



VILLAGE OF radium
hot springs

2025 Annual Report

Village of Radium Hot Springs

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Mayor & Council



From left: Councillors Dale Shudra and Christi Ferguson-Huston; Mayor Mike Gray; Councillors Erin Palashniuk and Carey Collin

Village of Radium Hot Springs Council consists of Mayor Mike Gray and Councillors Carey Collin, Christi Ferguson-Huston, Erin Palashniuk, and Dale Shudra.

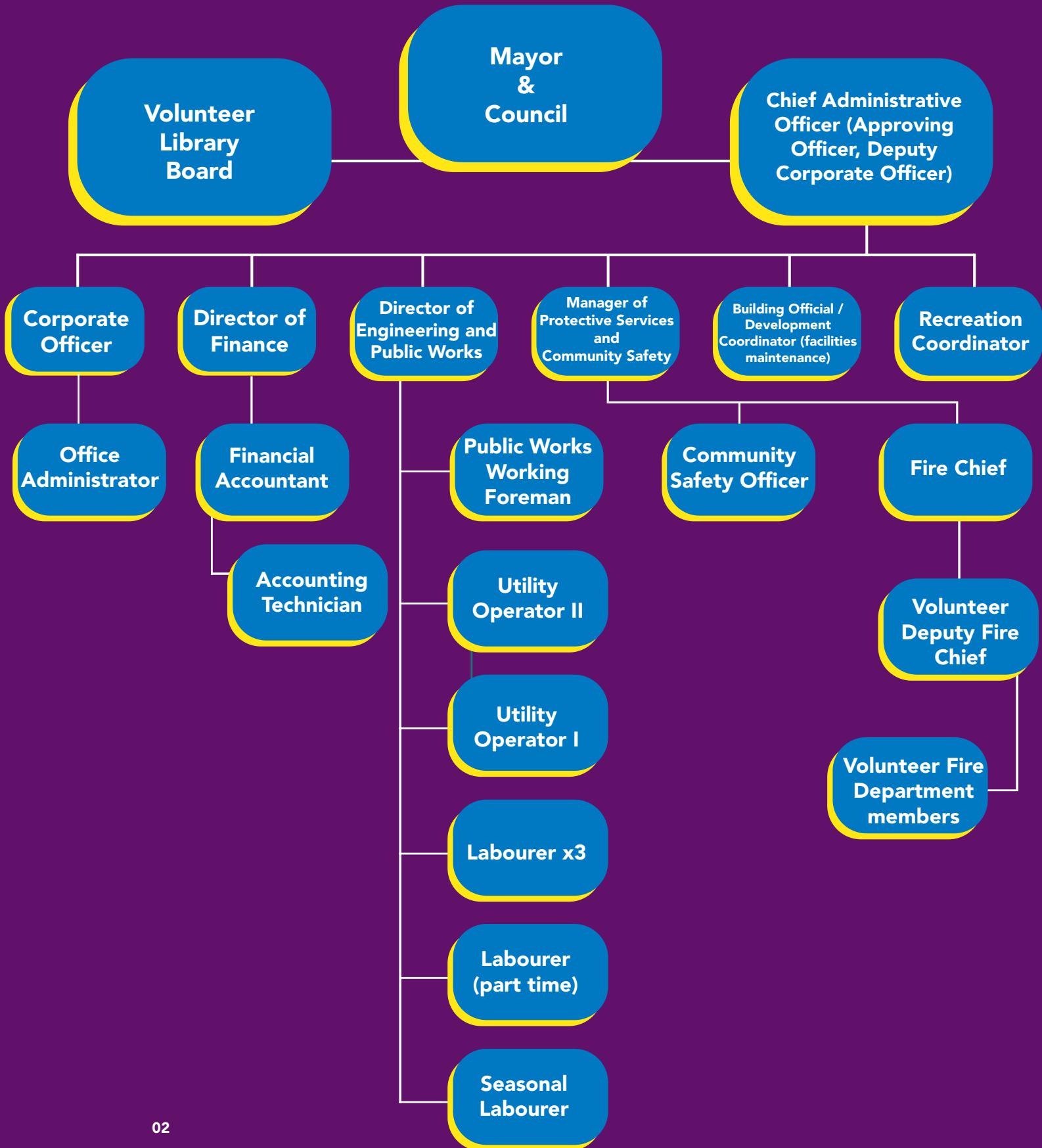
Regular Council meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Monday of each month at 4 p.m. Council typically meets only the second Monday of the month in July, August, and December. Meetings are held in Council chambers at 4836 Radium Blvd., Radium Hot Springs, BC. Meetings are also live streamed over the Zoom internet platform.

The Radium Hot Springs community has opportunity to provide input to Council on such issues as: annual budgets and taxation rates, development proposals, and community needs. Council's powers are exercised through the adoption of resolutions, bylaws, and setting of policy.

The public can ask questions of Council regarding items on the agenda during the public question period near the end of the meeting. If a member of the public wishes to speak to Council about other items, or to be a delegation at a Council meeting, arrangements can be made by contacting the Village office.

Contact: village@radiumhotsprings.ca

Organizational Chart



2025 Financial Plan Policy Statement

The Community Charter requires that municipalities provide explicit policy and objective statements as part of the financial plan that relate specifically to the proportions of revenue proposed to come from the various funding sources, the distribution of property taxes among property classes, and the use of permissive tax exemptions.

- 1 It is the objective of Council to operate an efficient and self-sufficient municipality while maintaining a well-served, safe, and livable community. Our focus is providing for maximum efficiency with appropriate taxation to maintain services levels as set by Council, while also making provision for future infrastructure and service needs.
- 2 With respect to the proportions of revenue proposed to come from the various funding sources the following applies:
 - a The assessed values for the residential and commercial tax classes saw a market increase of 1.2% and 0.8% respectively. There will be a 10.0% tax increase added to the rates to raise revenue for the overall general operational costs and funding new capital.
 - b The revenue from water and sewer parcel taxes will primarily be used to finance existing capital debt, new capital projects, operations and to maintain or build reserves for future purposes.
 - c The Village supports an approach based on fee-for-service and supports provincial regulation that ties fees to the actual cost of providing a service. For this reason, demand for services largely dictates projected fee revenues.
 - d Revenue from other services is largely dependent on grants and transfers from senior governments. The municipality will pursue such funding whenever the programs advance municipal goals. We will support provincial objectives, often attached as funding conditions, in any way that compliments or advances municipal policy or direction.
 - e The municipality will borrow when necessary, to achieve our objectives, while being cognizant of the additional costs related by borrowing and of how these costs get transferred to the future users of infrastructure financed through borrowing.

Revenue Source	% Total Revenue
Property value taxes	28%
Parcel taxes	13%
User fees and charges	16%
Grants	36%
Other sources	7%
TOTAL	100%

Table one: proportions of total revenue (operating)

- 3 With respect to the distribution of taxes among property classes: Council is satisfied that the existing tax distribution equitably shares the tax burden amongst classes in relation to the services used, while considering the classes of property that have revenue producing potential. The following table represents the gross tax revenue by sector, not the relationship between tax rates.

Property class	% Property Value Tax
Residential (1)	66.79%
Utilities (2)	0.97%
Major Industry (4)	14.15%
Light Industry (5)	0.05%
Business (6)	15.46%
Managed Forest (7)	0.01%
Rec/Non-Profit (8)	2.57%
TOTAL	100%

Table two: distribution of property tax revenue

Statement of Property Tax Exemptions

The Community Charter allows Council, by bylaw, to exempt certain classes of property from municipal taxation. This is typically for lands held by charitable and philanthropic organizations or not for profit corporations. For taxes imposed in 2025, the Village provided a tax exemption for lands in the Village owned by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Nelson, under Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 511, 2024. The amount of municipal taxes that would have been imposed on this property was \$10,630.

Small Community Grant Funding

In 2025 the Village of Radium Hot Springs received \$307,000 in BC Small Community Grant Funding.

Small community grants are unconditional grants for British Columbia municipalities to assist them in providing basic services. The grant is available to municipalities with populations up to approximately 19,000.

Grant amounts are based on a formula that incorporates a base amount, population and assessment values.

Development Cost Charges

Development Cost Charges (DCCs) are one-time fees levied on new developments to help fund the capital costs of infrastructure needed to support growth. In Radium Hot Springs DCCs are collected for growth related to the Village's water and sewer utilities. DCCs are intended to shift financial responsibility for growth-related costs from the general tax base to the developer.

\$19,253 was received in water development cost charges in 2025 leaving a year-end fund balance of \$143,969 with \$0 spent in the year.

\$10,390 was received in sewer development cost charges in 2025 leaving a year-end fund balance of \$102,803 with \$0 spent in the year.



Report on Municipal Services and Objectives

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025 Radium Hot Springs again offered the second lowest municipal taxes and charges on a representative house in the East Kootenays and was the lowest among its cohort of 14 BC Resort Municipalities

Work continued, including fulsome community outreach, toward redevelopment of the Village's Official Community Plan (OCP), a generational plan to inform the next several years of Radium's development, and a new Village zoning bylaw to support OCP implementation

Village e-newsletter "Village Views" continued to be published every six weeks. Subscribe here: <https://radiumhotsprings.ca/village-views-subscription-form/>

Property acquired on Ridge Road in Radium Hot Springs using grant monies (4+ acres) for parkland, road improvements, and future affordable housing development – continuing work toward meeting housing needs in Radium Hot Springs

Interagency emergency preparedness tabletop exercise held in June

Design and Permitting work for water utility improvements – second water intake and settling pond – finalized

Third Village Council and Administration 'Meet, Eat, and Greet' event held in October

Regional District Transfer Station in Radium opened in July

Snow removal equipment – two new snowplow trucks as well as a regular duty pickup equipped with a plow – delivered. Snow and ice control services performed by Village staff for the second year in a row

Adventure Radium summer camp for children aged 6 (before December 31) to age 12 offered in July and August

A dog park constructed and opened on municipal land near the Sinclair Creek walking path trailhead – A project by the Radium Sunrise Rotary Club

A Village invasive species management plan completed

A Village pest management plan for insects completed

Radium Hot Springs Main Street renewal landscape design project initiated

Renewal of the Village's Subdivision and Development Servicing bylaw initiated

Village's 2025-2027 Resort Development Strategy completed

Renewal of the Village's Development Cost Charge Bylaw initiated

Concept design for next phases of Active Transportation development in the Village, specifically the Highway 93 corridor, initiated

A hydraulic model of the Village's sewer initiated

Staircase at Radium Centre from lower parking lot to upper parking lot constructed



2026 Goals and Objectives

Adoption of the Village's new Official Community Plan (OCP), a generational plan to inform the next several years of Radium's development, and a new Village zoning bylaw to support OCP implementation (both adopted Feb. 2026)

Village e-newsletter "Village Views" to be published regularly. Subscribe here: <https://radiumhotsprings.ca/village-views-subscription-form/>

Predevelopment work for development of Ridge Road property in Radium Hot Springs (4+ acres) for parkland, road improvements, and future affordable housing development initiated

Digital community information sign installed (Feb., 2026) at the Radium Fire Hall – kitty-corner to the post office

Interagency emergency preparedness tabletop exercise to be held in June

Water utility improvements – second water intake and settling pond – capital works initiated and should be completed

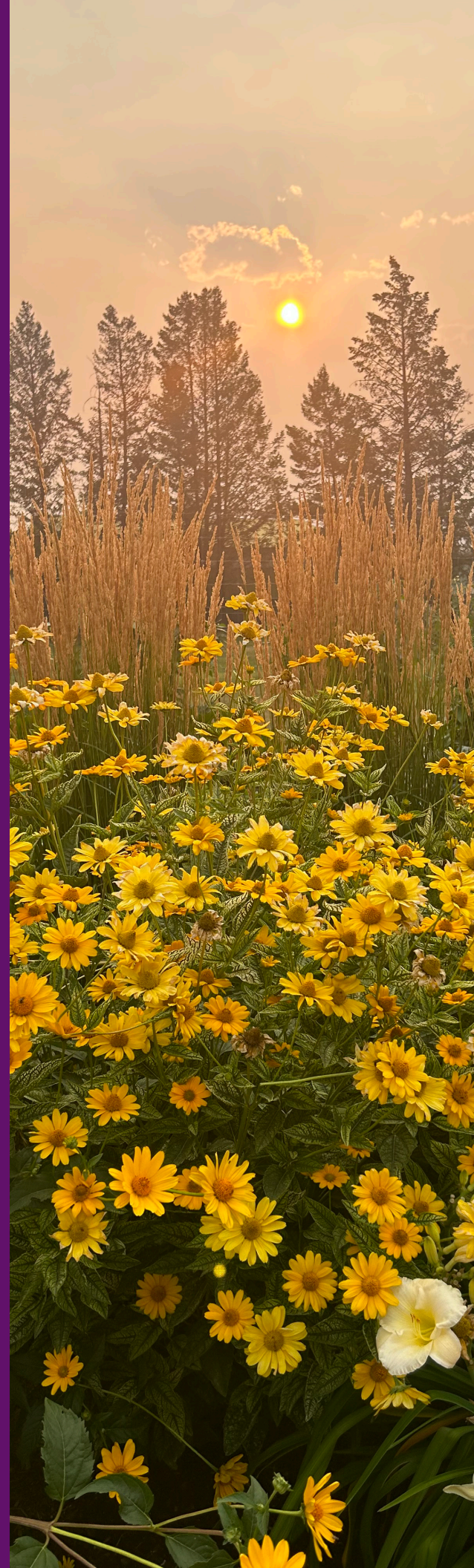
Water utility improvements – UV treatment cabinet – capital works initiated

Local government council elections to be held in October, 2026

Village Council and Administration 'Meet, Eat, and Greet' event anticipated post municipal election

Snow and ice control services to be performed by Village staff

Adventure Radium summer camp for children aged 6 (before December 31) to age 12 offered in July and August





2026 Goals and Objectives Cont.

Village council elected not to fund mosquito control, authorized under the Village's pest management plan, in 2026

Radium Hot Springs Main Street renewal landscape design project to be completed

Renewal of the Village's Subdivision and Development Servicing bylaw to be completed

Renewal of the Village's Development Cost Charge Bylaw (completed March, 2026)

Capital improvements of Sewer Treatment Plant Road – to public works yard, transfer station, and Sinclair Creek Trails budgeted

Village website to be updated with new content and a more mobile-friendly platform released

Two new staff positions: Community Safety Officer and Recreation Coordinator added

Street signs in Radium Hot Springs budgeted to be renewed

Fire department urban interface 'mini pumper' fire truck to be purchased – replacing a 2002 fire engine

Renovations of municipal office budgeted

Engineering of active transportation connection to the Radium Hot Springs Pools to be undertaken

Backup emergency generators to be installed at the Village's water treatment and wastewater treatment plants

Destination development plan to be initiated with support from Tourism Radium

Public art piece to be commissioned for the Village's Main Park

Radium Hot Springs Centre to be re-stained



