# SECOND QUARTER REPORTS: 2025





# SECOND QUARTER REPORT SUMMARY APRIL - JUNE, 2025



# **New Business Licenses**

235 (Q2, 2024)

291 (Q2, 2025)

168 (Q2, 2024)

# **Building Permits**



157 (Q2, 2025) **Bylaw Complaints** 

911 (Q2, 2024)



997 (Q2,

2025)

212

Households participated in the City-Wide garage sale



1 205 Calls for service from the fire department



1,400

Residents utilized the Celebration and Activity Grant

3,000 kg



Garbage was collected during the spring clean up event

237

School programs went through the Great Blue Heron Reserve



9

New accessible parking stalls installed at local parks and trails





39 media inquiries



24 new e-newsletter subscribers



19 print ads placed in the local paper



7 press releases issued



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## LINEAR UTILITIES UPGRADES

The next linear utilities project includes upgrades to several watermains and sanitary sewer mains. The watermain upgrades will increase fire flow, protect water quality and provide capacity to meet future demand. The sanitary sewer upgrades will replace aging infrastructure and increase capacity to support future development.

The Borehole Investigation by Braun Geotechnical Ltd. to support pre-design work for upcoming utility project areas has been completed, and the Utilities Survey and Plan Preparation by Onsite Engineering Ltd. is due to be completed in the third quarter.

The Hack-Brown Road watermain extension project will be completed by the Operations Underground Utilities staff in the third quarter pending Fraser Health Authority permit approval.

The SPS #1 Forcemain Upgrade design-build project scope is to replace and upgrade the existing forcemain that connects the lift station on Hodgins Avenue to the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). One proponent will be selected to design and construct the forcemain. Construction is scheduled to start in August and be substantially completed by October 2025.

# NONLINEAR UTILITIES UPGRADE PREDESIGNS

A pre-design was completed by Urban Systems Ltd. for the replacement of a water pressure reducing valve at Sunrise Drive, a new concrete reservoir at Chilliwack Mountain, and the replacement of an existing reservoir on Marble Hill.

The pre-designs evaluate different design options and provide cost estimates to identify the most feasible and practical solution. The objective is to ensure the water distribution system provides sufficient capacity, redundancy, and reliability.

The pre-designs will be included in the 2026 Nonlinear Utilities Upgrade RFP, after three proponents are shortlisted through the 2025 RFEI process, which closes in July 2025.

# WWTP BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT SYSTEM EXPANSION

The Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) relies on biological treatment to meet federal and provincial effluent quality. The City's WWTP biological treatment process requires the use of a trickling filter, which is at the end of its service life. The biological treatment expansion project will provide additional capacity to the WWTP and once commissioned, the trickling filter will be decommissioned.

The design-build team, Tritech Group Ltd. / Stantec Consulting Ltd, has poured the concrete base slab of the bio-train structure, and started the forming of the concrete external and interior walls. Concrete work is scheduled to be completed in 2026.





# WATER CONSERVATION

The City entered Stage 1 water restrictions on May 1. The restrictions have been advertised via a press release, social media channels, bus advertisements, radio station advertisements, and letters to First Nations and School District No. 33.

Regular water conservation auditing is undertaken by City staff. Eight educational letters were sent out in response to reported or documented restriction violations in the second quarter.

The 'Good as Gold' contest began May 1 to encourage water conservation and will run until October 15.

Despite water restrictions, water consumption increased by 30.7% from April to June. The levels of the Sardis-Vedder Aquifer are being monitored daily to determine if/when Stage 2 water restrictions are triggered.



# FAIRFIELD PARK IRRIGATION WELL

A provincial groundwater license application was submitted on May 5, 2025 to construct an irrigation well for Fairfield Park.

The new well will decrease water consumption from the City's municipal water supply system.

# WASTE DISCHARGE PERMIT UPDATE

Three waste discharge permits were issued in the second quarter, one to a feed mill company, one to a welding company that utilizes water jetting, and one to a lumber company. One temporary waste discharge permit was issued for a site remediation project. Two site inspections were completed at facilities that are in the application process for a waste discharge permit.

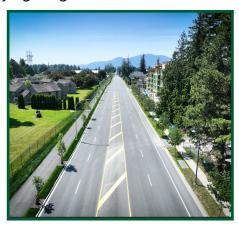
Letters were sent to two industrial businesses advising them to apply for a waste discharge permit. One warning letter was sent to a business that has not completed the application process and is required to be on a permit.



# ENGINEERING TRANSPORTATION & DRAINAGE

## Tyson & Keith Wilson Project

Work on Keith Wilson Road from Tyson to Garrison was completed in the second quarter. The project included the installation of a new sidewalk and bike lane on the north side, a multi -use pathway on the southside, road widening, upgraded drainage, pavement rehabilitation, roadway lighting and street trees.



The Tyson Road project is near completion. There are new multi-use pathways on both sides of Tyson Road from Stevenson to Watson, providing a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists. Paving was completed, new streetlighting installed and street trees planted. The final steps will include line markings, roadway signage, lighting illumination and traffic signal upgrades.



# **BAILEY ROAD MULTI-USE PATHWAY**

This multi-use pathway project was completed by Ch'íyáqtel First Nation, in partnership with the City. Improvements occurred between Chilliwack River Road and Matheson Road along the south side of Bailey Road. The project included a new multi-use pathway, surface water drainage improvements, pathway pavement markings and signage.



## **LETDOWN IMPROVEMENTS**

Accessibility improvements were made at the intersection of Market Way and Tamihi Way to enhance pedestrian safety and accessibility throughout the community. Eight new concrete pedestrian letdowns were installed to improve sidewalk access.





# LUCKAKUCK WAY—TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Concerns from the public and ICBC about unsafe driving along Luckakuck Way, east of Vedder Road were received and traffic studies recommended several safety upgrades which have now been completed:

- A new traffic signal with crosswalk and audible pedestrian signal at the north entrance to Superstore is now activated, helping customers access businesses on both sides of Luckakuck Way.
- A new multi-use pathway with lighting connects the new traffic signal crossing to the Valley Rail Trail, increasing connectivity to Sardis and Chilliwack in general.
- The two-way left-turn lanes have been converted into designated left turn lanes with concrete and planted medians, greatly improving safety by restricting unsafe vehicle maneuvers.



### PAVING PROGRAM

Paving began this year when weather allowed. Roads that were paved include:

- Andrews Ave. Broadway to cul-de-sac
- Kingston Dr. upper half
- Poplar Rd. Yarrow Central to end of pavement
- Southlands Dr. Young to Southlands

# DOWNTOWN TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING STUDY

The first phase of the Downtown Transportation and Parking Study was completed in June. The purpose of the study is to review parking and transportation needs throughout the majority of the City's core downtown area. This project will count how many parking spaces there are downtown now and how many will be needed in the future, and create a plan for how to manage them. This will allow the City to more effectively manage transportation needs within the area over the next several years.

Nearly 300 surveys were completed for the first phase of consultation. A draft report will be finalized before the second round of community consultation begins in the fall.





## **EARTH MONTH**

Every April, Environmental Services coordinates programs to celebrate Earth Month. Activities include environmental education, habitat enhancement, waste reduction and clean up events.

# Free Scrap Metal Recycling

Residents were permitted to drop off scrap metal at the Bailey Landfill free of charge throughout the entire month of April. A total of 56 metric tonnes of scrap metal from 558 loads was collected. All of the scrap metal is transported to a processing facility owned by Schnitzer Steel, and is ultimately shipped to end markets to be recycled into new products.

# Adopt a River Event

The City of Chilliwack partners with the Chilliwack/Vedder River Clean Up Society (CVRCS) and the Fraser Valley Regional District for the biannual Adopt a River Program. There were 114 volunteers from the community and adopting groups who attend the spring clean-up on Saturday, April 5, to pick up litter and illegally dumped items. Volunteers collected 3,000 kg of garbage for disposal and scrap metal to be recycled. The City supported the event by providing free disposal at the Bailey Landfill.



## **Residential Large Item Pick Up**

For the spring Residential Large Item Pick Up event, three non-profit organizations helped pick up bulky items from residents by donation. Due to popular demand, Environmental Services continues to host this event twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. The groups collected a total of 25.85 tonnes of waste and the City supported them by providing free disposal at the Bailey Landfill. Items that could be recycled were diverted from the landfill.



### **Habitat Enhancement**

Environmental Services staff partnered with volunteers, local schools and other organizations to carry out plantings along the Hope Slough on April 23.





### **Climate Fair**

The City of Chilliwack participated in the 2025 Chilliwack Rotary Climate Fair by setting up a booth on April 12 and 13, and Mayor Popove provided opening remarks. The City's booth promoted climate initiatives in the Community and Corporate Climate Action Plans. City staff engaged with residents at the event, fielding questions and providing insights into the City's plans and goals outlined in the Climate Action Plans.

### **Food Truck Festival**

Environmental Services staff participated in the Chilliwack Party in the Park Food Truck Festival on April 26 to promote food waste diversion from the landfill and other environmental initiatives.



# **City-Wide Garage Sale**

The spring City-Wide Garage Sale took place on Saturday, May 10, with 212 households participating. This event promotes waste reduction through reuse and continues to be a community favourite! Garage sale hosts with leftover items were encouraged to donate them to local charities or thrift stores to keep them out of the landfill.

# GO BY BIKE WEEK

The City partnered with Cycle Chilliwack and Go By Bike BC to promote Go By Bike Week from May 31 to June 6. The event aims to encourage residents to leave their cars at home for their personal health, the health of our community, and the health of the environment. To encourage residents to Go By Bike, the City contributed three \$100 gift cards from local bike shops for residents to win. The City also promoted Go By Bike Week in collaboration with Cycle Chilliwack on social media and at a Celebration Station on Saturday, May 31, at Vedder Park and the Rotary Trail.



# **CURBSIDE RECYCLING STAR PROGRAM**

The Curbside Recycling Star Program was launched in June to celebrate residents who are Recycling Superstars by keeping contamination out of their blue bins. Environmental Services staff gave out 245 gold stars during recycling

audits in the first month of the program. All gold star recipients are able to enter a prize draw and one lucky winner receives a \$25 gift card each month.







# **NEW SPRAY ZONES**

Installation of the new spray zones at Fairfield Park, Webster Park, and Philippson Family Park are now complete and ready for use during the summer heat. The spray zones feature four different types of spray fixtures that are push button operated and have a run time of approximately 30-45 seconds. The spray zones are operational daily 10:00 am – 7:00 pm from the end of May to the Labour Day weekend.

The Philippson family donated \$40,000 and the Mt. Cheam Rotary Club of Chilliwack contributed \$75,000 towards the cost of construction for these spray zones.

### Fairfield Park



Webster Park





# New Spray Zones Cont'd

Phillipson Park



# **CRESTWOOD PARK**

A new playground has been installed on Crestwood Drive, made possible through a collaborative effort between the City of Chilliwack and Enbridge Gas. Designed for children aged 2 to 5, the playground offers a safe, engaging environment where young children and their families can gather, play, and enjoy the outdoors.



# ROSEDALE CRICKET PITCH

A new cricket pitch has been built at Rosedale Park in response to the growing demand for more diverse recreational opportunities in our community. As interest in cricket continues to rise, this addition helps ensure that our park spaces reflect the evolving needs and interests of Chilliwack residents.





# CHEHALIS PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT

The City replaced the aged and failing wooden playground at Chehalis Park with a new play structure. This upgrade was funded through the playground replacement budget and enhances both safety and play value for park users.

In addition to the new equipment, the existing rubber surfacing was removed and replaced with fresh rubber surfacing, improving accessibility and aesthetics of the play space. These improvements ensure a safer and more enjoyable experience.



# CHEAM CENTER PLAYGROUND RUBBER RESURFACING

The City completed a surfacing upgrade at the Cheam Centre Playground, removing the existing and failing rubber surfacing and replacing it with new rubber surfacing to restore safety and function to the play area.

As part of the project, two 3-D fish play features were also added, providing engaging and imaginative elements for young children.





# TRAIL STEP REPLACEMENTS ALPINE CRESCENT

At the corner of Teskey Way and Alpine Crescent, the City replaced a set of deteriorating wooden steps with new steps constructed from durable recycled plastic lumber.

This upgrade improves user safety and long-term durability while maintaining pedestrian connectivity in the area.



# PROMONTORY TRAIL NODES SIGNAGE & SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

The City replaced outdated trailhead signs at Sylvan Drive, MacLachlan Place, and Kermode Crescent. Kermode Crescent was also upgraded with the addition of trail steps, a bench, and a garbage can.

New trailhead signs featuring updated maps were installed at each location, aligning with the City's new standard for parks mapping. These improvements enhance wayfinding and trail user experience, ensuring consistent and accurate information is available to all visitors.





# VEDDER GREENWAY ACCESSIBLE PARKING STALLS

With the support of a generous \$25,000 donation by the Rotary Club of Chilliwack, the City of Chilliwack installed 16 new accessible parking stalls at key park and trail access points across the city.

This initiative supports the goals outlined in the Mayor's Task Force on Inclusion, Diversity, and Accessibility Action Plan by improving access to outdoor amenities for all residents. The new stalls help reduce barriers to recreation and ensure that parks and trails are inclusive and welcoming spaces.

New accessible parking was added at the following locations:

- Qogó:lem Park (45076 Vedder Mountain Rd)
- Chilliwack Community Forest (51642 Allan Rd)
- Vedder Greenway / Rotary Trail:
  - o Vedder Park (45450 Petawawa Rd)
  - o Lickman Road (North access)
  - o Hopedale Road West
  - o Fisherman's Corner Parking (41851 No. 3 Rd)
  - o Bergman Road
  - o Browne Road
  - o Giesbrecht Road



# BILL KELLY PARK INCLUSIVE SWING

The City installed its first fully inclusive swing at Bill Kelly Park, providing an accessible play experience for children of all abilities. This is only the second installation of its kind in British Columbia and was made possible through a generous \$145,000 donation from Bill Kelly.

The new swing complements the existing accessible playground and the "Junior Diggers" playground at the Landing, both previously funded by Mr. Kelly. The inclusive swing aligns with Universal Design principles and further enhances Chilliwack's commitment to providing play opportunities that are welcoming and barrier-free.





# Sewer Pump Station (SPS) #10 Control Panel

SPS#10 is one of the City's most critical lift stations and typically pumps more than 6,000 cubic meters of waste water per day. Recently, the station's control panel was approaching the end of its service life. To ensure continued reliable operation at the station, a new control panel was built and installed during this quarter. The control panel includes a new Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) for controlling the station's functionality, new electrical components, and new wiring. This upgrade will help keep the station running smooth for years to come.





**SECOND QUARTER REPORT, 2025** 

# RECREATION & CULTURE COMMUNITY EVENTS

### **CELEBRATION AND ACTIVITY GRANT**

- 6 events supported.
- 1,400 residents involved.
- \$1,207 in funding provided.



### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

This quarter there were 24 community events including: Chilliwack Party in the Park, Tour de Chilliwack, Greendale Community Party, Yarrow Days, Village Classic car show and more!



# FACILITIES UPDATE: CHEAM AND LANDING LEISURE CENTRE

Both leisure centres were busy:

- Stay Safe! A home alone course.
- Childminding hours increased at Cheam.
- Hosted many events for BC Youth week, including a community BBQ.
- Swimming lessons started June 3rd.
- New personal trainer hired.
- Recruited 12 new lifeguards.
- Hosted a Rotary swim mini-meet.
- Hosted ParticipAction open houses with: free fitness classes, free swim assessments, free indoor family playground, free facility tours, giveaways.



# FACILITIES UPDATE: SARDIS SPORTS

Number of program attendees in both public and private bookings:

- April 875 clients, 28 skate rentals.
- May 1,076 clients, 49 skate rentals.
- June 1,002 clients, 73 skate rentals.

### CHILLIWACK CULTURAL CENTRE

- There were eight events at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre: Vancouver International Film Festival; Art of Reading: High Tea with a Book; Spirit and Tradition: Dancers of Damelahamid; Chilliwack Players Guild's Matilda; Chilliwack Metropolitan Orchestra's May the 4th Be With You; Macbeth; Chilliwack School of Performing Arts' Spring Festival; and Locked Theatre.
- The Centre hosted three exhibits in the Art Gallery: Light & Shadow, the School District's Art 33 exhibit, and Kayla Neufeld Gowans' first show, Modern Mythology.
- The Centre also welcomed 39 events through various rentals, including Spender Studios' Absinthe and the Green Fairy, Chilliwack Academy of Music's L'Amour de la Musique, Ignite Theatre's Newsies, and many more.
- The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society also held it's 2025/2026 season launch, where 32 upcoming shows were announced.



### **GREAT BLUE HERON NATURE RESERVE**

- Community events included:
  - 237 school programs.
  - 11 preschool programs.
  - Three art workshops.
  - Three heron colony walks.
  - Eight community group programs.
  - 8,500 people came through the Interpretive centre.
- Centre Trail bridge was closed due to structural damage, affecting the number of visitors and programming.
- Multiple volunteer work parties took place to train members in invasive plant control, planting native plants, and help with monitoring fish, amphibians, bats and benthic invertebrates.
- Two grants were awarded, totaling \$26,596, which will support an interpretive signage kiosk and further restoration of the interpretive centre salmon spawning channel.
- Trail maps have been updated.



# RECREATION & CULTURE FACILITIES & PROGRAMS

# FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARIES Chilliwack Library Programs

Library for All, a partnership with Inclusion
 Chilliwack, hosted a hands on floral arranging
 workshop led by Quik Farms. Participants were
 able to take home their amazing designs.



- Chilliwack libraries hosted a School District reading and trivia challenge with 19 school teams of 171 students, educators, parents and community members. Unity Christian's team "Go-Go Gnomes" won this event.
- World Bee Day was celebrated with an educational program led by a local beekeeper, featuring live bees and discussion on the pollinators and their role in environmental health.
- Paint your Pet Picassco Style was a unique pet portrait night that brought all ages to this event for the love of their pets.

# **Sardis Library Programs:**

- Participated in the annual Teachers
   Conference, where they ran an information table showcasing the various programs available and items that are available to be borrowed.
- Hosted a coffee and craft seniors social, in collaboration with other community groups, providing an opportunity for connection, creativity, support and a sense of community.

## **Yarrow Library Programs:**

- Easter programs such as the "Good Egg" contest and the annual Easter scavenger hunt were held. The scavenger hunt was completed 275 times over the course of the event.
- A stick puppet take and make craft was offered in April, and the Puppet Theatre continues to be a favorite area for shows and storytelling.



# COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROGRAMS Promontory Heights Community School Association

- Spring programs offered included: floor hockey, karate, yoga, ceramics, art workshops, Easter bake workshop, piano, guitar, and ukulele.
- Busy Bees parent & tot drop-in, offers crafts, story time, playtime, and an opportunity to connect with other families.
- Pickleball is thriving, with all levels welcome.
- Friday Tween Night offers activities, games and a safe social environment.



# Rosedale Traditional Community School Society

- Ukulele lessons were added to the music program.
- Wednesday mornings offer the "Tea n Tots" program, where young families can come to socialize with other neighborhood families.



## **Yarrow Community School Society**

- Child care programs are fully enrolled with waitlists for all age groups.
- Repair Café once again brought many community members volunteering to help repair a wide variety of items.
- Spring youth soccer, Friday Night Blast T-Ball, crafts and storytime, sewing, and free family kite-making were some of the activities offered.
- Supported the Yarrow Little Food bank in the Park.
- Cycling Without Age began its 2025 season with great excitement, and the monthly lunch with seniors, hosted by local kids continues to be popular.



# **Greendale Elementary Community School Society (GECSS)**

- Golf instructors from Atlas Performance and Golf Academy were full of energy and passion for the sport.
- The Greendale Community Party was a huge success with over 400 people in attendance. It included a pancake breakfast, live music, face-painting, a craft station, car show and shine, finishing with a parade. A great event that brought the community together.

### HERITAGE PARK

- Heritage Park hosts a wide variety of events that attract both local residents and thousands of visitors to Chilliwack, which helps to boost the local economy.
- Shows included: dog and horse shows, BMX competition, farm auction, vintage market, and a rock and gem show.



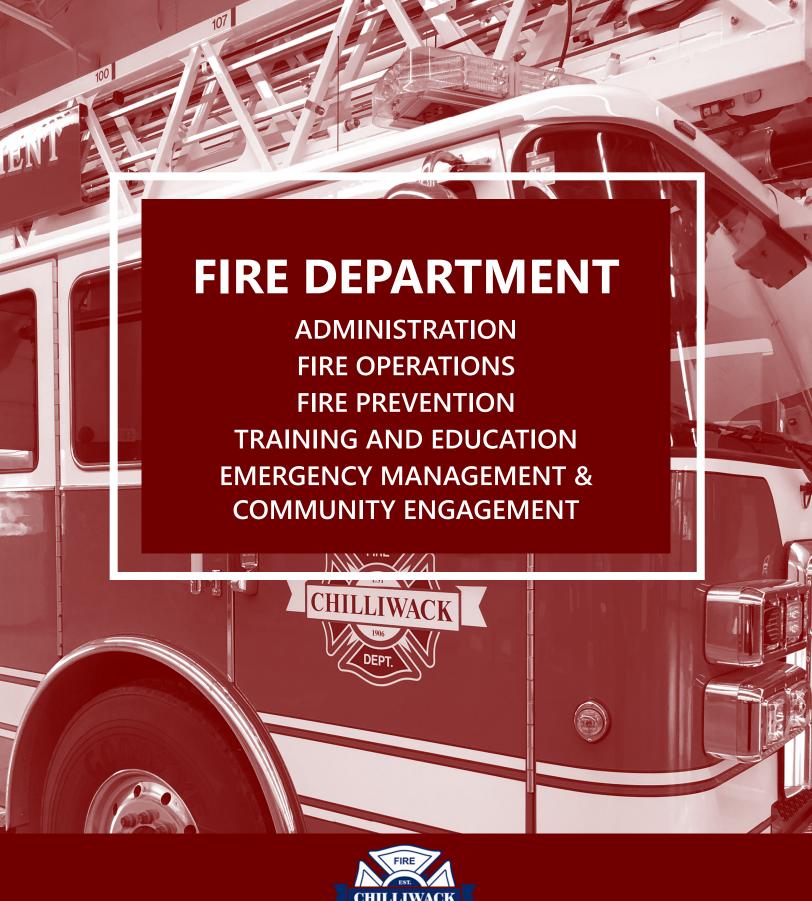
# CHILLIWACK & DISTRICT SENIOR RESOURCE SOCIETY

- Annual AGM held in May.
- Membership numbers are increasing.
- Programming is increasing.
- Extended tours are becoming increasingly popular and are selling out quickly.
- Some recent trips included: Italy, Victoria and Revelstoke, Banff and Calgary.

### **CHILLIWACK MUSEUM**

- The strategic plan has been amended and updated in some areas to reflect a governance approach.
- The Museum welcomed 1,262 visitors which represents a 5.5% increase from 2024.
- A New "Haq & History" exhibition opened in April ('Haq' means 'rights' in Punjabi).
- A memory workshop opened in April, and responses from this workshop will be part of an upcoming exhibition in September 2025, Collecting Memory.
- Participated in Heritage Week by conducting a workshop focused on preserving family treasures, and offering advise on safeguarding personal archives.







**SECOND QUARTER REPORT, 2025** 



### **Personnel**

### **Career Staff:**

Our career recruit training program introduced five new members to the suppression staff:







**Brandon Grange** 

Tim Lamb

Tim Kulba





**Tyler Jeanes** 

Maxwell Bergin

# Fire Services Exemplary Service and BC Long Service Awards

The department presented Federal Exemplary Service medals and BC Long Service medals at our Annual Appreciation & Awards Banquet. The following members received recognition of their dedication and service to our community, our province, and country, to protect life, property, and the environment:

## 2025 Federal Exemplary Award:

30 years of service: Captain Eric Davies

# **2025 BC Long Service Awards:**

35 years of service: Firefighter Jack Thornton 25 years of service: Firefighter Philip Hirschman

# Federal Exemplary Service Awards for 20 years of service:

Firefighter Deiter Andre Firefighter Jeffrey Booth

# **Retirement Appreciation Awards**

An appreciation plaque was presented from the City of Chilliwack to the following members who retired over the past year, and provided ten or more years of service to our department and community.

- Cameron Allenby 10 years of service
- Robert Vissers 23 years of service
- Carey Prinse 36 years of service

# **City of Chilliwack Fire Department Service Pins**

The department met for their annual Strategic Update and Service Recognition Meeting in May. Service pins were presented to members recognizing their dedication and years of commitment to our department and City.

- 5 years of service 9 members
- 10 years of service 5 members
- 15 years of service 1 member
- 20 years of service 1 member

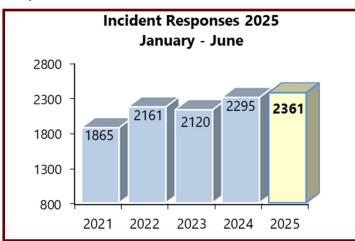


Annual Meeting, May 2025



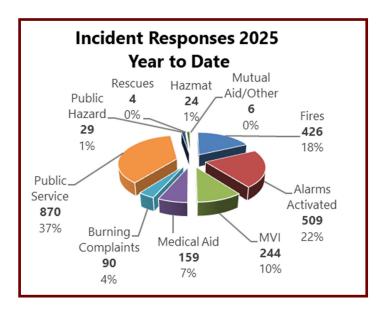
### INCIDENT RESPONSES

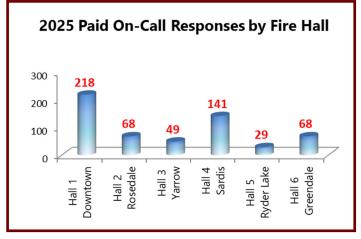
The Chilliwack Fire Department responded to 1,205 calls for service in the second quarter (2,361 year to date). This is an increase of 66 calls compared to this time in 2024. Incidents for this guarter included 239 fires, 129 motor vehicle incidents, and 67 emergency medical aid calls. Thus far in 2025, the three leading calls for service were public service, alarms activated, and fire incident responses. These three incident response types accounted for 1,805 incidents or 77% of the total calls responded to date. Up to now, 2,117 (90%) of total incidents occurred in the Fire Hall 1 (Downtown) and Fire Hall 4 (Sardis) response zones.

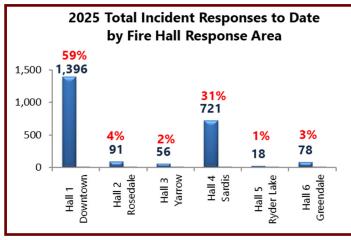




Burning Complaint, Prairie Central Road April 2025









# **INCIDENT RESPONSES**

FIRES
Structures
Vehicle
Outdoor / Other
ALARMS ACTIVATED
Single family residential
Multi-family residential
Non-residential
MVI (NO FIRE)
Auto Extrication
Provide Medical Care Routine Cleanup / No injuries
Cancelled/Fire not required
EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID
BURNING COMPLAINTS  Illegal Legal
PUBLIC SERVICE
Investigate safety complaints and hazards
Assist other agencies (BCAS, RCMP etc.)
Home smoke alarm/Carbon monoxide alarm
Post Fire Recheck/ Post Fire Investigation Trapped in Elevator
Assist with lift or entry (non-medical)
Assist with water issue
Other
PUBLIC HAZARD
RESCUES
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
MUTUAL AID
Totals

Mont	thly Sum	mary
April	May	June
81	85	73
17	13	8
7	7	4
57	65	61
103	82	90
46	43	44
24	20	22
33	19	24
34	52	43
2	3	0
18	34	17
13	13	22
1	2	4
28	18	21
17	17	23
14	16	23
3	1	0
124	134	146
37	30	30
68	80	99
9	11	8
1	0	3
4	3	2
2	6	3
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2	2	1
4	7	4
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2	5	5
1	0	2
395	402	408

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Quarter	1st Quarter
239	187
38	27
18	15
183	145
275	234
133	106
66	64
76	64
129	115
5	2
69	60
48	48
7	5
67	92
57	33
53	28
4	5
404	466
97	111
247	286
28	22
4	3
9	11
11	18
3	4
5	11
15	14
4	0
12	12
3	3
1,205	1,156

Year to Date
426
66
33
327
509
239
130
140
244
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129
96
12
159
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870
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4
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6
2,361

Previous Years:

2nd Qtr	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr
1,137	1,158
1,123	997
1,031	1,130
1,038	827
728	786

YTD
2,295
2,120
2,161
1,865
1,514

# FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION

# FIRE SAFETY & PRE-CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS

The fire prevention division, with strong backing from our dedicated fire suppression team, has shown outstanding commitment and effort this past quarter. We've successfully completed 846 fire safety and preconstruction inspections to date. Our team proactively partners with the building department from the initial phases of new building construction through to tenant improvements, offering vital subject matter expertise.

Furthermore, our inspectors diligently review Short-Term Rental applications and conduct diverse business and complaint-driven inspections, including those for special events and Health & Safety Bylaw compliance. Our suppression staff consistently play a key role by assisting with regular annual inspections.

In collaboration with the Greater Vancouver Fire Chiefs Association Food Truck program, Chilliwack remains at the forefront of ensuring food truck safety throughout the Lower Mainland. During this quarter, fire inspectors finalized 27 Food Truck Program inspections.

Prevention staff continue to manage daily operational demands while preparing for upcoming software changes and investing in the development of both the team and the division overall. We are dedicated to staying informed on industry trends and impending changes to guarantee continued excellence in our fire prevention efforts.



Yarrow Days Open House, Hall 3 June 2025

# FIRE & LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION

The fire prevention division continues to educate and engage with the community through several public events this quarter. The Fire Department once again participated in Yarrow Days with an open house and several hall tours, all made possible with the support of our Paid-On-Call and career firefighters. Our team continues to support local initiatives such as Skwah First Nation's fire life safety events where we focused on home safety and the importance of working smoke alarms and fire extinguishers.

During this quarter, over 850 residents were educated in fire and life safety, and emergency preparedness.

# FIRE INVESTIGATIONS/LOSSES

During this quarter, fire losses amounted to an estimated \$9,402,268 with a total of 38 reportable structure fires occurring, 24 (or 63%) of which took place in residential occupancies. Five civilian fire-related injuries were reported within this period.

Considering at-risk properties and contents valued around \$289,264,057, our comprehensive approach (engineering, enforcement, education, and emergency response) prevented approximately \$279,861,791 in potential losses. This demonstrates the significant impact of our multi-faceted fire protection strategies.

Year-to-date 2025, the department responded to 64 reportable structure fires, 59 (92%) occurred in Halls

1 and 4. Our investigations identify fire loss trends, precisely targeting education to prevent future losses.



Structure Fire, Corbould Street April 2025



### TRAINING AND EDUCATION

In addition to maintaining our structural firefighting skills this quarter, firefighters also participated in specialized training. These training sessions are designed to address both high-risk, low frequency events, and evolving operational demands.

## **Technical Training**

- Pre-Hospital Care continues as a key component of our ongoing training curriculum, and includes regularly scheduled certifications in CPR, AED use, spinal management, and First Responder Level 3 (FR3).
- ◆ Full Service Operations 15 paid on-call (POC) firefighters completed NFPA 1001 requirements to achieve Full Service Firefighter status. This training focused on fire suppression, incident command, and fire prevention.
- ◆ Live Fire Training JIBC 15 POC firefighters participated in Live Fire Level II training, conducted in accordance with NFPA 1001 standards at the Justice Institute of British Columbia.
- ♦ HazMat Operations 15 firefighters earned their certification in Hazardous Materials Operations, meeting the standards outlined in NFPA regulations.
- ◆ **Auto Extrication** Hall 3 members completed a 32 hour Vehicle Rescue Operations program.



Full Service Training
June 2025

### **Technical Training** (continued)

- Engine Boss 10 members completed a 16 hour Wildfire Officer training program through the BC Wildfire Service.
- ◆ **Professional Driving Training Program** 4 members completed a rigorous seven-day course to become certified apparatus driving instructors for the department.
- ◆ Career Recruit Training Program 5 new career firefighters commenced a comprehensive threemonth in-house recruit program. The training includes advanced fire suppression techniques and specialty rescue operations such as auto extrication, confined space, low slope, vehicles into water, and elevator rescue.



Vehicles into Water Training
June 2025



Professional Driving Training April 2025

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



# **EMERGENCY PROGRAM UPDATE**

In the second quarter of this year, Chilliwack Emergency Program staff began seasonal preparations and planning for the wildfire season. Our staff participated in regional readiness discussions with the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness.

Initial weather predictions indicate a potential for drier and warmer than normal conditions in the area, which could point to a more active and lengthier wildfire season in 2025.

Planning also continued for a wildfire evacuation exercise to test the Emergency Operations Centre team in evacuation planning, evacuation implementation and mass care support to displaced people.

The Chilliwack Emergency Support Services (ESS) Team met monthly during the second quarter and continued onboarding training for its newest recruits. The team responded to two callouts and provided immediate support to displaced occupants with unmet needs.

During the second quarter, the Chilliwack Amateur Radio Club completed significant upgrades to its main radio antenna at their club headquarters. This new antenna will maintain excellent radio signal reception while increasing resiliency and resistance to wind and ice.



McHappy Day May 2025

# **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The department continues its involvement in community events and fundraisers. During the second quarter, Chilliwack firefighters and the Chilliwack Firefighters Charitable Society (CFFCS) participated in community events such as Father's Day breakfast at Mountainview Harley Davidson, the Ryder Lake Ramble, and McDonald's McHappy Day to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities Canada.

### **Education Awards:**

- The Chilliwack Firefighters' Education Fund provided 10 post-secondary awards to high school graduates.
- The Chilliwack Firefighters' Charitable Society provided six awards to graduating students from School District 33.



Presentation of Education Awards June 2025



# **LEGISLATIVE SERVICES**VANDALISM TO CITY FACILITIES



# **VANDALISM REPORT SUMMARY TABLE**

### CITY OF CHILLIWACK

2025 Second Quarter - Vandalism Report Summary April, May, and June, 2025

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug		Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		ear to
Public Works and Parks	\$ 7,606	\$ 981	\$ 5,908	\$ 3,543	\$ 2,232	\$ 8,447								\$	28,717
Recreation Facilities	-	\$ 3,400	\$ 2,989	\$ 100	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,800								\$	10,289
Civic Facilities	\$ 250	\$ 380	\$ 2,084	\$ 300	-	\$ 1,500								\$	4,514
Engineering - Wire Theft	\$ 1,111	\$ 389	-	-	\$ 1,080	-								\$	2,580
Fire	-	-	-	-	-	-									-
2025 TOTALS	\$ 8,967	\$ 5,150	\$ 10,981	\$ 3,943	\$ 4,312	\$ 12,747								\$	46,100
2024 TOTALS	\$ 4,657	\$ 5,003	\$ 4,251	\$ 4,746	\$ 12,785	\$ 11,041	\$ 9,982	\$ 9,898	\$ 1	18,738	\$ 11,448	\$ 7,012	\$ 4,995	\$ :	104,556



# LEGISLATIVE SERVICES VANDALISM TO CITY FACILITIES

# **PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS**

Month	Item	Cost
April	Graffiti	\$495.00
	Vandalism	\$3,048.00
May	Graffiti	\$279.00
	Vandalism	\$1,953.00
June	Graffiti	\$3,377.00
	Vandalism	\$5,070.00
	Total:	\$14,222.00

# **CIVIC FACILITIES**

Month	Item	Cost
April	Graffiti	\$300.00
	Vandalism	\$0.00
May	Graffiti	\$0.00
	Vandalism	\$0.00
June	Graffiti	\$0.00
	Vandalism	\$1,500.00
	Total:	\$1,800.00

# RECREATION FACILITIES

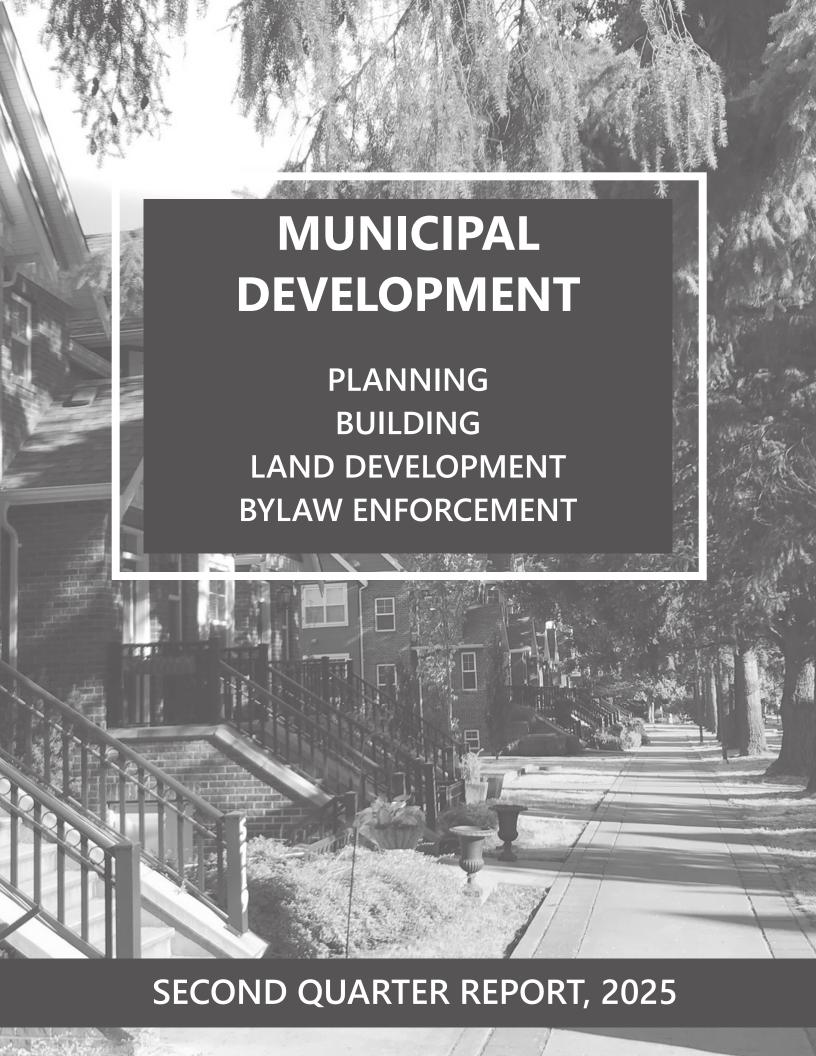
Month	Item	Cost				
April	Graffiti	\$100.00				
	Vandalism	\$0.00				
May	Graffiti	\$1,000.00				
	Vandalism	\$0.00				
June	Graffiti	\$1.500.00				
	Vandalism	\$1,300.00				
	Total:	\$3,900.00				

# STREETLIGHTING—WIRE THEFT

Month	ltem	Cost				
April	Vandalism / Wire Theft	\$0.00				
May	Vandalism / Wire Theft	\$1,080.00				
June	Vandalism / Wire Theft	\$0.00				
	Total:	\$1,080.00				

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

There were no significant acts of vandalism to the Fire Department this quarter.





# ECONOMY AND HOUSING MARKET STARTS

Central 1 Credit Union (Central 1) reported that while housing markets have slowly picked back up this guarter, market conditions remain slow compared to the end of 2024, and are especially weak in B.C. and Ontario. These two provinces, having higher priced markets, are still acutely impacted by tariff threats. Higher potential mortgage payments and financial risk in the event of job loss discourage buyers in both provinces from making major purchases. Even so, sales jumped up in urban areas – namely, Toronto, Saskatoon, Calgary, and the Fraser Valley (up 6.2%) (Central 1). This demand lead to a slight increase in home values by 1.5%; however, market conditions are mixed throughout the country with varied impacts from tariff threats, and differences in relative affordability, economic growth, and population mobility (Central 1).

Home sales increased slightly by 2.4% in Chilliwack compared to June 2024 sales; furthermore, Chilliwack's average home prices grew by 3.1% (CADREB). Compared to the June 2024 benchmark prices, Chilliwack and District Real Estate Board (CADREB) reports the current benchmark price for a single-detached dwelling (two storey) increased 2.1% (\$1,069,400), townhomes decreased 1.5% (\$633,000), and apartments increased 0.3% (\$419,900). In contrast, the Fraser Valley Real Estate Board (FVREB) reports that for communities to the west (Abbotsford, Mission, Langley, Surrey, North Delta, and White Rock), the current benchmark price for a single-detached dwelling decreased 4.6% (\$1,458,600), townhomes decreased 3.1% (\$824,400), and apartments decreased 4.5% (\$526,500), compared to June 2024.

Canadian building permits rose 12% in May, marking a change in trends from the past 2 months. A key driver of the national increase, B.C. building permit issuances rose by 50.7% in May,

reversing the decline seen earlier in Q2. Heading the rise in growth, multi-family housing permits in the province increased by 87.3%, and singledwelling permits increased by 4.1%, contributing to the 17.9% increase of residential permits compared to 2024. In Chilliwack, residential building permit statistics are generally the opposite of provincial trends. To date, Chilliwack's total new residential building permit units are 272 units (58 single detached, 21 townhouses, 172 apartment units) compared to 414 residential units for the same period in 2024. While townhouse construction to date is slightly higher compared to the previous year, apartment construction decreased by 46% (in line with 2023 levels). Q2 figures for new single-detached housing to date is comparable between the two years.

**Sources:** Central 1 Credit Union, Chilliwack & District Real Estate Board, Fraser Valley Real Estate Board, City of Chilliwack Building Permit Records

# RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

With the support of Mulholland Parker Land Economists, Ltd., the City completed a study on the financial feasibility of incorporating bonus density regulation and policy into the Zoning Bylaw and OCP, along with an expansion or modifications to the Development Cost Charge (DCC) program and inclusion of Amenity Cost Charges (ACCs). The final report was shared with the Affordable Housing and Development Advisory Committee (AHDAC), informed adding a fire protection category to the DCC program, and will inform the ongoing OCP update.

# MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING DEPARTMENT



# 2050 OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

Phase 2 work on the Official Community Plan (OCP) review and update (called Chilliwack 2050) continued with the support of Modus Planning Design & Engagement Inc. This quarter included creating key concepts for the second round of community engagement, which featured several pop-up booths, a festive Futures Fair open house event at Vedder Park, a pizza party workbook initiative, and an online survey on Engage Chilliwack. Feedback collected through these activities was analyzed and compiled into summaries, which will be presented to Council in early Q3. Following this, the draft OCP and final round of community engagement will be completed in the upcoming quarter.









# DESIGN GUIDELINES REVIEW AND UP-DATE

With the support of Urban Systems Ltd. (in partnership with BÜRO47architecture Inc.), the updated form and character design guidelines underwent final editing and formatting. Final draft guidelines for residential, mixed use, commercial, and industrial development were reviewed by staff, the Affordable Housing Development Advisory Committee (AHDAC), and the Design Review Advisory Committee (DRAC). Following this review, associated bylaw amendments, along with the finalized guidelines, were prepared for Council's consideration in early Q3.

# HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREA CREATION PROJECT

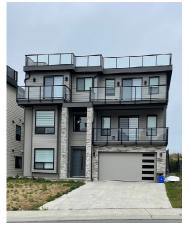
Work on creating the Heritage Conservation Area (HCA), previously referred to the "Village Walk" area and renamed to the "Mountain View" area, wrapped up in Q2 with the support of Luxton and Associates Inc. (and Modus Planning as the subconsultant). The finalized HCA and associated design guidelines were presented to the Heritage Advisory Committee and Design Review Advisory Committee this quarter and prepared for Council's consideration in early Q3. The final HCA will be incorporated into the updated OCP by the end of 2025.

SECOND QUARTER REPORT, 2025 | MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT

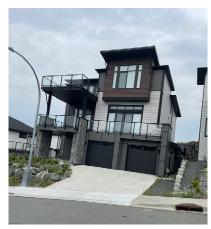
# MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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APPLICATION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	ост	NOV	DEC	Q2 Totals	2024 YTD Totals
Rezoning	1	4	7	5	1	3							9	21
DVP	8	2	12	9	6	7							22	44
DP - Form & Character	5	5	10	5	6	8							19	39
ALR	1	0	0	0	1	3							4	5
TUP	3	4	0	3	4	1							8	15
Compliance Letters	2	0	2	2	6	2							10	14
New Business Licences	58	63	67	84	67	84							235	423
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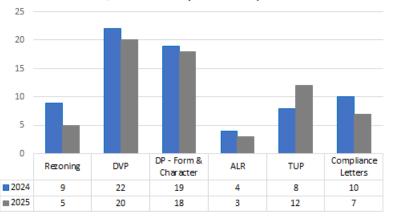
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Rezoning	3	4	5	5	0	0							5	17
DVP	6	2	13	10	7	3							20	41
DP - Form & Character	10	5	11	6	7	5							18	44
ALR	2	0	2	1	1	1							3	7
TUP	1	2	4	4	4	4							12	19
Compliance Letters	3	2	2	1	4	2							7	14
New Business Licences	81	76	90	94	56	87							237	484



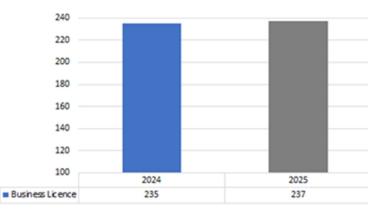




### 2nd Quarter - 2024/2025 Comparison



### 2nd Quarter - 2024/2025 New Business Licence



# MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING DEPARTMENT

#### **APPLICATIONS RECIEVED BY NEIGHBOURHOOD - 2nd QUARTER** Development **Development** TUP Rezoning Permits Form & ALR \*Business Licences **Variance Permits** Character **Fairfield** 1 3 2 1 9 Little Mountain 3 3 9 2 101 Chilliwack Proper 8 **Chilliwack Mountain** 5 Cattermole Village West 1 10 Sardis 3 24 4 5 1 Vedder 2 1 2 45 Greendale 11 Greendale Area 1 Yarrow 1 1 1 1 5 **Promontory** 1 1 24 Ryder Lake 1 Majuba Hill **Eastern Hillsides** 1 7 Rosedale 4 Valley North 1 1 11 Valley South Non Resident Businesses 31 **TOTAL APPLICATIONS** 20 18 12 291

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Business Licences include new, change of address, ownership changes, and non-resident.





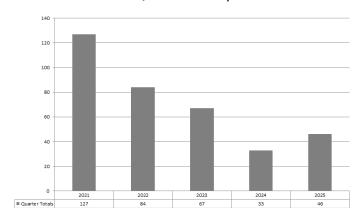
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RESIDENTIAL	PERMITS	UNITS	VALUE	PERMITS	UNITS	VALUE	PERMITS	UNITS	VALUE	PERMITS	UNITS	VALUE
New single family (fee simple)	25	30	14,654,000	35	46	21,089,000	14	21	8,330,000	27	42	14,296,15
New single family (strata)	5	10	2,000,000	6	12	2,650,000	3	3	1,200,000	11	18	4,975,00
First Nations Lease	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
New 2 family duplex (fee simple)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
New 2 family duplex (strata)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	)
New townhouses	2	16	2,400,000	4	21	3,709,330	4	16	3,768,820	4	16	3,768,82
New apartments	1	54	10,000,000	3	172	49,311,044	3	149	40,050,000	6	321	68,200,000
Mobile / manufactured homes	2	2	150,000	4	4	440,000	1	1	218,000	2	2	458,000
Secondary suites, TADs, etc.	0	0	0	7	7	1,290,000	6	6	774,000	10	10	1,125,000
Miscellaneous residential	46	4	9,216,484	78	10	12,581,904	50	2	4,064,343	83	5	9,363,622
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL	. 81	116	38,420,484	137	272	91,071,278	81	198	58,405,163	143	414	102,186,590
COMMERCIAL	PERMITS	M2	VALUE	PERMITS	M2	VALUE	PERMITS	M2	VALUE	PERMITS	M2	VALUE
New commercial buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	139	75,000
Misc. commercial (additions, improvements, etc.)	22	116	3,417,500	36	397	7,976,300	20	0	7,990,000	40	0	13,828,100
Commercial Signs	16	0	210,605	25	0	435,737	17		165,770	30	0	303,288
TOTAL COMMERCIAL	. 38	116	3,628,105	61	397	8,412,037	37	0	8,155,770	71	139	14,206,388
INDUSTRIAL	PERMITS	M2	VALUE	PERMITS	M2	VALUE	PERMITS	M2	VALUE	PERMITS	M2	VALUE
New industrial buildings	o	0	0	1	1,093	3,800,000	2	2,548	3,750,000	1	1,872	3,200,000
Misc. industrial (additions, improvements, etc.)	1	0	100,000	2	0	320,000	2	3,152	4,015,000	4	3,828	5,035,000
TOTAL INDUSTRIAL	. 1	0	100,000	3	1,093	4,120,000	4	5,700	7,765,000	5	5,700	8,235,000
INSTITUTIONAL	PERMITS	M2	VALUE	PERMITS	M2	VALUE	PERMITS	M2	VALUE	PERMITS	M2	VALUE
New institutional buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
Misc. institutional (additions, improvements, etc.)	1	0	1,500,000	2	0	1,515,000	0	0	0	3	0	6,049,653
TOTAL INSTITUTIONAL	. 1	0	1,500,000	2	0	1,515,000	0	0	0	3	0	6,049,653
AGRICULTURAL	PERMITS	M2	VALUE	PERMITS	M2	VALUE	PERMITS	M2	VALUE	PERMITS	M2	VALUE
New agricultural buildings	6	4,224	1,860,000	24	35,785	13,002,400	7	15,990	6,375,000	16	26,191	9,477,000
NATIONAL PROPERTY OF THE PROPE	3	1,492	620,000	4	1,662	820,000	3	1,490	600,000	4	1,755	850,000
iviisc. agricultural (additions, etc.)		5,716	2,480,000	28	37,447	13,822,400	10	17,480	6,975,000	20	27,946	10,327,000
iviisc. agricultural (additions, etc.)  TOTAL AGRICULTURAL	9	•								BUILDING	INSPECTIONS	}
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL	2nd Quarter 2025	2025 YTD	2nd Quarter 2024	2024 YTD								
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL	2nd Quarter			<b>2024 YTD</b> 39						2nd Q	uarter 2025	1,979
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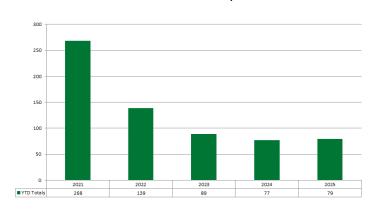
# MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT BUILDING & LAND DEVELOPMENT

## **BUILDING PERMIT INFORMATION**

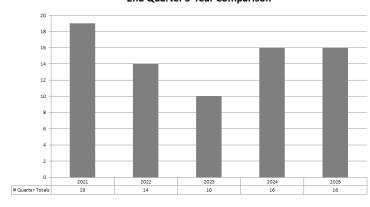
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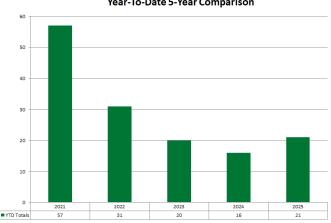
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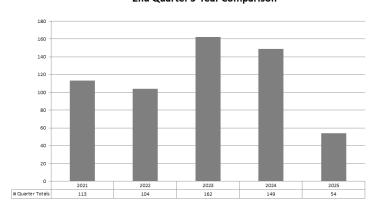
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2nd Quarter 5-Year Comparison



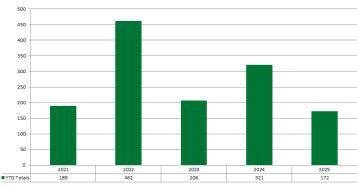
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Multi-Family Apartments
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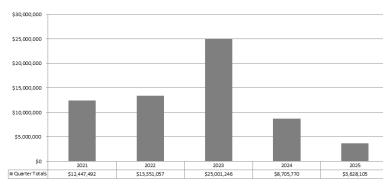


Multi-Family Apartments Year-To-Date 5-Year Comparison

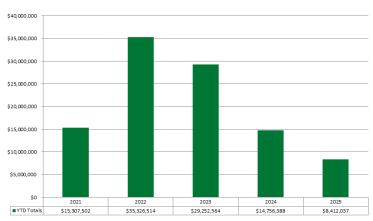




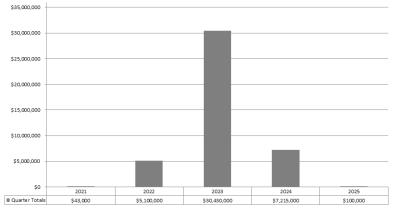
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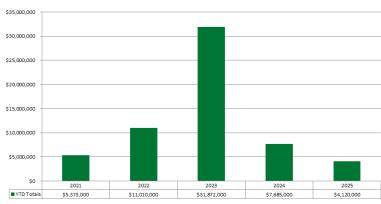
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Industrial
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Industrial Year-To-Date 5-Year Comparison

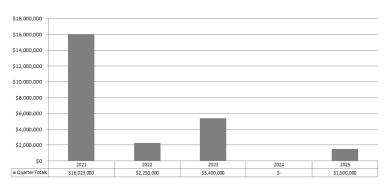




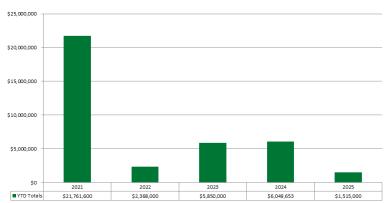




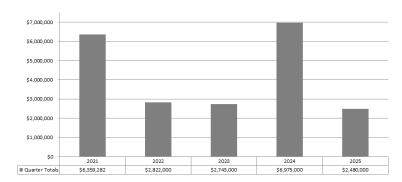
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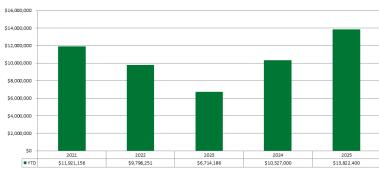
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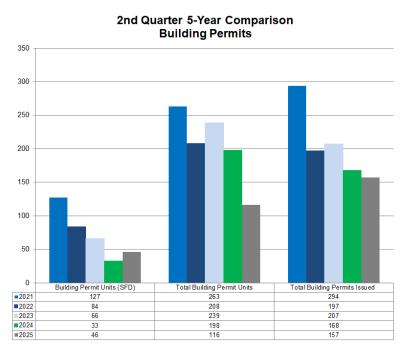


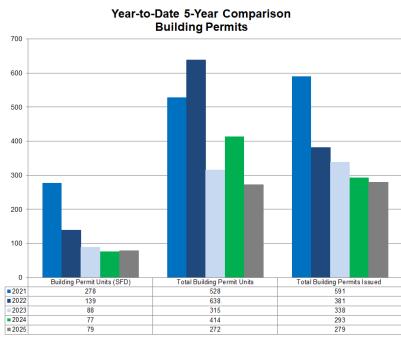
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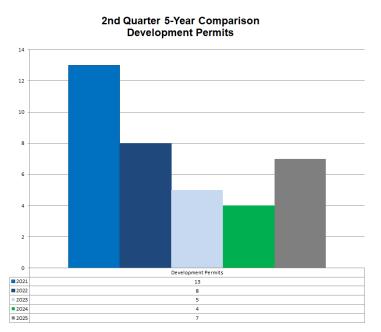


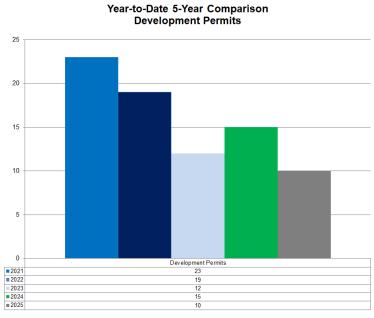


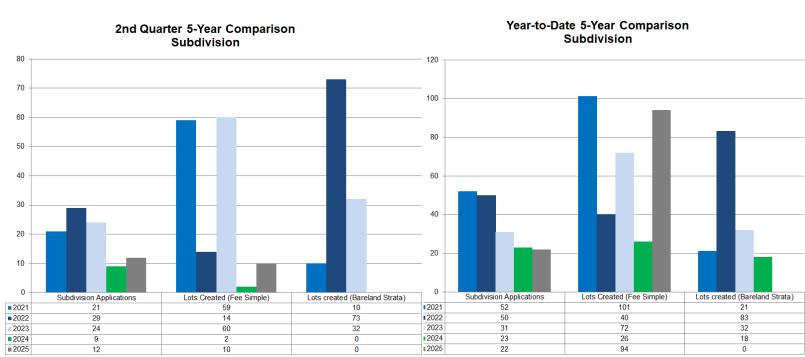




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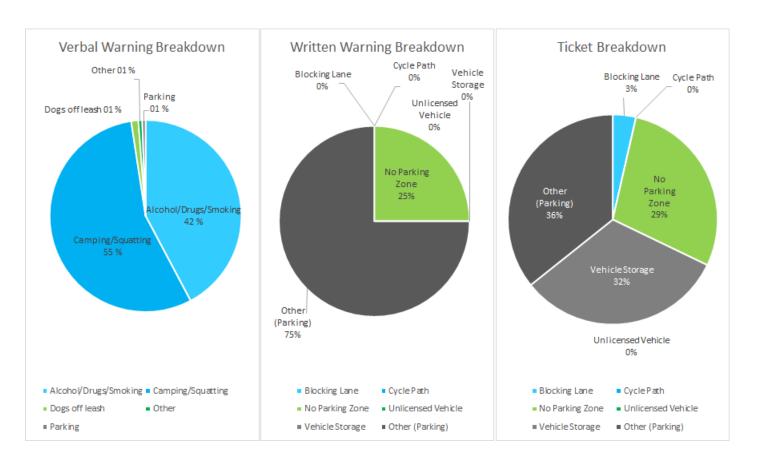






#### BYLAW BIKE PATROL INFORMATION

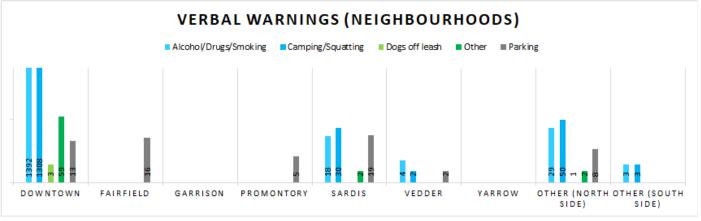


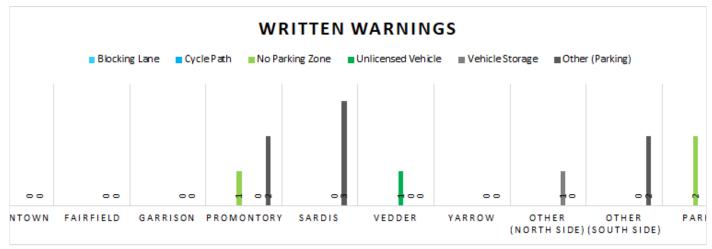




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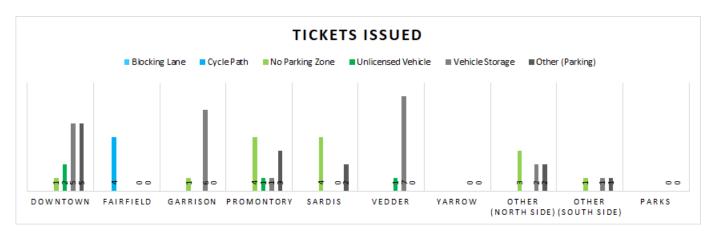


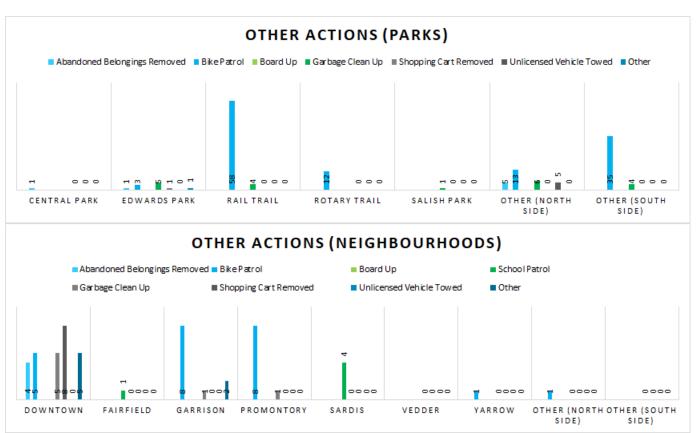






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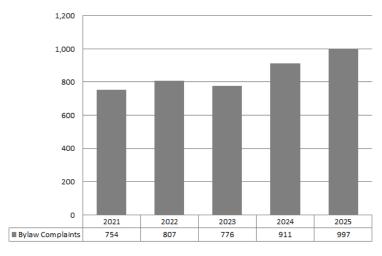




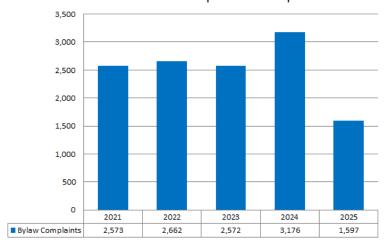


## BYLAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION

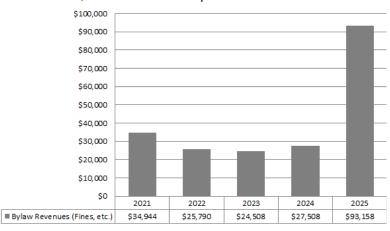
Bylaw Enforcement
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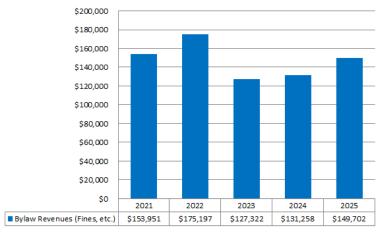
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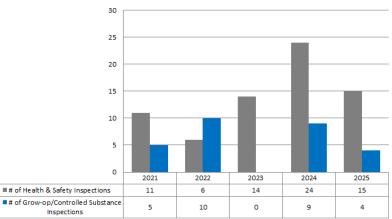
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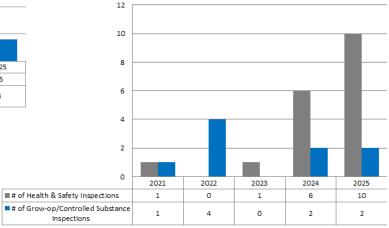


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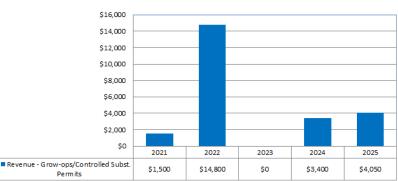
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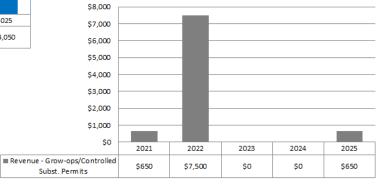
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# Health & Safety Revenues Year-to-Date - 5-Year Comparison Revenues



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**SECOND QUARTER REPORT, 2025** 



# **COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN**

#### **Wellness Centre**

The Wellness Centre received approximately 270-290 visits daily this quarter. They offered showers, laundry services, and maintained utilization of all 30 shelter beds each night. The Centre continued to provide space for various resources including income assistance and harm reduction programs. Additionally, the medical room was actively used to address medical care needs of both drop-in and shelter participants.

# Chilliwack Interagency Response Team (CIRT) - Situation Table

In the second quarter, service providers presented 16 individuals with significantly elevated risks to the table for discussion. Training provided to the team strengthened the existing referral process and overall model. These improvements have directly contributed to the increase in the number of referrals, benefiting the community by enhancing support for at-risk individuals.

# **Shop Talk**

The Shop Talk table met regularly to discuss vulnerable individuals with high risks in the community and opportunities for connections to service. A total of 39 referrals were made.

CIRT Q2		Shop Talk Q2	39
Files		Females	10
Generated	16	Males	29
Rejected	0	20's	13
Dwelling	2	<b>30</b> 's	10
Family	2	40's	7
Individuals	12	50's	7
Females 8		60's	2
Males	5	70's	0
<20	8	Indigenous	9
20s	1	Substances	39
30s 2		Mental	33
40s	0	Health	
50+	2	Cognitive	11
		Impairment	

#### **Training Opportunities:**

The City provided training to social sector staff through the Crisis and Trauma Resources Institute. Sessions included:

- Addictions and Mental Health Strategies for Complex Issues
- Stress, Compassion Fatigue and Resilience
- Navigating Difficult Client Relationships
- Ethics of Helping Boundaries and Relationships

#### **Crime Prevention Services Programs**

**Business Watch** continued to grow this quarter, to a total of 29 registered businesses, with four pending. Three Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) evaluations were completed to support this program.

**Block Watch** saw three new block watch areas registered this quarter, bringing the total number of registered block areas in Chilliwack to 55.

**Speed Watch** completed a total of 29 deployments and issued 129 warning letters to motorists.

**City Watch** completed 12 patrols with a focus on new Business Watch, Block Watch, and Crime Free Multi Housing properties.

**Crime Prevention Services** staff completed seven CPTED reports, and participated in four community events. Volunteers contributed a total of 952 hours in support of Crime Prevention Programs and community events.

**Crime Free Multi Housing** saw an increase of four buildings this quarter. There are now 36 registered Crime Free buildings in Chilliwack.



# SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

### **Housing First Task Team (HFTT)**

The team met monthly to review housing vacancies and discuss emerging issues related to homelessness and social challenges. Key concerns included increased shelter demand among youth and seniors, limited supportive housing options, and barriers for clients with pets or complex needs. Positive developments included the launch of a collaborative housing tracking tool, expanded peer-led housing models, and greater landlord engagement. The team also supported the City's Planning Department on a project linked to Canadian Building Fund opportunities.

## **Social Development Events/Meetings**

- Stronger Together Substance Use Information and Networking Event
- Indigenous Peoples Day Truth and Reconciliation Gathering
- Hosted the Chilliwack Service Provider Resource Fair
- Paddling Together Fraser Health Healthier Community Partnership Gathering
- Community and Employer Partnership funding meeting
- 2024 PiT Count presentation to Council/PiT Count Report published
- School District 33 Early Years Fair
- Vulnerable Populations Meeting (Regional and Local)
- Staff assisted in organizing the Foundry information session held on June 23rd



## **REACHING HOME**

#### **Coordinated Access and HIFIS:**

Coordinated Access is a community-wide system that connects individuals experiencing homelessness to housing and supports based on need, using a standardized intake and referral process. In partnership with BC Housing, this approach improves coordination, reduces duplication, and promotes equitable access to services.

To support this work, Chilliwack is preparing to implement HIFIS, a secure data system that centralizes client information, tracks service use, and enables real-time referrals. This will strengthen system coordination and help ensure people receive timely, appropriate support. Implementation is set to take place in early 2026.

Organization	Project Title	# Individuals Assisted
		59 with emergency housing
PCRS	Case Management Services	funds
	Coordinated Community	3374 through Outreach
PCRS	Outreach	services
		53 with emergency housing
Wilma's	Prevention and Diversion	funds
		96 seniors monthly with
	Additional Funding for	food hampers and 9 with
CDSRS	Seniors Essentials Program	housing supports

# 2024-2025 Final Stats for Reaching Home Sub Projects:

		Number of People
Sub-Project	Organization	Assisted
Prevention and Diversion / Food Security	CDSRS	97 seniors
Prevention and Diversion / Food Security	Wilma's	22 individuals/families
Prevention and Diversion / Food Security	Salvation Army	3909 food / 14 housing
Client Support Services / Outreach	Connective	10 individuals
Supplies		
Client Support Services / Outreach	PCRS	89 individuals
Supplies		
Client Support Services / Outreach	Pearl	60 females
Supplies		
Emergency Weather Response	Ruth and	1710 additional winter
	Naomi's	shelter stays



# REACHING HOME

## 2025-2026 Reaching Home Sub-Projects:

Reaching Home funded programs completed the first quarter of the fiscal year (April 1 to June 30, 2025).

#### **Coordinated Community Outreach**

Pacific Community Resources Society (PCRS) / Cyrus Centre have had 1,412 unique interactions through community outreach with individuals experiencing homelessness, mental health and substance use issues in the first quarter of the fiscal year.



# **Case Management Services (Housing Hub)**

Pacific Community Resources Society's Housing Hub is a two year program to assist individuals with housing and supports to maintain housing. In quarter one, the program provided case management services for 37 individuals with nine dependents, in 37 units, to support and maintain housing. Four individuals successfully graduated into their own leases and long-term housing. Housing Hub has partnerships with 12 different landlords to help participants secure market housing.

#### **Prevention and Diversion**

This program offers emergency housing supports to those at risk of homelessness.

## Salvation Army

Provided funds to support nine families to maintain housing.

#### Connective Support Society

Provided funds to support 10 individuals and families to maintain housing.

#### Mennonite Central Committee

17 grants totaling \$17,524 were distributed to support 32 individuals and family members in maintaining their housing. Among those assisted, three were seniors, seven were receiving monthly Income Assistance, Disability, or Workers Compensation benefits, and seven were facing employment-related crises.

#### **Client Support Services**

This program will provide supports for basic needs (ex. clothing, transportation, shoes), economic and social integration supports, and food security for individuals experiencing homelessness.

#### Salvation Army

Provided financial support to 17 individuals to address food security needs and provided an average of 1,500 hampers each month.

### Connective Support Society

Provided basic needs support to 60 individuals, including assistance with food, transportation, counselling and clothing.



# CHILLIWACK HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

# **Regular CHC Partner and Task Team Meetings**

The CHC Partner meeting took place on May 27. Bi-monthly task team meetings continue to follow a hybrid format, accommodating both in-person and virtual participation to support inclusive and accessible engagement.

The meetings offer a collaborative forum where task team and working group leaders highlight successes, raise challenges, and explore emerging opportunities. The May 27 meeting featured an in -person presentation on the Chilliwack Foundry, spearheaded by Fraser Health. The presentation provided an overview of the Foundry's development and concluded with an invitation to CHC partner organizations to attend a Community Partnership Opportunity Meeting on June 23.

# **Community Engagement Highlights**

Throughout the second quarter, the CHC Coordinator continued to support task teams and working groups and participated in community-based activities aligned with CHC's strategic priorities, including:

# **Events and Community Presence**

- Pathways to Resiliency Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee's (CYC) Annual Conversation event
- Beyond Blankets A Stó:lō Lands Exercise (hosted by the University of the Fraser Valley's Peace and Reconciliation Centre)
- Chilliwack Service Provider Resource Fair
- Paddling Together Healthier Community Partnership Gathering (Fraser Health)
- Chilliwack Learning Society appreciation event

#### **Collaborative Initiatives and Meetings**

- Monthly meetings of the Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee (CYC)
- The School District led partnership meetings with youth-serving agencies
- Community and Employer Partnership funding meetings
- City-led tour of a shelter facility for older adults (Abbotsford)



# **Poverty Reduction Task Team Update**

The Poverty Reduction Task Team reconvened to review input from February's engagement session and advance the Chilliwack Poverty Reduction Plan. The group adopted a new structure and meeting format, shifting to bi-monthly gatherings with time dedicated to both monitoring progress and exploring new initiatives. To reflect its evolving role, the group will move forward under the new name Poverty Reduction Working Group.

# **Substance Use Working Group Update**

The Substance Use Working Group met twice, strengthening cross-sector collaboration and welcoming new members. Members supported the planning of the Stronger Together event and began reviewing local substance use resources to ensure accuracy and relevance. Efforts continue to improve coordination, education, and access to supports.

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## CHILLIWACK HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

## Information and Networking Events (INE):

The second quarter included two Information and Networking Events that fostered collaboration and learning aligned with CHC's strategic priorities, including substance use supports and Truth and Reconciliation.

# Stronger Together: Sharing Information on Substance Use Supports

Held on June 5, 2025, at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre, this session brought together 58 participants, including attendees and panel presenters from health care, social services, and community organizations. Hosted in partnership with Fraser Health, the event featured presentations from local service teams, highlighting supports for individuals experiencing substance use challenges across the continuum of care:

- Chilliwack General Hospital Peer Program
- Integrated Homelessness Action Response Teams (IHART)
- Intensive Case Management (ICM) Teams
- Rapid Access to Addiction Care (RAAC) Clinic
- Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT) Services
- Indigenous Outreach (OAT/RAAC)

The session concluded with a Q&A and informal networking, creating space for shared learning and connection.



# National Indigenous Peoples Day: Truth and Reconciliation – Calls to Action Gathering

On June 24, 2025, a meaningful and culturally rooted gathering took place at Sqwá (Skwah) First Nation, bringing together over 50 guests. Hosted by the Opening Doors Task Team, with the valued support of the City of Chilliwack's Social Development team and Sqwá First Nation, the event opened with words from Chief Johnathon Prest. His welcome, accompanied by traditional drumming and song, honored the land, the ancestors, and all those present, setting a respectful and culturally grounded tone for the morning.

Brenda Wilson (Suu we hudda), a respected advocate for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG), shared a powerful keynote centered on safety, healing, and the strength of community collaboration. Elders,

Knowledge Keepers, and representatives from the Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSSS) offered smudging and cedar brushing ceremonies, creating a space of reflection, respect, and shared healing for all in attendance.



