

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
AGENDA**

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**DATE:** April 7, 2025  
**TIME:** 4:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Council Chambers, Enderby City Hall

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**1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*THAT the April 7, 2025 Council Meeting agenda be approved as circulated.*

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2025**

*THAT the March 17, 2025 Council Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.*

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

**4.1 Rise and Report**

Committee of The Whole

*THAT Council adopts the following resolutions of the Committee of the Whole of April 7, 2025:*

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**5. BYLAWS**

**5.1 Subdivision Servicing and Development Bylaw Amendment**

*THAT Council adopts the City of Enderby Subdivision Servicing and Development Bylaw No. 1278, 2000 Amendment Bylaw No. 1808, 2025”.*

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**6. REPORTS**

6.1 Mayor and Council Reports

6.2 Area F Director Report

6.3 Chief Administrative Officer Report

6.3.1 Council Inquiries

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 Community Futures North Okanagan Letter of Support for Rail-Trail Readiness Project Page 15

Memo prepared by Chief Administrative Officer dated April 3, 2025

*THAT Council provides a letter of support to Community Futures North Okanagan for the Rail-Trail Readiness Project.*

**8. NOTICES OF MOTION**

8.1 Notice of Motion (Mayor Galbraith): Opposition to Bill 7 – 2025 Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act Page 17

*THAT Council receives and files the correspondence from MLA Williams and the BC Chamber of Commerce with respect to Bill 7 – 2025 Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act;*

*AND THAT Council expresses its opposition to Bill 7 – 2025 Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act;*

*AND FURTHER THAT Council provides a letter of support to MLA Williams, copied to all local governments and major political parties in British Columbia, expressing its opposition to Bill 7 – 2025 Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act.*

**9. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

*THAT Council receives and files all Correspondence and Information Items.*

9.1 Cannabis Taxation Sharing & Municipal-Owned Cannabis Retail Stores Page 23  
Correspondence from Lisa Pineault, Mayor, Village of Daajing Giids dated March 20, 2025.

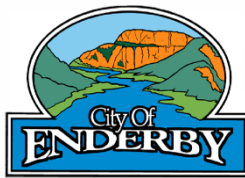
9.2 FEEDBACK REQUESTED: Reforming the Local Government Act – A Roadmap Page 26  
Correspondence from Louise Wallace Richmond, President, SILGA dated March 24, 2025.

**10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

**11. CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION**

*THAT pursuant to Section 92 of the Community Charter, the regular meeting convene In-Camera to deal with matters deemed closed to the public in accordance with Section 90 (1) (k) and 90 (2) (b) of the Community Charter.*

**12. ADJOURNMENT**



## THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

Minutes of a **Regular Meeting** of Council held on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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

Absent: Councillor Shawn Shishido

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer – Tate Bengtson  
Chief Financial Officer – Jennifer Bellamy  
Manager of Planning, Community Safety and Bylaw Compliance – Kurt Inglis  
Clerk-Secretary – Andraya Holmes

Other: Press and Public

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### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Yerhoff, seconded by Councillor Davyduke  
*“THAT the March 17, 2025 Council Meeting agenda be approved as circulated.”*

CARRIED

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2025

Moved by Councillor Ramey, seconded by Councillor Schreiner  
*“THAT the March 3, 2025 Council Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.”*

CARRIED

### **DEVELOPMENT MATTERS AND RELATED BYLAWS**

Development Variance Permit #0078-25-DVP-END

There were no written submissions.

**Travis Fischer, Representative of the Applicant**

Gave a brief overview of the proposal and offered to answer any questions from Council.

Councillor Davyduke asked if there will be ongoing monitoring to ensure no hazardous materials are stored in the shipping containers.

The Planner responded that there will be an initial fire inspection as part of a pending business license application and ongoing annual fire inspections thereafter.

Councillor Ramey asked if the shipping containers will be required to have ventilation.

The Planner responded that the containers will need to be modified to meet the requirements of the Shipping Container Health and Safety Policy which requires ventilation openings and a wind vent device.

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Schreiner

*“THAT Council authorizes the issuance of a Development Variance Permit for the property legally described as LOT 2 DISTRICT LOT 226 KAMLOOPS (FORMERLY OSOYOOS) DIVISION YALE DISTRICT PLAN 40397 and located at 205 Brickyard Road, Enderby BC, to permit variances to the following Sections of the City of Enderby Zoning Bylaw No. 1550, 2014:*

- *Section 314.4.d.iv by reducing the minimum separation between the exits, windows or unprotected openings of a building or structure and a shipping container from 6 m (19.69 feet) to 3 m (9.84 feet), as shown on the attached Schedule ‘A’;*
- *Section 314.d.g by increasing the maximum number of shipping containers per property, in an industrial zone, from 2 to 4, as shown on the attached Schedule ‘A’; and*
- *Section 314.d.i by waiving the requirement to provide screening for shipping containers, as shown on the attached Schedule ‘A’.”*

CARRIED

**BYLAWS**

**Subdivision Servicing and Development Bylaw Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Ramey

*“THAT Council gives three readings to City of Enderby Subdivision Servicing and Development Bylaw No. 1278, 2000 Amendment Bylaw No. 1808, 2025.”*

CARRIED

**REPORTS**

**Mayor and Council Reports**

**Councillor Davyduke**

There was a FACT meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Reported that there was a good turnout to the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Seed Swap.

Reported that there is work ongoing by the Garden Club to create a community garden.

The Enderby & District Resource Centre’s annual hanging basket fundraiser is ongoing.

There was an Early Years Committee meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Reported that she spoke with Sheryl Hay of Recreation Services, and online registration for recreation programming is going well.

Attended an Enderby & District Resource Centre meeting.

The Community Futures Enterprize Challenge is ongoing, and final pitches will be made on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### Councillor Yerhoff

Met with the new Enderby & District Chamber of Commerce president and has continued to attend their weekly coffee meet-ups.

Attended the Spring Wellness Event hosted by Recreation Services and reported that it was a great event with attendees from Enderby and surrounding communities.

Attended the Confluence Music Festival at Splatsin Centre.

Attended the M.V. Beattie Talent Show.

#### Councillor Schreiner

Attended the M.V. Beattie Talent Show.

Asked when King Street is scheduled for renewal.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that planning for renewal of King Street has begun, and it is planned to occur in 2026.

#### Councillor Ramey

Reported that there is a resident that has been working to get a new bus stop placed on Sicamous Street. Asked how new bus stops are established.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that potential sites for bus stops must be evaluated for their impact to parking and infrastructure. Noted that the resident has withdrawn their request for a bus stop on Sicamous Street after learning that buses will stop anywhere on a route provided it is safe to do so. Chief Administrative Officer reported that a conversation with BC Transit has been had about evaluating new bus stops in the city holistically rather than on an ad hoc basis so that the stops may have the greatest impact.

Councillor Ramey asked who is responsible for maintenance of bus shelters. Received a report of an issue with the shelter on Mill Avenue.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that the City is responsible for maintenance and has tasked Public Works to inspect and then repair the shelter.

#### Councillor Baird

Reported that the addition of gravel to the planter boxes at the City Hall parking lot look good. Asked if there will be further additions.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that some planters from lower impact areas in the city will be re-located here.

Met with the Events Coordinator and Easter planning is coming along well so far.

Will be attending the Curling Club fundraiser dance this weekend.

Attended the Sweet Smiles Gala in Vernon and reported that there were many people from Enderby in attendance.

#### Mayor Galbraith

Attended the M.V. Beattie Talent Show.

Attended a Splantsin Flag Raising Ceremony at the Enderby RCMP detachment.

Attended the King Charles III Coronation Medal Awards.

#### Chief Administrative Officer

The demolition of the wooden structure of reservoir has been demolished. Demolition of the basin is occurring this week.

The new Riverside RV Park managers, Jason and Krista Foster, have been hired and will be starting on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The previous manager will be available to assist the new managers through the transition.

A request for qualifications has been posted for a consultant to assist in a planning process to update the City's Official Community Plan, Zoning Bylaw, and Subdivision Servicing Bylaw. The City has grant funds available specifically for this task.

Issued a purchase order this morning for the new digital sign for the John Pritchard Memorial Sports Complex. The topper cabinet height was increased by an extra foot consistent with a request from the Enderby & District Services Commission.

The refrigeration plant at the arena has now been shut down and ice is being removed. The department is getting ready to transition to their outside tasks and activities.

A posting for an additional Parks worker is expected to be issued in the next few weeks.

There will be a tour on Thursday of the Enderby water and wastewater facilities for Splantsin operators. Thanked the First Nations Health Authority and the City's Systems Operator for their work on this initiative.

Councillor Baird asked about overland water that carries debris toward Northern Avenue from West Enderby Road during rain events.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that there has been a conversation with Public Works about this issue and there is a plan in place to regrade the boulevard to help run-off enter the ditch instead of running overland. This will be done once the road is dry enough to re-grade.

Councillor Ramey asked for information on the water event that occurred on Thursday.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that equipment at the Water Treatment Plant reacted in an unexpected way to a valve being left in a closed position at the end of the day. This resulted in a loss of pressure and for some customers, a loss of water. The issue was resolved as quickly as possible.

Councillor Ramey asked when discussion would be happening regarding the operating grant for the Enderby & District Arts Council.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that the item has been referred to budget discussions that will be happening in April.

RDNO Building Permit Report – February 2025

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Ramey  
*“THAT Council receives and files the RDNO Building Permit Report – February 2025.”*

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

Enderby & District Chamber of Commerce – Membership Application

Council discussed that historically the City has not been a member of the Chamber of Commerce but has sponsored awards.

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Schreiner  
*“THAT Council authorizes the City of Enderby to join the Enderby & District Chamber of Commerce as a member.”*

CARRIED

Enderby Farmers Market – Revised Road Closure Application for 2025 Market Season

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Ramey  
*“THAT Council receives the revised Enderby Farmers Market’s Road Closure Application (2025 market season) for information.”*

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Ramey  
*“THAT Council receives and files the correspondence and information items titled:*

- Funding Approval - 2024 CEPF Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training dated January 27, 2025.
- Infrastructure Support for Specified Municipalities dated February 28, 2025.”

CARRIED

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Jackie Pearase, Rivertalk, asked what the funds from the Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training grant will be used for.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that the funds will be used to purchase new self-contained breathing apparatus equipment for firefighters.

**CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION**

Moved by Councillor Ramey, seconded by Councillor Davyduke

*“THAT pursuant to Section 92 of the Community Charter, the regular meeting convene In-Camera to deal with matters deemed closed to the public in accordance with Section 90 (1) (k) of the Community Charter.”*

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Davyduke

*“THAT the regular meeting of March 17, 2025 adjourn at 5:51 p.m.”*

CARRIED

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**MAYOR**

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**CORPORATE OFFICER**



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

BYLAW NO. 1808, 2025

A BYLAW TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY SUBDIVISION SERVICING  
AND DEVELOPMENT BYLAW NO. 1278, 2000

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WHEREAS the Council of the City of Enderby has adopted the City of Enderby Subdivision Servicing and Development Bylaw No. 1278, 2000 to regulate the provision of Works and Services in connection with the Subdivision and Development of land within the City of Enderby, pursuant to the powers granted by the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS Council of the City of Enderby has determined to make an amendment to of the City of Enderby Subdivision Servicing and Development Bylaw No. 1278, 2000;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the City of Enderby, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

**CITATION**

1. This bylaw may be cited as the “City of Enderby Subdivision Servicing and Development Bylaw No. 1278, 2000 Amendment Bylaw No. 1808, 2025”.

**AMENDMENTS**

2. City of Enderby Subdivision Servicing and Development Bylaw No. 1278, 2000 Amendment Bylaw No. 1808, 2025 is hereby amended as follows:

- a) Section 4.0 is amended by adding the following definition:

“**SERVICING OFFICER**” means the Chief Administrative Officer, Manager of Development Services, or Public Works Manager. The Servicing Officer is authorized, in respect of building permits, to require land for new highway, widening existing highway, or alternative forms of transportation in respect of building permits, as well as other authorities granted pursuant to the *Local Government Act* or as described in this Bylaw.

- b) Section 4.0 is amended by replacing the definition of “Zone” as follows:

“**ZONE**” means a zone as provided for the City of Enderby Zoning Bylaw No. 1550, 2014.

- c) Section 5.2(b) is replaced as follows:

The Servicing Officer of the City of Enderby where works and services are to be provided as a condition of building permit issuance.

- d) Schedule “A” Standard Drawing S12 [Rainfall Intensity/Duration/Frequency Data, dated February 2000] is replaced with the attached Short Duration Rainfall Intensity-Duration-Frequency Data curve, dated March 26, 2021.

- e) Schedule “B”, reference to “City of Enderby Zoning Bylaw No. 966, 1987 and amendments thereto” is replaced by “City of Enderby Zoning Bylaw No. 1550, 2014.”
- f) Schedule “B”, definition of R<sup>3</sup>, is replaced as follows:
 

means required as an extension of existing walkway system or as needed for transportation infrastructure that supports walking, bicycling, public transit or other alternative forms of transportation, at the discretion of the Approving Officer or Servicing Officer.
- g) Schedule “B”, column heading “R.3” is replaced with “R.3 or R.3-A.”
- h) Schedule “B”, column I.3, is deleted.
- i) Schedule “B”, row 5. Sidewalks, columns R.1, R.1-A, R.2, and R.3 or R.3-A are changed to R<sup>3</sup>.
- j) Add the following to the end of Schedule “B”:

#### **REQUIRED WORKS AND SERVICES**

If works are required as a condition of Subdivision, the Owner must provide the works required under this Bylaw: on a highway adjacent to the parcel being subdivided up to the centreline of the highway in accordance with section 506.03 of the *Local Government Act*, and on the parcel itself.

If works are required as a condition of Building Permit, the Owner must provide the works required under this Bylaw: on a highway adjacent to any parcel being developed up to the centreline of the highway in accordance with section 506.03 of the *Local Government Act*, and on the parcel itself.

#### **DESIGN STANDARDS**

The design, construction, installation, and connection of all works must conform to:

- a) the design drawings or servicing plan as accepted by the City;
- b) the provisions of this Bylaw and all other bylaws of the City;
- c) the most recent version of the MMCD [Master Municipal Construction Documents]; and
- d) good engineering practice.

#### **EXEMPTIONS FROM REQUIRED OFFSITE WORKS AND SERVICES**

An Approving Officer or Servicing Officer may exempt the following classes or types of subdivision and development:

- a) Boundary lot adjustment subdivisions or consolidations that do not create additional parcels, provided the parcels continue to be

- serviced with the pre-existing services and there is no substantial change in use;
- b) Frontage adjacent to a remainder parcel that has potential for further subdivision under the existing zoning designation, provided there is no substantial change in use of the remainder parcel;
  - c) The construction, addition, or alteration of a single-family or two-family dwelling, or an associated accessory building;
  - d) A renovation to a building where there is no increase to the floor area unless there is a significant change in use;
  - e) A development where there is no significant change in use from historical uses;
  - f) A development where a new use is consistent with the current level of works and services in the area, provided the works and services are of an age and condition such that they will not be impacted by the new development; and
  - g) Public services provided by the City.

#### **PAYMENT IN LIEU OF PROVIDING WORKS AND SERVICES**

If the Approving Officer or Servicing Officer determines, on the basis of sound engineering practice or cost considerations, that the works or services should be constructed or altered at a later time, the Approving Officer or Servicing Officer may require an Owner to pay to the City, in lieu of constructing or altering all or a portion of the works and services required by this Bylaw, cash in an amount not to exceed 100% of the cost of designing and constructing or altering the works and services as of the time of approval of the subdivision or issuance of the building permit, including contingency. The City shall deposit the funds into an asset reserve fund established for the construction or alteration of the works and services. The cost estimate shall be based on an opinion of probable cost provided by the Owner's engineer or other qualified professional acceptable to the Approving Officer or Servicing Officer. The City has sole discretion over the timing and design of the future works and services for which it collects payment in lieu of providing works and services.

#### **SITE AND LOT GRADING**

Rough grading and retaining as detailed on the Site Grading Plan shall be completed by the Owner as a condition of subdivision approval. Rough grading shall be completed within +/- 100mm of the final approved pre-grade.

At the discretion of the Approving Officer, rough grading and retaining may be deferred to building permit subject to an acceptable Site Grading Plan and the registration of a covenant to the satisfaction of the Approving Officer.

Lot grading may be deferred to building permit.

- k) Schedule "C" is deleted in its entirety and all references thereto shall be changed to Schedule "C" of the City of Enderby Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1549, 2014.

- l) Appendix "A", Section A.1, the sentence "Record drawing transparencies shall be 3 mil double matte mylar" is replaced with the following:

Record drawings shall be submitted with two stamped and sealed paper versions, one sealed Portable Document Format (PDF) version, and one Computer-Aided Design (CAD) version in UTM coordinates.

- m) Appendix "A", Section A.3, the following is added to the end:

The horizontal coordinates shall be referenced to the UTM Zone 11 North coordinate system.

- n) Appendix "A", add the following as Section A.4.6.a:

### **Site Grading and Lot Grading Plans**

A Site Grading Plan is required for all subdivisions unless exempted by the Approving Officer.

A Lot Grading Plan is required for all development unless exempted by the Servicing Officer or a Building Official.

A Site Grading Plan shall illustrate final road and lot grading, lot access locations, and grades. Site Grading Plans shall include existing contours, bedrock outcroppings, existing and proposed elevations, building envelopes with proposed grades, building grades including minimum/maximum finished floor elevations, lot slopes, location and extent of retaining walls, location and grading of statutory rights-of-way and easements, cut/fill areas, areas of fill exceeding 1.0 meters in depth, limits of engineered fill, safe building setbacks (where required), lot constructability, drainage features including overland flow routes and swales, riparian areas, and conformity to City design standards and good engineering practices.

Lot Grading Plans shall detail the location and nature of existing and proposed development on a given lot. Plans shall detail any proposed changes to the accepted Site Grading Plan. Plans shall provide adequate information to confirm overland flow patterns and routes, building elevations, retaining walls, cut and fill slopes, impacts to adjacent lots, driveway and boulevard slopes, lot constructability, and conformity to City design standards and good engineering practices. All lots shall be graded to drain away from building foundations.

READ a FIRST time this 17th day of March, 2025.

READ a SECOND time this 17th day of March, 2025.

READ a THIRD time this 17th day of March, 2025.

ADOPTED this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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MAYOR

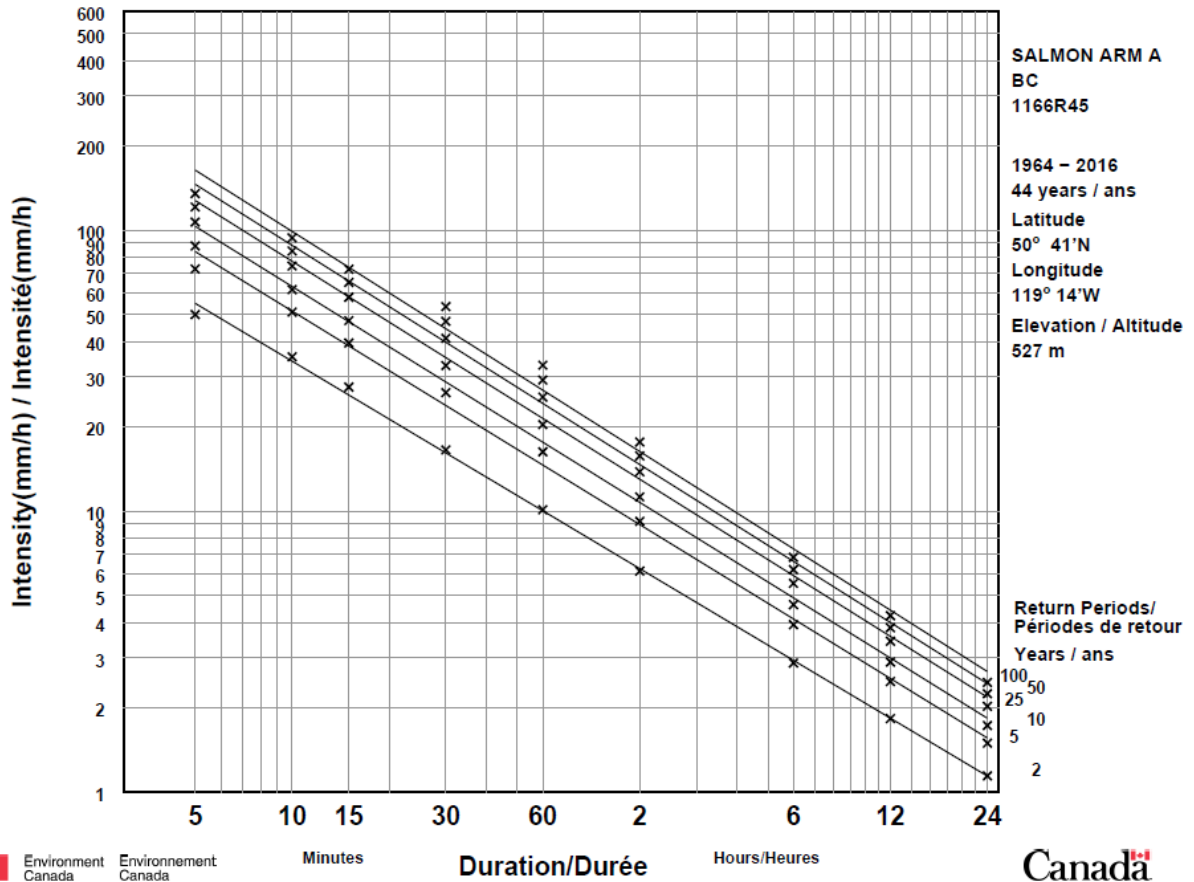
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CORPORATE OFFICER

# Short Duration Rainfall Intensity–Duration–Frequency Data

2021/03/26

## Données sur l'intensité, la durée et la fréquence des chutes de pluie de courte durée



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

AGENDA

MEMO

To: Mayor and Council  
From: Tate Bengtson, CAO  
Date: April 3, 2025  
Subject: Community Futures North Okanagan Letter of Support for Rail-Trail Readiness Project

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**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council provides a letter of support to Community Futures North Okanagan for the Rail-Trail Readiness Project.

**BACKGROUND**

Community Futures North Okanagan has asked the City of Enderby to provide a letter of support for its Rail-Trail Readiness Project. A sample letter of support is attached to this memorandum.

Community Futures North Okanagan is pursuing partial grant funding for the initiative. The objective of the initiative is to enhance community economic development by preparing local businesses to benefit from increased pedestrian rail trail traffic.

The City of Enderby would provide in-kind support for the initiative through the provision of meeting space and cross promotion.

This request is aligned with Council's Strategic Plan, which expresses support for partnership on a rail-trail business readiness initiative as an Important priority for 2025.

Respectfully submitted,



Tate Bengtson  
Chief Administrative Officer

Your Logo Here

Date:

**RE: Small Business Rail Trail Readiness Project**

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of [YOUR ORGANIZATION] I am writing to express our support for Community Futures North Okanagan's submission for the Small Business Rail Trail Readiness Project and its mission to enhance community economic development by preparing local businesses to benefit from increased pedestrian rail trail traffic. This initiative presents a valuable opportunity to strengthen our local economy, promote small business growth, and establish our community as a destination for outdoor enthusiasts.

As rail trails continue to gain popularity, communities with businesses that are well-prepared to welcome trail users experience significant economic benefits, including increased business growth, additional tourism spending, and job creation. Through this project, small businesses will receive vital resources such as attraction and marketing strategies, ideas for enhanced infrastructure and business collaboration opportunities to maximize their success in catering to trail users.

By providing training, access to funding for trail-friendly upgrades, and marketing support, the Small Business Rail Trail Readiness Project will help ensure that our local businesses are equipped to thrive. Furthermore, fostering partnerships between businesses, trail organizations, and local government will create a sustainable economic ecosystem that benefits both residents and visitors.

[YOUR ORGANIZATION'S] supports the Small Business Rail Trail Readiness Project and the benefits it will bring to the region.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any further assistance or insight regarding this initiative.

Sincerely,

[Your

Name]

[Your

Title/Organization]

[Your Contact Information]



MEMO

To: Mayor and Council

Date: March 27, 2025

Subject: Notice of Motion (Mayor Galbraith): Opposition to Bill 7 – 2025 Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act

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**NOTICE OF MOTION (GALBRAITH)**

THAT Council receives and files the correspondence from MLA Williams and the BC Chamber of Commerce with respect to Bill 7 – 2025 Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act;

AND THAT Council expresses its opposition to Bill 7 – 2025 Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act;

AND FURTHER THAT Council provides a letter of support to MLA Williams, copied to all local governments and major political parties in British Columbia, expressing its opposition to Bill 7 – 2025 Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act.

**BACKGROUND**

Mayor Galbraith has submitted a notice of motion requesting that Council express its opposition to Bill 7 – 2025 Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act.

Mayor Galbraith's motion responds to the recent introduction of Bill 7. As of the date of the notice of motion, Bill 7 is at first reading and may be accessed at this location:

[https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/overview/43rd-parliament/1st-session/bills/1st\\_read/gov07-1.htm](https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/overview/43rd-parliament/1st-session/bills/1st_read/gov07-1.htm)

Should Council support Mayor Galbraith's motion expressing its opposition to Bill 7, the next part of the resolution directs staff to issue a letter of support to David Williams, MLA for Salmon-Arm Shuswap and copied to all local governments and major political parties in British Columbia.



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
of BRITISH COLUMBIA

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David Williams

MLA Salmon Arm – Shuswap

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**RE: Bill 7 – 2025: Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act**

Dear Mayor and Council,

The provincial government has recently introduced Bill 7, legislation that overrides local autonomy without any opportunity for discussion or input on binding decisions. As the MLA for Salmon Arm–Shuswap, my fiduciary duty is to represent the best interests of my constituents. I cannot support any legislation that undermines the democratic process and may negatively impact our residents, businesses, and local governance.

I am formally requesting a letter of support from your council in opposition to this legislation. I also encourage you to make your concerns known to the Premier and the NDP government. While we face many challenges, our existing governmental structure remains fully capable of addressing issues in a timely and effective manner.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

*David Williams*

**David L. Williams**

MLA, Salmon Arm–Shuswap

## BC Chamber of Commerce responds to Bill 7 - Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act, 2025



March 26, 2025

Chamber Network

International Relations and Trade

In response to the Government's recent introduction of Bill 7 - *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act, 2025*, our President and CEO, Fiona Famulak, penned a letter to Premier Eby and Attorney General Niki Sharma, outlining the collective concerns of both the provincial association and its members regarding the Bill. The content of the letter is set out below.

Dear Premier Eby and Attorney General Sharma,

Through our representation of local chambers of commerce and boards of trade and 36,000 businesses of every size, and from every sector and region of the province, the BC Chamber of Commerce is a key voice for private-sector job creators in British Columbia and uniquely positioned to understand the needs and challenges of the province's business community.

For years, we have been advocating for the removal of unnecessary inter-provincial trade barriers in our province and across the country. These trade irritants stifle our economy, aggravate business growth and negatively impact our province's prosperity. We wholeheartedly endorse their prompt removal and appreciate the Government's plans to dismantle the barriers as part of its response to the unjustified and counterproductive tariffs imposed by the United States.

That said, our members have strong reservations about the broad reach and scope of the powers being sought by the Government through Bill 7, the *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act, 2025*. While we accept

there is a common threat to our economic prosperity that lies outside our national borders, we are not at war. Bill 7, as written, provides the Government with unwarranted sweeping powers with little/no guardrails and without accountability to British Columbians through the Legislative Assembly.

Our members are concerned that the sweeping powers Bill 7 will grant to the Government will negatively impact their operations, present and future. As we have stressed many times, businesses need certainty to operate, plan and invest.

One of our greatest concerns with Bill 7 is the lack of guardrails to limit the Government's ability to amend enactments. Specific examples of where the lack of guardrails is of concern include:

- Section 19, which articulates the purposes for which the Government is authorized to make regulations. Sub-section (a) references the actions of a "foreign jurisdiction", however, sub-section (c) does not have a similar limiting factor. Under Section 19(c) the Government has permission to modify enactments or authorizations if the action is deemed simply to "support the economy of British Columbia and Canada". With this as the only justification, the Government could change nearly any provincial law it desires if it can make a connection to the economy.
- Section 20, which provides the scope of what the Government is able to do through a cabinet order. Essentially, there are little/no limits. As an example, sub-section 20(1)(f) allows the Government to remove or impose new conditions on existing licences, permits or other authorizations. Should the Cabinet decide a change would "support the economy", as per subsection 19(c) above, a business's operations could be thrown into flux and its current and/or future viability impacted negatively.
- Section 29, which specifies the powers and regulations made under the authority of Bill 7 will expire in two years. However, once Bill 7 is passed, the Government could invoke Clause 20 of the bill to

amend Clause 29 to extend regulations or legislative changes that have been made or, of greater concern, extend the time the Government holds these powers. Hypothetically, the Cabinet could indefinitely extend its powers in this Bill to by-pass the Legislature and claim it is doing so under the legal authority it has granted itself.

Our concern regarding the lack of accountability stems from the Government's ability, under Bill 7, to make nearly any change it wants to provincial laws with the stroke of a pen. This is a step in the wrong direction for democratic institutions. As a nation, we universally decry the progression towards authoritarian rule through decree by the executive branch of the United States. There is no justification for taking similar steps here in British Columbia or Canada. By not being accountable to the Legislature, government is requiring that we move forward on faith and trust alone. This is neither sufficient nor acceptable.

Furthermore, while we understand your Government's desire to move swiftly in the face of threats from a foreign jurisdiction, it has not articulated why the current rules governing the operations of the Legislature preclude it from seeking the support of elected officials in a timely way. The Legislature can be recalled in short order and the passage of new laws can be made in a matter of days. One only needs to look at the 41st Parliament's collaborative handling of the COVID-19 pandemic to see expedited decision making and authorizations work successfully.

In closing, we believe Bill 7, as written, goes too far and that the controversial nature of the legislation will delay timely progress on the substantive and important issue of dismantling inter-provincial trade barriers. The Bill, despite its title, risks creating uncertainty for businesses and British Columbians and undermining BC's ability to stabilize and grow the economy, attract investment and create jobs, all of which fund the public services we rely on.

We urge the Government to find a new path.

Regards,

Fiona Famulak, *President and CEO*

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March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Mayor and Council  
Municipalities of BC  
via email

Dear Mayor and Council,

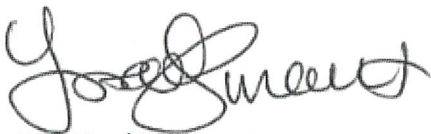
**RE: Cannabis Taxation Sharing & Municipal-Owned Cannabis Retail Stores**

The Village of Daajing Giids is sharing with you the attached letter from David Hume the Assistant Deputy Minister & Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch as we believe it is important to ensure that all municipal leaders are informed about this ongoing dialogue and are able to consider the implications and opportunities for your municipality.

The letter arose from the Village of Daajing Giids' 2023 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) advocacy efforts with regard to Cannabis Taxation Revenue sharing with municipalities. The Village requested a general update on this topic from the Minister of Finance based on a recommendation from the 2021 Local Government Financial Resiliency report "seeking targeted consumption tax that provides local government a share of provincial cannabis taxation revenue". With minimal update on taxation revenue sharing from the Province, the question of municipally-owned cannabis stores as a source of revenue for local governments was briefly discussed with then Minister of Public Safety & Solicitor General Mike Farnworth.

The attached letter outlines the province's position and provides clarity on issues related to municipal eligibility for cannabis retail store licenses. We encourage you to review the document and consider not only the revenue possibilities but also the opportunity to ensure responsible distribution and community oversight for your municipality.

Sincerely,



Her Worship,

**Mayor Lisa Pineault**

Village of Daajing Giids

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February 5, 2025

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Dear Mayor Pineault:

I am writing to follow up with you on a letter sent from former Minister, Mike Farnworth, on February 5, 2024, regarding municipality-owned cannabis retail stores. As the General Manger (GM) of the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB), I oversee the province's liquor and cannabis regulations, including the administration of cannabis licences and authorizations. Through sound policy and regulation, the LCRB's mission is to enable vibrant liquor and cannabis industries, while ensuring public health and safety.

I would like to thank the delegation from the Village of Daajing Giids for your interest in the cannabis industry and for seeking clarification on whether a municipality is eligible to hold a Cannabis Retail Store (CRS) licence. I appreciate your patience while we reviewed this matter.

The *Cannabis Control and Licencing Act* authorizes the GM to issue a CRS licence to an individual, partnership, corporation or Indigenous nation. In B.C., the legal definition of a corporation includes a municipality or other incorporated bodies. Therefore, the GM is authorized to issue a CRS licence to a municipality if the municipality meets all licensing requirements.

If you are interested in applying for a CRS licence, you can submit an application through the LCRB's licencing portal: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/lcrb/>.

More information on how to apply is on the LCRB's "Apply for a cannabis Retail Store licence" webpage: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/liquor-regulation-licensing/cannabis-licences/apply-cannabis-licence/apply-for-a-cannabis-retail-store-licence>.

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If you have more questions about the application process, please reach out to Karina Isdahl, Licensing Manager at [Karina.Isdahl@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karina.Isdahl@gov.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Hume', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
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**MARCH 24, 2025**

Dear SILGA Member Councils, Boards, and CAOs,

**Re: FEEDBACK REQUESTED: Reforming the Local Government Act - A Roadmap**

I am reaching out to formally request that this communication be included as a Board or Council Communication on your upcoming agenda.

Feedback is requested on the initiative to modernize the *Local Government Act (LGA)*. It has been identified that the input from both member staff and elected officials is crucial. Therefore, we are asking that this opportunity be shared through all levels of your organization, and that time be allocated for their participation. Don Lidstone, K.C. has written a document, "[Regional District Legislation Roadmap](#)", as a framework to gather feedback from all five area associations on the challenges local governments are currently experiencing with the *LGA*. This document has been transposed into a survey that is now available at the following link:

[Reforming the Local Government Act: A Roadmap – SURVEY LINK](#)

**Please note:**

- ❖ The survey may be completed by individuals or as a group – we would like to hear from local government elected officials and staff concerning the legislation, including examples of how the current legislation impacts the work that you do and potential solutions or additional recommendations.
- ❖ The Roadmap document has been divided into 9 survey pages in SurveyMonkey, consisting of an executive summary with recommendations, followed by examinations of Parts 5-12 of the *LGA*.
- ❖ Each of the survey pages is followed by questions to elicit feedback. There is no requirement to answer all of the questions; any degree of input is beneficial.
- ❖ Survey responses will be compiled into a report for UBCM and the Province that defines issues and specifications to modernize the *LGA*. Individuals' answers will be kept anonymous.
- ❖ There is an option in each section to input your contact information. This is for those who are willing to provide more information, or who would like a response from us, and is not required.



- ❖ Responses will be saved after each page, and the survey may be paused and resumed at members' convenience. Please note that the same device and web browser must be used to re-access the survey.
- ❖ You may edit your responses, or add additional comments, up until May 31, 2025 at 11:59pm. Same as the above point, the same device and web browser must be used to access the previously submitted survey.

**Any survey responses received by March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 will be included in content provided to the area associations' annual conventions. The final deadline to submit responses to any of the survey pages is 11:59 pm on Saturday, May 31.**

Thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions, please reach out to SILGA General Manager, Koryn de Vries, at [info@silga.ca](mailto:info@silga.ca).

Sincerely,

Louise Wallace Richmond  
President, SILGA  
Councillor, City of Salmon Arm