

Urban Deer Advisory Committee Meeting
held via Zoom and in person in Room B
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Dan Chetner, Biologist, Chair
Joni Reimer, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, Vice-Chair
Andrea Wallace, BC SPCA
Sioban Darlington, BC Government Wildlife Sector
Jodi McKay, BC Wildlife Federation (via Zoom)

Regrets: Wilbert Borren, Community Member
Jasmine Han, Community Member
James Pepper, Penticton Indian Band
Maryse Pellerin, Community Member

Council Liaison: Jason Reynen, Councillor

Staff: Blake Laven, General Manager of Development Services
Hayley Anderson, Legislative Assistant

1. **Call to Order**

The General Manager of Development Services called the Urban Deer Advisory Committee to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Urban Deer Advisory Committee adopt the agenda of January 21, 2026 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of the November 26, 2025 Urban Deer Advisory Committee Meeting

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Urban Deer Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the November 26, 2025 meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Appointment**

4.1 Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Urban Deer Advisory Committee appoint Dan Chetner as the Committee Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Urban Deer Advisory Committee appoint Joni Reimer as Committee Vice-Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Delegations**

5.1 Gemma Almendros, Biologist, snpink'tn Indian Band

Gemma Almendros provided the Committee with an overview of the local Indigenous perspectives of working toward meaningful actions that will have long term sustainability.

The Committee agreed to hear from, Matt MacPherson, Okanagan Nation Alliance who provided shared the Syilx perspective on deer and human management.

5.2 Dr. Jason Fisher, Principal Researcher, ACME Lab, Adjunct Professor, School of Environmental Studies, University of Victoria

Dr. Fisher provided the Committee with a presentation of the basics of deer management. This presentation outlined deer behavior and their importance within the ecosystem. The presentation provided an overview of the most common management strategies and the general outcomes associated with each strategy.

The General Manager of Development Services left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

6. **New Business**

6.1 Work Plan Tracker (For information only)

7. **Next Meeting**

The next regular Urban Deer Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2026 at 9:30 am via Zoom and in-person.

8. **Adjournment**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Urban Deer Advisory Committee adjourn the meeting held on January 21, 2026 at 11:15 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:



Hayley Anderson
Legislative Assistant