.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. *DRAFT* Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Directors Remuneration Bylaw No. No.1951-2026

Submitted by:	M. Halitzki, Human Resources Manager
Reviewed by:	S. Lafrance, Director of Finance A. Belsham, General Manager of Corporate Services
Approved by:	H. Paul, Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment A

SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT BYLAW NO. 1951-2026

A bylaw to authorize the payment of remuneration and expenses to Directors and Alternate Directors

WHEREAS it is desirable and prudent to provide for the payment of remuneration and eligible expenses of the Directors and the Alternate Directors of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board;

NOW THEREFORE the Regional Board of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

- 1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Directors Remuneration Bylaw No.1951-2026".

2. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 Directors remuneration and expense reimbursements are guided by the following principles:
- (a) It is important for local governments to ensure their elected official positions are compensated fairly to attract and encourage a variety of citizens from different economic and demographic backgrounds to run for office and represent their communities. Inadequate compensation for the significant time commitment involved is a potential barrier to participation for individuals who lack other sources of income and/or benefits, limiting their diversity and ability to reflect the communities that they serve.
 - (b) Directors are expected to conduct their activities in such a way as to optimize the value to taxpayers.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 In this bylaw:

"Regional District" means the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District;

"Regional Board" means the Board of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District;

"Electoral Area Directors Committee" means the standing committee of the Regional Board comprised of the Electoral Area Directors;

"Electoral Area Director(s)" means a Director elected to represent Electoral Area A, Electoral Area B, Electoral Area C and Electoral Area D on the Regional Board;

"Municipal Director(s)" means a Director appointed by the District of Lillooet, Village of Pemberton, Resort Municipality of Whistler and District of Squamish to represent that municipality on the Regional Board;

"**Director(s)**" means a member of the Board, whether as a municipal director or alternate municipal director, or as an electoral area director or alternate electoral area director, under the Local Government Act;

"**Alternate Director(s)**" means a person appointed in accordance with the applicable legislation to act in place of a Director, including:

- (a) an alternate appointed by an Electoral Area Director to act in place of that Electoral Area Director; and
- (b) an alternate appointed by the District of Lillooet, Village of Pemberton, Resort Municipality of Whistler or District of Squamish to act in place of its Municipal Director.

4. ANNUAL STIPEND FOR ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS

- 4.1 Each Electoral Area Director shall be paid an annual stipend of \$41,980.

5. ANNUAL STIPEND FOR MUNICIPAL DIRECTORS

- 5.1 Each Municipal Director shall be paid an annual stipend of \$20,713.

6. ANNUAL INDEMNITY FOR CHAIR

6.1 Chair of Regional Board

In addition to the annual stipend under section 4 or section 5 and in addition to the annual indemnity under section 6.2 (if applicable), the Chair of the Regional Board shall be paid an annual indemnity of \$36,638.

6.2 Chair of Electoral Area Directors Committee

In addition to the annual stipend under section 4 or section 5 and in addition to the annual indemnity under section 6.1 (if applicable), the Chair of the Electoral Area Directors Committee shall be paid an annual indemnity of \$5,966.

7. ANNUAL INDEMNITY FOR VICE-CHAIR

7.1 Vice-Chair of Regional Board

In addition to the annual stipend under section 4 or section 5 and in addition to the annual indemnity under section 6.2 (if applicable), the Vice-Chair of the Regional Board shall be paid an annual indemnity of \$10,611.

8. EXPENSES INCURRED BY DIRECTORS

- 8.1 Where this bylaw provides for reimbursement of expenses, a Director is entitled to reimbursement at the rates set out in Schedule "A", upon submission of a written claim.

9. ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

- 9.1 An Alternate Director is entitled to the following, upon submission of a written claim:
 - (a) payment of meeting fees at the rates set out in Schedule "B";

- (b) payment for associated travel time at the rates set out in Schedule "B"; and
- (c) reimbursement of eligible expenses, under Schedule "A", where this bylaw provides for such reimbursement.

10. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT

- 10.1 The following shall be increased annually as of January 1 of each calendar year by the same percentage as the Consumer Price Index, published by Statistics Canada for the Province of British Columbia, for the period January to December of the previous year:
- (a) annual stipend under section 4 and section 5;
 - (b) annual indemnity under section 6 and section 7;
 - (c) telecommunications allowance and dependent care subsidy set out in Schedule "A"; and
 - (d) meeting fees and time spent in transit rates payable to Alternate Directors at the rates set out in Schedule "B".

11. ABSENCE BY DIRECTOR FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

- 11.1 Despite any other section of this bylaw except where section 12 applies, if a Director is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Regional Board without leave of the Regional Board, the Regional District must suspend the following, effective the day after the third consecutive meeting:
- (a) that Director's annual stipend under section 4 or section 5, as applicable;
 - (b) that Director's annual indemnity under section 6 and section 7, as applicable;
 - (c) reimbursement of eligible expenses under Schedule "A"; and
 - (d) payment of premiums and provision of benefit coverage under section 13, if applicable.
- 11.2 If section 11.1 of this bylaw has been applied to a Director and the Director subsequently attends a meeting of the Regional Board, the Regional District must reinstate the following effective the date of the first meeting attended after the absence:
- (a) the Director's annual stipend under section 4 or section 5, as applicable;
 - (b) the Director's annual indemnity under section 6, and section 7, as applicable; and
 - (c) reimbursement of eligible expenses as set out in Schedule "A".

12. ABSENCE BY DIRECTOR DUE TO MATERNITY LEAVE OR PARENTAL LEAVE

- 12.1 A Director who is on Maternity Leave or Parental Leave (as defined in Paid Maternity and Parental Leave for Board Members Board Policy No. 27-2021 or successor/replacement policy), is authorized to be absent for the shorter of:
- (a) up to six (6) consecutive meetings of the Regional Board; or
 - (b) the remainder of the Director's term of office, being:
 - i. the elected term, in the case of an Electoral Area Director; or
 - ii. the municipal appointment term, in the case of a Municipal Director.
- 12.2 During any period of authorized absence under section 12.1, the Regional District must continue the following:
- (a) the annual stipend under section 4 or section 5, as applicable;
 - (b) reimbursement of eligible expenses under Schedule "A"; and
 - (c) benefit coverage under section 13, if applicable.

13. BENEFIT COVERAGE

- 13.1 Directors shall be entitled to:
- (a) benefit coverage under the Regional District's group benefits plan, as amended from time to time, and subject to the conditions set by the plan carrier.
 - (b) automatic enrolment in the Regional District's Employee Assistance Program (EAP), regardless of whether they elect to participate in the Regional District's group benefits plan.

14. REDUCTION OF REMUNERATION FOR CODE OF CONDUCT BREACH

- 14.1 Subject to section 14.2 of this Bylaw, where a Director has been found by the Investigator to have breached the Regional District's Code of Conduct Bylaw (as amended from time to time), or where a Director has been found by the Investigator to have submitted a complaint thereunder that is frivolous, vexatious, or made in bad faith, the remuneration to which the Director would otherwise be entitled to under this Bylaw shall be reduced as follows:
- (a) where the Director has been found to have breached the Bylaw for the first time, the remuneration to which the Director would otherwise be entitled to under this bylaw shall be reduced by 10% for a period of 12 months from the date on which the Regional Board considers the Investigator's report;
 - (b) where the Director has been found to have breached the Bylaw for a second time, the remuneration to which the Director would otherwise be entitled to under this bylaw shall be reduced by 15% for a period of 12 months from the date on which the Regional Board considers the Investigator's report relating to that offence;

- (c) where the Director has been found to have breached the Bylaw for a third or subsequent time, the remuneration to which the Director would otherwise be entitled to under this bylaw shall be reduced by 25% for a period of 12 months from the date on which the Regional Board considers the Investigator's report relating to that offence;
- (d) for certainty, where a Director has been found to have breached the Bylaw more than once in a 12-month period, the reductions in the remuneration to which the Director would otherwise be entitled under this Bylaw shall be cumulative for any period of overlap in the duration of each reduction (for example, if a Director is found to have first breached the Bylaw on January 1 of a calendar year, and is subsequently found to have breached the Bylaw again on July 1 of that year, the remuneration to which the Director would otherwise be entitled shall be reduced by 10% from January 1 to June 30 of that year, by 25% from July 1 to December 31 of that year, by 15% from January 1 to June 30 of the following year, and thereafter be fully reinstated).

14.2 Section 14.1 does not apply if, pursuant to section 32.2 of the Code of Conduct Bylaw, the Investigator has determined that the Director took all reasonable steps to prevent the breach or that the breach was trivial or inadvertent or that the breach was because of an error in judgment made in good faith.

15. SEVERABILITY

15.1 If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, subsection or section of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, any such word, phrase, clause, sentence, subsection or section shall be severed from the bylaw and the remainder of the bylaw shall be deemed to have been adopted without the severed word, phrase, clause, sentence, subsection or section.

16. REPEAL

16.1 Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Directors Remuneration Bylaw No.1501-2016 is hereby repealed as of 11:59 PM on November 24, 2026.

17. EFFECTIVE DATE

17.1 This bylaw shall come into force and effect on November 25, 2026.

READ A FIRST TIME this ___ day of _____, 2026

READ A SECOND TIME this ___ day of _____, 2026

READ A THIRD TIME this ___ day of _____, 2026

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2026

Jen Ford
Chair

Angela Belsham
Corporate Officer

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Directors Remuneration Bylaw No.1951-2026

SCHEDULE "A" – Eligible Expenses

Automatic Authorization for Reimbursement of Eligible Expenses

1. Directors and Alternate Directors are automatically entitled to reimbursement of eligible expenses associated with attendance at the following meetings, and for clarity, Directors and Alternate Directors are not required to obtain specific Board authorization in respect of such meetings:
 - (a) Meetings of the Regional District Board or Regional District Committees at which the Director or Alternate Director will be voting;
 - (b) Meetings of Regional District Committees at which the Chair of the Regional District Board is an *ex officio* member; and
 - (c) Advisory Committee meetings, Commission meetings, and meetings of external organizations in respect of which the Director or Alternate Director has been appointed by resolution of the Regional Board to sit as a Regional Board representative.
 - (d) Public Hearings of the Regional District;
 - (e) Public information meetings hosted by the Regional District for any purpose;
 - (f) Other meetings and conferences when appointed by the Board or the Board Chair to represent the interests of the Regional Board.
2. For greater clarity, Business incurred within a Director's electoral or municipal area jurisdiction, including but not limited to neighbourhood, residents or community association meetings or official ceremonies do not qualify for automatic authorization for reimbursement of expenses unless specifically authorized by the Board to attend the meeting on behalf of the Board. Remuneration for expenses related to such business are deemed included within the annual stipend.

Expenses related to meetings that do not meet the definition of Regional District Business may be brought forward for Board consideration and approval by resolution.

3. Automatic authorization for reimbursement of eligible expenses is subject to the parameters of section 4 of this Schedule "A" (i.e. certain expenses are limited to Directors only or Electoral Area Directors only).

Eligible Expenses

4. Subject to being automatically authorized via section 1 of this Schedule "A", Directors and Alternate Directors (unless otherwise noted below) are entitled to the following:

a)	Incidentals	For trips lasting more than 24 hours, payment of an incidental rate in which case receipts do not need to be submitted to cover incidentals including but not limited to dry cleaning, laundry, non-meal gratuities and other miscellaneous costs.
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		The incidental rate is at the current incidental expense rate published by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).
b)	Meals	Where meals are not provided, meal reimbursement up to the current rate published by the CRA (receipts required). Where receipts are not provided, 75% of the CRA rate shall be reimbursed.
c)	Transportation to meetings and conventions/conferences	<p>Directors and Alternate Directors should use the best method of transportation, keeping in mind the need to minimize time away and also keeping costs to the Regional District at a minimum.</p> <p>By air: Actual cost of economy air fare (receipts required). Actual costs of airport transfers (i.e. airport limousine or taxi) (receipts required).</p> <p>By car: Actual costs for tolls (ferry and/or highway tolls) (receipts required).</p> <p>Mileage as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paved Roads: At the current rate published by the CRA Automobile Allowance Rates as amended from time to time (using the rate for the first 5,000 kilometres driven per year); and • Unpaved Roads: At the current rate published by the CRA Automobile Allowance Rates as amended from time to time (using the rate for the first 5,000 kilometres driven per year), multiplied by 150%.
d)	Transportation on Regional District business	Directors and Alternate Directors are entitled to their mileage for round-trips driven on Regional District business in excess of 60 kilometres with mileage paid based on the rates as noted in subsection 4 (c) of this Schedule "A".
e)	Parking	Actual costs (receipts required).
f)	Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For hotels, actual cost of room at Government rate (receipts required). • For accommodation in a private residence, reimbursement at the current rate published by the CRA for private non-commercial accommodation.
g)	Telecommunications (Electoral Area Directors and Chair of the Regional Board only)	<p>An annual allowance of \$1,500 per calendar year shall be provided to Electoral Area Directors and the Chair of the Regional Board (where the Chair is not an Electoral Area Director) in recognition of any cellphone, high speed internet, landline, long distance, and facsimile expenses incurred in order to perform their duties.</p> <p>The Chair of the Regional Board shall be entitled to receive the allowance set out in this subsection only where reimbursement for such expenses is not available through their appointing municipality (if the Chair of the Regional Board is municipally-appointed).</p>

h)	Satellite phone (Electoral Area A Director only)	50% of the actual monthly costs of a satellite phone (receipts required).
i)	Hosting	When incurred with respect to Regional District business, actual costs for hosting meals and refreshments with names of persons hosted and organization name indicated (receipts required).
j)	Photocopying	When incurred with respect to Regional District business, actual costs (receipts required).
k)	Electronic devices (Electoral Area Directors only)	<p>The Regional District shall procure and provide one (1) electronic device (laptop or tablet) for use by the Director for Regional District business for each four (4) year term. Specifications for the electronic device shall be determined by the Regional District.</p> <p>The Regional District shall not provide any other equipment for Director's Regional District business. Exceptions shall be considered by the Regional Board on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>The following rules apply in respect of electronic devices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Electronic device is connected to the elected/appointed office and not the individual fulfilling that office and remains the property of the Regional District until the end of the applicable four (4) year term. ii. If a Director ceases to hold office before the end of the term for any reason, the electronic device shall be returned to the Regional District office and may be reassigned to the incoming or successor Director for that office. iii. The electronic device shall be configured with the current standard software package approved by the Regional District which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic productivity software; • PDF reading software; • Anti-virus protection; iv. Budgeting for electronic devices is based upon the election cycle, with provision for equipment in the year of each local government general election so that funds are available for equipping incoming Directors. v. The electronic device will be managed by the Regional District in accordance with its security and acceptable use policies.

		<p>vi. At the end of the Director's four (4) year term, the Regional District may authorize transfer of the electronic device to that Director at no cost only after the Regional District has wiped the device, removed all Regional District data, and retained all software licences, which remain the property of the Regional District and are not transferred with the device.</p> <p>For clarity, the Regional District shall not provide reimbursement to a Director should they choose to purchase their own electronic device including but not limited to a laptop, tablet or cellphone.</p>
l)	<p>Home office expenses</p> <p>(Electoral Area Directors only)</p>	<p>The Regional District shall procure and provide the following items only for use by the Director for Regional District business for each four (4) year term. Such items will have specifications to be determined by the Regional District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) colour printer; and • Reasonable printer supplies, including cartridges and paper. <p>The following rules apply in respect of the printer:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The printer is connected to the elected office and not the individual fulfilling that office and remains the property of the Regional District unless transferred to the Director in accordance with subsection 4 (l)(ii) of this Schedule "A". ii. At the end of the Director's four (4) year term, the Regional District may authorize transfer of the printer to the respective Director at no cost. <p>For clarity, the Regional District shall not provide reimbursement to a Director should they choose to purchase their own home office equipment and supplies including but not limited to a printer and printer supplies.</p>
m)	<p>Dependent care</p> <p>(Directors and Alternate Directors)</p>	<p>Directors and Alternate Directors are entitled to claim \$100 per meeting where dependent care is required in order to attend the meetings identified in subsections 1 (c), (d), (e), and (f) of this Schedule "A".</p> <p>At the request of the Regional District, Directors shall complete an annual declaration to confirm eligibility for the dependent care subsidy.</p>
n)	<p>Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and area association conferences</p>	<p>Expenses identified in subsections 4 (a),(b), (c), (e), (f) and (m) of this Schedule "A" that are incurred to attend the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) annual conference; and

	(Electoral Area Directors and Chair of the Regional Board only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area association annual conferences, including the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) and Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA).
o)	<p>Conferences and Professional Development</p> <p>(Directors only)</p>	<p>Directors are entitled to reimbursement of actual costs (receipts required), up to a maximum of \$500 per calendar year, for registration fees, course materials and expenses identified in subsections 4 (a),(b), (c), (e), and (f) associated with attending conferences, courses and professional development opportunities relevant to their duties as an SLRD Director and provided by the organizations listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Recognized provincial post-secondary institutions (UBC, SFU, Capilano, Justice Institute of BC etc.) Training or workshops offered by local Chambers of Commerce or the BC Chamber of Commerce Training or workshops offered through local governments or First Nations <p>For clarity, the Chair of the Regional Board and Electoral Area Directors, these eligible expenses are in addition to the expenses identified in subsection 4 (n) of this Schedule "A".</p> <p>The Regional District reserves the right to determine a Director ineligible for reimbursement of expenses under subsection 4(o) if the Director fails to attend or undertake the professional development for which such expenses were incurred.</p>

Vehicle Insurance

5. Mileage reimbursement rates as set out in subsection 4 (c) and (d) of this Schedule "A" are intended to cover costs associated with operating a personal vehicle (including but not limited to fuel, maintenance, repairs, insurance, and vehicle licensing fees) for Regional District business. Whether or not Directors and Alternate Directors claim mileage pursuant to this Schedule "A" and notwithstanding that the Regional District carries a Non-Owned Automobile Policy and an Excess Third Party Legal Liability policy, each providing up to \$5,000,000 indemnification, Directors and Alternate Directors using their personal vehicles for Regional District business must:

- (a) maintain a valid BC Driver's License;
- (b) have valid basic insurance coverage; and
- (c) ensure compliance with Part 17 – Transportation of Workers in *Workers Compensation Act, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, B.C. Reg. 296/97* (as amended).

No Expenses Payable for Spouses/Partners

6. There shall be no compensation of expenses for the spouses/partners of Directors or Alternate Directors when spouses/partners accompany Directors or Alternate Directors while on business of the Regional District.

Advances

7. If requested by Directors and Alternate Directors and approved by the Chief Administrative Officer, the Regional District shall provide a travel advance.
8. If a travel advance in accordance with section 7 of this Schedule "A" has been provided to a Director or Alternate Director, such Director or Alternate Director shall within 30 days of completion of travel:
 - (a) submit receipts in support of the travel advance utilized to the Chief Administrative Officer; and
 - (b) return any unused portion of the travel advance to the Regional District.
9. The Regional District shall not make any further travel advances if a Director or Alternate Director has not complied with section 8 of this Schedule "A".

Claims

10. When submitting a claim for eligible expenses, Directors and Alternate Directors shall certify that such expenses:
 - (a) qualify for reimbursement in accordance with this Schedule "A";
 - (b) were incurred as a result of carrying out Regional District business in accordance with this Schedule "A"; and
 - (c) have not been and will not be reimbursed by any other external organization or party.
11. Directors and Alternate Directors shall complete and submit claims for eligible expenses on a monthly basis.
12. Claims for eligible expenses submitted:
 - (a) after January 31 for the previous calendar year; and
 - (b) in any event, more than six (6) months after being incurred;shall not be reimbursed, unless specific authorization from the Regional District Board via resolution is obtained.

Administration

13. For the purposes of reviewing claims submitted pursuant to this Schedule "A", the Chief Administrative Officer of the Regional District shall be the approving authority.

Extraordinary Expenses

14. Directors and Alternate Directors are required to obtain specific authorization from the Regional District Board for reimbursement of extraordinary expenses not listed in this Schedule "A".

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Directors Remuneration Bylaw No.1951-2026

SCHEDULE "B" – Remuneration of Alternate Directors

Eligible Meetings for Alternate Directors

1. Meetings that qualify for meeting fees pursuant to section 3 of this Schedule "B" are as follows:
 - (a) regular or special meetings of the Regional Board;
 - (b) meetings of the Committee of the Whole;
 - (c) meetings of the Electoral Area Directors Committee;
 - (d) meetings of Standing Committees of the Regional Board;
 - (e) meetings of Select Committees of the Regional Board;
 - (f) Public Hearings of the Regional Board;
 - (g) Orientation meetings to onboard Members of the newly elected Regional Board;
 - (h) meetings of external organizations on which the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District has been granted a seat and to which the Alternate Director has been appointed by the Regional Board via resolution;
 - (i) other meetings for which the Alternate Director has specifically been authorized or directed by the Regional Board via resolution to attend to represent the interests of the Regional Board; and
 - (j) conferences, conventions and seminars for which the Alternate Director has been specifically authorized or directed, by the Regional Board via resolution to attend to represent the interests of the Regional Board.

Other Eligible Activities

2. Other activities that qualify for the meeting fees as set out in section 3 (a) of this Schedule "B" are as follows:
 - (a) meeting attendance where the Alternate Director is attending one (1) of the meetings identified in sections 1 (a), (b) and (c) for the purpose of shadowing. Eligibility for meeting fees under this activity shall be limited to 1 (one) meeting per election term.

Meeting Fees

3. The meeting fee rates are as follows, and are inclusive of Alternate Directors' responsibilities such as reviewing meeting materials and preparation time:
 - (a) Meetings identified in subsections 1(a), (b) and (c) of this Schedule "B":
 - i. If the duration of such meeting is less than 30 minutes: **\$155.00 per meeting**; or

ii. If the duration of such meeting is 30 minutes or longer: **\$332.00 per meeting.**

(b) Meetings identified in subsections 1(d) through (i) of this Schedule “B”:

i. If the duration of such meeting is less than 1 hour: **\$155.00 per meeting;** or

ii. If the duration of such meeting is 1 hour or longer: **\$332.00 per meeting.**

4. For greater clarity, the following rules apply when making determinations regarding the payment of meeting fees:

(a) The time during which a meeting is recessed for lunch (and other similar breaks) is included in the calculation of the meeting duration;

(b) If a meeting of the Regional Board is recessed to the next day, there shall be no additional meeting fee for the resumed portion of the meeting of the Regional Board if the resumed portion of the meeting of the Regional Board is combined with a meeting of the Committee of the Whole on the following day; and

(c) The Regional District shall not pay meeting fees if the Alternate Director has received a meeting fee (or other remuneration) from an external organization or any other party.

Time Spent in Transit

5. When attending meetings identified in section 1 of this Schedule “B”, Alternate Directors are entitled to remuneration for time spent in transit at the rates set out in the table below:

Distance Travelled (Kilometres)	Amount
0 – 29	\$0.00
30 – 59	\$10.00
60 – 89	\$20.00
90 – 119	\$30.00
120 – 149	\$40.00
150 – 179	\$50.00
180 – 209	\$60.00
210 – 239	\$70.00
240 – 269	\$80.00
270 – 299	\$90.00
300 – 329	\$100.00
330 – 359	\$110.00
360 – 389	\$120.00
390 – 419	\$130.00
420 – 449	\$140.00
450 – 479	\$150.00
480 – 509	\$160.00
510 – 539	\$170.00
540 – 569	\$180.00
570 +	\$190.00 MAXIMUM

Claims

6. When submitting claims for meeting fees and time spent in transit, Alternate Directors shall certify that the meeting fees and time spent in transit:

(a) qualify for reimbursement in accordance with this Schedule “B”;

- (b) were incurred in accordance with this Schedule "B"; and
 - (c) have not been or will not be reimbursed by any other external organization or party.
7. Alternate Directors shall complete and submit claims for meeting fees and time spent in transit on a monthly basis.
8. Claims for meeting fees and time spent in transit submitted:
- (a) after January 31 for the previous calendar year; and
 - (b) in any event, more than six (6) months after being incurred;
- shall not be reimbursed, unless specific authorization from the Regional District Board via resolution is obtained.

Administration

9. For the purposes of reviewing claims submitted pursuant to this Schedule "B", the Chief Administrative Officer of the Regional District shall be the approving authority.



Staff Report Request for Decision

To: SLRD Board
Date: June 24, 2026
From: Planning & Development Services

Subject: **Amendment Bylaw No. 1969-2026 (proposed amendments to Development Application Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1936-2025)**

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Bylaw No. 1969-2026, cited as “Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Development Approval Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1936-2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 1969-2026”, be introduced and read a first and second time.

THAT Bylaw No. 1969-2026, cited as “Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Development Approval Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1936-2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 1969-2026”, be referred to Lílwat Nation, Sk̓w̓x̓ wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and St’át’imc Nation including N’Quatqua, Samahquam, Sekw’el’was, Skatin, T’it’q’et, Tsal’alh, Ts’kw’aylaxw, Xaxli’p, Xa’xtsa and Xwisten Nations for comment.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Development Approval Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1936-2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 1969-2026 for consideration of first and second readings and referral.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Development Approval Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1936-2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 1969-2026 (the “draft amendment bylaw”) for first and second readings and referral to First Nations.

The draft amendment bylaw (**Attachment A**) proposes a series of minor text and more substantive amendments. Most substantive amendments are being proposed as a means of aligning Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Development Approval Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1936-2025 with commitments contained in the SLRD Truth and Reconciliation Guide, namely, to align SLRD processes and documents with regional First Nations knowledge, perspectives, and governance. The SLRD’s dedication to reconciliation is demonstrated by considering circumstances based on Indigenous perspectives and creating opportunities for more equitable processes.

KEY INFORMATION

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Development Approval Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1936-2025 (the "Bylaw") was identified by SLRD staff as a bylaw that would benefit from amendments aimed at advancing reconciliation. Several local governments in BC have updated their Fees and Charges Bylaws to reflect reconciliation efforts. Updates typically introduce specific fee exemptions, waivers, or reduced rates for First Nations, First Nations cultural organizations, and ceremonial activities occurring within regional district boundaries.

Most of the substantive amendments being proposed in the draft amendment bylaw (**Attachment A**) are being introduced as a means of aligning the Bylaw with commitments contained in the SLRD's Truth and Reconciliation Guide. They include the addition of:

- New definitions relevant to First Nations (new terms added to **Section 3.0 Definitions**);
- Enhanced detail of the potential requirement for archaeological information reports and additional archaeological studies that may be required by applicants to comply with the *Heritage Conservation Act*. The enhanced detail has been added to **Section 5.2.5**; and
- Fee exemptions specific to First Nations (**Section 6.5**) which outline a circumstance where the General Manager is permitted to issue development application fee exemptions for certain development projects occurring on fee simple lands owned by First Nation Bands or associated First Nation not-for-profit organizations.

One additional substantive amendment is being proposed with respect to cost recovery (**Section 7.0**). This suggested amendment would enable the General Manager of Planning & Development to enter into a Cost Recovery Agreement with developers proposing complex development applications. Such agreements would allow the SLRD to retain contract services provided by external legal and professional consultants, whereby the costs of these services are covered by the developer at their actual rate plus a ten (10) % administration fee.

For the Board's information, amendments to the SLRD's referral practices (i.e., lengthening the timeline for receipt of First Nation referral comments, expanding First Nations referrals beyond the basic *Local Government Act* requirements) will be presented in an upcoming report outlining suggested changes to the Planning Procedures Policy for the Board's consideration.

To ensure efficiency, minor edits to address updated language/terms, number formatting, clarifying information, and subsequent renumbering are also included in the draft amendment bylaw to keep it current, clear, and easy to interpret.

See **Attachment B** for a tracked changes version of the current Bylaw.

CONSIDERATIONS

Relevant Plans and Strategies:

[Truth and Reconciliation In Practice](#)
[SLRD Board Strategic Plan 2024-2026](#)

Organizational / External Impacts:

Organizational impacts from the draft amendment bylaw include increased clarity for staff and public, especially around archaeological studies, fee exemptions for certain First Nations development projects, and the ability to process complex development applications using outside expertise at a developer's cost.

In terms of external impacts, the draft amendment bylaw confirms the requirement for developers and property owners to pre-determine if their property contains archaeological sites or has a high potential to contain archaeological sites. If so, they may be asked to provide evidence that they have contracted a professional archaeologist to prepare the appropriate archaeological studies, thus following the requirements of the *Heritage Conservation Act*. The applicant must bear all costs; however, this amendment is not adding any additional costs, these requirements have always been in place. Confirming this information in advance will potentially reduce costs and processing timelines for developers and property owners overall.

Financial Implications:

A financial implication may include the collection of reduced development application fees should the General Manager exercise the ability to waive development application fees for First Nations Non-Market Housing or Traditional Cultural Developments.

Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Relations:

The SLRD is committed to enhancing relations with the Indigenous communities and First Nations upon whose traditional and unceded territories we operate, with a focus on the Lílwat Nation, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and St'át'imc Nation and its member communities. Decisions are informed by the SLRD's Indigenous Relations, Truth & Reconciliation Guide.

The guide contains a commitment to align SLRD processes and documents with Regional First Nations knowledge and perspectives. Specifically, this includes a commitment to review and revise SLRD policies, bylaws, processes, plans, and programs that conflict with regional First Nation governance. These amendments will serve to enhance organizational readiness and build relational capacity to advance reconciliation in a meaningful way.

Although it is not necessary to refer an administrative bylaw such as this for comment, Staff recommend providing regional First Nations an opportunity to collaborate on the proposed changes and suggest additional amendments for the Board's consideration.

Level of Community Engagement:

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Strategic Priority Alignment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community well-being and livability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Truth, reconciliation and relationships | <input type="checkbox"/> Climate action and sustainability |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsible governance and service excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency planning, response and recovery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable | |

OPTIONS

1. Give the draft amendment bylaw First and Second Reading and refer to regional First Nations (**Recommended option**);
2. Adopt the draft amendment bylaw without sending referrals;
3. Refer the draft amendment bylaw back to staff for more information or revision;
4. Other, as per the Board's direction.

NEXT STEPS

Refer the Bylaw to regional First Nations and bring back responses and any additional requested amendments to a future meeting for consideration of third reading and adoption.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Draft Amendment Bylaw No. 1969-2026
- B. Tracked changes version of Bylaw No. 1936-2025

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Approved by:	H. Paul, Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment A

SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 1969-2026

A bylaw of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District to amend the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Development Approval Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1936-2025

WHEREAS the Board of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District wishes to amend Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Development Approval Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1936-2025;

NOW THEREFORE, the Regional Board of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Development Approval Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1936-2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 1969-2026".
2. The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Development Approval Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1936-2025 is amended as follows:

(a) By adding additional AND WHEREAS clauses to the preamble of the Bylaw that read:

"AND WHEREAS the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District is committed to advancing lasting reconciliation, healing relationships, and building government-to-government partnerships with local First Nations and Indigenous peoples;

AND WHEREAS the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District recognizes and respects the inherent rights of First Nations and Indigenous Peoples and are committed to moving together towards the full acknowledgement of these rights;

AND WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action call upon all levels of government to address the ongoing impacts of colonialism and to build respectful, equitable communities;

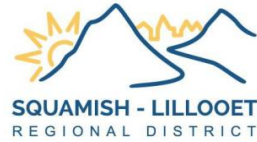
AND WHEREAS the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District aims to advance reconciliation by making relevant amendments to its policies, procedures, and bylaws to align with First Nations governance, minimize resource burden and promote equitable engagement."

(b) By making the following edits to the Definitions section:

- i. Deleting the definition of "**Director**" in its entirety;
- ii. Adding a definition for "**First Nation**" which "means a band defined under the federal Indian Act upon whose recognized, asserted traditional territory the regional district operates;"
- iii. Adding a definition for "**General Manager**" which "means a person who holds the position of General Manager of Planning and Development Services for the Regional District, or such persons designated by the Board to act on their behalf in the execution of this bylaw;"
- iv. Adding a definition for "**Indigenous not-for-profit organization**" which "means a not-for-profit organization that is legally incorporated as a non-profit, society, or charitable organization, with at least 51% of the organization's board of directors, members, or ownership being

- Indigenous Peoples, and which has been established to directly benefit Indigenous communities or preserve Indigenous culture;”
- v. Adding a definition for “**Traditional Cultural Activity**” which “means a gathering, ceremony, or event hosted by a First Nation or an Indigenous not-for-profit organization that centers on traditional practices, language revitalization, or community healing;”
- (c) By editing all references to numbers in this Bylaw to be written in words followed by the numerical figure in parentheses;
- (d) By striking out all references to “Director” and replacing with “General Manager;”
- (e) By making the following edit to Section 4.4:
- i. Changing the reference from “one (1) year” to “two (2) years” to align with Development Permit issuances;
- (f) By making the following edits to Section 5.2.5:
- i. Adding “prepared by a Transportation Engineer or other qualified professional” following “Traffic impact analysis” to the 10th bullet;
 - ii. Adding “prepared by a Transportation Engineer or other qualified professional” following “Traffic demand management strategy” to the 11th bullet;
 - iii. Deleting “Archeologist study (including sites, buildings and site features” and adding “Archaeological information report that outlines if there is presence or possibility of archaeological site(s) on the property and if so, evidence that the required next steps have been followed including contracting a professional consulting archaeologist who will work with the affected First Nations to complete any required project planning, fieldwork, analysis, reporting and *Heritage Conservation Act* permitting.” to the 16th bullet;
 - iv. Replacing “*Waste Management Act*” with “*Environmental Management Act*” in the 22nd bullet;
- (g) By editing Section 6.3, i. and ii., and Section 6.4, i. and ii., by replacing the word “by” with “to;”
- (h) By adding a new Section 6.5 as follows:
- “6.5 Fee Waivers for First Nation Non-Market Housing and Traditional Cultural Activity
- i. Notwithstanding Section 6.2, and any fees listed in Schedule A of this Bylaw, no Application fee shall be levied against a First Nation or an Indigenous not-for-profit organization for an amendment to an official community plan, regional growth strategy, or zoning bylaw, or a temporary use or a development permit application if the land is owned by the First Nation, and the primary purpose of the use or development is Non-Market Housing and/or Traditional Cultural Activity;
 - ii. The General Manager (or their designated delegate) is granted the authority to review applications, and issue permits without fee assessment, provided the criteria in subsection 6.5 i. are satisfied.”
- and renumbering all subsequent sections accordingly;

Attachment B



**DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL INFORMATION,
FEES AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES
BYLAW NO. 1936-2025**

Adopted November 19, 2025

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THIS IS AN UNOFFICIAL CONSOLIDATION OF BYLAW NO. 1936 WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY.

Although the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District is careful to assure the accuracy of all information presented in this consolidation, you should confirm all information before making any decisions based on it. Information can be confirmed through the SLRD Planning Department.

SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT BYLAW NO. 1936-2025

A bylaw to establish Development Approval Information, Fees and Notification Procedures for the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

WHEREAS Section 460 of the *Local Government Act* provides that where a local government has adopted an official community plan or a zoning bylaw, the local government must, by bylaw, define procedures under which an owner of land may apply for an amendment to the plan or bylaw or for the issuance of a permit under Part 14 of the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS under Section 462 of the *Local Government Act* a local government may adopt a bylaw which imposes fees payable upon Application to amend an official community plan or zoning bylaw or for the issuance of a permit under Part 14 of the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS a local government must, pursuant to Section 466, 467, 494 and 499 of the *Local Government Act*, give notice of a public hearing, the waiving of a public hearing, a public hearing not held an application for a temporary use permit and an application for a development variance permit and may, by bylaw, specify distances for giving notice;

AND WHEREAS the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District may under Section 263 of the *Local Government Act* delegate certain powers, duties and functions to its officers and employees;

AND WHEREAS the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District is committed to advancing lasting reconciliation, healing relationships, and building government-to-government partnerships with local First Nations and Indigenous peoples;

AND WHEREAS the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District recognizes and respects the inherent rights of First Nations and Indigenous Peoples and are committed to moving together towards the full acknowledgement of these rights;

AND WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action call upon all levels of government to address the ongoing impacts of colonialism and to build respectful, equitable communities;

AND WHEREAS the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District aims to advance reconciliation by making relevant amendments to its policies, procedures, and bylaws to align with First Nations governance, minimize resource burden and promote equitable engagement;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1.0 TITLE

This bylaw may be cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Development Approval Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1936-2025".

2.0 SCOPE

2.1 This Bylaw shall apply to all lands within the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District.

2.2 This Bylaw shall apply to:

- (a) Applications for an amendment of a zoning bylaw, official community plan; regional growth strategy, land use contract or covenant;
- (b) Applications for issuance or amendment of a development permit; development variance permit, Board of Variance permit or temporary use permit;
- (c) Applications made to the Agricultural Land Commission and submitted to the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District for consideration and recommendations;
- (d) Letters of comfort, staff time and reconsideration of a Board decision;
- (e) Applications for a manufactured home park permit;
- (f) Applications for a soil deposit and removal permit;
- (g) Applications for campground permit.

2.3 Any person wishing to:

- 1) amend a zoning bylaw, official community plan, regional growth strategy, land use contract or covenant; obtain or amend a development permit, development variance permit, board of variance permit, temporary use permit, manufactured home park permit, soil deposit and removal permit or campground permit; or
- 2) apply to the Agricultural Land Commission

must make an Application to the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District in accordance with this bylaw.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

In this bylaw the following definitions apply.

"Application" means a written request by an Applicant to amend an official community plan, regional growth strategy, zoning bylaw or land use contract or for the issuance or amendment of a development permit, development variance permit, board of variance permit, temporary use permit, manufactured home park permit, soil deposit and removal permit, campground permit, or apply to the Agricultural Land Commission according to the provisions of this bylaw.

"Applicant" means the owner of property that is the subject of the Application or an agent of the owner duly authorized in writing by the owner to act as agent for the owner in relation to the Application.

"Board" means the elected and appointed Directors of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District acting as the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board of Directors in assembled meetings thereof.

"Certificate of Title" means a document held at the Land Title Office identifying all parties with ownership rights to the subject land parcel.

"Construction" includes reconstruction, erection, alteration, enlargement, relocation or addition but does not include repair.

"Director" means a person who holds the position of Director of Planning and Development Services for the Regional District or such persons designated by the Board to act on their behalf in the execution of this bylaw.

"First Nation" means a band as defined under the federal Indian Act upon whose recognized, asserted traditional territory the regional district operates.

"General Manager" means a person who holds the position of General Manager of Planning and Development Services for the Regional District, or such persons designated by the Board to act on their behalf in the execution of this bylaw.

"Indigenous not-for-profit organization" means a not-for-profit organization that is legally incorporated as a non-profit, society, or charitable organization, with at least 51% of the organization's board of directors, members, or ownership being Indigenous Peoples, and which has been established to directly benefit Indigenous communities or preserve Indigenous culture.

"Non-market housing" means housing that is rented, leased or held in a cooperative and made available for monthly rates that represent less than 30% of total monthly median household income of an area or housing that is sold at prices that are a minimum of 25% less than market housing prices in an area, and all of which is covenanted to remain affordable in perpetuity through rental and resale restrictions.

"Parcel" means an area of land which is designated under the *Land Title Act* as a separate and distinct Parcel on a legally recorded plan or description registered in the Land Title Office and includes a strata Parcel pursuant to the *Strata Property Act*.

"Permit" means a development permit, development variance permit or a temporary use permit.

"Planner" means a person who holds the position of Planner for the Regional District or such person designated by the Board to act on their behalf in the execution of this bylaw.

"Regional District" means the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, in the Province of British Columbia, and where the context so requires also means the land included in the boundaries of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District.

"Staff Report" means a document prepared by a Regional District employee containing information and recommendations about an Application for consideration by the Board or an advisory planning committee. Unless otherwise defined in this bylaw, all words and phrases in this bylaw shall have the same meaning given to them in the Local Government Act.

"Traditional Cultural Activity" means a gathering, ceremony, or event hosted by a First Nation Band or an Indigenous not-for-profit organization that centers on traditional practices, language revitalization, or community healing.

4.0 PROHIBITIONS

- 4.1 No person shall commence any construction of any building or structure for which a Permit is required under the *Local Government Act* or this bylaw without first making an Application to the Regional District for the Permit.
- 4.2 No person shall knowingly submit false or misleading information to the Regional District in relation to any Application undertaken pursuant to this bylaw.
- 4.3 No person shall do or have done any work that is substantially at variance with the approved Permit or the information contained in that person's Application.
- 4.4 All construction related to a Permit must be completed within two (42) years of issuance of the Permit unless otherwise stated in the Permit.

5.0 APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND APPROVAL INFORMATION

An Application must be made using the application form provided by the Regional District.

- 5.1 An Application must be signed by the owner of the land that is the subject of the Application or by a person authorized in writing by the owner to act as an agent of the owner in relation to the Application. If the land that is the subject of an Application is owned by joint tenants or tenants in common, all joint tenants and tenants in common must sign the Application, or a person authorized in writing by all the joint tenants or tenants in common to act as an agent on behalf of those joint tenants or tenants in common in relation to the Application must sign the Application.
- 5.2 The following information shall be submitted, at the Applicant's expense, as part of an Application. The ~~Director-General Manager~~ or the Board may waive the requirements to provide information if the ~~Director-General Manager~~ or Board determines the information is not necessary to assist in evaluation or consideration of the Application.
 - 5.2.1 A complete Application form.
 - 5.2.2 A copy of the Certificate of Title dated within 30 days of the date of the Application and all title documents registered on title.
 - 5.2.3 A Contaminated Sites Regulation Questionnaire where required by the *Environmental Management Act*.
 - 5.2.4 A site plan drawn to scale showing the following:
 - Boundaries and dimensions of the parcel(s) involved;
 - Size and location of all existing and proposed buildings, structures, and uses on the site including measurements from all proposed and existing structures to the nearest parcel line;
 - Location and name of roads(s) adjacent to the parcel;
 - Existing and proposed parking and driveways;
 - Existing and proposed servicing;
 - Topographic features, water bodies and waterways;

- including measurements from all proposed and existing structures to the natural boundary, stream centre line or top of bank, whichever is applicable;
- Location and identification of any easements, rights of way, or covenants registered against title to the parcel;
- Proposed subdivision layout, showing the number and approximate location of lots and/or consolidation of the parcel(s); and
- North arrow and scale.

5.2.5 Subject to the provisions of s.486 of the *Local Government Act*, the following information may also be requested by the Director as part of an application to amend an official community plan regional growth strategy or zoning bylaw or as part of an application for a development permit or temporary use permit and may be subjected to a peer review:

- An assessment of the compatibility of the proposal with the Regional Growth Strategy, Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw;
- An assessment of the compatibility of the project with adjacent land uses, character, form, scale and aesthetic quality;
- Environmental study (including but not limited to, fish and wildlife habitat alterations, vegetation impacts, sedimentation and contamination, regulatory assessment, recommendations for environmental mitigation);
- Geotechnical study (including but not limited to, soil composition, profile, geologic process, terrain stability and safety, cut and fill analysis);
- Hazardous conditions study (including but not limited to, mud flow, debris torrents, erosion, land slip, rock falls, subsidence, avalanche, wildfire, flood, inundation - including appropriate construction elevations and setbacks or other hazards);
- Hydrological or hydrogeological assessment (including but not limited to, infiltration, interception, groundwater and overland flow, accretion, erosion);
- Agrologist report/study (including by not limited to, classification, agricultural suitability and capability);
- Terrestrial and aquatic ecology (including but not limited to, biological diversity, impacts on flora and fauna, habitat size, complexity, fragmentation or isolation, change to suitability or capability, restoration, creation or enhancement);
- Ground and surface water quality study (including but not limited to, pollution, temperature, oxygen levels, acidity, nutrients, silts, and pathogens);
- Traffic impact analysis prepared by a Transportation Engineer or other qualified professional (including but not limited to, existing and future conditions analysis, trip generation by type, peak hour volumes, site access and egress, infrastructure upgrades and capacity improvements proposed, turning movements and volumes, level of service estimates for key intersections);

- Transportation demand management strategy prepared by a Transportation Engineer or other qualified professional (including but not limited to, public transit, parking demand, traffic safety, pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular traffic flow or operation, trip generation, site access and egress, network connectivity and accessibility);
- Socio-economic analysis (including but not limited to demographics, housing types and needs, local services and amenities and sociocultural issues);
- Economic impact analysis (including but not limited to, the effects of additional competition, absorption rates, traffic impacts, tenancy impacts, impacts to neighbourhood/sector stability);
- Market analysis (including but not limited to, the effects of the quantity and type of development on the regional economy, potential market absorption rates, and build-out timing);
- Air quality impacts (including but not limited to, pollution, dust, fumes, smoke and odours);
- Archaeological information report that outlines if there is presence or possibility of archaeological site(s) on the property and if so, evidence that the required next steps have been followed including contracting a professional consulting archaeologist who will work with the affected First Nations to complete any required project planning, fieldwork, analysis, reporting and Heritage Conservation Act permitting study (including sites, buildings and site features);
- Heritage survey/study (including but not limited to, a heritage inventory and analysis and building assessment studies);
- Community services analysis (including but not limited to, schools, parks, trails, recreation, emergency and protective services and health services, financial impacts, servicing impacts, user analysis, funding analysis);
- Noise impact analysis (including noise and vibration);
- Visual impact analysis (including but not limited to, the nature, significance and magnitude of landscape and visual impacts, including the impacts on view corridors, the creation of shadows, glare, visual envelope, prominent features, experiential characteristics and landscape character);
- Local infrastructure and site servicing (including but not limited to drainage, water sewer or other utilities, potential servicing operations and maintenance costs and long-term management strategies for infrastructure, demand generation and phasing, system delivery options, sewage disposal and treatment systems, surface water drainage volumes, collection, storage and disbursement, servicing deficiencies, capital works requirements);
- A Site Profile as per the Environmental Management Act/Waste Management Act;
- An assessment of direct and indirect climate impacts.

5.3 The ~~Director~~ General Manager or the Board may request additional information as necessary to evaluate the Application.

6.0 FEES

6.1 An Applicant shall pay to the Regional District the applicable fees set out in Schedule A at the time of submitting the Application.

6.2 An Application is incomplete unless the application fee is paid and all of the information required by this bylaw in relation to the Application has been received by the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District.

6.3 Official Community Plan, Regional Growth Strategy, Zoning and Land Use Contract Amendment Refunds

The Application fee for an amendment to an official community plan, regional growth strategy, zoning bylaw, or land use contract shall be refunded as follows:

- i. 100% of the Application fee (less SLRD staff processing time) shall be refunded if the Applicant withdraws the application within two (2) weeks of application submission.
- ii. 50% of the Application fee (less actual costs incurred and owed by-to the Regional District as at the date of the refund associated with the Application) shall be refunded if the Applicant withdraws the Application before the preparation of a Staff Report containing information and recommendations about the Application for consideration to the Regional Board has commenced.
- iii. 33% of the Application fee (less actual costs incurred and owed by-to the Regional District as at the date of the refund associated with the Application) shall be refunded if no notice of public hearing or public hearing waiver/public hearing not held has been given in respect of the Application.
- iv. No Application fee shall be refunded once notice of public hearing or public hearing waiver/public hearing not held has been provided.

6.4 Development Permit Application Campground Permit Application, Soil Deposit and Removal Permit and Manufactured Home Park Permit Application Refunds

The Application fee for a development permit, campground permit, soil deposit and removal permit or manufactured home park permit shall be refunded as follows:

- i. 100% of the Application fee (less actual costs incurred and owed by-to the Regional District as at the date of the refund associated with the Application) shall be refunded if the Applicant withdraws the Application within one month of the date of application.
- ii. 50% of the Application fee (less actual costs incurred and owed by-to the Regional District as at the date of the refund associated with the Application) shall be refunded if the Applicant withdraws the Application after one month of the date of application and before the preparation of a Staff Report and/or the preparation of a permit has commenced.

No Application fee shall be refunded after one (1) month of the date of application if the

preparation of a Staff Report and/or the preparation of a permit has commenced.

6.5 Fee Waivers for First Nation Non-Market Housing and Traditional Cultural Activity

- i. Notwithstanding Section 6.2, and any fees listed in Schedule A of this Bylaw, no Application fee shall be levied against a First Nation or an Indigenous not-for-profit organization for an amendment to an official community plan, regional growth strategy, or zoning bylaw, or a temporary use or development permit application if the land is owned by the First Nation, and the primary purpose of the use or development is Non-Market Housing, subject to a Housing Agreement, and/or a Traditional Cultural Activity.
- ii. The General Manager (or their designated delegate) is granted the authority to review applications, and issue permits without fee assessment, provided the criteria in subsection 6.5 i. are satisfied.

6.56.6 Withdrawal and Cancellation

If an application does not proceed, has been withdrawn, or has been inactive for more than one (1) year it will be deemed abandoned and the file will be closed. Application fees will be refunded as per sections 6.3 and 6.4. Before an application is deemed to be abandoned, an applicant has the right to apply to the Board for an extension. Any extension approved by the SLRD Board, whether for a maximum of one (1) year or lesser time, is subject to a payment of 50% of the original application fee.

6.66.7 Decision to Deny an Application

Where an application for an amendment to an official community plan, regional growth strategy, zoning bylaw, land use contract or an application for a development permit, development variance permit, temporary use permit, campground permit, soil deposit and removal permit, mobile home park permit or an application to the Agricultural Land Commission has been denied, no reapplication for a substantially similar amendment shall be considered within six (6) months of the date of rejection of the previous application. Relevant fees are applicable to any new application.

6.76.8 Notice of Decision to Deny an Application

In the event that an application is denied, the Director-General Manager of Planning and Development Services or their designate will notify the applicant(s) in writing within thirty (30) days immediately following the date of the decision.

7.0 COST RECOVERY AGREEMENTS FOR COMPLEX DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

7.1 In the event that the SLRD has advised a Developer that due to limited internal resources there may be delays in the SLRD's review and processing of an application unless the SLRD is able to retain external legal counsel and professional consultants to assist it, and a Developer has voluntarily offered to reimburse the SLRD for the reasonable legal and professional consulting fees that the SLRD incurs in reviewing and processing the Application, a Cost Recovery

Agreement will be drawn up that details the terms and conditions of such an arrangement whereupon the Developer will agree to cover all actual costs plus a ten (10)% administration fee.

7.0 8.0 BYLAW LAPSE AND BOARD DIRECTION

8.1 If a bylaw amending an official community plan, regional growth strategy, zoning bylaw, or land use contract is not adopted within a period of eighteen (18) months after the date of third reading of that bylaw the bylaw shall be brought back to the Board for direction.

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8.0 9.0 NOTIFICATION PROCESS TO AMEND AN OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN, REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY, ZONING BYLAW, LAND USE CONTRACT, OR OBTAIN ISSUANCE OR AMEND A TEMPORARY USE PERMIT APPLICATION

9.1 Where notice of a public hearing, the waiving of a public hearing, or the issuance of a permit is required under the *Local Government Act*, the notice shall be given to the owners and tenants in occupation, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, as follows:

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	Type of Notification	Notification distance (measured as a radius from the Parcel(s) subject to the Application)	Date of Notification
8.1.1	Temporary Use Permit	150 metres	As per the <i>Local Government Act</i> , as amended
8.1.2	Development Variance Permit	50 metres	As per the SLRD Policy 14-2019 (BP – Planning Procedures Policy), as amended
8.1.3	Official Community Plan or Zoning Bylaw Amendment or Regional Growth Strategy Amendment	150 metres	As per the <i>Local Government Act</i> , as amended

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9.0 10.0 SIGNS

9.4 10.1 All Applications for an amendment to an official community plan, regional growth strategy, zoning bylaw, land use contract, or an application for a temporary use permit, campground permit, manufactured home park permit or soil deposit and removal permit shall be required to post a notification sign on the subject property within ten (10) days of making the application.

9.2 10.2 A sign required under section 9.1 must be posted and maintained in accordance with the following:

~~9.2.4~~ 10.2.1 The sign shall be a minimum of 1.2 x 1.2 meters in dimension.

~~9.2.2~~ 10.2.2 The sign shall be constructed of plywood, corrugated plastic, or other such durable material.

~~9.2.3~~ 10.2.3 The sign shall have a white background and dark blue or black block capital lettering that is not less than 6 cm in height.

~~9.2.4~~ 10.2.4 The sign for an amendment to an official community plan, regional growth strategy, zoning bylaw, land use contract, or an application for a temporary use permit shall contain the following wording:

"This site is the subject of an application to change land use or density. For further information please contact the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District at 604-894-6371² or planning@sird.bc.ca".

The sign for a campground permit, manufactured home park permit, or soil deposit and removal permit shall contain the following wording:

"The site is the subject of a X [insert application type] permit application. For further information please contact the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District at 604-894-6371² or planning@sird.bc.ca".

~~9.2.5~~ 10.2.5 The sign shall be located within three (3) meters of a property line abutting a public road in a location facing and clearly visible from the road as per Schedule B.

~~9.2.6~~ 10.2.6 If the placement of the notice in accordance with Section 9.2.5 is not feasible the sign shall be located on the nearest abutting road in a location approved by the SLRD.

~~9.2.7~~ 10.2.7 The sign shall be placed so as not to interfere with pedestrian or vehicle traffic flow, or obstruct visibility from a highway, lane, walkway or driveway.

~~9.2.8~~ 10.2.8 The sign shall be installed in a safe, sturdy manner and be capable of withstanding typical wind and other weather conditions.

~~9.2.9~~ 10.2.9 The sign shall be removed within three (3) days of the conclusion of the public hearing held in relation to the Parcel on which the sign has been enacted, or the issuance of the Permit.

~~9.2.10~~ 10.2.10 Prior to the relevant public hearing the Applicant shall provide the Director with a letter signed by the Applicant stating that the sign has been posted in accordance with this bylaw, and a photograph of the posted sign.

~~9.2.11~~ 10.2.11 Failure to post and keep posted the sign in accordance with this bylaw may result in the postponement of the public hearing. Any additional notification costs incurred by the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District resulting

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from a failure to post the sign shall be paid by the applicant prior to the advertisement of the public hearing.

~~9.2.42~~ 10.2.12 Where deemed appropriate, the ~~Director-General Manager~~ may exempt a development application or permit application from the sign requirement in Section 9.1.

~~9.2.43~~ 10.2.13 Where the ~~Director-General Manager~~ exempts the sign requirement, the ~~Director-General Manager~~ may request public advertising in lieu of the sign requirement.

~~9.2.44~~ 10.2.14 Where a sign required under Section 9.1 is removed, destroyed or altered due to vandalism or the actions of unknown persons, the validity of any bylaw that is the subject of the relevant application and public hearing shall not be impacted.

~~10.0~~ **11.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS**

~~10.4~~ 11.1 If no members of the public attend a public hearing, the hearing shall be adjourned after fifteen (15) minutes and shall be considered to have been held as required.

~~11.0~~ **12.0 DELEGATION AND RECONSIDERATION**

~~11.4~~ 12.1 Subject to delegations of authority specified in Electoral Area Official Community Plans, the Board delegates to the ~~Director-General Manager~~ the authority to approve or deny the issuance of:

- (a) A form and character development permit;
- (b) A natural hazards protection development permit;
- (c) A protection of the natural environment development permit;
- (d) A protection of farming development permit,
- (e) A campground permit application
- (f) or any amendments the Applicant makes to those Applications.

~~11.2~~ 12.2 The Board delegates to the ~~Director-General Manager~~ the authority to approve or deny the issuance of variances that constitute a 50% or less change request for height (up to a maximum of 2m) and a 50% or less change to setbacks, and a 20% or less change request for parking, and will not:

- (a) result in inappropriate development of the site;
- (b) adversely affect the natural environment;
- (c) substantially affect the use and enjoyment of adjacent land;
- (d) vary permitted uses and densities under the applicable bylaw;
- (e) defeat the intent of the bylaw;
- (f) vary the application of an applicable bylaw in relation to residential rental tenure.

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~~44.3~~ 12.3 An Applicant who wishes to have a decision of the Director-General Manager made under sections 5.32-5, 12.1 or ~~44.12.2.4~~ reconsidered by the Board, must apply for the reconsideration in writing, by delivering to the Regional District within thirty (30) days after the decision by the Director-General Manager is communicated in writing to the Applicant, the following information:

- (a) the date of the decision, the name of the person who made the decision and the nature of the decision;
- (b) the reasons why the Applicant wishes the decision to be reconsidered by the Board;
- (c) a statement as to the decision that the Applicant seeks from the Board and brief reasons in support of this requested decision; and
- (d) a copy of any materials considered by the Applicant to be relevant to the reconsideration by the Board.

~~44.4~~ 12.4 The Applicant is entitled to be heard by the Board during the meeting at which the Board reconsiders the Director's-General Manager's decision that is subject to the Applicant's request for reconsideration.

~~44.5~~ 12.5 Following its reconsideration of the Director's-General Manager's decision that is the subject of the Applicant's request for reconsideration, the Board may either confirm the Director's-General Manager's decision or set aside the Director's-General Manager's decision and substitute its own decision.

~~42.0~~ 13.0 REGISTRATION OF DOCUMENTS

~~42.4~~ 13.1 Where the Board requires a document to be registered on title, it shall be the Applicant's responsibility to prepare the document in final signed form and provide a legal undertaking ensuring timely document registration, all to the satisfaction of the Director-General Manager prior to a bylaw amendment proceeding to the Board for final consideration, or issuance of a Permit.

~~43.0~~ 14.0 OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

~~43.4~~ 14.1 Any person who violates any of the provisions of this bylaw or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of this bylaw, or who refuses, or omits or neglects to fulfill, observe, carry out or perform any duty or obligation imposed by this bylaw, is guilty of an offence and

- (a) pursuant to the *Local Government Act* or the *Offence Act* or both shall be liable on summary conviction to:
 - (i) a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or both,
 - (ii) the costs of prosecution, and
 - (iii) any other penalty or remedy imposed or permissible pursuant to an enactment;
- (b) the penalties and remedies imposed under subsection (a) shall be in addition to and not in substitution for any other penalty or remedy

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imposed by or permissible under this bylaw or any other enactment; and

- (c) each day that a violation is caused or allowed to continue constitutes a separate offence under this bylaw.

14.0 15.0 PROPRIETARY RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION

14.4 15.1 The Regional District and its officers and employees may distribute and publicize any document containing non-personal information submitted pursuant to this bylaw.

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15.0 16.0 SEVERABILITY

15.4 16.1 If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the part that is invalid shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the bylaw.

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16.0 17.0 SCHEDULES

16.4 17.1 All the Schedules attached to this bylaw form part of this bylaw.

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17.0 18.0 REPEALS

18.1 "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Development Approval Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1301-2014" is hereby repealed.

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19.0 SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

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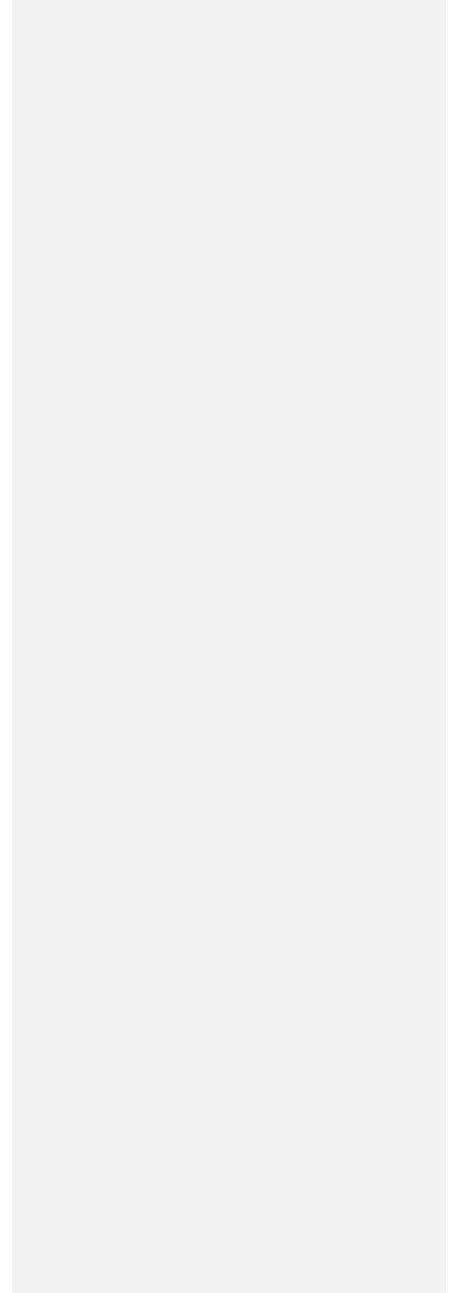
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Chair

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Staff Report Request for Decision

To: SLRD Board
Date: June 24, 2026
From: Planning and Development Services

Subject: Zoning Amendment – AGR1 to AGR1 with B&B – 14988 Squamish Valley Rd

RECOMMENDATION(S)

THAT Bylaw No. 1955-2026, cited as “Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1955-2026” be given second reading.

THAT the Board direct staff to schedule and advertise a public hearing, to be held electronically, and delegate the holding of the public hearing to Electoral Area D Tony Rainbow with Director Jen Ford as alternate delegate pursuant to Section 469 of the Local Government Act, for the consideration of Bylaw No. 1955-2026, cited as “Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1955-2026”.

PURPOSE

This report presents Bylaw No. 1955-2026 for consideration of second reading and the scheduling of a public hearing.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The applicant is seeking a site-specific exception to allow a Bed and Breakfast use in an existing dwelling on a property zoned Agriculture 1 in Electoral Area D. The proposed Bed and Breakfast would operate in accordance with the Area D Zoning Bylaw Section 4.6 provisions, which outline the standards and requirements for Bed and Breakfast operations, including maximum guest rooms, change of use permit, and parking requirements. According to the application, the guest accommodations are intended to support seasonal agritourism activities and provide additional farm income. The proposed use does not involve any expansion of the existing buildings or structures.

KEY INFORMATION

This application was first read at the [March 25, 2026](#) meeting, at which time a resolution was passed to give first reading to the proposed zoning amendment and to refer the application to the Squamish Nation, District of Squamish, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, the Agricultural Land Commission, the Ministry of Transportation and Transit, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

- **Applicant & Owner:** Paula DeJong
- **Location:** 14988 Squamish Valley Rd, Electoral Area D
- **Legal Description:** LOT 3 BLOCK F DISTRICT LOT 1033 PLAN 13802
- **PID:** 008-023-549

The subject 3 ha property (see [webmap](#)) is located within the Agricultural Land Reserve and holds farm status. The applicant currently operates agritourism activities, including a seasonal flower U-pick enterprise. The existing dwelling, where the proposed use would occur, has received a final Building Permit and operates on a private sewer and water system. Should the proposed zoning amendment be approved, a change of use permit would be required to authorize the dwelling to function as a Bed and Breakfast in addition to its residential use. This change of use permit would be a required in advance of bylaw adoption.

The following outlines the current and proposed bylaw changes:

	Current	Proposed
Zoning	Agriculture 1	site specific exception
OCP Designation	Agriculture	no changes
RGS Designation	Non-Settlement Area	no changes
Residential Uses	1 dwelling, 1 suite	no changes
Other Uses	agriculture, forestry, gathering for events, brewery, agritourism activities	site specific exception – bed & breakfast

CONSIDERATIONS

Relevant Plans and Strategies:

[SLRD Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016](#)

[SLRD Electoral Area D Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1135-2013](#)

[SLRD Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1062, 2008](#)

Land Use

The subject property is zoned Agriculture 1 and designated Agriculture under the Official Community Plan. The proposed bed and breakfast use is not permitted outright in the zoning bylaw and is not allowed in any zone in Electoral Area D except through a site-specific zoning amendment. The applicant is therefore seeking a site-specific exception to permit the bed and breakfast use within the existing dwelling, with no other zoning changes requested.

The bed and breakfast use is subject to a number of requirements, including limits on number of guest rooms, parking provisions, signage regulations, and health and safety standards. It must also remain accessory to a principal residence and be operated by the resident owner. The applicant indicates the use would support an existing seasonal flower U-pick operation and provide supplementary farm income without removing land from agricultural production or impacting surrounding agricultural uses.

Area D OCP includes the following policies, applicable to lands designated Agriculture:

Economic Sustainability

5.5.14 The Board encourages economic diversification initiatives accessory to and compatible with farming that add value to locally produced farm products by:

- Supporting the development of farm outlets for the sale of local agricultural products;*
- Permitting roadside stands for farm gate sales of agricultural products;*
- Permitting bed and breakfasts in agricultural areas and guest houses/small scale agritourism operations that feature farm vacations and farming related activities; and,*
- Supporting home occupations that produce value added products from locally produced agricultural products.*

5.5.15 Bed and breakfast establishments may be considered within the Agriculture land designation.

The proposed zoning amendment is aligned with the OCP policies under the Agricultural designation. Advancing the application to public hearing will provide an opportunity for affected residents to provide their views to their elected representatives, recognizing that Squamish Valley residents have communicated their desire for engagement around agricultural policies/provisions, including agritourism accommodation, residential uses, and economic diversification.

Amendment Bylaw Process

First Reading and Referrals – Completed

Second Reading – June 2026

Public Hearing – Tentatively scheduled for July 2026

Third Reading and Adoption – Tentatively scheduled for September 2026

Note that approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit is not required prior to bylaw adoption. Pursuant to Section 52 of the *Transportation Act*, Ministry approval is only required for applications located within 800 metres of an intersection with a Controlled Access Highway. Highway 99 is the only Controlled Access Highway within the SLRD, and is located more than 800 meters away from the subject property.

Hazards

Based on currently available information, the parcel subject to the proposed site specific zoning exception is identified as being located within a floodplain and potentially affected by steep creek and volcanic hazards. Similar hazard designations apply to a significant portion of properties within the Squamish Valley.

The applicant was required to provide a geotechnical report, a flood hazard assessment, and execute a save-harmless covenant as part of the Building Permit process to obtain approval for the subject single-family dwelling.

Referral Responses

Referral Agency	Comments
Squamish Nation	No comment.
District of Squamish	No comment.
Vancouver Coastal Health Authority	No comment.
Agricultural Land Commission	No concerns.
Ministry of Transportation and Transit	No concerns.
Ministry of Agriculture and Food	No comment.

Organizational / External Impacts:

Referral agencies have raised no concerns or objections to the proposal. As such, no significant organizational or external impacts are anticipated.

Financial Implications:

There are no anticipated financial implications to the Regional District associated with the proposed zoning amendment. Application processing costs are recovered through established

fees, and the proposal does not contemplate expansion of development that would trigger additional infrastructure or servicing.

Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Relations:

The SLRD is committed to enhancing relations with the Indigenous communities and First Nations within whose traditional and unceded territories we operate, with a focus on the Lílwat Nation, Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw and St’át’imc Nation, and its member communities. Decisions are informed by the SLRD’s Indigenous Relations, Truth & Reconciliation Guide.

Squamish Nation will share knowledge, opportunities and concerns/site specific considerations as part of the referral process. As the application does not propose additional development activities, SLRD stewardship concerns are limited.

Level of Community Engagement:

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Strategic Priority Alignment:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community well-being and livability | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Truth, reconciliation and relationships | <input type="checkbox"/> Climate action and sustainability |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsible governance and service excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency planning, response and recovery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable | |

OPTIONS

1. Give second reading to Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1955-2026 and direct staff to schedule and advertise a public hearing.
2. Reject the amendment application.
3. Refer the amendment application back to SLRD staff for more information, or for revision.

NEXT STEPS

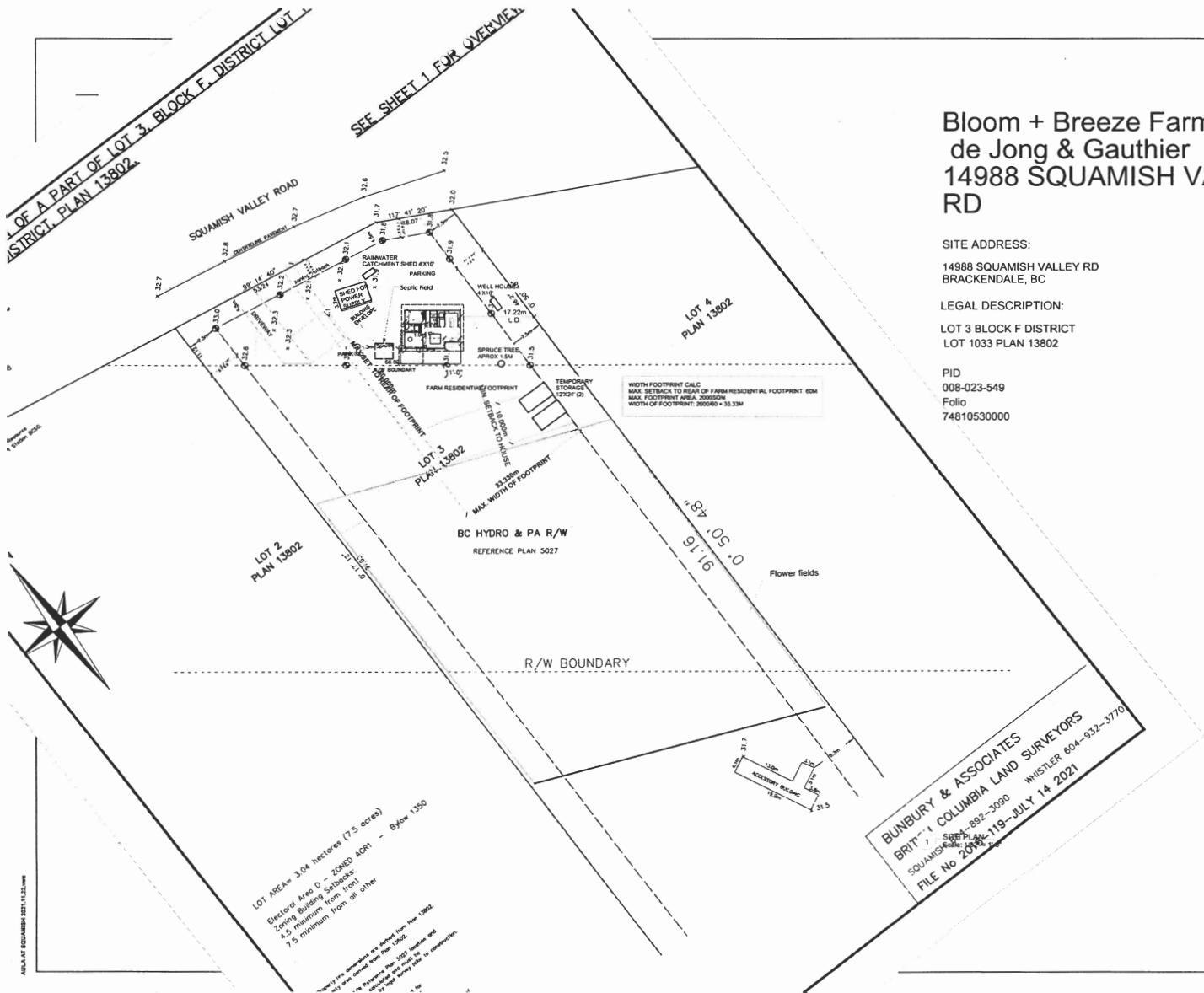
As per Board direction.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Site Plan
- B. Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1955-2026

Submitted by:	A. Koterniak, Planner Analyst
Reviewed by:	C. Dewar, General Manager of Planning and Development Services
Approved by:	H. Paul, Chief Administrative Officer

Attachement A



**Bloom + Breeze Farm
 de Jong & Gauthier
 14988 SQUAMISH VALLEY
 RD**

SITE ADDRESS:
 14988 SQUAMISH VALLEY RD
 BRACKENDALE, BC

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
 LOT 3 BLOCK F DISTRICT
 LOT 1033 PLAN 13802

PID
 008-023-549
 Folio
 74810530000

BUNBURY & ASSOCIATES
 BRITISH COLUMBIA LAND SURVEYORS
 SQUAMISH: 892-2890 WHISTLER: 604-932-3770
 FILE No 2018-119 - JULY 14 2021

Site Plan
LOCAL AUTHORITY
HS
HS
SHEET
JOB No:

Attachment B

**SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT
ELECTORAL AREA D ZONING BYLAW NO. 1350-2016
AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1955-2026**

A bylaw of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District to amend
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016

WHEREAS the Board of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District wishes to amend the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016;

NOW THEREFORE, the Regional Board of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1955-2026".
2. The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016, is hereby amended as follows:
 - a. By inserting under Section 6.1 a new Exceptions Section 6.1.11 that reads as follows:
.1 on the parcel legally described as "LOT 3 BLOCK F DISTRICT LOT 1033 PLAN 13802", the additional permitted use is:
 - "bed & breakfast" in the dwelling constructed under BP 11432,
and,
 - b. the SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS page is amended by adding to the table the following bylaw:

1955-2026	Lot 3, Block F, District Lot 1033, Plan 13802, site specific exception for "bed & breakfast" in the Agriculture 1 zone	_____, 2026
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READ A FIRST TIME this 25th day of March, 2026.

READ A SECOND TIME this day of , 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING Held this day of , 2026.

READ A THIRD TIME this day of , 2026.

ADOPTED this day of , 2026.

Jen Ford
Chair

Angela Belsham
Corporate Officer



Staff Report Request for Decision

To: SLRD Board
Date: June 24, 2026
From: Finance

Subject: Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1970-2026 (District of Squamish)

RECOMMENDATIONS - weighted vote under section 210(2)(d); requires a 2/3 majority

THAT Bylaw No. 1970-2026, cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1970-2026 (District of Squamish)" be introduced and read a first, second and third time.

THAT Bylaw No. 1970-2026, cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1970-2026 (District of Squamish)" be adopted.

PURPOSE

To adopt a security issuing bylaw for the District of Squamish authorizing the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District to enter into a long-term borrowing agreement with the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Regional districts use security issuing bylaws to access long-term debenture debt for themselves, or for their member municipalities, through the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA).

The District of Squamish Council has approved a security issue from the MFA for the Fall 2026 issue of long-term borrowing for capital purchases totalling \$13,571,672.

KEY INFORMATION

The municipalities within the SLRD must apply to the SLRD by way of a Municipal Security Issuing Resolution (MSIR) for long-term borrowings from MFA. The letter and certified resolutions from the District of Squamish for the 2026 fall borrowing issue are attached.

The steps required for the Regional District to complete the Municipal requested Security Issuing Bylaws are as follows:

1. MSIR
 - Municipal Council passes a security issuing resolution and forwards the resolution along with the corresponding Loan Authorization Bylaws, the Certificate of Approvals, and the Liability Servicing Limit Certificate to the Regional District and the MFA.

2. Regional District Security Issuing (SI) Bylaw

- Regional District staff prepare the SI Bylaw and present it to the Board.
- Three readings and adoption of the SI Bylaw is requested of the Board at the same Board meeting (requires a 2/3 majority); as well, this is a weighted vote under section 210(2)(d) of the *Local Government Act*.
- There is a ten (10) day quashing period before applying to the Ministry for a Certificate of Approval for the SI Bylaw. The quashing period is the period in which the bylaw can be challenged for illegality.

3. Certificate of Approval (Regional District SI Bylaw)

- Application to the Ministry for a Certificate of Approval.
- Completion of Corporate Officer's Certificate.
- Granting of a Certificate of Approval by the Inspector.

CONSIDERATIONS

Relevant Plans and Strategies:

n/a

Organizational / External Impacts:

Adoption of municipal security issuing bylaws enable the SLRD to access long-term borrowing through the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia to support the District of Squamish and ensures their project can proceed as planned without disruption due to cash-flow constraints.

Financial Implications:

The SLRD will ensure the MFA funds received for the fall 2026 borrowing issue on behalf of the District of Squamish are provided to the District in a timely manner.

OPTIONS

1. Approve the recommendations to the Board as presented (**Preferred Option**)
2. Do not approve the recommendations, which would result in these borrowing requests being delayed until the Spring 2027 MFA borrowing issue.

NEXT STEPS

If approved, staff will provide the security issuing bylaw to the MFA after the 10-day quashing period.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1970-2026 (District of Squamish)
- B. Certified resolutions adopted by Squamish Council on June 16, 2026

Submitted by:	S. Lafrance, Director of Finance
Approved by:	H. Paul, CAO

ATTACHMENT A

SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 1970-2026

A bylaw to authorize the entering into of an Agreement respecting financing between the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia

WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia (the "Authority") may provide financing of capital requirements for Regional Districts or for their member municipalities by the issue of debentures or other evidence of indebtedness of the Authority and lend the proceeds therefrom to the Regional District on whose request the financing is undertaken;

AND WHEREAS the District of Squamish is a member municipality of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (the "Regional District");

AND WHEREAS the Regional District is to finance from time to time on behalf of and at the sole cost of the member municipalities, under the provisions of Section 410 of the Local Government Act, the works to be financed pursuant to the following loan authorization bylaws:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>L/A Bylaw Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount of Borrowing Authorized</u>	<u>Amount Already Borrowed</u>	<u>Borrowing Authority Remaining</u>	<u>Term of Issue</u>	<u>Amount of Issue</u>
Squamish	2848	Other	\$6,060,606.00	\$0.00	\$6,060,606.00	20	\$6,060,606.00
Squamish	3064	Other	\$5,063,402.00	\$0.00	\$5,063,402.00	20	\$3,939,394.00
Squamish	3068	Other	\$1,656,566.00	\$0.00	\$1,656,566.00	20	\$1,656,566.00
Squamish	2990	Other	\$1,633,293.00	\$0.00	\$1,633,293.00	20	\$833,288.00
Squamish	2850	Other	\$1,081,818.00	\$0.00	\$1,081,818.00	10	\$1,081,818.00
			<u>\$15,495,685.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$15,495,685.00</u>		<u>\$13,571,672.00</u>

Total Financing under Section 410: \$13,571,672.00

AND WHEREAS the Regional Board, by this bylaw, hereby requests such financing shall be undertaken through the Authority:

NOW THEREFORE the Regional Board of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. The Regional Board hereby consents to financing the debt of District of Squamish in the amount of Thirteen Million, Five Hundred Seventy-One Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-Two Dollars (\$13,571,672.00) in accordance with the following terms.
2. The Authority is hereby requested and authorized to finance from time to time the aforesaid undertakings at the sole cost and on behalf of the Regional District and its member municipalities up to, but not exceeding Thirteen Million, Five Hundred Seventy-One Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-Two Dollars (\$13,571,672.00) in lawful money of Canada (provided that the Regional District may borrow all or part of such amount in such currency as the Trustees of the Authority shall determine but the aggregate amount in lawful money of Canada and in Canadian Dollar equivalents so borrowed shall not exceed \$13,571,672.00 in Canadian Dollars) at such interest and with such discounts or premiums and expenses as the Authority may deem appropriate in consideration of the market and economic conditions pertaining.

3. Upon completion by the Authority of financing undertaken pursuant hereto, the Chair and officer assigned the responsibility of financial administration of the Regional District, on behalf of the Regional District and under its seal shall, at such time or times as the Trustees of the Authority may request, enter into and deliver to the Authority one or more agreements, which said agreement or agreements shall be substantially in the form annexed hereto as Schedule "A" and made part of this bylaw (such Agreement or Agreements as may be entered into, delivered or substituted hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") providing for payment by the Regional District to the Authority of the amounts required to meet the obligations of the Authority with respect to its borrowings undertaken pursuant hereto, which Agreement shall rank as debenture debt of the Regional District.
4. The Agreement in the form of Schedule "A" shall be dated and payable in the principal amount or amounts of monies and in Canadian dollars or as the Authority shall determine and subject to the *Local Government Act*, in such currency or currencies as shall be borrowed by the Authority under Section 1 and shall set out the schedule of repayment of the principal amount together with interest on unpaid amounts as shall be determined by the Treasurer of the Authority.
5. The obligation incurred under the said Agreement shall bear interest from a date specified therein, which date shall be determined by the Treasurer of the Authority, and shall bear interest at a rate to be determined by the Treasurer of the Authority.
6. The Agreement shall be sealed with the seal of the Regional District and shall bear the signature of the Chair and the officer assigned the responsibility of financial administration of the Regional District.
7. The obligations incurred under the said Agreement as to both principal and interest shall be payable at the Head Office of the Authority in Victoria and at such time or times as shall be determined by the Treasurer of the Authority.
8. During the currency of the obligation incurred under said Agreement to secure borrowings in respect of *District of Squamish Xwu'nekw Park Sea Dike Upgrade Capital Works Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2848, 2021, District of Squamish Xwu'nekw Park Sea Dike Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3064, 2024, District of Squamish expansion of the Cemetery Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3068, 2024, District of Squamish R20 Peninsula Main Arterial Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2990, 2023, and District of Squamish Technology Transformation Project Capital Works Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2850, 2021*, there shall be requisitioned annually an amount sufficient to meet the annual payment of interest and the repayment of principal.
9. The Regional District shall pay over to the Authority at such time or times as the Treasurer of the Authority so directs such sums as are required pursuant to section 15 of the *Municipal Finance Authority Act* to be paid into the Debt Reserve Fund established by the Authority in connection with the financing undertaken by the Authority on behalf of the Regional District pursuant to the Agreement.
10. The Regional District shall provide and pay over to the Authority such sums as are required to discharge its obligations in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, provided, however, that if the sums provided for in the Agreement are not sufficient to meet the obligations of the Authority, any deficiency in meeting such obligations shall be a liability of the Regional District to the Authority and the Regional Board of the Regional District shall make due provision to discharge such liability.

11. This bylaw may be cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1970-2026 (District of Squamish)".

READ A FIRST TIME	this	24 th	day of June, 2026
READ A SECOND TIME	this	24 th	day of June, 2026
READ A THIRD TIME	this	24 th	day of June, 2026
ADOPTED	this	24 th	day of June, 2026

Jen Ford
Chair

Angela Belsham
Corporate Officer

**SCHEDULE "A" to
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Bylaw No.1970-2026**

C A N A D A

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

A G R E E M E N T

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (the "Regional District") hereby promises to pay to the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia at its Head Office in Victoria, British Columbia, (the "Authority") the sum of Thirteen Million, Five Hundred Seventy-One Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-Two Dollars (\$13,571,672.00) in lawful money of Canada, together with interest calculated semi-annually in each and every year during the currency of this Agreement; and payments shall be as specified in the table appearing on the reverse hereof commencing on the day of _____, provided that in the event the payments of principal and interest hereunder are insufficient to satisfy the obligations of the Authority undertaken on behalf of the Regional District, the Regional District shall pay over to the Authority further sums as are sufficient to discharge the obligations of the Regional District to the Authority.

DATED at Pemberton, British Columbia, this ___ day of _____, 20__

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF and under the authority of Bylaw No. 1970-2026 cited as "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1970-2026 (District of Squamish)". This Agreement is sealed with the Corporate Seal of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and signed by the Chair and the officer assigned the responsibility of financial administration thereof.

Jen Ford
Chair

Suzanne Lafrance
Financial Administration Officer

Pursuant to the Local Government Act, I certify that this Agreement has been lawfully and validly made and issued and that its validity is not open to question on any ground whatever in any Court of the Province of British Columbia.

Dated _____ (month, day) 20__

Inspector of Municipalities

PRINCIPAL AND/ OR SINKING FUND DEPOSIT AND INTEREST PAYMENTS

<u>Date of Payment</u>	<u>Principal and/or Sinking Fund Deposit</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

ATTACHMENT B



DISTRICT OF SQUAMISH
RESOLUTION

Municipal Finance Authority 2026 Fall Issuance Approval

THAT Council:

1. Approve the security issue from the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia as part of the 2026 Fall Issuance Session, in the amount of \$6,060,606 as authorized through District of Squamish Xwu'nekw Park Sea Dike Upgrade Capital Works Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2848, 2021 and that the Squamish Lillooet Regional District be requested to consent to District borrowing over a 20-year term and include the borrowing in a Security Issuing Bylaw.
2. Approve the security issue from the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia as part of the 2026 Fall Issuance Session, in the amount of \$3,939,394 as authorized through District of Squamish Xwu'nekw Park Sea Dike Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3064, 2024 and that the Squamish Lillooet Regional District be requested to consent to District borrowing over a 20-year term and include the borrowing in a Security Issuing Bylaw.
3. Approve the security issue from the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia as part of the 2026 Fall Issuance Session in the amount of \$1,656,566 as authorized through District of Squamish expansion of the Cemetery Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3068, 2024 and that the Squamish Lillooet Regional District be requested to consent to District borrowing over a 20-year term and include the borrowing in a Security Issue Bylaw.
4. Approve the security issue from the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia as part of the 2026 Fall Issuance Session, in the amount of \$833,288 as authorized through District of Squamish R20 Peninsula Main Arterial Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2990, 2023 and that the Squamish Lillooet Regional District be requested to consent to District borrowing over a 20-year term and include the borrowing in a Security Issue Bylaw.

5. Approve the security issue from the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia as part of the 2026 Fall Issuance Session, in the amount of \$1,081,818 as authorized through District of Squamish Technology Transformation Project Capital Works Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2850, 2021 and that the Squamish Lillooet Regional District be requested to consent to District borrowing over a 10-year term and include the borrowing in a Security Issuing Bylaw.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Resolution passed by the Council of the District of Squamish at the Special Business Meeting held in Council Chambers at 37955 Second Avenue, Squamish, BC on Tuesday, June 16, 2026.



Melissa von Bloedau,
Corporate Officer

Dated this 16 day of June, 2026
in Squamish, British Columbia.



Staff Report Request for Decision

To: SLRD Board
Date: June 24, 2026
From: Finance

Subject: SLRD 2025 Statements of Financial Information

RECOMMENDATION(S)

THAT Squamish-Lillooet Regional District 2025 Statements of Financial Information be approved as presented.

AND

THAT the SLRD Board Chair and Treasurer (Director of Finance) be authorized to sign the 2025 Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Statements of Financial Information Approval.

PURPOSE

To present the SLRD's 2025 Statements of Financial Information (SOFI).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Statement of Financial Information is an annual public disclosure report required under the Financial Information Act (FIA) that provides transparency regarding the SLRD's financial activities, including remuneration and expense disclosures, and payments made to suppliers and contractors.

KEY INFORMATION

In accordance with the *Local Government Act* and *Community Charter*, local governments are required to prepare Statements of Financial Information (SOFI) and must also hold a public meeting to present the SOFI report for the preceding calendar year by June 30th each year. The information must be available for public inspection either electronically or in person.

The 2025 Consolidated Statements of Financial Information includes:

- 1) 2025 Schedule of Guarantee and Indemnity Agreements – Schedule 1 Section 5 of the Financial Information Regulations requires that a list of guarantee and indemnity agreements be provided. The SLRD had no such agreements in 2025; however, a “NIL” Statement has been provided as required.
- 2) 2025 Schedule of Remuneration and Expenses – Schedule 1 Section 6 of the Financial Information Regulations provides:

- Total remuneration and expenses for each elected official and member of the Board of Directors.
- Each employee whose total remuneration exceeds \$75,000 and the total expenses for each employee.
- A consolidated total for employees whose remuneration is \$75,000 or less.

Within the Schedule of Remuneration and Expenses, the employee remuneration figures include retroactive pay increases, vacation pay outs as well as all taxable benefits. This figure is not the employee's salary, nor their take-home pay. Director and employee expenses include costs such as travel expenses, event registrations, training fees, membership fees and professional accreditation costs. These reporting requirements are set within the FIA and must be presented in this manner.

- 3) 2025 Statement of Severance Agreements – Schedule 1 Section 6 (7) of the Financial Information Regulations requires that a list of severance agreements be provided.
- 4) 2025 Schedule of Payments to Suppliers of Goods and Services – Schedule 1 Section 7 of the Financial Information Regulations provides:
 - All suppliers of goods and services who received aggregate payments exceeding \$25,000.
 - A consolidation total of all payments to suppliers who received \$25,000 or less.
 - All recipients of grant or contributions who received aggregate payments exceeding \$25,000.
- 5) 2025 Statement of Financial Information Approval – Schedule 1 Section 9 of the Financial Information Regulations provides approval for the Statement of Financial Information as required. This will be signed once Board approval is received.

The SLRD's 2025 Audited Financial Statements (received and approved by the Board on April 22, 2026) includes the following SOFI reporting requirements and are not included in the attached report ([but are available on the SLRD website here](#)):

- Management Report
- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Operations
- Schedule of Debts

The Statement of Financial Information will be submitted before the June 30th deadline and will be available at the SLRD office for review.

CONSIDERATIONS

Relevant Plans and Strategies:

[2025 SLRD Financial Plan](#)

Organizational / External Impacts:

The Statement of Financial Information provides transparency and accountability to all SLRD interest holders by disclosing information regarding the SLRD's financial activities, including remuneration, expenses, and payments to suppliers and contractors.

Financial Implications:

The Statement of Financial Information highlights key financial information from the SLRD's 2025 fiscal year. However, there are no direct financial implications associated with receiving this report.

Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Relations:

The SLRD is committed to enhancing relations with the Indigenous communities and First Nations within whose traditional and unceded territories we operate, with a focus on the Líl'wat Nation, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and St'át'imc Nation, and its member communities. Decisions are informed by the SLRD's Indigenous Relations, Truth & Reconciliation Guide.

Level of Community Engagement:

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Strategic Priority Alignment:

- Community well-being and livability
- Truth, reconciliation and relationships
- Responsible governance and service excellence
- Not applicable
- Advocacy
- Climate action and sustainability
- Emergency planning, response and recovery

OPTIONS

1. That the Board approve the recommendations as presented. **(Preferred Option)**
2. That the Board not approve the report and request additional information from Staff. A special meeting will need to be convened to meet the June 30 deadline.

NEXT STEPS

The approved Statements of Financial Information will be submitted before the June 30 deadline and will be available at the SLRD office for public inspection.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. 2025 Statements of Financial Information

Submitted by:	C. Hodgins, Deputy Director of Finance
Reviewed by:	S. Lafrance, Director of Finance
Approved by:	H. Paul, CAO

Attachment A



Statements of Financial Information

For the year ended December 31, 2025



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**SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF GUARANTEE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS - 5 (1)
2025**

This organization has not given any guarantees or indemnities under the Guarantees and Indemnities Regulation during fiscal year 2025.



Statements of Financial Information
For the year ended December 31, 2025

SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT
DIRECTOR REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES - 6 (2) (a)

SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES PAID TO OR ON BEHALF OF EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2025

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS		REMUNERATION	EXPENSES	TOTAL
Birch-Jones, Vivian	Vice-Chair, Electoral Area B Director	36,273	11,197	47,471
Crompton, Jackson	Director, Resort Municipality of Whistler	18,903	1,377	20,280
De Jong, Paula J.	Alternate Director, Area D	2,238	-	2,238
DeMare, Salvatore	Electoral Area A Director	36,273	10,395	46,668
Ford, Jen	Chair, Director, Resort Municipality of Whistler	44,338	4,710	49,048
Hopfl, Laurie	Director, District of Lillooet	18,141	2,073	20,214
Hurford, Armand	Director, District of Squamish	18,903	-	18,903
Kennett, Janice	Alternate Director, Area C	749	-	749
Mack, Russell	Electoral Area C Director	42,002	7,065	49,067
Morden, Jessie	Alternate Director, Resort Mun. of Whistler	1,622	-	1,622
Pettingill, Chris	Director, District of Squamish	18,903	449	19,352
Rainbow, Anthony	Electoral Area D Director	41,107	1,524	42,631
Richman, Mike	Director, Village of Pemberton	18,903	-	18,903
Stoner, Jenna	Director, District of Squamish	21,530	-	21,530
TOTAL BOARD		319,887	38,789	358,676



Statements of Financial Information
For the year ended December 31, 2025

SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT
EMPLOYEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES - 6 (2) (b) (c)

SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES PAID TO OR ON BEHALF OF EACH EMPLOYEE FOR THE YEAR 2025

EMPLOYEE	POSITION	REMUNERATION	EXPENSES	TOTAL
Albrigtsen, Silje	Accountant	89,995	3,081	93,076
Belsham, Angela	Director of Legislative and Corp. Services	162,555	6,554	169,109
Brostikova Jelinek, Iveta	Legislative Assistant	74,984	1,758	76,742
Butt, Omar	Director of Environmental Services	153,089	1,884	154,972
Campbell, Phillipa	Project & Research Coordinator	103,072	1,427	104,499
Clark, Kristen	Director of Strategic Services	186,274	3,461	189,735
Dewar, Claire	Senior Planner & Interim dir. of planning	120,648	8,792	129,440
Dhaliwal, Harichand	Building Official	89,635	1,154	90,790
Fusca, Michael	Emergency Program Manager	124,160	6,197	130,357
Halitzki, Monica	Human Resources Manager	109,920	3,406	113,325
Harris, Gail	Legislative Coordinator	102,193	1,851	104,045
Hodgins, Colin	Deputy Director of Finance	125,709	4,334	130,043
Kainth, Paul	Information Technology Specialist	95,955	6,650	102,605
Klein, Nathalie	Executive Coordinator	84,886	1,682	86,568
Koterniak, Anna	Planner Analyst	103,862	3,117	106,979
Lafontaine, Vanessa	Environmental Serv. Comm. & Project Coord.	80,302	2,918	83,220
Lafrance, Suzanne	Director of Finance	186,148	1,741	187,889
Leblanc, Marie-Lou	Resource Recovery Coordinator	99,262	1,231	100,493
Leroux, Michelle R	Communications Coordinator	86,053	4,033	90,086
Lussier, Maude	Wildfire Mitigation Lead	87,668	1,574	89,243
MacKay, Alix	Planner	102,293	3,099	105,392
McClellan, Arlene	Senior Building Clerk	86,634	-	86,634
McEwen, Jay A	Chief Building Official	136,871	6,231	143,103
McFetridge, Andrew	Emergency Management Technician	82,365	2,422	84,787
Murphy, Jason	Firesmart Representative	77,353	7,949	85,302
Needham, Kimberly	Director of Planning & Development Services	156,474	6,265	162,739
Papillon, Annie	Senior Accountant	109,553	2,004	111,557
Paul, Heather	Chief Administrative Officer	220,610	15,598	236,208
Phillips, Mark	Director of Protective Services	132,659	-	132,659
Rehill, Raylene	Legislative Coordinator	99,282	1,969	101,251
Reid, Veronica	Environmental Coord. & Project and Research Coord.	100,087	704	100,791
Socketk, Kara	Maintenance and Utilities Technician	85,951	17,984	103,936
Tansley, Rowena	Manager of IT and Business Development	132,769	2,543	135,312
Thorlakson, Bree	Parks and Trails Coordinator	84,106	4,662	88,767
Van Doorn, Rob	Regional Fire Chief	89,586	7,757	97,343
Westerholm, Patricia	Communications & Engagement Manager	161,626	4,474	166,100
Witwicki, Edward	Senior Utilities Supervisor	121,082	2,105	123,187
Employees Over \$75,000		4,245,673	152,612	4,398,285
Employees Under \$75,000		808,329	21,079	829,408
TOTAL EMPLOYEES		5,054,002	173,691	5,227,692



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SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT
EMPLOYEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES - 6 (2) (d)

SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES PAID TO OR ON BEHALF OF EACH EMPLOYEE
FOR THE YEAR 2025

	REMUNERATION	EXPENSES	TOTAL
TOTAL DIRECTORS REMUNERATION	319,887	38,789	358,676
TOTAL EMPLOYEES REMUNERATION	5,054,002	173,691	5,227,692
TOTAL REMUNERATION			5,586,368

RECONCILIATION OF EMPLOYEE REMUNERATION

Reconciling Items

Employer paid non-taxable benefits not included in above (included in Supplier Listing)	1,225,275
Expenses included that are in travel, training and other accounts in Financial Statements	(258,391)
Severance pay (Excluded from this schedule)	20,238
Changes in accruals and adjustments	114,953
Reconciled Total	6,688,443

SLRD 2025 Financial Statements Note 9: Salary, wages and benefits **6,688,443**

Variance 0



**SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT
EMPLOYEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES - 6 (7) (a)**

STATEMENT OF SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2025

There was one severance agreement under which payment commenced between the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and its non-unionized employees during fiscal year 2025.

The agreement represents twelve (12) months of compensation of which 10% was paid in 2025 (balance paid in 2026).



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SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT
SUPPLIER COSTS - 7 (1) (a) (b)
2025

Supplier Name	Amount
1059849 BC LTD. (PURE GRIT)	26,250
ASSOCIATED FIRE SAFETY	52,812
AWARE WHISTLER	25,718
B.C. COMMUNICATIONS	58,777
BC HYDRO	31,688
BC HYDRO & POWER AUTHORITY	153,545
BC MINISTRY OF FINANCE	27,000
BDO DUNWOODY LLP	62,316
BRALORNE PIONEER MUSEUM	27,914
BRITANNIA BEACH FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC.	105,664
BROGAN FIRE & SAFETY	33,496
BUTTERFLY EFFECT COMMUNICATIONS	27,752
CANADA LIFE	322,361
CAPEX PROJECT ADVISORY SERV. INC.	161,411
CLEARTECH INDUSTRIES INC.	40,085
CLOUDPERMIT INC.	30,240
COASTAL FORD SALES	87,336
COASTAL MOUNTAIN EXCAVATIONS LTD.	617,962
COM COM SERVICES	27,552
CORE EQUIPMENT & ENV. LTD.	471,135
CS JACKSON HEAVY EQUIPMENT SERV. LTD.	108,192
DISTRICT OF LILLOOET	88,264
E-COMM 9-1-1	70,940
ELEVATION TECHNICAL SERVICES LTD.	62,987
FASTSIGNS	30,643
GFL ENVIRONMENTAL INC. 2018	301,849
GOVERNMENT FRAMEWORKS	84,000
HORIZON LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS	98,933
ISL ENGINEERING & LAND SERV. LTD.	45,524
JODY WILSON	425,000
KALA GEOSCIENCES LTD.	35,233
KEATS ISLAND CONST. & SERVICES	568,893
KERR WOOD LEIDAL ASSOCIATES LTD	352,311
KONTZAMANIS GRAUMANN SMITH MACMILLAN INC	25,325
KTA MECHANICAL INC.	25,016
LILLOOET DISPOSAL SERVICES	48,466
LILLOOET LEARNING COMMUNITIES SOCIETY	31,690
LILLOOET REG. INVASIVE SPECIES SOCIETY	50,205
LIL'WAT CONSTRUCTION ENT. LP	729,460



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SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT
SUPPLIER COSTS - 7 (1) (a) (b)
2025

Supplier Name	Amount
LIL'WAT NATION	26,546
MANGAT ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS INC.	109,847
MECHANICAL ADVANTAGE INDUSTRIES	94,547
MINISTER OF FINANCE	506,032
MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION	217,545
MUNICIPAL PENSION PLAN	797,390
MYRA SYSTEMS CORP.	32,387
NETCETERA	75,385
PEMBERTON & DISTRICT, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	29,225
PEMBERTON MEADOWS FIRE ASSOCIATION	53,528
PEMBERTON VALLEY DYKING DISTRICT	84,043
PRETTY GOOD INDUSTRIES LTD.	34,767
RECEIVER GENERAL FOR CANADA	1,612,465
SCHNARR EXCAVATING INC.	72,651
SCHRANZ TRAILS	66,749
SEA TO SKY INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL	53,260
STANTEC CONSULTING LTD. (SCL)	140,200
STEWART MCDANNOLD STUART	96,063
T & T POWER GROUP INC.	59,826
T.M. BUILDERS INC.	37,144
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY	41,459
TSAL'ALH	29,068
UPANUP STUDIOS INC.	27,704
UPLAND AGRICULTURAL CONSULTING LTD.	148,345
URBAN SYSTEMS LTD	45,675
VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON	319,985
WASP MANUFACTURING	49,835
WHITE & GALE CONSULTING INC.	30,450
WORK SAFE B.C.	96,060
YOUNG, ANDERSON	80,462
Total Suppliers Exceeding \$25,000	10,642,590
Total Suppliers Under \$25,000	1,918,260
Total Suppliers	12,560,850



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SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT
PAYMENTS EXCEEDING \$25,000 FOR THE PURPOSES OF GRANTS OR
CONTRIBUTIONS - 7 (2) (b)
2025

Grants	Amount
BRIDGE RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	26,635
DISTRICT OF LILLOOET	30,708
LILLOOET AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SOCIETY	49,525
SQUAMISH CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK	40,000
SQUAMISH ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION SOCIETY	40,000
SQUAMISH SEARCH & RESCUE SOCIETY	100,000
Total Grants Exceeding \$25,000	286,868
BIRKEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	60,960
BRALORNE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	39,000
BRIDGE RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	99,029
DISTRICT OF LILLOOET	33,505
DISTRICT OF SQUAMISH	1,522,049
GUN LAKE FIRE PROTECTION AREA SOCIETY	26,435
LILLOOET & AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOC.	334,381
LILLOOET & DISTRICT RESCUE SOCIETY	34,802
LILLOOET LEARNING COMMUNITIES SOCIETY	30,000
PEMBERTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM & ARCHIVES SOC.	218,185
PEMBERTON & DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY	431,022
PEMBERTON & DISTRICT SEARCH & RESCUE	45,600
PEMBERTON VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION	44,800
RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER	80,624
SQUAMISH SEARCH & RESCUE SOCIETY	114,000
TOURISM PEMBERTON	32,000
VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON	2,680,544
Total Contributions Exceeding \$25,000	5,826,936
Total	6,113,804



STATEMENTS 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 these Statements of Financial Information, produced under the *Financial Information Act*.

Suzanne Lafrance, Director of Finance
June 24, 2026

Jen Ford, Chair
June 24, 2026



Staff Report Request for Decision

To: SLRD Board
Date: June 24, 2026
From: Finance

Subject: Bralorne Water Emergency Capital Repair Funding

RECOMMENDATION(S)

THAT the Board approve the transfer of \$26,995.64 from the Bralorne Water capital reserves (CC #2703) towards the emergency pump replacement work.

THAT a 2026 budget amendment be requested to include the project into the Cost Centre 2703 within the current financial plan when time permits.

PURPOSE

To allocate funding for invoices for the Bralorne Water emergency pump repair work, which was not anticipated or budgeted for in the 2026 budget.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In April 2026, an unexpected failure of the Bralorne water system pump occurred which required emergency repair work to be completed. The system pump was replaced at a total cost of \$26,995.64.

KEY INFORMATION

The Bralorne water service (CC# 2703) provides safe and reliable drinking water to the Bralorne community. In April 2026, the system's water pump suffered a failure, which required immediate replacement of the pump. The total cost of the replacement was \$26,995.64.

Staff are recommending \$26,995.64 of funding be transferred from the Bralorne Water Service's capital reserve account to fund the cost of the emergency capital work. The current balance of the capital reserve account is \$208,379.37. If approved, the remaining capital reserve balance would be \$181,383.73.

In addition, while the pump was out of service, water was required to be hauled in to supply water to the water system. These hauling costs totalled \$21,080.60. These costs will be allocated to the Bralorne Water system service. Staff will continue to monitor the Bralorne Water service budget throughout 2026, and any deficits relating to these operational costs will be addressed via the 2027 budget process.

CONSIDERATIONS

Relevant Plans and Strategies:

[SLRD 2026-2030 Detailed Financial Plan](#)

Organizational / External Impacts:

These emergency repair works were required to keep the Bralorne water service operational. With the repairs completed, the SLRD is able to continue providing safe drinking water to the community of Bralorne.

Financial Implications:

The costs of these repairs were not anticipated in the 2026 Bralorne Water Service budget. However, the service has sufficient capital reserves to cover the repair costs. The current capital reserve account balance is \$208,379.37.

Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Relations:

The SLRD is committed to enhancing relations with the Indigenous communities and First Nations within whose traditional and unceded territories we operate, with a focus on the Lílwat Nation, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and St'át'imc Nation, and its member communities.

Level of Community Engagement:

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Strategic Priority Alignment:

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|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community well-being and livability | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Truth, reconciliation and relationships | <input type="checkbox"/> Climate action and sustainability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Responsible governance and service excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency planning, response and recovery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable | |

OPTIONS

1. Allocate reserve funds, as per recommendation.
2. Allocate another source of funding.
3. Other, as directed by the Board.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will bring back a budget amendment to a future meeting and continue to monitor the Bralorne Water Service budget throughout 2026.

Staff are also reviewing potential backup options for the Bralorne water system well. These options will be brought forward as part of future budget discussions.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Pump Replacement Invoice

Submitted by:	C. Hodgins, Deputy Director of Finance
Reviewed by:	O. Butt, General Manager of Infrastructure & Environmental Services S. Lafrance, Director of Finance
Approved by:	H. Paul, Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment A

LILLOOET CONTRACTING LTD.

109 Main Street, Box 1356
 Lillooet, British Columbia V0K 1V0
 Canada
 Tel: 250-256-7669

INVOICE

Invoice No.: 18895
 Date: 04/10/2026
 Page: 1
 Purchase Order:

Sold to:
SQUAMISH LILLOOET R.D.
 Box 219
 Pemberton, B.C. V0N 2L0

Ship to:
SQUAMISH LILLOOET R.D.
 Box 219
 Pemberton, B.C. V0N 2L0

We accept Visa & Mastercard
Debit and Etransfers (lcl@telus.net)
Maximum \$5000.00 on credit card payments

Business No.: 110690245RP0001

Quantity	Description	Tax	Unit Price	Amount
	P.O. 574- Bralorne Pump Replacement April 10 troubleshoot pump, try to find parts and discuss options for water supply/trucking. Com Com confirmed grounding.	g		
1.0	30 HP 200V 3 phase motor Sandfighter	g	7,516.35	7,516.35
1.0	425 GPM 8", 6" MB, 5" discharge	g	7,324.20	7,324.20
1.0	Nipple 4x6	g	97.04	97.04
1.0	Machined 5" NPT X NPT adapter	g	1,128.50	1,128.50
460.0	km Travel	g	0.95	437.00
	Crane from out of town	g	6,127.44	6,127.44
9.0	hrs Pumptech	g	126.00	1,134.00
2.5	hrs Pumptech overtime	g	189.00	472.50
16.0	hrs Labourer	g	95.00	1,520.00
4.0	hrs overtime Labourers	g	142.50	570.00
6.0	hrs Prep and put away all equipment	g	95.00	570.00
	Misc teflon tape /thread rope/ 2 sleeves of electrical tape/bleach	g	98.61	98.61
	Subtotal:			26,995.64
	g - gst-5%			
	GST			1,349.79
LILLOOET CONTRACTING LTD. GST: #110690245				
Invoices are due upon receipt of invoice. 2% interest charged monthly on overdue accounts. Thank you for your business.			Total Amount	28,345.43



Staff Report Request for Decision

To: SLRD Board / Committee
Date: June 24, 2026
From: Finance & Protective and Emergency Services

Subject: Protective and Emergency Services Support Vehicle Funding

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the \$81,750 be allocated to the Emergency Planning Service (Cost Centre #1761) for the purchase and 2026 operating costs of a Protective and Emergency Services support vehicle, with funding allocated as follows:

- \$23,250 from Area A BC Hydro PILT Reserve
 - \$23,250 from Area B BC Hydro PILT Reserve
 - \$23,250 from Southern/Area D BC Hydro PILT Reserve
 - \$12,000 from Area C Amenity Funds
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PURPOSE

On March 11, 2025, the Electoral Area Directors resolved the following:

THAT staff review and bring back, to a future meeting a report on the organization's overall vehicle requirements with a focus on supporting the Protective Services Department needs, specifically the Regional Fire Chief

On May 27th, 2026, the Regional Board resolved the following:

THAT staff bring forward a report to the June 24, 2026 Board meeting outlining funding options associated with the purchase of a Protective and Emergency Services Support Vehicle.

The purpose of this report is to respond to the May 27, 2026 Regional Board resolution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Protective and Emergency Services (P&ES) Department continues to experience increasing operational demands associated with Fire Services support, Emergency Management, Wildfire Mitigation, training delivery, inspections, and regional coordination activities.

Currently, staff rely on shared fleet vehicles based out of Pemberton or personal vehicles, which can limit operational flexibility, increase deployment times, and create inefficiencies for staff traveling throughout the geographically large SLRD service area.

A dedicated P&ES support vehicle would improve operational readiness, response capability, staff efficiency, and regional service delivery. The vehicle would support Fire Services

operations, Wildfire Mitigation initiatives, and Emergency Management deployment activities while also remaining available for organizational use by other SLRD departments when operationally feasible.

KEY INFORMATION

The proposed support vehicle would serve multiple operational functions across the Protective and Emergency Services Department.

Fire Services Support

The vehicle would support Fire Services operations by:

- Allowing efficient deployment to support fire investigations and inspections;
- Supporting deployment to emergency fire events and incidents;
- Assisting with implementation of the Fire Services Resiliency Project recommendations;
- Supporting delivery of training and fire protection establishment initiatives;
- Strengthening relationships and collaboration opportunities with First Nation and neighbouring fire departments; and
- Supporting the development of a stronger regional training program by enabling volunteer members from the Britannia Beach Volunteer Fire Department and Garibaldi Fire Department to use this vehicle to assist with delivering training programs to other fire departments throughout the region.

Wildfire Mitigation Support

The vehicle would support the Wildfire Mitigation Team through:

- Conducting in-person FireSmart and home ignition zone assessments;
- Supporting community education and outreach initiatives;
- Assisting with community engagement events; and
- Supporting vegetation removal and wildfire mitigation community days.

Emergency Management Support

The vehicle would support Emergency Management operations by enabling:

- Deployment of Emergency Support Services (ESS) kits and teams;
- Deployment of Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) equipment and supplies;
- Response activities, including evacuation support operations; equipment and supply delivery, rapid hazard/risk assessments; and
- Attendance at community town halls, public information and education sessions, and planning and operational meetings.

Priority use of the vehicle would be assigned to Protective and Emergency Services Fire Services Manager and Staff; however, the vehicle would remain available for use by other SLRD departments when available.

Given the remoteness of many of the communities that P&ES staff support (specifically in Electoral Area A), an electric vehicle has been deemed not feasible at this time. To support alignment with Regional Growth Strategy Goals and in consideration of cost and environmental impacts, staff will be considering hybrid options.

CONSIDERATIONS

Relevant Plans and Strategies:

[SLRD Regional Growth Strategy](#)

The acquisition of a vehicle will support work in addressing three Regional Growth Strategy Goals:

- Goal 7: Create Healthy and Safe Communities
- Goal 8: Enhance Relations with Aboriginal Communities
- Goal 9: Improve Collaboration Among Jurisdictions

[SLRD 2024-2026 Strategic Plan](#)

The acquisition of a vehicle would further enhance staff capacity to meet the goals and objectives outlined in the SLRD Strategic Plan. This includes strengthening emergency response and emergency social services capacity, advancing community emergency planning and fire service review projects, and supporting relationship building and collaboration with Indigenous partners.

[SLRD 2026 Budget](#)

Organizational / External Impacts:

The proposed vehicle would improve operational response times, increase staff efficiency, and lead to strengthened regional coordination across Fire Services, Emergency Management, and Wildfire Mitigation activities.

The vehicle would also support enhanced collaboration with volunteer fire departments, First Nations partners, and regional interest-holders through improved ability to attend in-person meetings, training opportunities, and community engagement activities throughout the SLRD.

Financial Implications:

The estimated acquisition and outfitting cost for the proposed Protective and Emergency Services support vehicle is up to \$75,000. Operational costs for the remainder of 2026 are estimated to be \$6,750. This vehicle purchase or operational costs were not included in the 2026 SLRD budget.

Ongoing annual operational costs are estimated as follows:

- Insurance - \$2,500
- Maintenance - \$5,000
- Fuel - \$6,000

Total - \$13,500

If approved, the remaining estimated balance of the reserve accounts would be as follows:

BC Hydro PILT

- Area A - \$254,743
- Area B - \$161,952
- Area D / Southern - \$122,565

Area C Amenity Funds

- Area C (Miller Creek/Rutherford) - \$508

Alternatively, the purchase of the vehicle could be referred to the 2027 budget discussions and incorporated into the 2027 Emergency Planning Cost Centre (#1761) budget.

Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Relations:

The SLRD is committed to enhancing relations with the Indigenous communities and First Nations within whose traditional and unceded territories we operate, with a focus on the Lílwat Nation, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and St'át'imc Nation, and its member communities. Decisions are informed by the SLRD's Indigenous Relations, Truth & Reconciliation Guide.

The proposed vehicle would support increased in-person engagement and collaboration opportunities with First Nation fire departments and communities throughout the region.

Level of Community Engagement:

- Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Strategic Priority Alignment:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community well-being and livability | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Truth, reconciliation and relationships | <input type="checkbox"/> Climate action and sustainability |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsible governance and service excellence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency planning, response and recovery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable | |

OPTIONS

1. Direct staff to fund the acquisition and deployment of the Protective and Emergency Services support vehicle through available discretionary reserve funds (such as BC Hydro PILT).
2. Direct staff to incorporate the proposed vehicle acquisition into the 2027 budget process for future consideration.
3. Other, as directed by the Board.

NEXT STEPS

If approved, staff will:

- Coordinate vehicle procurement and outfitting.
- Develop operational use procedures.
- Bring forward a budget amendment to a future meeting.

Submitted by:	C. Hodgins, Deputy Director of Finance
Reviewed by:	M. Phillips, GM of Protective & Emergency Services S. Lafrance, Director of Finance
Approved by:	H. Paul, Chief Administrative Officer



Staff Report Request for Decision

To: SLRD Board
Date: June 24, 2026
From: Finance

Subject: Draft Policy No. 54-2026, Administrative Overhead Allocation Policy

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Board approve the adoption of the Administrative Overhead Allocation Policy No. 54-2026.

THAT staff be directed to implement the policy beginning with the next budget cycle (2027), with any material year-over-year impacts phased in to maintain service stability.

THAT the Board repeal Policy No. 2.6 Administration Charge.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval of a revised Administrative Overhead Allocation Policy to replace the outdated Administration Charge Policy No. 2.6.

The revised policy is intended to provide a more balanced, transparent, and defensible approach to allocating General Government administrative costs to Regional District services, while maintaining administrative simplicity and consistency across the organization.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The existing Administration Charge Policy has remained largely unchanged since year 2000, despite significant growth in the number, scale, and complexity of SLRD services and staffing to support those services. Administrative responsibilities, regulatory requirements, and reporting expectations have increased, reducing alignment between actual administrative effort and the recovery of administrative costs.

A review of administrative overhead allocation models used by peer regional districts shows a range of approaches, each with trade-offs between fairness, simplicity, and administrative effort. Many regional districts have addressed these trade-offs by refining single-rate models through the use of service scope modifiers, capital adjustments, and flat fees.

The proposed draft Administration Overhead Policy No. 54-2026, adopts a multi-model approach. The model applies one base administration rate, adjusted by the defined service classification bands of Full, Limited and Minimal service with fixed percentage modifiers for each band. Flat administrative fees will be utilized for Minimal scope services where appropriate.

The policy formalizes an annual review of the administration overhead rate and charges to each service as part of the budget process, supporting transparency, equity, and long-term financial sustainability.

Preliminary modelling shows this change will potentially increase total overhead recovery from \$239,601 to approximately \$420,000 in 2027, with moderated impacts on individual services. This is a significant jump, yet it is important to note that there have been no increases in 26 years, with General Governance cost centre currently absorbing the additional costs.

The proposed multi-model approach combines a tiered single-rate structure for most services with the flexibility of flat administrative fees for low-intensity services. It reflects current service delivery practices and recognizes differences in service scope and administrative intensity, ensuring that administrative costs are allocated proportionally to benefiting services in accordance with legislative authority and sound local government financial management principles.

The new policy also incorporates annual increases based on collaboration with the SLRD leadership team during the budgeting process, with ultimate approval by the Board, allowing for growth management in costs and preventing the antiquated situation the SLRD is currently in.

KEY INFORMATION

Under *the Local Government Act*, Regional Districts have discretion in determining how indirect administrative costs are allocated to their provided services. A review of the existing policy, Administration Charge Policy No. 2.6, was undertaken to modernize the approach to these indirect costs, better align recovery with current service realities, and draw on best practices from peer regional districts in British Columbia. The review confirmed that the current model no longer fully reflects the varying levels of administrative intensity across the SLRD's provided services.

The current Administration Charge Policy No. 2.6 was originally adopted in 2000 and has remained substantially unchanged since that time. Over the years, the SLRD has experienced significant growth in both the number and complexity of services it delivers, along with increased regulatory and reporting requirements.

The SLRD maintains a solid and well-established practice of directly charging staff time spent on specific SLRD services /cost centres based on actual time recorded supporting each service. In addition, all Infrastructure and Environmental Service Department (CC 1300A) costs are fully distributed to the applicable SLRD services/ cost centres based on staff time spent annually.

A review of peer regional district policies and Board reports indicates that there are four primary models in use, each with different implications for fairness, simplicity, and administrative effort.

Model 1: Single Uniform Administration Rate

Under this approach, a single administration overhead rate is applied uniformly to all eligible services, regardless of service type, delivery model, or capital intensity. This method is straightforward and easy to administer, as it requires no differentiation between services.

This approach increasingly becomes difficult to defend as the range and complexity of services grows. A single rate assumes all services consume administrative resources at the same level.

Model 2: Tiered Single-Rate Model (Preferred)

This option retains a single base administration rate but applies it using clearly defined service categories, such as Full, Limited and Minimal scope services. The base rate remains unchanged, but services are charged a consistent percentage of that rate based on their relative administrative requirements.

This approach significantly improves fairness while preserving simplicity. It recognizes that not all services require the same level of administrative support, without introducing complex driver estimates and complex cost-pooling systems. Peer regional districts commonly use variations of this model by applying service level variants or reduced rates for lower-intensity services. While this option requires an initial classification of services, the use of objective criteria minimizes subjectivity and ongoing administrative effort.

Service categories (Full, Limited, and Minimal) will be determined using the following objective criteria:

- Level of governance and Board involvement required
- Volume and complexity of financial transactions
- Human resources and payroll requirements
- Information technology and corporate systems usage
- Communications and engagement required
- Regulatory and reporting obligations
- Overall administrative effort and support needed

Model 3: Multiple Cost Drivers

Administrative costs are grouped into functional cost pools, such as Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Engineering, and then allocated to services using different drivers that best reflect actual resource consumption. Examples include allocating HR costs based on FTEs, IT costs based on device counts, and capital administration based on project value, complexity, or risk, with a capital modifier applied to reflect the significantly lower ongoing administrative effort required for capital projects.

Cost centres are assigned a Capital Heavy rating to reflect the proportion and nature of capital versus operating expenditures in their budget. This rating determines the capital modifier applied to administrative overhead:

- **Capital Heavy = 3 (High):** Services where capital expenditures typically represent the large majority of the total budget (> 70 %) and/or involve large, complex, one-time or multi-year capital projects (e.g., major debris flow mitigation, flood protection, or significant infrastructure). These services receive the strongest capital modifier (25 % of the normal operating rate) because they require substantial one-time corporate support but very little ongoing administrative effort once the project is complete.
- **Capital Heavy = 2 (Moderate):** Services with significant but recurring capital components (typically 20–70 % of budget), such as trail development, park upgrades, or facility improvements that involve periodic capital investment. These services receive a 50 % capital modifier.

- **Capital Heavy = 1** (Low / default): All other services that are primarily operating in nature with minimal or no capital expenditures. These services receive 100 % of the normal operating rate on any capital expenditure.

This approach provides the most accurate alignment between administrative costs and service usage and is highly defensible from an accounting and audit perspective. It also represents the highest level of administrative complexity, requiring ongoing data collection, annual judgment calls, and significant staff time to maintain.

Model 4: Additional Flat Fee (Preferred)

This option applies fixed annual administrative fees to certain services, typically those that involve transfers to external organizations or minimal ongoing administrative involvement. Rather than charging a percentage of the service budget, a flat fee is used to recover the cost of basic financial processing, reporting, and governance oversight.

Flat fees are particularly effective for services where budget size is not a good indicator of administrative effort. This approach is used selectively by several regional districts in combination with other models. While flat fees require periodic review to ensure they remain reasonable, they are simple to administer, predictable, and easy to justify when applied to clearly defined service types.

The new draft policy is built using Model 2 - Tiered Single-Rate Model, and Model 4 – Flat Fee and is attached to this report for consideration by the Board.

CONSIDERATIONS

Relevant Plans and Strategies:

The draft administrative overhead allocation policy supports and aligns with the Regional District's existing plans, strategies, and governance objectives by strengthening financial sustainability, transparency, and service capacity alignment.

Organizational Impacts:

The draft administrative overhead allocation policy supports efficient administration by deliberately avoiding resource-intensive practices such as detailed tracking or complex cost-pooling systems. This ensures that staff capacity remains focused on service delivery and strategic priorities rather than internal cost allocation processes, which aligns with organizational efficiency and workforce sustainability objectives.

Financial Implications:

The preferred and recommended approach is using the tiered single-rate model with the additional flat fees. This supports long-term fiscal sustainability by ensuring that indirect administrative costs are being recovered while being allocated in a manner that more accurately reflects relative administrative effort and intensity of each service.

The new policy approach improves equity and transparency compared to the current policy.

Staff recommends an initial base administrative overhead rate of 7% of net operating expenditures for eligible services. This range is based on current costs remaining in General Government (Cost Centre 1000) after all direct allocations and is consistent with typical overhead recovery rates used by peer Regional Districts in British Columbia. The actual rate will be calculated and presented for Board approval as part of the annual budget process.

Staff also recommends increasing the flat administrative fee for Minimal Scope services from the current \$250 to \$750. This adjustment reflects the cumulative inflation and brings the fee to a level that more accurately recovers basic administrative costs while remaining simple and predictable for low-intensity services. The policy does not prescribe automatic annual increases to the administration charge. Instead, it establishes an annual review process within the budget cycle to ensure administration charges remain aligned with actual General Government costs and service demands over time.

The transition to the new model is projected to increase total administrative overhead recovery from approximately \$259,301 to approximately \$416,517 in the first year.

To maintain fairness and service stability, several adjustments have been applied:

- Services with high staff time recovery expenses that already include an administration fee component (particularly from the Infrastructure & Environmental Services Department as they charge out their full department expenses to services via time allocation) have reduced administrative overhead costs.
- Certain services facing large increases have been capped at a maximum of up to \$10,000 increase in the first year, with further gradual phasing planned in future years.

Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Relations:

The proposed administrative allocation policy is administrative in nature and does not directly affect Indigenous rights, service delivery, or engagement processes. However, it aligns with the principles outlined in the *Indigenous Relations, Truth & Reconciliation: In Practice* Guide by supporting transparent, fair, and accountable decision-making within the Regional District. By improving clarity and proportionality in how indirect administrative costs are allocated, the recommendation helps ensure that internal financial systems do not unintentionally create inequities. The approach also supports good governance and organizational readiness by maintaining simple, defensible processes that allow staff capacity to remain focused on relationship-building and reconciliation work.

Level of Community Engagement:

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Strategic Priority Alignment:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community well-being and livability | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Truth, reconciliation and relationships | <input type="checkbox"/> Climate action and sustainability |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsible governance and service excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency planning, response and recovery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable | |

OPTIONS

1. Approve the Draft Administrative Overhead Allocation Policy as presented (recommended).
2. Approve the Draft Administrative Overhead Allocation Policy with updates as directed by the Board.
3. Provide direction to staff on the Draft Administrative Overhead Policy and direct staff to return with a revised policy for Board consideration.

NEXT STEPS

Following Board approval of the Administrative Overhead Allocation Policy, staff will proceed with implementation of the policy as part of the annual budget process:

- Finalize the classification of all SLRD services into Full, Limited, or Minimal scope categories using the objective criteria set out in the policy.
- Calculate 2027 administrative overhead charges using the base rate, the approved modifiers, and the \$750 minimum flat fee.
- Present the detailed 2027 fee schedule and any material impacts to the Senior Leadership Team for review and approval.
- Apply moderated increases for services experiencing significant administrative allocation increases, with further phasing planned in future years where appropriate.
- Incorporate the new administrative charges into the 2027 budget documents.

The revised policy will replace Policy No. 2.6 Administration Charge (and be effective for the 2027 budget year).

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Draft Policy No. 54-2026 Administrative Overhead Allocation Policy
- B. Policy No.2.6, Administration Charge

Submitted by:	S. Albrigtsen, Accountant
Reviewed by:	S. Lafrance, Director of Finance
Approved by:	H. Paul, Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT A



Policies & Procedures

Board Policy No. 54-2026

Administrative Overhead Allocation Policy

ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD ALLOCATION POLICY

PURPOSE

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) is committed to implementing a fair, transparent, and sustainable approach to allocating indirect General Government administrative costs to support the delivery of SLRD services.

The purpose of this policy is to establish a clear and consistent method for allocating these indirect administrative costs while:

- Ensuring that administrative cost recovery is proportionate to the relative level of administrative support required and the benefit received by each service.
- Maintaining relatively stable allocations on a short-term year over year basis.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Regional District will adopt a tiered approach to administrative overhead allocation. This combines a single base administrative overhead rate (determined annually through the budget process) with three service classification bands (Full, Limited, Minimal) and fixed percentage modifiers, while retaining the flexibility to apply flat administrative fees to Minimal Scope services.

The administrative overhead charge is intended to recover an equitable portion of the indirect and shared administrative costs incurred in General Government that support the delivery of Regional District services. It represents an estimate of the administration costs including but not limited to:

- Corporate office building expenses (including property insurance, maintenance, supplies, janitorial etc.)
- Corporate IT software, hardware and support expenses
- Communications & engagement expenses
- Corporate records management expenses
- Corporate legal & consulting fees
- Corporate liability insurances
- General Government Board and administrative staff costs (when not directly attributed to a service and recovered from that service).

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The allocation of administrative overhead will be guided by the following principles:

- **Fairness, Transparency, and Accountability** – Charges will reflect the relative level of administrative support required, be clearly documented, and be reviewed annually.
- **Ease of Administration** – To the extent that consumption-based cost allocation flows are maintained, ease of administration and formulae simplification are positive allocation model attributes.
- **Collaboration and Alignment** – Appropriate staff will participate in decisions related to reviewing service classifications and overhead allocations to ensure organizational alignment.
- **Holistic Decision-Making** – Potential risks, and impacts on levels of service will be considered when determining the base rate, modifiers, and classifications.

DEFINITIONS

- **Base Administrative Overhead Rate** – The single percentage rate determined annually during the budget process. It represents an estimate of the indirect and shared administrative costs incurred in General Government (Cost Centre 1000) that support the delivery of Regional District services.
- **Flat Administrative Fee** – A fixed dollar amount charged instead of using the percentage rate calculation, applied when the rate calculates an amount less than the current flat administrative fee. Thereby the flat fee is the lowest charge to a service in a year.
- **Full Scope Services** – Services that require comprehensive administrative support, including governance, financial management, human resources, information technology, legislative services and communications.
- **Limited Scope Services** – Services that require moderate administrative support and operational oversight, typically involving some but not all corporate functions.
- **Minimal Scope Services** – Services that require only basic administrative involvement with very limited ongoing corporate requirements, such as grant funding services or pass-through funding services.
- **Senior Leadership Team** – SLRD Department heads responsible for guiding overall strategy and ensuring key areas are functioning properly.

ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY

A base administrative overhead rate will be calculated annually during the budget process to recover an equitable portion of the indirect and shared corporate administrative costs in General Government (Cost Centre 1000) after all direct allocations have been made.

The base overhead rate of 7% of budgeted operating expenditures (not including unspent budget

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items carried forward from previous years) for eligible services will be used in the first year of implementation.

SLRD services will be classified into one of three service bands: Full, Limited, or Minimal. Classifications will be based on objective criteria, including service scope, complexity, transaction volume, governance requirements, and administrative intensity. The base administrative overhead rate will be adjusted by the fixed percentage modifier established for each service band as described in the table below.

Service Band	Modifier (% Of Base)	Effective Rate	Rationale
Full Scope	100%	7.00%	Highest administrative intensity
Limited Scope	50%	3.50%	Moderate support needs
Minimal Scope	10%	0.70%	Low ongoing corporate involvement

For certain Limited or Minimal Scope services (e.g. minimal administration required or the majority of the administrative costs is recovered through the direct charge of staff time), the Director of Finance may recommend a flat administrative fee in place of the percentage charge.

The standard flat administrative fee for Minimal Scope services is set at \$750. The flat fee will be reviewed and updated to reflect an appropriate base minimum charge. Inactive services will not be charged an administration fee.

Any large increases to a service's administration fee in a year will be modified to a gradual increase year over year to maintain service stability.

SERVICE CLASSIFICATION PROCESS

Finance staff will maintain a documented list of all services and their assigned classification (Full, Limited, or Minimal). Classifications will be based on objective factors, including but not limited to:

- Level of staff governance and Board involvement
- Human resources and payroll requirements
- Information technology and corporate systems usage
- Volume and complexity of financial transactions
- Regulatory and reporting obligations
- Overall administrative effort required

Classifications will be reviewed annually and any material changes reported to the Board through the budget process.

ANNUAL REVIEW AND BUDGET INTEGRATION

The base administrative overhead rate, service band classifications, percentage modifiers, and flat

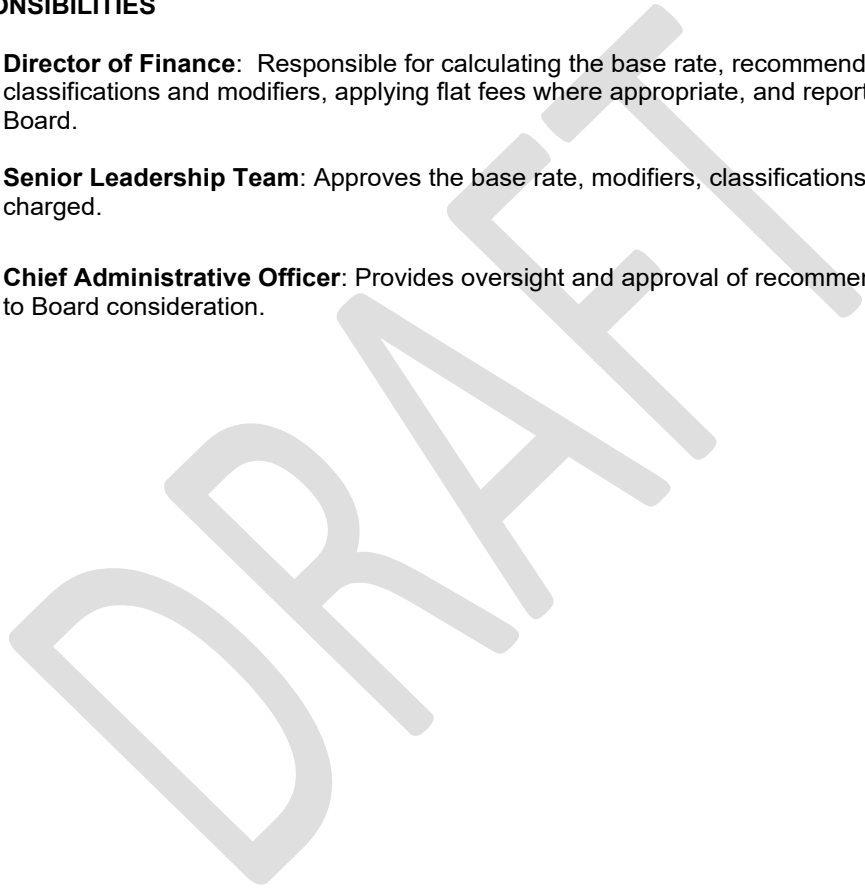
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fee will be reviewed and determined as part of the annual budget process. Any material impacts will be clearly identified and, where appropriate, phased in to maintain service stability.

The annual review will look at all budgeted service changes including, but not limited to: general service changes, contract changes, grant administration, one-time special projects, staff time allocation (particularly where there is already a portion of the General Government administration fee being recovered through departmental time allocation charges), and historical administration fees.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Director of Finance:** Responsible for calculating the base rate, recommending classifications and modifiers, applying flat fees where appropriate, and reporting to the Board.
- **Senior Leadership Team:** Approves the base rate, modifiers, classifications and fees charged.
- **Chief Administrative Officer:** Provides oversight and approval of recommendations prior to Board consideration.



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ATTACHMENT B



Policies & Procedures Manual

Policy No.2.6 (AP- Administration Charge)

Administration Charge

Municipal Act - Section 814(2)

All costs, including costs of administration attributable to a service, are part of the costs of that service, and revenue received from the service must be set off against those costs.

Purpose

To allocate annually, an equitable portion of specific General Government Services operating costs to all regional district services as the cost of administration of those services, in accordance with Section 814(2).

Define Costs

Costs deemed attributable to administration of services

Operating Costs:

Actual Expenses (preceding year):

- Salaries & Benefits
- Admin. Travel/Training/Expense
- Operating Expense (office supplies, telephone, equipment maintenance, software support, postage, etc.)
- Audit Expense
- Legal Expense (General)
- Insurance (Errors & Omissions, Liability, AD&D, Fidelity)
- Record Management
- Information Systems
- Bank Service Charges
- Miscellaneous Expense
- Building Maintenance

Cost Recovery (Administration Charge)

Cost recovery calculation to use Staff Hours for the preceding year.

The amount to be recovered by way of the Administration Charge represents the actual staff hours, in the preceding year, utilized on services other than General Government, based on 100% cost recovery. (Amended November 23, 1998)

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Where it is known that an exhibit will change substantially in the current year, adjustment may be required for budget purposes. (amended December 10, 1998)

Formula: (amended December 10, 1998)

Determine Charge out rate based on

$$\frac{\text{Actual Operating Expenses \& all Salaries/Benefits}}{\text{Total Staff Hours}} = \text{Rate/Hour}$$

Apply Rate per Hour to time recorded for each service

- Exception:
- 1) Services with 5 or fewer hours to be charge flat rate of \$200.00.
 - 2) Where an annual administration charge exceeds 50% of the Service's annual operating fee, the inordinate administration fee shall be phased over a two-year period.
 - 3) Notwithstanding 1) above, services under \$2,000, the administration charge be 10% of the service budget or \$200, whichever is the lesser.

Distribution of General Current Year Capital / Capital Replacement Reserve

- 1) Current Year Capital Expenditures and Capital Replacement Reserve contributions shall be from General Government, with no recovery from core or non core functions, except:
- 2) Exception: GIS Reserve - Recovery shall be on the basis of 25% General Government and 75% Planning & Development

**Feasibility Study for Non-Established Services
Charges for Non-established Services**

Amended
May 29
2000

Staff hours utilized on service establishment research/feasibility study, where such study does not result in the establishment of a service
When establishment or amendment of a local service in all or in part of an electoral area is proposed and fails to receive assent or consent, staff hours, shall be recovered through the applicable Select Service Exhibit. Actual staff hours charged at the Applicable Charge out Rate.

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Staff Report Request for Decision

To: SLRD Board
Date: June 24, 2026
From: Finance

Subject: CWF Third-Party Project Application – Lil'wat Nation Sweat Lodge

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Board acknowledge and confirm the following with respect to the Lil'wat Nation Health and Healing Sweat Lodge project:

- A) That the Board has identified the Lil'wat Nation Health and Healing Sweat Lodge project as a regional priority and that the project is included within the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board's Strategic Plan;
- B) That the Board has reviewed the project in relation to local government-owned capital priorities and confirms that approval of funding for the Lil'wat Nation Health and Healing Sweat Lodge project does not result in the project being prioritized over a higher-priority local government-owned capital project;
- C) That the Board confirms the Lil'wat Nation Health and Healing Sweat Lodge project is supported by asset management planning principles, including consideration of lifecycle costs, service delivery needs, and long-term sustainability;
- D) That the Board supports the reporting of the minimum outcomes reporting criteria required under the Canada Community-Building Fund program for the Lil'wat Nation Health and Healing Sweat Lodge, as identified in the applicable program guide; and

THAT staff be authorized to provide this resolution and any other supporting documentation to UBCM for the purpose of confirming the Lil'wat Nation Health and Healing Sweat Lodge project's eligibility under the Community Works Fund Program.

THAT up to \$6,000 of Area C Community Works Funds be granted to Lil'wat Nation for the construction of a cultural sweat lodge, conditional upon the SLRD receiving third-party CWF project approval from UBCM.

PURPOSE

To request Board approval to submit the Lil'wat Nation Health and Healing Sweat Lodge project to UBCM for approval as a third-party project under the Community Works Fund (CWF) program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The SLRD has received a funding request from Lil'wat Nation in the amount of \$6,000 to help fund the construction of a cultural sweat lodge.

In order for the SLRD to provide Community Works Fund (CWF) funding for this project, UBCM requires that all third-party capital projects be submitted for eligibility approval prior to the allocation of any funds.

Staff are therefore requesting that the Board pass the recommended resolutions to satisfy the requirements of the UBCM third-party project application and authorize staff to proceed with the eligibility review process.

KEY INFORMATION

Lil'wat Nation is requesting \$6,000 of funding from the SLRD to help fund the construction of a cultural sweat lodge, which will be located at 2032 Sea to Sky Hwy, in Mount Currie (Lot C District Lot 209 Lillooet District Plan 9639). The total estimated cost of the cultural sweat lodge is \$39,050.03. Lil'wat Nation is currently working with the SLRD building department to obtain all necessary permits for the structure and hoping to complete construction during the summer of 2026.

All third-party CWF projects need to be approved by UBCM prior to the SLRD being able to provide any CWF funding.

Projects delivering CWF funding to non-local government owned assets are required to complete the following steps prior to project approval by UBCM and provide any required documentation to UBCM-CCBF staff prior to project start or delivery of any funds:

1. Provide to UBCM-CCBF staff a meaningful project title, description, estimated cost, total CWF allocated to project, project start date and estimated project completion date.
2. Provide to UBCM-CCBF staff a copy of a Board or Council resolution directly addressing the following criteria, points A to D.
 - a. Board or council has identified the project as a regional or municipal priority within a long-term capital investment plan;
 - b. Board or council has not prioritized the 3rd party project over a local government owned priority project;
 - c. The project is supported by asset management planning;
 - d. The project reports the minimum outcomes reporting criteria as identified in the program guide.
3. Provide to UBCM-CCBF staff a copy of the Contract, Funding Agreement or MOU that outlines the terms and conditions on eligible use of funds for an eligible project including ownership of asset, maintaining audit and records, providing output and outcomes reporting and how the asset will be maintained in accordance to the CCBF Agreement.

4. Provide to UBCM-CCBF staff a copy of the Asset Management Plan supporting the project.
5. Once all documentation has been received, CCBF program staff will determine project eligibility and provide a response within 30-days.
6. Once reported, the eligible projects will be required to provide individual invoices for eligible project costs to auditors, upon request.

Note: The local government transferring CWF funds to a 3rd party are responsible for any non-compliance with program guidelines.

If the resolutions presented above are approved, the estimated unallocated CWF balances will be as follows:

Area A	\$82,165.47
Area B	\$279,567.11
Area C	\$528,993.21
Area D	\$102,830.50
Total	\$993,556.29

The above balances are an estimate and include staff's best estimate of expected interest revenue for the year. The balances also assume that all currently approved projects will be completed. CWF revenue amounts for 2026 have been included in the above calculation and allocated using the 2026 completed roll assessment data as per policy.

CONSIDERATIONS

Relevant Plans and Strategies:

[SLRD Guide for Working in a Good Way](#)

[SLRD 2026 Budget](#)

Organizational / External Impacts:

Providing funding for cultural projects within the SLRD supports community well-being, strengthens relationships with Indigenous communities, and will contribute to enhancing cultural activities within the SLRD.

Financial Implications:

The SLRD has sufficient Community Works Fund reserves available to support the proposed \$6,000 funding request without affecting currently planned internal capital projects or infrastructure investments.

Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Relations:

The SLRD is committed to enhancing relations with the Indigenous communities and First Nations within whose traditional and unceded territories we operate, with a focus on the Lil'wat Nation, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and St'át'imc Nation, and its member communities. Decisions are informed by the SLRD's Indigenous Relations, Truth & Reconciliation Guide.

The allocation of Community Works Fund (CWF) funding for the Lil'wat Nation Health and Healing Sweat Lodge project will support cultural infrastructure within the SLRD and aligns with the SLRD's commitment to truth and reconciliation, relationship-building, and meaningful collaboration with Indigenous communities.

Level of Community Engagement:

- Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

OPTIONS

1. Approve the recommendations as presented [Preferred]
2. Do not approve the recommendations
3. Other as presented by the board

NEXT STEPS

If approved, staff will submit an application to UBCM requesting eligibility approval for the project under the Community Works Fund Program. Staff will report back to the Board at a future meeting with the outcome of UBCM's review and, if the project is deemed eligible, staff will work to complete the CWF funding agreement with Lil'wat Nation.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Lil'wat Nation Health and Healing Project Funding Request Letter
- B. CWF Project Form – Lil'wat Nation Sweat Lodge Project
- C. Lil'wat Nation Sweat Lodge Detailed Project Budget

Submitted by:	C. Hodgins, Deputy Director of Finance
Reviewed by:	S. Lafrance, Director of Finance
Approved by:	H. Paul, CAO

Attachment A



Lil'wat Nation - Lil'wat Health & Healing
PO Box 161
Mount Currie, BC
V0N 2K0

May 28, 2026

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD)
Attn: Heather Paul, Chief Administrative Officer

Dear Heather,

On behalf of Lil'wat Health & Healing, I am writing to request support for a cultural and wellness capital project that will benefit the Lil'wat Nation community.

This project involves the development of a traditional sweat lodge and associated shelter space to support land-based healing, cultural revitalization, and community wellness programming. The space will be used to provide culturally grounded healing opportunities for community members, grounded in traditional practices and guided by knowledge keepers and Elders.

The total budget for this capital project is approximately \$6000 total project budget, which includes materials, construction, and project coordination.

We respectfully request \$6,000 in funding support from the SLRD Community Works Fund to contribute toward the overall project costs. This investment will directly support the creation of a culturally safe and accessible space that strengthens wellness outcomes and reconnects community members to land, language, and traditional healing practices.

This project aligns closely with shared goals of supporting community well-being and enhancing culturally meaningful infrastructure. There is also potential for opportunities to welcome neighboring communities to participate in cultural learning and exchange, further strengthening regional relationships.

Thank you for your consideration and ongoing support. Please let me know if any additional information is required.

Sincerely,



Jessica Frank
Health Director
Lil'wat Health & Healing

cc. Jason Andrew, Lil'wat Business Group

Lil'wat Nation | Health & Healing
11092 BLACK BEAR ROAD, P.O. BOX 161, MOUNT CURRIE, BRITISH COLUMBIA V0N 2K0
PHONE 1.604.894.6656 FAX 1.604.894.5639

Attachment B

Schedule "A" to Policy No. 26-2025

CWF Project Application Form (All areas to be completed)Application Date: **6/18/26**

** Minimum CWF Request is \$10,000 **

CWF disbursements for each project should result in incremental value-added capital spending for services primarily for public use or for capacity building to strengthen the ability of the SLRD to develop long-term planning practices.

1. Select the Eligible CWF Project Category from the list below

Please review the most recent list of UBCM approved CWF Projects online [here](#)

- Local roads, bridges** – roads, bridges and active transportation infrastructure (e.g.: cycling lanes and paths, sidewalks, hiking and walking trails).
- Drinking Water** – infrastructure that supports drinking water conservation, collection, treatment and distribution systems.
- Wastewater** – infrastructure that supports wastewater and storm water collection, treatment and management systems.
- Solid waste** – infrastructure that supports solid waste management systems including the collection, diversion and disposal or recyclables, compostable materials and garbage.
- Recreation Infrastructure** – Recreational facilities or networks.
- Cultural Infrastructure** – Infrastructure that supports arts, humanities, and heritage.
- Tourism Infrastructure** – Infrastructure that attract travelers for recreation, leisure, business, etc.
- Broadband connectivity** – infrastructure that provides Internet access to residents, business, and/or institutions in Canadian communities.
- Public transit** – infrastructure that supports a passenger transport system which is for public use.
- Resilience** – Infrastructure and systems that protect and strengthen the resilience of communities and withstand and sustain service in the face of climate change, natural disasters and extreme weather events.
- Regional and local airports** – airport-related infrastructure, excluding the National Airport System.
- Community energy systems** – infrastructure that generates or increases efficient usage of energy.
- Brownfield redevelopment** – remediation or decontamination and redevelopment of a brownfield site within SLRD boundaries, where the redevelopment includes:
- i. the construction of public infrastructure as identified in the context of any other eligible project category under the Federal Gas Tax Agreement, and/or
 - ii. the construction of an SLRD park and publicly-owned social housing.
- Short-line Rail** – Railway related infrastructure for carriage of passengers or freight
- Short-sea shipping** – infrastructure related to the movement of cargo and passengers around the coast and on inland waterways, without directly crossing an ocean.
- Fire Hall and Fire Station Infrastructure -including Fire Trucks.**
- Sports Infrastructure** - amateur sport infrastructure (excludes facilities, including arenas, which would be used as the home of professional sports teams or major junior hockey teams).
- Capacity building** - includes investments related to strengthening the ability of municipalities to develop long-term planning practices including: capital investment plans, integrated community sustainability plans, integrated regional plans, housing needs assessments and housing planning, and/or asset management plans, related to strengthening the ability of recipients to develop long-term planning practices.

Explanation of the category selection in relation to the Project:

This project is developing a traditional sweat lodge and associated shelter space to support land-based healing, cultural revitalization, and community wellness programming.

2. Is the project for Public Use or Public Benefit? Answer Yes or No (Y/N) to the following

Public Use:

- Yes Does the proposed project primarily provide a service that is available or open to the public?
- Yes Does the proposed project result in a service that is not limited by private membership?
- Yes Does the proposed project primarily result in a publicly owned asset or delivers a public service that a local government traditionally provides?

Benefit:

- Yes Does the project provide a service that is a tangible benefit that aligns with the national outcomes of productivity and economic growth; a clean environment; or strong cities and communities?
- Yes Does the project result in a service that benefits a sufficiently large segment of the public or community?

Description of the public use and benefit of the Project:

This project will supporting community well-being and enhancing culturally meaningful infrastructure and will provide and opportunity for neighboring communities to participate in cultural learning and exchange, further strengthening regional relationships.

3. Ultimate Recipient

Who is the eligible recipient (I.E. the owner of the infrastructure) as set out in the "Ultimate Recipient" definition within the CWF Agreement? Please select one of the below options and add the name of the organization (as required):

- The SLRD
- BC Transit
- A Local Government: Lil'wat Nation
- Not-for-profit organization (NPO): _____
(includes Improvement Districts) NPO Status Verified? (Y/N):
- A for-profit organization (FPO): _____
(May not qualify as must not give any advantages to the FPO; may require a partnering agreement)

4. Description of Ultimate Recipient if other than SLRD

Legal Name: Lil'wat Nation

Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 602, MOUNT CURRIE, BRITISH COLUMBIA V0N 2K0

Email: info@lilwat.ca

Registration Number (Societies Act): _____

CRA Business Number: _____
Contact Person: _____
Phone number: _____

5. Project Details

Project Description (Title): Lil'wat Cultural Sweat Lodge

Project Timeline: Project Start Date Project End Date

Detailed Project Description (including Project phases & timeline):

This project involves the development of a traditional sweat lodge and associated shelter space to support land-based healing, cultural revitalization, and community wellness programming. The space will be used to provide culturally grounded healing opportunities for community members, grounded in traditional practices and guided by knowledge keepers and Elders.

The total budget for this capital project is approximately \$39,050.03, with \$6,000 being request from SLRD Area C Community Works Funds.

The project is currently underway and is working to obtain all necessary permits and approvals. Construction is anticipated to be completed prior to the end of summer 2026.

How will the Project be managed (Include Project team and qualifications)?

Lil'wat Nation, Lil'wat Health and Healing and Lil'wat Nation Business Group are managing the project.

Output indicator (select from drop down menu and indicate value):

Cultural infrastructure - Size (m²) of increased or improved public buildings and installations

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Eligible Infrastructure Land Owner & Parcel Details:

Ownership and Legal Description details are required for all parcels of land on which the proposed works will occur.

2032 Sea to Sky Hwy, in Mount Currie (Lot C District Lot 209 Lillooet District Plan 9639)

Confirmation of ownership long-term? (Y/N):

Crown lease # and term remaining (must be 6 years or more): _____

Describe the long-term Asset Management Plan for the Eligible Infrastructure:

Lil'wat Nation will be managing the asset and will include the asset in their asset management practices.

SLRD Service(s) involved: N/A

Is this Project supported by the Electoral Area Director(s) involved? (Y/N):

Description of Electoral Area Director(s) support received:

Project supported at SLRD EAD Committee meeting in June 2026.

6. Project Budget Minimum Limit of \$10,000 Total Gas Tax CWF Request

Describe below the Project budget breakdown, using estimates from contractors, and any other relevant details. Include all funding sources for the Project.

Eligible Project Expenses	Gas Tax CWF Request	Other Contributions		Total Budget
		Source	Amount	
Sweat Lodge Project	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 33,050.03	\$ 39,050.03
	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
				\$ 0.00
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				\$ 0.00
TOTALS	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 33,050.03	\$ 39,050.03

Total Ineligible costs of the Project, if any (review list at end of form):

Revenue being used for CWF ineligible project costs:

Describe how the Project Budget was developed:

A detailed budget was provided by Lil'wat Nation. Please see attached budget document.

Accountability Framework

The Eligible Ultimate Recipient will ensure the following:

- Net incremental capital spending is on infrastructure (or capacity building for the SLRD long-term planning).
- Funding is used for Eligible Projects and Eligible Costs.
- Project is implemented in a diligent and timely manner.
- Provide access to all records of the Project.
- Comply with legislated requirements, including environmental assessment requirements and environmental impact mitigation measures.
- Provision of a Final Report including copies of all applicable invoices and a Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the full Project.

Ineligible Expenditures

The following are deemed Ineligible Expenditures:

- a) project expenditures incurred before April 1, 2005;
- b) project expenditures incurred before April 1, 2014 for the following investment categories:
 - i. highways;
 - ii. regional and local airports;
 - iii. short-line rail;
 - iv. short-sea shipping;
 - v. disaster mitigation;
 - vi. broadband connectivity;
 - vii. brownfield redevelopment;
 - viii. cultural infrastructure;
 - ix. tourism infrastructure;
 - x. sport infrastructure; and
 - xi. recreational infrastructure.
- c) Fire Hall project expenditures incurred before April 1, 2021;
- d) Fire Truck purchases as stand-alone expenditures and expenditures under the Resilience Infrastructure category before April 1, 2024;
- e) the cost of leasing of equipment by the Ultimate Recipient, any overhead costs, including salaries and other employment benefits of any employees of the Ultimate Recipient, its direct or indirect operating or administrative costs of Ultimate Recipients, and more specifically its costs related to planning, engineering, architecture, supervision, management and other activities normally carried out by its staff, except in accordance with Eligible Expenditures above;
- f) taxes for which the Ultimate Recipient is eligible for a tax rebate and all other costs eligible for rebates;
- g) purchase of land or any interest therein, and related costs;
- h) legal fees;
- i) routine repair or maintenance costs; and
- j) costs associated with healthcare infrastructure or assets.

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Subject: Bill M214 - Firefighters' Health Act - letter of support

Good morning, Chair,

On behalf of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, please find attached correspondence to the Honourable David Eby regarding Bill M214 – *Firefighters' Health Act* and its associated operational and financial implications for rural and volunteer fire services.

We respectfully encourage your Board to consider preparing similar correspondence. A coordinated response across jurisdictions will help underscore the broad, cross-sector significance of this issue and strengthen advocacy for practical and sustainable implementation.

Thank you for your consideration.

One Region Working Together



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May 28, 2026

The Honourable David Eby
Premier of British Columbia
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Victoria, BC

Dear Premier Eby,

Re: Bill M214 – Firefighters’ Health Act – Implications for RDOS Fire Services

On behalf of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) Board of Directors, we are writing to express our concerns regarding the operational and financial impacts associated with Bill M214 – *Firefighters’ Health Act*.

The RDOS supports the intent of this legislation and recognizes the importance of protecting the long-term health and well-being of firefighters. However, as currently structured, the proposed requirements present significant challenges for rural and volunteer fire departments, including those operating within our region.

A primary concern is the financial burden associated with implementing mandatory medical and mental health assessments. Current estimates indicate that screening costs may range from approximately \$250 to \$900 per firefighter, with some jurisdictions reporting costs of approximately \$750 per member annually. With over 200 firefighters across RDOS departments, total annual costs could exceed \$190,000, which would need to be absorbed by local taxpayers without any identified provincial funding or support.

In addition to the financial implications, RDOS is increasingly concerned about the availability of qualified medical practitioners to complete the required assessments. As identified in our operational analysis, there is a well-documented shortage of physicians in British Columbia, and many firefighters already face difficulty accessing a practitioner who is both available and willing to conduct assessments in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. This issue is particularly acute in rural and remote communities, where healthcare resources are limited.

Without reliable access to appropriately qualified physicians, departments may find themselves unable to comply with the legislation, despite their best efforts. This presents not only a regulatory challenge but also the risk of unintended consequences, including impacts on service levels, firefighter retention, and compliance with Fire Underwriters Survey requirements.



The RDOS respectfully requests that the Province:

- Consider covering the cost of mandatory health assessments for Firefighters under the BC Medical Services Plan or providing sustainable funding support to offset the costs.
- Address the shortage of qualified medical practitioners, including exploring alternative models for assessment delivery such as self-administered pre-exercise questionnaires (Par-Q+ or ePARmed-X+).
- Engage directly with local governments and volunteer fire departments to ensure that implementation is both practical and achievable across diverse service environments.

We remain committed to working collaboratively with the Province to support firefighter health and safety in a manner that is equitable and sustainable for all communities.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Pendergraft
Board Chair
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen



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June 3, 2026

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Request ID: 3795

Chair Jen Ford and Board of Directors
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Dear Chair Jen Ford and Board of Directors:

Re: Metro Vancouver's Draft Solid Waste Management Plan

Metro Vancouver is updating its 2011 *Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan*, a long-term strategic plan that guides our region's policies, priorities, targets, and collective actions over the next decade and beyond. Metro Vancouver intends to submit the current draft of the updated solid waste management plan for approval to the Ministry of Environment and Parks. In advance of this submission, Metro Vancouver is inviting feedback on the current draft of the plan, which is available on the [Metro Vancouver website](#). Please share your feedback by **August 1, 2026**. Metro Vancouver staff would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the draft plan further.

Background and Timeline

Regional districts are required by the province to develop, and submit for approval, plans for the management of municipal solid waste and recyclable materials. Building on the strengths of the current *Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan*, approved by the province in 2011, Metro Vancouver has developed a draft updated solid waste management plan that identifies opportunities to accelerate waste reduction and recycling, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote a circular economy.

Work to update the solid waste management plan initiated in 2021 and has culminated in the current draft plan that Metro Vancouver intends to submit for approval to the Ministry of Environment and Parks. The current draft plan includes a vision statement, guiding principles, goals, waste hierarchy, and a series of strategies and actions. In addition, strategic approaches for residual waste, regulatory options, and recycling and waste centres outline criteria for future decision making in those areas.

Metro Vancouver is committed to actively engaging with governments — including First Nations, member jurisdictions, and regional districts — the waste and recycling industry, waste producers, businesses, communities of interest, and Metro Vancouver residents to guide updates to the plan. An

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[Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel](#) supports the development and implementation of the engagement program, and two advisory committees have provided ongoing advice and input across all project phases.



Regional District Feedback

On April 24, 2026, the GVS&DD Board approved the following recommendation:

THAT the GVS&DD Board:

- a) *direct staff to invite feedback on the draft updated solid waste management plan (the "Solid Waste Management Plan") from First Nations, interested parties, and the public;*
- b) *request that the Board Chair and the Zero Waste Committee Chair invite feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan from member jurisdictions and adjacent regional districts; and*
- c) *authorize the Board Chair and the Zero Waste Committee Chair to submit to the Ministry of Environment and Parks for approval the Solid Waste Management Plan materially in the form attached in Attachment 1 to the report dated March 31, 2026 titled "Draft Solid Waste Management Plan", along with feedback received by August 1, 2026.*

As a regional district adjacent to Metro Vancouver, Chair has been invited to provide input during all phases of the plan's development. At this time, we invite adjacent regional districts to inform Metro Vancouver of any feedback on the draft of the solid waste management plan that Metro Vancouver intends to submit for approval to the Ministry of Environment and Parks. Note that feedback will be provided to the Ministry of Environment and Parks concurrently with the plan and may also be published on the Metro Vancouver website and in reports.

The draft plan is available on the [Metro Vancouver website](#) (visit metrovancouver.org and search swmp).

Please share any feedback by **August 1, 2026**.

Suggested opportunities available to provide comments include:

- Submitting written feedback to zerowaste@metrovancover.org
- Presentation to the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board
- Meeting with Metro Vancouver staff
- Meeting with the Solid Waste Management Plan Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel

If you have any questions about Metro Vancouver's draft solid waste management plan, require additional information, or wish to schedule a meeting or presentation, please contact Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services, by email at paul.henderson@metrovancover.org.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Hurley
Board Chair



Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair, Zero Waste Committee
Metro Vancouver

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JOINT STATEMENT

for Action on Floodplain Resilience in the Lower Mainland

Version 3: June 11, 2026



Towards Action on Floodplain Resilience in the Lower Mainland

Following discussion at the November 2025 Regional Forum convened by the Lower Fraser Floodplains Coalition, a Joint Statement for Action on Floodplain Resilience in the Lower Mainland has been prepared by the Coalition.

This document includes:

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Background Note:

Joint Statement for Action on Floodplain Resilience in the Lower Mainland

1. Purpose

The aim of the Joint Statement for Action on Floodplain Resilience in the Lower Mainland (the Joint Statement) is to express a unified regional voice across local governments and First Nations, and support advocacy to federal and provincial governments for stable, long-term investment in flood resilience that protects people, communities, and ecosystems from flood risks.

The Joint Statement is an opportunity for local government and First Nations leadership from across the region to send a clear message to Ottawa and Victoria:

- we are ready to work together as a region to build flood resilience for our communities,
- we know what we need, and
- federal and provincial governments must step up to protect this region of national significance with a program that reflects the magnitude of the task.

2. Background

The Lower Mainland is a region of national significance. It is Canada's primary Pacific trade gateway, moving hundreds of billions of dollars in goods each year, and its transportation corridors are a vital link in supply chains that reach across the nation.

Our region is also a major contributor to both national food security and biodiversity with floodplains that sustain major agricultural production and wild salmon ecosystems that are foundational to the cultural identity of First Nations in this region. The region is critical to Canada's economy, culture and resilience in a changing climate.

Yet our region is extremely vulnerable to growing flood risks (coastal, riverine, and extreme rain events) due to aging flood control infrastructure, climate change, and development pressures on floodplains.

Other floodplain regions around the world are grappling with the same problems, and show us that proactive, integrated flood management across a region can be both successful and cost-effective.



In a time of global economic uncertainty, building flood resilience in the Lower Mainland is not a local ask — it is a matter of economic competitiveness that is important for the entire country. This region is a linchpin of Canada's economy and food security. Investing in flood resilience can sustain growth, attract investment, and avoid ballooning disaster costs that have reached multiple billions of dollars in the last five years alone.

At present, the responsibilities for managing flood risks and maintaining flood control infrastructure fall largely to local governments and First Nations, without the means to address the costs. The Province has not played an active role in floodplain management since 2003, and the federal government has not provided sustained support for our region since the Fraser River Flood Control Program concluded in 1995.

The catastrophic floods of November 2021 followed by significant events in October 2024 and December 2025 and March 2026 only reinforced the need for concerted, coordinated, and sustainably funded action. While many local governments and First Nations are taking forward-looking steps within their own jurisdictions and within their limited means, it is evident that regional-scale coordination and investment are needed from the provincial and federal governments to deliver flood management solutions that are effective, equitable, and long-term.

The collective resolve expressed in this Joint Statement is grounded in mutual aspirations for the safety and wellbeing of all communities. This pathway includes reconciliation, and the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in decisionmaking for equity, stability and shared prosperity. The Joint Statement is based on the outcomes of seven regional dialogues with First Nations and local governments from July 2022 to the present.

It is time for the federal and provincial governments to invest in a dedicated, long-term flood resilience program for the Lower Mainland — not piecemeal funding, but a coordinated investment program that leverages resources and relationships, and the strengths and goodwill of Lower Mainland communities. Working as a region also opens up opportunities for incorporating nature-based approaches, multiple ways of knowing and holistic management as prioritized in the BC Flood Strategy.

Why a Joint Statement?

- **Strength in unity:** A collective statement shows widespread alignment on the urgent need for flood resilience planning and funding, and readiness to do the work.
- **Shared responsibilities:** Flooding affects all communities across the floodplain—urban and rural, upstream and downstream, First Nation and non-First Nation.
- **Advocate for better solutions:** Together, we can push for strategic investments that prioritize people's safety, environmental health, and climate-ready infrastructure that works with nature, not against it.
- **A region ready for long-term resilience:** Together, we can shift the provincial, federal and private focus from short-term, reactive measures and piecemeal project funding that pits communities against each other towards proactive, forward-looking, collaborative floodplain management and resilience focused on long-term mutual benefits.

How can the Joint Statement leverage change?

The Joint Statement can be a foundation for advocacy, and help bring attention and resources to the Lower Mainland region. Across the country, regions and communities are speaking up about the economic and social opportunities that can flow to them from sustained, strategic investments. The multiple benefits, locally, regionally and nationally of resilience for our region should be part of that conversation.

A collective, coordinated approach increases pressure on federal and provincial governments to address their responsibilities for managing flood risk in the Lower Mainland pro-actively, with strategic investment and support, rather than waiting for disasters.

In a time of global economic uncertainty, building flood resilience in the Lower Mainland is not a local ask — it is a matter of economic competitiveness that is important for the entire country.



Update to the Background Note - June 11 2026

1. Metro Vancouver Board endorses Joint Statement

On May 29, 2026 the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board endorsed the Joint Statement, adopting the recommendation of the Air Quality Committee which had previously received and considered the Joint Statement. MVRD Board Directors speaking in support of the endorsement noted the importance of speaking as a region to call on federal and provincial governments to step up with sustained funding for flood resilience. Representatives of the Emergency Planning Secretariat (EPS) and the Lower Fraser Floodplains Coalition (LFFC) had previously attended the Lower Mainland Local Government Association annual meeting (April 29 – May 1) and facilitated discussion among elected officials from MVRD, the Fraser Valley Regional District and the Squamish Lillooet Regional District where the benefits of joint advocacy for regional resilience were raised.

2. Natural Resources Canada funding supports new critical infrastructure network dependency analysis for the Lower Mainland

On April 8, 2026 the EPS and LFFC hosted a regional workshop with researchers from UBC Engineering to kick off a two-year study of critical infrastructure network dependencies in the Lower Mainland, focusing on transportation corridors. Participants included local government and First Nations staff with infrastructure and emergency management responsibilities, farmers, the Port of Vancouver, pipeline operators, and others. The information gathered will be used to develop an initial network model which will then be further refined through targeted engagement and analysis. This research project is part of a series of projects to better understand flood risks and risk reduction opportunities across the region that are being guided by the EPS and LFFC with multi-year funding through the Natural Resources Canada Climate Resilient Coastal Communities program. This program also provides opportunities to share information with other grantees, including the Port of Vancouver.

3. Interim Leadership Committee of EPS has approved the Joint Statement

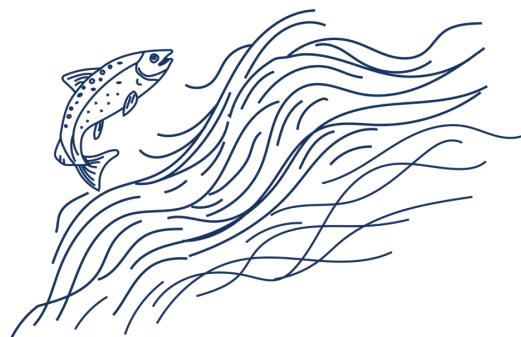
EPS is now approaching individual Chief-and-Councils to secure their endorsement.

4. A shifting federal funding landscape: risks and opportunities

A. Federal Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA) - risks for the Lower Fraser

In April 2025 the federal government released a new policy that sets out the framework for federal disaster recovery payments going forward. Notable is the requirement that buildings, structures and public spaces located in flood hazard areas be 'appropriately mitigated' to be eligible for DFAA. Existing assets constructed before April 2025 will be eligible for DFAA for one subsequent disaster event without being appropriately mitigated but will not be eligible for future DFAA without appropriate mitigation. This is problematic for the Lower Fraser, where there has been intensive development in the high-risk areas of the Fraser floodplain. With the increasing frequency of atmospheric river flood events (2021, 2024, 2025) the region has experienced, there may not be sufficient time to ensure appropriate mitigation between flood events. The result may be that certain areas will become both uninsurable and ineligible for federal disaster flood recovery funding. The Province of BC has not yet updated its own regulation regarding disaster compensation and financial assistance.

It is important that the Lower Mainland speak out strongly about its needs for investment in long-term floodplain resilience, and also obtain assurance that it will not be progressively excluded from disaster recovery funding.



B. New federal funding opportunities

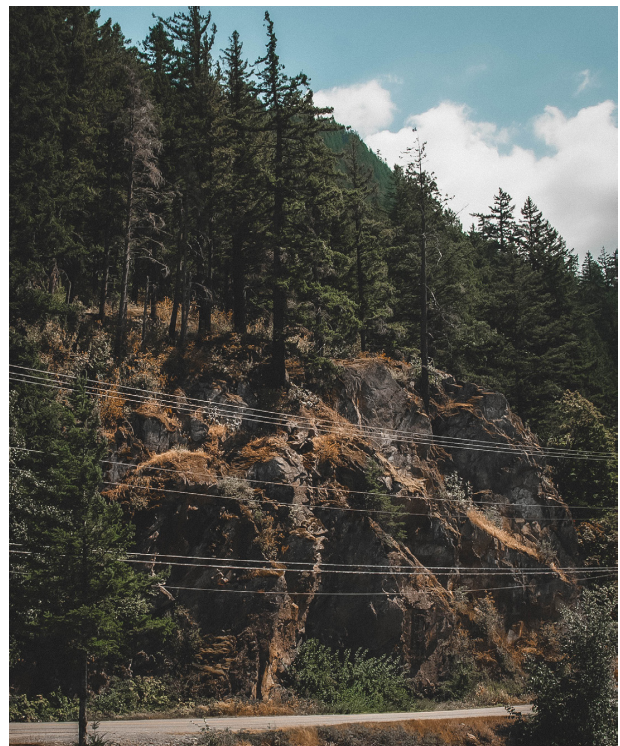
The federal government has recently announced several large funding programs that are highly relevant to the Lower Fraser region. While these programs collectively have a broader focus than climate adaptation alone, a strong argument can be made that the multiple benefits associated with increasing floodplain resilience in the Lower Fraser by reducing risk (safe communities, secure trade corridors, restoration of salmon ecosystems, food security) align strongly with the objectives of these programs.

i) *Build Communities Strong Fund* - \$51 billion allocated over 10 years to revitalize local infrastructure, including housing, transit, health and climate resilience, led by Infrastructure Canada. As currently structured, the three streams of funding within the Build Communities Strong fund could potentially deliver localized benefits for some communities within the Lower Fraser region. On the other hand, without strong advocacy for the region and its interconnected needs and particular exposure to large-scale flood events, it appears equally possible that this Fund will fail to deliver net benefits for the region. If communities are required to make individual applications for these funds, there is a strong risk of duplicating existing siloed processes and competitive funding programs. As well--somewhat ironically--without a lens of regional resilience the Fund may lead to investments that exacerbate challenges for communities already being pressured by the provincial government to increase housing supply without sufficient support for the infrastructure and services that make communities liveable and sustainable. Combined with the changes to federal DFAA funding noted above, communities may end up with more responsibilities and fewer resources to deliver them over the longer term.

ii) *Force of Nature Strategy* - includes \$412 million over 5 years for Pacific salmon populations and habitat. In the previous round of funding for the Pacific Salmon Strategic Initiative, nearly \$20 million of funding was invested through the joint provincial-federal Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund in Fraser floodplain projects that have benefits for salmon habitat restoration as well as flood regulation. There is an opportunity to continue this work to benefit local and First Nations economies and build regional resilience.

iii) *Trade Diversification Corridors Fund* - \$5 billion, announced March 2026. While this funding is focused on trade infrastructure, there are obvious synergies with local and regional economies, and the resilience of critical infrastructure and local essential services, which has already been identified as a regional priority for communities.

There is a strong case to be made for coordinated investment in flood resilience in the Lower Fraser, and these federal funding opportunities have potential alignment with the action that is needed, in terms of overall objectives. What is needed is a clear, collective voice from our region to advocate for a regional program of thoughtful, strategic investments. It is an opportunity to pivot from one-off, quick-fix allocations that provide good photo ops and sound bites and instead address systemic underfunding and catalyze integrated, multi-benefit approaches.



Joint Statement for Action on Floodplain Resilience in the Lower Mainland

Preamble

We are Coast Salish First Nations and local governments from Yale to Semiahmoo to Squamish. Our communities are connected by the same waters. We share responsibilities to protect our ways of life and healthy ecosystems in our floodplains while managing the risks of flooding.

We stand together for a resilient Lower Fraser working together with one heart and one mind (Lets'emó:t; nəc ə mət ct; Nuts'a'maat; Nch'u7mut). This is where people, salmon, and economies thrive together, for the long term, and decisions are made in partnership, not in isolation.

A single major flood in the Lower Fraser could wipe out over \$350 billion in economic value, disrupt food supply chains, and cripple key national and international trade routes — putting the safety and prosperity of the entire province and our country at risk. Flood risks are escalating as the climate changes: with major events in 2021, 2024, 2025 and 2026.

Local governments have been left with large and unfunded responsibilities for the operation, maintenance, upgrading and protection of critical infrastructure essential for the region, the province and the country.

First Nations across the region are forced to manage disproportionate and unacceptable flood risks to their communities as a result of historic and systemic inequities, and are often excluded from decision-making about flood management that affects their Constitutionally protected rights and title, and inherent authority in their territories.

The Province has developed the B.C. Flood Strategy, but is not taking steps to implement it.

The Federal Government has signalled its desire to proactively build resilience in Canadian communities through changes to Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA) that encourage mitigation. However these changes are profoundly inadequate to address decades of underfunding flood resilience in our region.

We can't afford to endure repeated disasters and hope to incrementally rebuild our communities.

Without action, flood events will continue to deepen historical inequities, expose our communities to danger, and damage infrastructure and ecosystems of salmon and non-human relatives that sustain our shared economy and wellbeing.

Our communities do not have the resources to meet these challenges alone. Yet we are ready to work together, and with the federal and provincial governments, to develop shared solutions, backed by investments in long-term resilience.



Image: 2021 Flood
www.fraserfloodplains.ca

Joint Statement

We call on the federal and provincial governments to:

- Recognize the Lower Fraser's resilience as a matter of national and provincial significance: urgently requiring attention, but manageable with practical measures, and essential for the long-term safety, and the cultural and economic well-being of all communities, the province and the country;
- Recognize that collaboration, not competition for piecemeal funding, is the foundation for resilience in the Lower Fraser, and that enabling First Nations and local governments to work together to meet responsibilities to their communities that flow from title and rights and jurisdictions, is part of that foundation.
- Address federal and provincial responsibilities to ensure the resilience of critical infrastructure essential for the region, for British Columbia and for Canada; and
- Develop a sustained, long-term investment program for the Lower Fraser adequate to support collaborative work across federal, provincial and local governments, First Nations and the private sector to achieve regional floodplain resilience that works with nature, not against it.

No single community can do this work alone.

We know that our future depends on working together to build a safer, more resilient region and we call on the federal and provincial governments to step forward with us.



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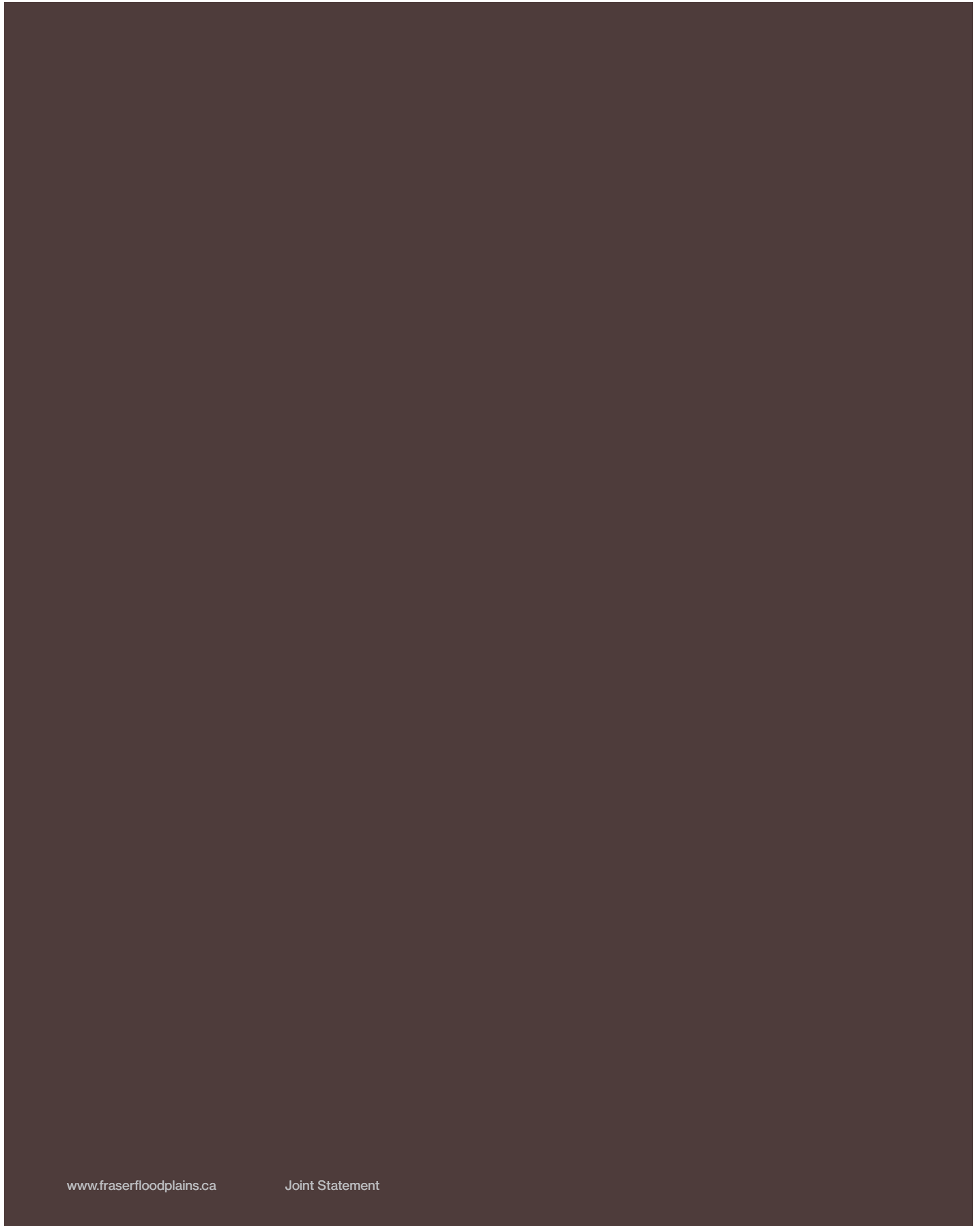
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June 15, 2026

Chair and Board of Directors
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Via email: boardcorrespondence@slrd.bc.ca

Re: Request for Letter of Support — Connecting Communities BC (CCBC) Application, Upper Squamish Valley Fibre Broadband Project

Dear Chair and Directors,

I am writing on behalf of the Ashlu Creek Foundation to request a letter of support from the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board for our application to the Province of British Columbia's Connecting Communities BC (CCBC) program. The application deadline is June 25, 2026.

The Project

The Ashlu Creek Foundation proposes to build a fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) broadband network serving 85 households in the Upper Squamish Valley, within Electoral Area D. The project area extends along Squamish Valley Road from approximately the 12-kilometer mark to the 22-kilometer mark, encompassing homes on Hensman Road, Drummond Road, Doghaven Lane, Magee Road, Lynn Road, Rustad Road North, Cloudburst Crescent, and surrounding properties.

Base Technology Ltd, a Sea-to-Sky IT and managed services firm, will serve as the network builder and operator.

The Connectivity Gap

The Upper Squamish Valley has no wired broadband infrastructure. Residents have historically relied on a Telus fixed wireless service for internet connectivity. Telus has indicated that its investment focus is shifting to other areas, and the long-term availability of this service is uncertain. As a result, residents face a future where their only realistic connectivity option is satellite internet — a technology that, while improving, still carries significant limitations in latency, consistency, and affordability compared to fibre.

Without a purpose-built broadband solution, 85 households in the SLRD will remain underserved and increasingly reliant on a connectivity option that does not meet the standards expected in a modern community.

What Fibre Will Deliver

The proposed FTTH network will provide symmetrical fibre internet at speeds ranging from 100 Mbps to 1,000 Mbps — a transformative improvement for the community. Reliable broadband is essential for residents who work remotely, operate agricultural and tourism businesses, access

telehealth services, and participate in online education. Service will be offered at competitive rates.

Why Regional District Support Matters

The CCBC program gives priority to applications that demonstrate community and local government support. A letter from the SLRD Board confirming that the project aligns with regional connectivity priorities would significantly strengthen our submission.

The Upper Squamish Valley is one of the last remaining unserved corridors in the Sea-to-Sky region. This project requires no financial contribution from the SLRD. We are requesting only a letter confirming the Board's support for the application and acknowledging that improved broadband connectivity in the Upper Squamish Valley serves the public interest.

Our Request

We respectfully request that the Board consider providing a letter of support addressed to the CCBC program confirming that the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District supports the Ashlu Creek Foundation's application to bring fibre broadband to the Upper Squamish Valley. Given the application deadline of June 25, 2026, we would be grateful to receive this letter at the Board's earliest convenience.

We are happy to provide any additional information the Board may require. For questions or further details, please contact Geoff McCloskey at the information below.

Respectfully,

Steve McCloskey

On behalf of the Ashlu Creek Foundation

Contact:

Geoff Park, Ashlu Creek Foundation



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Subject: OFC Policy 3.200.2 Authority Having Jurisdiction

My attempt to bring forward important context at the board meeting was rudely cancelled. I will try again here.

The SLRD has made an error by assigning Tsal'alh Band as the Authority Having Jurisdiction in their FireServices contract for Seton.

Authority Having Jurisdiction

7. In respect of the Service Area, Tsal'alh is the Authority Having Jurisdiction, due to being the service provider pursuant to this Agreement, as set out in the Office of the Fire Commissioner Policy 3.200.2 of the Minimum Training Standards.

By doing this the SLRD is violating OFC Policy 3.200.2 "Authority Having Jurisdiction"

"Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ): is the Local Authority that has decided to provide with voted approval from residents and has defined a Fire Department service through an establishment bylaw, service bylaw or statute that provides expenditure of collected tax funds and/or administers and holds an agreement or agreements with a neighbouring jurisdiction's established Fire Department for its residents."

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/public-safety/fire-safety/policy/3-2_ofc_policy.pdf

This flaw comes to light on reviewing some points on page 5 of the staff report, under **Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Relations:**

- **"Decisions are informed by the SLRD's Indigenous Relations, Truth & Reconciliation Guide."** - My feedback on this guide appeared on last November's board agenda and shows that it contains zero content on the concept of truth.
- **"The level of service offered by the Tsal'alh Fire Department to the SLRD community of Seton Portage is recognized in the draft Fire Operations Level of Service and Funding Policy, ensuring that the level of service set out in the**

service agreement is in line with the level of service set by the Authority Having Jurisdiction." - It boggles the mind that the SLRD has so blatantly put in place two vastly different contract frameworks. One for societies that requires verification of competency and accountability, and a special one for the Tsal'alh Band that violates OFC policy and where the band dictates its own softball terms. No verification of competency and accountability.

This "convenient flaw" is further demonstrated on page 16 of the SLRD's 2024 Fire Services Review:

"Externally Contracted - fire services provided by an external partner, pre-equipped to deliver OFC compliant service (Shalath/Seton, SLRD/VOP, SLRD/RMOW)..." - This conflates the fact that the SLRD, Pemberton and Whistler are all local governments with the Authority Having Jurisdiction over each of their tax based fire services. They are all required to transparently verify competency and accountability. Tsal'alh Band governs over reserve lands only and is not accountable to the off reserve fire service tax base.

The SLRD has behaved irresponsibly in its mismanagement of the Seton fire services. Our fire Society, the community's fire assets and I personally have all been severely mistreated by the SLRD. Our community will no longer tolerate the SLRD's authoritarian abuse of process to cancel us. All of you have solemnly sworn obligations towards integrity and accountability. Corrections are required and we will hold you to your obligations as cited at the bottom of page 5:

Level of Community Engagement:

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Strategic Priority Alignment:

Community well-being and livability Advocacy

Truth, reconciliation and relationships Climate action and sustainability

Responsible governance and service excellence

Emergency planning, response and recovery

Lip service and word salad won't cut it - DO BETTER!

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Subject: Re: OFC Policy 3.200.2 Authority Having Jurisdiction

Good afternoon Heather,

I am responding to your request for a *phone conversation* about:

- my email that points out the glaring AHJ flaw in the fire service contract with Tsal'alh band council, and
- the June 20th Town Hall in Seton.

The SLRD has yet to acknowledge the inconvenient facts of November 7 2024:

- It was Tsal'alh that decided to do 4 days of training at the seton fire hall, the society had nothing to do with that decision.
- RCMP investigation of the Nov 7 incident concluded that:
 - BCAS Unit Chief Don Blakey filed a false criminal complaint from Lillooet, alleging that Eugene threatened and evicted 3 paramedics from the Seton fire hall.
 - Paramedics in Seton refused to corroborate Don's false allegations, and were advised to speak to their union.
 - Designated the case as UNFOUNDED, that the incident did not happen, nor was it attempted.
- The SLRD relied on a singular source in Don Blakey to make decisions that negatively affected me.
- The SLRD advised Don Blakey to file a police report.
- SLRD did no fact checking at that time, and subsequently has refused any meaningful engagement on the facts coming to light.
- SLRD engaged their lawyers to send me threatening letters, falsely accusing me of crimes and banning me from the Seton firehall.

Given the SLRD's track record of reality denialism, and until the SLRD demonstrates some truthful integrity for the facts, I will have no trust for phone conversations. It's best that we keep it on the record with email.

DO BETTER!
Eugene