

# Staff Report to Council

Communications & Civic Engagement

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**REPORT DATE:** May 26, 2025

MEETING DATE:

June 03, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Tia O'Grady, Manager of Communications & Civic Engagement

SUBJECT: 2025 First Quarter Report to the Community

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW/APPROVAL:

## **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

THAT Council:

A. Receive for information the "2025 First Quarter Report to the Community" Staff Report as presented at the June 3, 2025 Public Council Meeting; OR

B. Other.

#### **PURPOSE**

The quarterly reports are an initiative to achieve more transparency and reflect the City's most recent progress on a quarterly basis. Council is to receive the First Quarter Report for information at the June 3, 2025 Public Council Meeting.

 $\Box$  Direction Report

## DISCUSSION

#### **Background:**

Each quarter, the Communications and Civic Engagement department produces/designs a highlevel Quarterly Report for the City. The 2025 First Quarter Report will be published in the Maple Ridge–Pitt Meadows News on Friday, May 30, 2025. The Quarterly Reports began in 2014 and can be found on our website at: <u>www.pittmeadows.ca/city-hall/publications/quarterly-reports</u>.

### **Relevant Policy, Bylaw or Legislation:**

Not applicable.

## Analysis:

Some of the highlights in the 2025 First Quarter Report include:

- City Council endorsed a resolution calling on the Government of British Columbia to increase funding for agriculture. In Q1, this resolution was brought to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association for endorsement for the 2025 Union of BC Municipalities Convention. If passed, it will be forwarded to the provincial government for consideration.
- Pitt Meadows residents enjoyed a variety of free activities, arts and crafts and more at the annual Family Day carnival at the Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre as well as free public skating at the Pitt Meadows Arena.
- The City announced the launch of the Pitt Meadows Business Directory, in partnership with the Ridge Meadows Chamber of Commerce. This new resource supports local businesses by providing a platform that connects residents and visitors with the services and products available in our community.
- The City was awarded \$80,634 in federal grant funding from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to support the development of a community orchard and edible garden within Grabenhorst Garden.
- Pitt Meadows began development of an Accessibility Plan to help build an accessible and inclusive community. It will provide actions that remove and prevent barriers for people of all abilities to enjoy City services and amenities. Public engagement took place between February and March.
- The Pitt Meadows Art Gallery showcased local artists at both the South Bonson Community Centre main gallery as well as the pop-up gallery in City Hall. The Stave Falls Artist Group presented Bound by Brushstrokes at the main gallery, and the pop-up gallery featured works by Liz Boulton.

#### **COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

Principled Governance	🛛 Balanced Economic Prosperity	🛛 Infrastructure

⊠ Community Spirit & Wellbeing □ Corporate Pride □ Public Safety

□ Not Applicable

## WORKPLAN IMPLICATIONS

- oxtimes Already accounted for in department workplan / no adjustments required
- □ Emergent issue / will require deferral of other priority(ies)
- $\Box$  Other

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

☑ None  ☐ Budget Previously Approved  ☐ Referral to Business Planning ☐ Other								
There are no financial implications associated with this report.								
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⊠ Inform	Consult	🗆 Involve	Collabora	orate 🛛 Empower				
KATZIE FIRST NATION CONSIDERATIONS								
Referral 🗆	]Yes 🛛 No	🗆 Other						
<u>SIGN-OFFS</u>								
Written by:				Reviewed by:				
Tia O'Grady, Manager of Communications & Civic Engagement			Stephanie St. Jean, Director of Corporate Services					

## ATTACHMENT(S):

A. First Quarter Report 2025