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## **Hume Elementary - Outdoor Pavillion Request**

Hume Elementary School is in the planning stages of building a pavilion built for an outdoor classroom in the back of Hume School (south side) adjacent to Third Street. The proposed pavilion would be located on City land, and accordingly, the project requires that Hume Elementary enters into a licence of occupation with the City, which is typically accompanied by an annual fee.

The project will also require a development variance permit for setbacks and a building permit. Hume Elementary requested that Council waive the fees associated with this project. Council agreed to waive the fees subject to the pavilion being available to the public outside of school hours.

## **Pre-Treated Organics Program - Bylaw Update**

The Waste Management and Wildlife Attractant Bylaw (Pre-treated Organics Diversion Program) No.3566 was amended by the staff to introduce the innovative Pre-treated Organics Program. This program, being the first of its kind, required careful consideration of financial, legislative, and regulatory factors. With the approval of the amendment, the program has been officially established, equipping the City with the necessary regulations to manage it.

Both the Council and staff recognize the urgency of adopting this bylaw in order to initiate the program. Residents have expressed a strong desire to actively participate in diverting their food waste from the landfill, aiming to create a safer environment for wildlife. The City is enthusiastic about collaborating with the community to address wildlife attractants and ensure the well-being of local wildlife.

## **Terms of Reference from NDRC No. 5 - Nelson Community Campus Assessment**

The Nelson & District Recreation Commission No. 5 (NDRC5) is working to conduct a needs assessment to gain an understanding of the status of campus facilities and assets, and of community needs in advance of updating the Recreation Masterplan. The NDRC5 has approved a Terms of Reference to guide the "Consultation, Engagement & Needs Assessment for the Nelson Community Campus". NDRC5 requested Council's approval of the Terms of Reference. Council approved the Terms of Reference subject to establishing a cost-sharing ratio with Areas E and F.

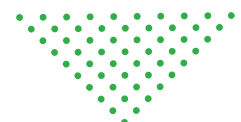
## Five-Year Financial Plan (2023-2027) Bylaw No. 3571, 2023 & Annual Tax Rate Bylaw No. 3572, 2023

At the May 9th council meeting, Chris Jury, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Five-Year Financial Plan for Council's approval. The plan includes the revenues and expenditures planned for 2023-2027 that have been presented to both Council and the public. The Financial Plan process included Council and staff having a variety of internal, external and public meetings over the past six months to review current financial performance, budgetary pressures and forecasted departmental budgets.

The Budget Open House was held on March 30, 2023, at City Hall, with the presentation being streamed online for the fourth year. Staff are recommending a 5.8% tax increase for 2023 to support the 2023-2027 Financial Plan. When considering this year's tax increase, keep in mind that over the past five years, Council has been able to keep overall tax and fee increases below, or at, yearly inflation rates provided by Statistics Canada.

The City of Nelson Annual Tax Rate Bylaw sets rates for the different property classes for Municipal, Regional District and Regional Hospital levies. Other levies collected through the municipal tax notice include those for the School Authority, BC Assessment, and the Municipal Finance Authority. The 2023 tax rates and tax ratio multiples for general taxation are outlined in the table below:

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	TAX RATE	RATIO
1	Residential	2.8113	1.000
2	Utilities	30.6994	10.920
3	Supportive Housing	2.8113	1.000
4	Major Industry	6.4117	2.281
5	Light Industry	6.4117	2.281
6	Business	6.9284	2.464
7	Managed Forest	2.8113	1.000
8	Non-Profit	1.0790	0.384
9	Farm	2.8113	1.000



## Planning Bylaw Updates

### Building Bylaw Amendment No. 3570, 2023 - Revised

Council approved amendments to the Building Bylaw in response to recently published changes to the BC Building Code. These amendments will require residential homes in Part 9 to meet either Step 4 or Step 3 of the BC Energy Step Code, depending on whether they also achieve the EL-3 (/Strong) level of the Zero Carbon Step Code. These changes aim to promote the construction of new buildings that are more energy-efficient and have lower carbon emissions.

### Rezone of 45 Government Road

Council has approved the rezoning of 45 Government Road, which is currently a partially constructed building located in Railtown. The land has been rezoned from MU4 - Waterfront Mixed Use – Industrial & Commercial Zone to MU3 - Railtown Mixed-Use – Residential & Commercial. Originally, the building was intended to be a purpose-built cannabis operation. However, due to the economic conditions of the recreational cannabis market, the project is no longer feasible. The zoning change allows for residential use and provides more options for potential tenants.

### General Amendments

Council has approved various general bylaw amendments. These amendments serve to update outdated information, simplify the approvals process, and ensure that regulations are in line with Council policies. Typically, such amendments are made every 12 to 18 months. Additionally, Council has included Care Services as an allowed use in the C2 Core Commercial Zone and has modified the definition of Care Services to explicitly include supportive housing.

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