



**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH  
Minutes of the SPECIAL (OPEN) COUNCIL Meeting**

**April 8, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers**

Present: Mayor Windsor, Councillor Newton, Councillor Paltiel, Councillor Riddell

Absent: Councillor Graham, Councillor King, Councillor Thompson

Staff Present: Christine Culham, Chief Administrative Officer; Kristin Tryon, Director of Financial and Information Technology Services/Chief Financial Officer; Jarret Matanowitsch, Director of Planning and Building Services; Dale Puskas, Director of Engineering; Stacey Lee, Fire Chief; Britt Burnham, Manager of Community Engagement; Fernando Pimentel, Deputy Director of Strategic Capital Planning; Tony Bousquet, Manager of Information Technology; Pamela Martin, Deputy Corporate Officer; Nareka Jacques, Corporate and Executive Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Mayor respectfully acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ people which includes WJOLELP (Tsartlip) and SÁUTW (Tsawout) First Nations.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

3.1 Agenda of the April 8, 2026 Special (Open) Council Meeting

MOVED AND SECONDED

*That the agenda of the April 8, 2026 Special (Open) Council meeting be approved as circulated.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 4. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

##### 4.1 Motion to Convene Committee of the Whole Meeting

MOVED AND SECONDED

*That the Special (Open) Council meeting be recessed and a Committee of the Whole meeting be convened.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### 4.2 2026 Draft Financial Plan

The Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer, Director of Engineering, and Deputy Director of Finance Strategic Capital Planning provided a presentation on the report and responded to questions from Council.

MOVED

*That ahead of the 2027 District's budget planning session, that staff report back on the capital categorization schedule for core vs. discretionary projects, in line with 2027 review of costs.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOVED

*That ahead of approval of the 2026 draft Financial Plan, that staff report back with information on the civic facilities, based on current projection plans and forecasts, the lifecycle costs regarding debt, capital requirements, and ongoing operating for 3, 5, and 10 years.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOVED

*That the motion from the March 30, 2026 Special Council meeting regarding the Police Board budget be reconsidered.*

Opposed (2): Mayor Windsor, and Councillor Riddell

**CARRIED (3 to 2)**

MOVED

*That Council do not approve the \$82,000 increase in the E-Comm dispatch budget services and therefore the Police Board must find the equivalent savings.*

Opposed (1): Councillor Riddell

**CARRIED (4 to 1)**

MOVED

*That Council request that the Police Board to coordinate a presentation from E-Comm to Council and the Police Board.*

Opposed (1): Mayor Windsor

**CARRIED (4 to 1)**

MOVED

*That staff be requested to report back to Council with a proposed amendment to the budget to have the property tax increase be no more than 6.5%.*

Opposed (3): Mayor Windsor, Councillor Paltiel, and Councillor Riddell

**DEFEATED (2 to 3)**

MOVED

1. *Approve the 2026-2030 draft Financial Plan as amended; and Direct the Chief Financial Officer to draft the 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw.*

Opposed (1): Councillor Thompson

**CARRIED (4 to 1)**

#### 4.3 Adjournment

MOVED

*That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned and the Special (Open) Council meeting be reconvened.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### 5.1 Motions from the Committee of the Whole Meeting

*MOVED AND SECONDED*

1. *That ahead of the 2027 District's budget planning session, that staff report back on the capital categorization schedule for core vs. discretionary projects, in line with 2027 review of costs.*
2. *That ahead of approval of the 2026 draft Financial Plan, that staff report back with information on the civic facilities, based on current projection plans and forecasts, the lifecycle costs regarding debt, capital requirements, and ongoing operating for 3, 5, and 10 years.*
3. *Approve the 2026-2030 draft Financial Plan as amended; and Direct the Chief Financial Officer to draft the 2026-2030 Financial Plan bylaw.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 8. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Mayor Windsor

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Emilie Gorman, Director of Corporate  
Services/Corporate Officer

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