

Report to Council



Date: April 20, 2026
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: 2026-2030 Financial Plan – Final Budget Volume
Department: Financial Services

Recommendation:

THAT Council adopts the 2026-2030 Financial Plan;

AND THAT Council approves the formulation of 2026 Property Tax Rates that will raise the required funds in 2026, from General Taxation, in the amount of \$217,565,239 resulting in an average net property impact of 4.40 per cent;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 12890 being the Five-Year Financial Plan 2026-2030 be advanced for reading consideration;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 12891 being the Tax Structure Bylaw, 2026 be advanced for reading consideration;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 12892 being the Annual Tax Rates Bylaw, 2026 be advanced for reading consideration;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 12894 being the DCC Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw, 2026 be advanced for reading consideration;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 12895 being the Sale of City Owned Land Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw, 2026 be advanced for reading consideration;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 12896 being the Density Bonus for Public Amenities and Streetscape Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw, 2026 be advanced for reading consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT Bylaw No. 12897 being the Septic Removal Specified Area Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw, 2026 be advanced for reading consideration.

Purpose:

To approve the 2026 Final Budget Volume submissions, the 2026-2030 Financial Plan, and the related bylaws.

Background:

Council approved the 2026 Financial Plan – Preliminary Volume on December 4, 2025 and the addition of the 2026 Financial Plan – Carryover Budget Volume on March 9, 2026. The 2026 Financial Plan - Final Budget Volume includes emergent, legislated or Council directed requests. The three volumes provide the 2026 portion of the 2026-2030 Five Year Financial Plan. Depending on the nature of the item being considered within Final Budget, the adjustments could cause the final tax demand to increase or decrease.

The City of Kelowna's strong financial management and clear budgeting practices continue to allow the delivery of essential services residents expect while maintaining, expanding, and building infrastructure that makes Kelowna a great place to live. The 2026 Final Budget as proposed, reflects a net municipal property tax increase of 4.40 per cent, which is an increase of 0.03 per cent from the Preliminary Budget tax requirement approved in December 2025.

A tax rate increase of 4.40 per cent means the owner of a residential property with an average assessed value of \$951,493 will pay \$2,707 which is an increase of \$115 from the prior year for the municipal portion of their property taxes.

Considerations applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

In Section 165 of the Community Charter regarding Financial Plans, adoption of a 5 Year Financial Plan bylaw is required prior to the annual property tax bylaw. Under the Annual Property Tax Bylaw Section 197 of the Community Charter, Council must establish tax rates by bylaw after adoption of the financial plan but before May 15th.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements
Existing Policy
Financial/Budgetary Considerations
Consultation and Engagement
Communications Comments

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Attachments:

Attachment A: 2026 Financial Plan – Final Budget Volume
Attachment B: 2026-2030 Five-Year Financial Plan