

**The Corporation of the Village of Cumberland**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**



**May 25, 2026, 3:00 p.m.**  
**Cultural Centre**  
**2674 Dunsmuir Avenue**

Council Present: Mayor Vickey Brown  
Councillor Neil Borecky  
Councillor Sean Sullivan  
Councillor Troy Therrien  
Councillor Nick Ward

Staff Present: Michelle Mason, Chief Administrative Officer  
Courtney Simpson, Director of Development and Bylaw Services  
David Dougherty, Director of Engineering & Public Works  
Annie Berard, Director of Corporate Services  
Kevin McPhedran, Director of Community Services  
Rachel Parker, Corporate Officer

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and recognized the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation and offered gratitude for the care and stewardship of this land since time immemorial.

**2. Agenda**

2.1 Agenda for Committee of the Whole meeting, May 25, 2026

**Moved by:** Therrien

**Seconded by:** Borecky

THAT the Committee approve the Agenda for the May 25, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting with the addition to the closed portion: (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

**Carried Unanimously**

**3. Delegations**

None

#### **4. Reports**

##### **4.1 Cumberland & District Historical Society 2025 Community Services Partnership Agreement Presentation**

The Committee received the report on the Cumberland Museum and Archives operations for 2025 highlighting the use of the resources room for private research, the digital museum launch, school programs, private and public tours, and collaboration studios, Stolen Bases exhibit, as well as the proposed Cultural Centre facade rejuvenation for preservation, fresh paint and interpretation.

Motion 26-COTW

**Moved by:** Borecky

**Seconded by:** Sullivan

THAT the Committee direct staff to pursue a partnership agreement with the Cumberland & District Historical Society for façade improvements to the southern exterior of the Cumberland Cultural Centre and report back to Council with a proposed agreement.

**Carried Unanimously**

##### **4.2 Cumberland Community Schools Society, 2025 Community Services Partnership Agreement Presentation**

The Committee received the report on the Society's core programming, youth centre, and barrier free programs, and active inclusive with intentional actions. Youth centre and after school programming operating from portable and other school spaces with school expansion that has not impacted use by youth. New programs include disc golf, barista program, challenger baseball program. Youth participate in leadership roles in programs with younger children. Programs use community partnerships and resources.

The Village multi-year commitment allows leverage for other funding. Expansion of youth programs are limited by staff capacity. Exploring other collaborations with the Link or regional programming. Efforts to model inclusive behaviour impacts on community as a whole.

##### **4.3 Accessibility and Inclusion Action Plan**

The Committee received the presentation on the Action Plan from Ms. Matous-Gibbs of Urban Matters, highlighting the six key goals related to communication and engagement, employment, building staff capacity, service and program delivery, and built environment.

Discussion took place that accessibility efforts make the community better for everyone, clarification on “event triggered” approach, low survey engagement, and including people with lived experience in implementation through the committee and through accessibility consultants.

**5. Question Period**

There were no questions.

**6. Closed Portion**

**Moved by:** Ward

**Seconded by:** Therrien

THAT Council close the meeting to the public at 4:18 p.m. pursuant to Section 90 of the *Community Charter* to consider:

(l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [*annual municipal report*];

(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

**Carried Unanimously**

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

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Mayor

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Certified Correct by Corporate Officer