

March 10, 2026

Presented by Mayor Reid Hamer-Jackson

Notice of Motion for March 24, 2026

Re: Postpone/Delay Advancement of Major Capital Projects (Kamloops Centre for the Arts and Arena Multiplex)

WHEREAS the City of Kamloops has approved major capital projects including the Kamloops Centre for the Arts and an arena multiplex, which collectively represent some of the largest currently approved capital projects of the City;

AND WHEREAS the availability of provincial and federal grant funding for major recreation and cultural infrastructure projects is uncertain and increasingly competitive;

AND WHEREAS borrowing authority for these projects has been authorized through Alternative Approval Processes, while Council retains discretion regarding the timing and advancement of capital projects;

AND WHEREAS these projects represent significant long-term financial commitments that may affect municipal finances and taxpayers for decades;

AND WHEREAS recent provincial budget decisions and broader economic conditions may increase financial pressures on taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS the City faces additional capital commitments in the near term, including a new RCMP detachment facility;

AND WHEREAS major capital projects should be considered within the broader context of the City's overall financial capacity and competing infrastructure priorities;

AND WHEREAS major capital commitments should be advanced with the broadest possible public confidence;

AND WHEREAS a municipal election will be held in October 2026;

AND WHEREAS residents will elect a new Council responsible for establishing priorities for the following term and have an opportunity to express their priorities regarding major civic investments;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs Administration to immediately postpone/delay further advancement of the Kamloops Centre for the Arts and the arena multiplex capital projects for a period of one year or until such time as a newly elected Council provides further direction;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during this period Administration suspend new procurement, contractual commitments, design advancement, or construction activities related to these projects except where legally required to avoid material financial penalties;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing in this motion shall be interpreted as cancelling these projects or invalidating previous planning, engagement, or studies undertaken to date;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Administration report to Council outlining any contractual, financial, or legal implications associated with implementing this pause, including any potential penalties or costs arising from delay.