

**Urban Deer Advisory Committee Meeting**  
to be held via Zoom and in person in Room B  
Wednesday, February 25, 2026  
at 10:00 a.m.

1. **Call Committee Meeting to Order**

*We acknowledge that Penticton, where we live and work, is on the traditional lands of the Syilx People in the Okanagan Nation.*

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of the January 21, 2026 Urban Deer Advisory Committee Meeting 1-2

Recommendation:

*THAT the Urban Deer Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the January 21, 2026 meeting as presented.*

4. **Delegations**

5.1 Chris Zettel, Corporate Communications Officer, City of Cranbrook

5.2 Kindry Dalke, Director of Corporate Services, District of Invermere

5. **Next Meeting**

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

6. **Adjournment**

**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 (via Zoom)  
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.

##### 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:

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Hayley Anderson  
Legislative Assistant