



## AGENDA

### Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Clinton Council Chambers, 1423 Cariboo Highway  
 Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 6:30 pm

**Mission Statement:** *“To Increase Economic Opportunity and Improve the Quality of Life for all Citizens.”*

**Vision Statement:** *“Clinton is a lively resilient community, proud of its rich heritage while building a sustainable future with local Secwepemc and neighboring communities”*

**Call to Order**

*“Mayor and Council acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional ancestral and unceded territory of the Whispering Pines/Clinton Indian Band and High Bar First Nation”*

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Adoption of the Minutes**

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**Delegations**

	None	
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**Question Period**

**\*Only questions related to items on the agenda are permitted.**

## Correspondence and Reading File

<b>Action</b>	None	
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Councillor Kosovic	Council Report - Verbal	
Councillor Park	Council Report – Verbal	
Councillor Schapansky	Council Report – Verbal	

## New Business

None

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### **Calendar of Events**

July 01 – Canada Day Celebration @ Reg Conn Park

July 01 – Annual Seniors Association Yard Sale

Aug 01 – Clinton Arts & Cultural Society Annual Art Show @ Memorial Hall

### **Notice to Proceed to In-Camera**

- Motion to proceed to Closed Meeting as per Section 90.1 (e) of the Community Charter

### **Re-call Regular Meeting**

### **Adjournment**



**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting of Council**

Clinton Council Chambers, 1423 Cariboo Highway  
Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 6:30 pm

In Attendance: Mayor Stanke, Councilors: Burrage, Kosovic, Park, Schapansky

Absent:

Staff: CAO Doddridge (via Zoom), CFO McKague, DCO Smith

Media: 0 Public: 2

**Mission Statement:** *"To Increase Economic Opportunity and Improve the Quality of Life for all Citizens."*

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**Vision Statement:** *"Clinton is a lively resilient community, proud of its rich heritage while building a sustainable future with local Secwepemc and neighboring communities"*

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

*"Mayor and Council acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional ancestral and unceded territory of the Whispering Pines/Clinton Indian Band and High Bar First Nation."*

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved and Seconded

**R089-26 That Council approves the Agenda dated June 10, 2026. CARRIED**

**Adoption of the Minutes**

Moved and Seconded

**R090-26 That the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting dated May 27, 2026, be adopted. CARRIED**

Moved and Seconded

**R091-26 That the Minutes of the Special Meeting dated June 2, 2026, be adopted. CARRIED**

**Delegation**

None

**Question Period**

None

**Action Items**

None

**Information**

Ministry of Forests – Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project

Mayor Stanke has signed up for the engagement session in Kamloops. Councillor Kosovic would like to attend virtually.

**Reading File**

Received for Information.

**Administrative Reports**

**CAO**

None

**Chief Financial Officer**

2025 Statement of Financial Information

**R092-26** THAT, Council approves the 2025 Statement of Financial Information report in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Information Act [RSBC 1996] Chapter 140 with the amendment to have the totals corrected on Page 19 (page 6 of the report).

**CARRIED**

**Community Development Coordinator**

None

**Deputy Corporate Officer**

None

**Public Works**

None

**Fire Department**

April Report

**FireSmart Coordinator**

None

**Bylaw Officer**

Summary of LGCEA Conference April 14-17, 2026

Received for information.

**Committees**

Clinton Accessibility Committee Draft Minutes dated May 19, 2026

Received for information

Spirit of Clinton Draft Minutes dated May 5, 2026.  
Received for information

**Bylaws/Policies**

None

**Council Reports**

**Mayor Stanke – Verbal**

Will have a report for next council meeting.  
Received for information as presented.

**Councillor Burrage – Verbal**

Spirit of Clinton Meeting – Canada Day event 10:45 am to 2 pm @ Reg Conn Park  
Show and Shine

Did an interview with Barbra Roden on volunteerism.  
Busy with Grad.  
Roots & Blooms meeting on June 11.  
Received for information as presented.

**Councillor Kosovic – Verbal**

Nothing to report.  
Received for information as presented.

**Councillor Park – Verbal**

Attended the Accessibility Meeting  
Attended the PAC Meeting  
Received for information as presented.

**Councillor Schapansky – Written**

Went to Community Forest Conference.  
Received for information as presented.

**New Business**

None

**List of Outstanding Council Previous Action Items**

Received for information.

**Calendar of Events**

June 20 – Father’s Day Family Fishing Derby

June 21 – Indigenous Peoples Day Event w/ High Bar First Nation – Reg Conn Park

July 01 – Canada Day Celebration @ Reg Conn Park

July 01 – Annual Seniors Association Yard Sale

Aug 01 – Clinton Arts & Cultural Society Annual Art Show @ Memorial Hall

**Notice to Proceed to Closed Meeting**

Notice to proceed to Closed Meeting as per Section 90.1 (e), (f) & (k) of the Community Charter at 6:55pm.

**Adjournment**

Moved and Seconded

**R093-26 That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned 8:02 pm.**

**CARRIED**

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MAYOR

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CORPORATE OFFICER



Department: Community & Emergency Services

Dear Chief Administrative Officers,

I am writing to provide an update on the Thompson-Nicola Regional District's Emergency Program and the supports that the TNRD delivers to member municipalities.

With flood and wildfire seasons upon us, we wanted to take the opportunity to confirm roles and responsibilities for emergency management in the region.

### **TNRD Emergency Program**

Currently, TNRD staff provide emergency management services to the ten Electoral Areas, which is a statutory requirement from the provincial government for all regional districts.

As well, seven municipalities – Ashcroft, Barriere, Cache Creek, Chase, Clearwater, Clinton, and Lytton – participate in the TNRD Regional Emergency Program in exchange for support from the TNRD before, during, and after emergency events.

Of the Emergency Program budget, 80% is funded by TNRD taxation from the Electoral Areas with the remaining 20% coming from the seven member municipalities. The total budget for this service in 2026 is just over \$378,000.

Individual municipalities are responsible to manage events within their jurisdiction and ensure adherence to legislative requirements. The TNRD provides direct support to the seven member municipalities that participate in the TNRD emergency program as outlined below:

- **ESS program coordination:** TNRD staff manage Emergency Support Services (ESS) teams on behalf of the member municipalities, including volunteer management, training opportunities, equipment, regional logistics, and access to ESS supplies and facilities.
- **Operational support:** TNRD provides direct assistance and support during emergency events. When a municipal Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) is activated, if requested, TNRD staff can be deployed to the community to help strengthen the local EOC. Support levels and duration will depend on TNRD's own EOC operational needs at the time. Eligible deployment costs will be reimbursed under the Province's updated financial standards.

- **GIS and mapping support:** All TNRD municipalities are part of the Regional GIS service, which provides mapping products for States of Local Emergencies as well as Evacuation Alert and Order boundaries. Municipal emergency boundaries and address information can be accessed by the public via TNRD's emergency information platform (<https://tnrd.ca/emergencymap>). These supports are activated by municipalities contacting the TNRD through the Emergency Program's **Duty Officer line**, which is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year-round.
- **Training and exercises:** Delivery of regional training, municipal specific workshops, and support for the design and execution of tabletop and functional exercises to test emergency plans, identify gaps, and support continuous improvements. If your municipality would like TNRD support for training or exercise delivery, please reach out to the EM Department.
- **Planning and advisory support:** Regional assistance with emergency planning, hazard and risk assessments, and technical guidance to support municipal compliance with provincial emergency management requirements including governance, consultation, and preparedness expectations.
- **Guidance on provincial programs:** Interpretation of the new provincial *Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA)* and its subsequent regulations, as well as guidance on financial standards, coordination with provincial programs, emergency funding, cost recovery, and reporting requirements.

## Looking Forward

Many local governments across BC have been holding off on major updates to their emergency plans and bylaws due to the protracted timeline of the enacting of *EDMA* by the provincial government, and the lack of regulations specific to Local Authorities to spell out specific requirements.

It is expected that these regulations (the *Local Authority Emergency Management Regulations*) will be introduced at some point in 2026. Once these are established, the TNRD will work to determine what steps will be necessary to bring the organization into compliance, and what changes will be necessary to our own capacity and structure as a result. This may require a review of the current framework for how the TNRD supports the Emergency Program's member municipalities going forward.

We plan to make some small "housekeeping" changes to our emergency management bylaw later in 2026 to address some legislative gaps, as it has not been substantially updated in almost two decades. However, these changes won't impact the level of

service currently provided to the member municipalities in the meantime. We welcome any input you may have on what the future regional framework for emergency management in the TNRD could look like.

Attached is an up-to-date contact sheet for TNRD emergency management resources. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Skrepnek', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin Skrepnek  
Manager of Community & Emergency Services  
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## Staff Report to Council Regular Meeting

**Date: June 24, 2026**

**From: CAO**

**Subject: Heritage Legacy Fund**

**Attachments:**

None

**Recommendations:**

**THAT Council commits to contributing up to \$2500 for the Heritage Register Project  
AND THAT Council approve the Village's application to Heritage BC for a \$2500 grant from the  
Heritage Legacy Fund.**

**Background:**

Administration has identified an opportunity for a grant to assist with the development of the Village's new Heritage Register. The Heritage Legacy Fund will cover up to 50% of an eligible project to a maximum of \$5,000. The original plan to develop Statements of Significance for heritage properties through staff time and Clinton Historical Museum Society volunteer time is slow going and takes resources away from other important projects and operations. Pursuing this grant opportunity will fast track the development of Statements of Significance. Administration hopes that a \$5,000 budget will allow for the development of upwards of 20 new entries in the register, and will also cover the extensive mandatory process of submitting applications to the Provincial Heritage Register for each.

**Financial Impacts:**

The Village has tight budgets and there is no set line item for heritage development. The Village's \$2500 contribution for this project would necessitate a financial plan bylaw amendment to draw the contribution from the general reserve. This relatively small amount will not materially affect the stability of the Village's reserves.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Doddridge", is written over a horizontal line.

Brian Doddridge, CAO

# **CLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**



## **MONTHLY REPORT MAY 2026**

# CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

## MAY 2026 MONTHLY REPORT

### TRAINING:

DATE	HOURS	PERSON-HOURS
4 <sup>th</sup> – Forestry Pumps, Hoses, Sprinklers	2	32
11 <sup>th</sup> – Forestry Pumps, Hoses, Sprinklers	2	28
19 <sup>th</sup> – Helicopter Landing Zone	2	30
25 <sup>th</sup> – Ropes and Knots	2	34

### CALL-OUTS:

DATE	HOURS	PERSON-HOURS
31 <sup>st</sup> – Lift Assist (Cariboo Hwy)	1	8
31 <sup>st</sup> – Structure Fire (Soues St.)	4	36

### FIRE INSPECTIONS:

INSPECTIONS COMPLETED	TOTAL

### GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Three firefighters attended Volunteer Firefighters Association of BC spring Seminar in Logan Lake, May 1-3.

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**KARL HANSEN, FIRE CHIEF**

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**DATE**



## Staff Report to Council Open Meeting

**Date:** June 24, 2026  
**From:** Chief Financial Officer  
**Subject:** Council Remuneration Bylaw

### **Attachments:**

Council Remuneration Comparison  
Council Remuneration Draft Bylaw No. 614, 2026

### **Recommendations:**

**THAT** Council give first, second, third readings to Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 614, 2026.

### **Background:**

The last review of Council Remuneration was in 2022. The current remuneration bylaw became effective on January 1, 2023 and expires on December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. The current bylaw indicates it must be revisited in the final year of the Council term.

Staff reviewed council remuneration in comparable small British Columbia municipalities and considered inflationary impacts since adoption of Council Remuneration Bylaw No, 584, 2022. The review indicates that the Village of Clinton's current remuneration is mid-level to municipalities of comparable size. Since the last adjustment in 2022, inflation has reduced the value of this remuneration. It has lost value over time as the cost of living has increased (roughly 12-15%). Rather than just comparing by population, council duties such as service levels, infrastructure responsibilities, annual budget, annual tax rates, emergency management, regional district involvement, tourism and economic development and community engagement workloads should be taken into consideration. Although not all municipal councils operate in the same manner, the current Council's commitment to undertaking these responsibilities should be recognized.

Staff feel a one time conservative increase of 5% be added to current remuneration followed by an increase of 2.5% for the next three years. This model is preferable to tying remuneration to a consumer price index, as CPI increases could allow for substantial year to year fluctuations which in turn make budgeting challenging. Increases will be effective as of January 1, 2027.

**Financial Impacts:**

**Mayor Remuneration (Current and Proposed)**

- Current remuneration: \$10,753
- Year 1 (5% increase): \$11,290
- Year 2 (2.5% increase): \$11,573
- Year 3 (2.5% increase): \$11,862
- Year 4 (2.5% increase): \$12,159

**Councillor Remuneration (Current and Proposed)**

- Current remuneration: \$7,675
- Year 1 (5% increase): \$8,059
- Year 2 (2.5% increase): \$8,260
- Year 3 (2.5% increase): \$8,467
- Year 4 (2.5% increase): \$8,678

This proposal provides a simple and steady way to adjust mayor and council pay. The one-time increase brings rates up to a more current level, and the small yearly increases after that help keep things consistent and easier to plan for in the budget. Staff have prepared a draft bylaw in case the proposal is acceptable to Council. If Council decides on a different approach, a resolution may be passed approving the bylaw readings amended to include desired changes.



Mandy McKague  
Chief Financial Officer

CAO Initial 

**Council Remuneration Benchmark – Small BC Municipalities (Population under 1000)**

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>Population (2021 Census)</u></b>	<b><u>Mayor Annual Remuneration</u></b>	<b><u>Councillor Annual Remuneration</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
Clinton	694	\$10,753	\$ 7,675	2% increase per year
Cache Creek	900	16,023	10,263-11,606	CPI-indexed annually
Lytton	249	7,500	5,000	CPI-indexed annually beginning 2023
Midway	651	11,169	9,227	CPI-indexed annually beginning 2025
New Denver	500	5,767	3,220	Bylaw for rate changes not available
Silverton	200	9,033	3,500	No further information available
Stewart	497	15,436	9,930	3% annual increase each year since 2019
Tahsis	800	10,500	5,270	Increases tied to cost-of-living with a min. 2% and max. 4% each year
Zeballos	107	4,744	2,389	No information on increases

**THE VILLAGE OF CLINTON**  
**Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 614, 2026**

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A bylaw to establish remuneration rates for the Mayor and Councillors for the Village of Clinton

**1. CITATION**

This bylaw shall be cited as the *"Village of Clinton Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 614, 2026"*.

**2. REPEAL**

The *"Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 584, 2022"* is hereby repealed.

**3. INTERPRETATION**

In this Bylaw:

*"Council"* means the elected Council of the Village of Clinton;

*"Village"* means the Village of Clinton

**4. MAYOR'S REMUNERATION**

4.1. Effective January 1, 2027, the Mayor shall be paid an annual indemnity in the amount of \$11,290.00.

4.2. Effective January 1, 2028, and every January 1 thereafter, the Mayor's annual indemnity shall increase by two and a half percent (2.5%).

**5. COUNCILOR'S REMUNERATION**

5.1 Effective January 1, 2027, each Councillor shall be paid an annual indemnity in the amount of \$8,059.00.

5.2 Effective January 1, 2028, and every January 1 thereafter, each Councillor's annual indemnity shall increase by two and a half percent (2.5%).

**6. PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

6.1. All remuneration noted above will be paid on a quarterly basis by direct deposit to the Council member's financial institution.

**7. EXPENSES**

7.1. Members of Council, when representing the Village, engaging in Village business, or attending a Course, meeting or conference shall be reimbursed pursuant to the Village of Clinton Travel Expense Policy.

7.2. Each member of Council shall be provided, for the duration of their term, a computing device and technical support from the Village. The device is to be returned to the Village immediately upon the end of the Council members term.

**8. REVIEW**

8.1. This bylaw shall be reviewed in the final year of each Council term.

**9. SEVERABILITY**

If any of this bylaw is found ultra vires by a court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be deemed to be severed from the bylaw to the extent that the remainder of the bylaw shall continue in full force and effect.

**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

Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Mayor, Roland Stanke

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Corporate Officer, Brian Doddridge



## Council Report

June 17, 2026

From: **ROLAND STANKE, MAYOR**

Subject: Council Report

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**Portfolio\Working Groups Update:**

- A. Community & Government Liaison:
- B. Emergency Planning
- C. TNRD -Director
- D. Seniors

**Meetings Attended:** met with Mayor Densie O'Conner and her CAO to discuss their challenges in setting up new infrastructure in the recreation area and best use of funding available to the Village of Lytton. It was more of an information gathering tour to see how other municipalities budget and maintain their recreational infrastructure.

TNRD out of town education tour: \_May 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> visited the newly opened Pritchard water treatment plant. Then traveled on to the village of chase where mayor Lepso showed off his community. We stopped at the memorial park and visited their historic pier with the First Nations coyote rock monument. The park is very well laid out for recreational activities, a bandshell, public washrooms with plenty of parking. We had a presentation from chief Irvin Wai who welcomed us to the chase area.

The tour then included the chase Library showing off their newly installed accessible material return bin. We toured the downtown community in street legal golf carts, Chase is the only community in Canada where golf carts are legally allowed on local roads. The owner operator gets a permit from village office then presents it to ICBC to be licensed. This was different as all the regular vehicle traffic acknowledged these electric golf carts zipping through town. We then visited the Pusme Forest community garden and was presented with a composting pilot program that is being opened for village of Chase households. We were given a tour of the art holding memorial arena. They have an electric Zamboni that is used instead of a fuel operated one. There are ongoing renovations as the budget allows. One whole wall is primarily covered in advertising billboards which help pay for ongoing operating expenses. They also promote dry use in the summer to all the surrounding areas; this also helps their operating expenses. (I have pictures if anyone is interested)

From here we toured the Interfor Adams lake sawmill, which is approximately 80 years old and uses the Adams lake to move their logs to the mill. It is mostly computerized



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much like the chasm sawmill was before closure. Their market is diverse with less than 45% going to the US. Currently their customers include much of the Asian market, a lot going to Japan as well as the local lumber stores.

We toured the Agate Bay boat launch at the end of Adams Lake. It is a TNRD operated park and is extremely busy throughout the year. The only challenge it has is that after people launch their crafts there is no parking facilities as everything is privately owned or reserve lands.

We then traveled to Squam Bay School, where the local 4H students stressed to the board members the importance of such a historical site to the local community. It has been renovated and upgraded so that it is still used primarily by the locals for special events. May 28<sup>th</sup> we were given a tour of Sun peaks with guides explaining the value of tourism to the area and local businesses. Their off-season focus is on their trail systems, looking at off-road non-motorized biking and multi used trails that help the local businesses operate year-round. Currently there are private investors building apartments that will house staff to maintain a regular supply of employees that work in various sectors from restaurants, bars and general maintenance operators.

After which the regular TNRD board meeting was held in Sun Peaks. The highlight that affects this area is a new TNRD highway sign to be installed just north of 70 Mile. The sign will incorporate a welcoming message and acknowledges 11 member municipalities, 10 electoral areas and 25 first nations within the TNRD boundaries. MOTT has given approval so the sign will be installed this summer.

**Planned Activities:** Zoom meeting to discuss the upcoming road safety strategy June 19<sup>th</sup>  
Zoom meeting with UBCM mayors council on June 10<sup>th</sup>  
Zoom meeting Forestry Heritage June 22  
Zoom meeting in regard to health care recruitment info session.  
June 23  
Zoom meeting regarding rural transportation crisis June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
June 25<sup>th</sup> Hospital Board meeting as well as tour of new construction on the cancer tower  
June 25<sup>th</sup> regular TNRD board meeting  
June 25<sup>th</sup> Regional Mayors luncheon  
June 26<sup>th</sup> Committee of the whole meeting with TNRD.



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**New Business:** due to the out-of-town agenda I am not able to attend the community forest presentation on June 25<sup>th</sup>

**Financial Implications:** none. Mayor's luncheon is an out of pocket expense.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland Stanke



## Council Report

Agenda: June 24<sup>th</sup> 2026  
Date: June 17<sup>th</sup> 2026  
To: Mayor, Council & CAO  
From: **SANDI BURRAGE, COUNCILLOR**  
Subject: Council Report

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### **Portfolio\Working Groups Update:**

- Clinton Roots & Blooms
- Spirit of Clinton
- Parks and Recreation Working Group
- Gold Country Communities

### **Meetings Attended:**

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Clinton Roots & Blooms Society

- Last meeting until September. The group will keep busy weeding and looking after the planters around the village and at the entrances. Also, watering and weeding Robertson Square. We have 2 boxes planted in the community garden for the food bank as well.
- Contests running through the summer: Funky Flowerpot, Miracle-Gro (best gardens, various categories) Sunflower Sunniest Street, Pumpkin Growing.
- Watch for new signage at the Community Garden this summer.

### **Other Activities:**

Silga April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 1st  
See attached

### **Planned Activities:**

June 20<sup>th</sup> David Stoddart School Grad – Clinton Memorial Hall  
June 21<sup>st</sup> National Indigenous Peoples Day – Reg Conn Park  
July 1<sup>st</sup> Canada Day – Reg Conn Park

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandi Burrage*

# Silga (Southern Interior Local Government Association) Report

April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup> 2026

Travelled with Mayor Stanke and Councillor Schapansky to the City of Revelstoke, where the conference was being held.

My first activity was a pre-conference tour. I attended the Community Art tour at the Revelstoke Art Gallery. We had a tour of the facility, which is the old RCMP station. Pretty cool. They left some of the cells intact for artists to use as their own studio space. The grounds outside have raised garden beds, various fruit bushes and xeriscaping. The gardens are there for all to use and harvest. There is even a bee hotel!



These bushes out front are all fruit bearing. They also have paintings on display outside on sandwich boards

There is a community gallery, wood shop, pottery studio, print studio, 9 private artist studios and 2 dedicated workshop spaces. The community studios provide affordable access to specialized equipment. There were 2,391 pottery bookings in a 12-month span. The private studio rentals bring in \$24,000 a year. Jewelry artist Kat Cadigan (Google her) started at the centre, where she could afford to rent and use the equipment there. She now has her own store and has 5 employees. They have been able to payout over \$69,000 to instructors and artist from Gallery sales and gift shop purchases. Some other stats they provided:

- The arts and cultural sector contributed \$131 billion to Canada's GDP (gross domestic product) in 2024
- The sector supported 1.1 million jobs across Canada in 2024
- Canadian exports of cultural goods and services reached an all time high in 2023 with \$27.1 billion.
- Arts and culture generated an estimated \$17 billion in federal and provincial revenue in 2024

We saw some great art on display and a very informative synopsis of the artists on display. When the tour was done, we were invited to participate in a woodwork project or pottery activity. I took part in the pottery lesson and received a one-on-one lesson on the wheel.



The masterpiece!

This was a great tour, and it makes me wonder if there could ever be Old unused space that could be turned into something like this here

In Clinton (how about that old Hydro building?)

### Conference Day 1

#### *Investing in Resilience*

Presented by Pacific Institute for Climate Change

- Land use planning is changing to include climate change.
- Revised flood plain by laws to help protect wetlands.
- Tricia Thorpe and Robin Smith presented that partnerships are needed for emergencies and to build these relationships before a disaster happens.
- Work on non-emergency projects with neighboring towns and First Nations. Example Skeetchestn band built the washroom building at Logan Lake Community Campground.

#### *In-House Journalism*

Presented by Erick Thompson RDOS (Regional District Okanagon-Similkameen)

- When showing/explaining anything, start with a story and not data
- Start a You tube channel
- Put things on Reels
- Use Canva video
- Do in house interviews and video segments highlighting projects, services, and issues in your area.
- Things to keep in mind:
  - Simplify
  - Add context
  - Take jargon out
  - What happened and why it happened
  - Be accurate
  - Clear
  - Easy for everyone to understand

This applies to everything put out. Face Book, You Tube, Reels, Website, news print etc  
[ethompson@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:ethompson@rdos.bc.ca)  
[rdosregionalconnections.ca](http://rdosregionalconnections.ca)

Resolutions began 2:00 pm

- Ours was #15 on the list and was endorsed.

Conference Day #2

*Socioeconomic Benefits of Outdoor Recreation*

Presented by BC Snowmobile Federation & Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

- They are a Provincial non-profit (ORCBC)
- Work with BCWF, Snowmobile BC and various rafting companies
- Recreation brings money to local economies
- Mostly run by volunteer groups
- To be an Provincial announcement re recreation money May 20-21
- I have a reference book they handed out, if anyone wants to look at.

Interesting quote Louise stated, *“When the mindset goes from building a resource/asset etc. to defending it, you get volunteer burnout.”*

*More than a Book on a Shelf*

Presented by a Panel from the Okanagan Regional Library

This was a real eye opener. The ORL systems have had many overdoses and deaths in their libraries. They have taken steps to address this problem.

- They are trained in administering naloxone
- Getting peer Navigators to help with the homelessness.
- Using libraries for heating/cooling centers.
- Realizing the importance of building up trust with the homeless.
- Libraries receive 95% of their funding from municipalities/regional 5% from Province.

*2026 Community Excellence Awards*

- Twice as many submissions

**Environmental Sustainability** awarded to City of Kelowna for DeHart Community Park

Example of climate-aligned park development and sustainable municipal structure. The park features a pump track, skate features, a dog park and community gardens design for environmental sustainability and community wellbeing.

**Economic Development** awarded to the Regional district of North Okanagan for work on the sncecmalqtn Agricultural Park.

This is 137-acre property that supports a mix of forage crops and native vegetation. The park operates as a living model for regenerative farming, food security and climate-resilient agriculture. It has research and teaching farm to facilitate agricultural training and local food system education. It also has a dedicated community farm, shared community garden, a food forest and a composting zone.

**Social Responsibility** awarded to Town of Osoyoos for work on the 85<sup>th</sup> Street Plaza downtown revitalization.

This was recognized for turning an active downtown area into an accessible, people focused gathering hub. Uses fast growing water wise trees and xeriscaping to handle the climate. Has cooling stations with active water misters and public shading. Has built in chess boards, community tables and hydration stations. The location links local shops and the beach serving as an intersection for residents, tourists and seasonal workers.

### *Forestry Panel*

Moderated by Mayor Spencer Coyne with panelists from FESBC, BCCFA, ILMA and Woodlots BC

We then had to head home.

Was a couple of packed days with excellent colleagues to travel and learn with.



Protecting the Mason bees by the Convention Center

## **Action items arising from Council Meetings**

Date updated: June-16-26

Resolution/Direction to Staff	WHO/DONE
<b>June 2026</b>	

Fire Truck Replacement: Waiting for Grant Decision  
 Long-term Financial Plan Project: Waiting for Grant Decision  
 Flood Early Warning System Project: Submitted for new intake  
 Wastewater Lagoon Armouring Project: Submitted for new intake  
 Wayfinding and marketing project: Obtaining Quotes and designing signage  
 Whispering Pines Clinton Indian Band MOU Development: Whispering Pines is reviewing the draft  
 Reg Conn Pond Dredging Project: Waiting for Grant Decision  
 Lot 9 Development: Alternate options being considered.  
 Dam Safety Review: [Staff reviewing Dam Safety Review Draft](#)  
 Fire Department Equipment Upgrade Project: [Purchasing equipment](#)  
 Grant Writing Project: Have reapplied for 2026 funding – [grant has been approved.](#)  
 BC Hydro Property (Clinton Station Road): Preparing background information to inform an application for Crown Land Grant  
 Bell Street Extension Project: Waiting for final title transfer by Province  
 Business Façade Improvement Program – Have reapplied for 2026 funding – awaiting decision.  
 Reg Conn Park Multi-Use Court Project: [Work has begun.](#)  
 New Horizons for Seniors – Village portion of this grant is to develop a Welcome Package. [Grant has been approved.](#)  
 Heritage Register Additions – Staff preparing Heritage BC Grant Application to develop additional statements of significance.  
 Structure Protection Project – Began the purchase of Phase 3 items including a trailer.  
 Municipal Building Retrofit Feasibility – Preparing pre-application.  
 Amendments to Fees and Charges Bylaw, Animal Control Bylaw, and payments in lieu of Parking Bylaw – In progress  
 Engeman Lane Water Line Replacement – Staff in consultation with Engineering consultant.  
 Memorial Hall Siding – We are in the process of obtaining quotes.  
 FireSmart Fuel Mitigation Activities – Have applied for funding to perform fuel management AT FTU 2 and FTU 22.  
 UBCM Meeting Requests – [Preparing meeting applications](#)  
 The above projects are not exhaustive.