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**2026/2027 Budget Meeting Summary
Council Chambers, 414 Woodlawn Drive
Wednesday, April 1, 2026
8:30am to 12:30pm**

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Warden Penny Smith
Deputy Warden Heidi Wagner
Councillor Paula Sutherland via Microsoft Teams
Councillor Sherry Thorburn Irvine
Councillor Angie Shand
Councillor Dale Richardson
Councillor Ron Coole

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Warren MacLeod, CAO
Erin Hartley, Deputy CAO
Michelle Williams, Director of Finance
Marcia d'Eon, Director of Operations
Adam Dedrick, Director of Recreation & Parks
Nicole Blades, Recording Secretary
Members of the Public

REGRETS:

Jenn Bell, Administrator of Protective Services

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am.

Warden Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting for the 2026/2027 Budget.

CAO MacLeod presented the public feedback received, followed by a discussion by Council. It was noted that the Warden will deliver a budget address at the Special Council Meeting for the 2026–2027 Budget approval, highlighting the key priorities identified by Council during the budget process.

CAO MacLeod advised Council of surplus funds for the 2025/2026 fiscal year and noted that direction was required for their allocation. A discussion was held and Council reached consensus to transfer the surplus funds to the operating reserve. A motion will follow at the Special Council Meeting being held on April 15, 2026.

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Final confirmation was given from Council to use Scenario Two of the economic model to form the basis of the motions that will be put forward at the Special Council Meeting being held on April 15, 2026 at 6pm for Council to approve the 2026/2027 Budget.

Following completion of the Strategic Plan, the consultants provided Appendix B, which outlines a list of potential action items for Council's consideration. CAO MacLeod advised that Appendix B has been updated to reflect changes made during the budget process, including associated expenditures and projects. It was noted that quarterly reports will be presented to Council to provide updates on the action items, and that Appendix B is a living document to be reviewed and adjusted annually.

A discussion was held and Council expressed consensus in support of the action items outlined in Appendix B.

Councillors thanked staff for all their work in the 2026/2027 budget process.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 am.