

Multi-Use Gathering Centre

Project and Assent Vote Questions & Answers

Purpose: This handout summarizes the proposed Multi-Use Gathering Centre, the related borrowing bylaw, the preliminary project cost, and the assent-voting process. It is intended to provide factual and neutral information following the September 22, 2026 open house.

Project Overview

Question	Answer
What is being proposed?	The District is proposing a Multi-Use Gathering Centre of approximately 1,770 m ² (19,050 sq. ft.) at Town Centre Site A on Kylo Street.
Why is the project being considered?	The project would replace the unusable Community Hall and the aging Library, address shortages in meeting and gathering space, and provide an accessible, year-round community hub for programs, events and informal gathering.
What consultation has taken place?	The process has included two community open houses, stakeholder workshops, a community survey with 84 individual respondents, and an organizational survey with nine respondents. This work helped establish the vision and space program, test three locations, and develop the current design.
Why was Town Centre Site A selected?	Council narrowed the potential site locations to three options and then sought public feedback. Town Centre Site A received the highest level of support from residents. The site is close to the District Hall and Fire Hall, can accommodate existing and expanded parking, provides space for an entry plaza and outdoor gathering area, and supports potential use of the facility as an Emergency Operations Centre.

What Is Included?

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What is included in the current design?	The current design includes a community hall, stage, catering kitchen, lobby or “community living room,” Library, indoor playground, multipurpose rooms, reception, storage, washrooms and building-support spaces.

How many people could the community hall accommodate?	The current design shows capacity for approximately 352 seated guests or 200 banquet guests.
How large is the proposed Library?	The Library is shown at approximately 336 m ² and includes adult, teen and children's areas, study and multipurpose space, staff areas and storage.
Is a walking track included?	No. A dedicated walking track is not included in the current Gathering Centre design. However, seniors and other community members will be able to use the gym and community hall for indoor walking during designated times, subject to facility scheduling and programming.
What emergency-use features are proposed?	The emergency-services base case includes heating and cooling on the first level, closure of the second level during emergency use, a 36-hour generator, and high-importance seismic design.

Project Cost and Funding

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What is the current project estimate?	The February 25, 2026 Class C Cost Plan establishes a preliminary total project estimate of \$34,264,800 , excluding GST, land costs, finance fees and identified exclusions. The estimate includes contingencies and escalation to Q3 2027 and has an expected accuracy range of approximately ±10% to 15%.
How much would the District be authorized to borrow?	Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 974, 2026 would authorize borrowing of up to \$10 million , with interest, over a maximum period of 20 years . The \$10 million is a borrowing ceiling, not a requirement to borrow the full amount.
How would the rest of the project be funded?	The balance would need to come from grants, reserves and fundraising.
What could the borrowing cost?	If the full \$10 million were borrowed over 20 years at an assumed 4.9% rate, illustrative annual debt servicing would be approximately \$840,000 and total repayment would be approximately \$16.8 million. Actual costs would depend on the amount borrowed and the Municipal Finance Authority rate at the time of borrowing.

What if less than \$10 million is borrowed?	Using the same illustrative assumptions, borrowing \$7.5 million would result in annual debt servicing of approximately \$630,000, while borrowing \$5 million would result in annual debt servicing of approximately \$420,000.
How would debt servicing be paid?	Debt servicing would be funded through property taxation. Each property's share would depend on its assessed value relative to the District's total taxable assessment. The current financial presentation states that Council intends to incorporate the cost into the existing budget rather than increase the tax rate specifically for the facility.

Question	Answer
What are electors being asked to decide?	Electors are being asked whether the District may borrow up to \$10 million, with interest, over a period not exceeding 20 years to finance construction of the Multi-Use Gathering Center. The vote is on borrowing authority, not approval of every final design or operating decision.
What happens if a majority votes Yes?	Council may adopt the bylaw and continue the financing, fundraising, design and tender process. Approval does not require the District to borrow the full \$10 million.
What happens if a majority votes No?	The bylaw cannot be adopted and the borrowing does not proceed. Council would need to revisit the project's scope, funding or timing before returning to electors.

Assent Vote and Voting Information

Official ballot question: “Are you in favour of the District of Hudson's Hope Multi Use Gathering Center Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 974, 2026, to authorize the District of Hudson's Hope to borrow up to \$10,000,000, with interest, over a period not exceeding 20 years, in order to finance the construction of a Multi-Use Gathering Center?”

Voting Item	Details
Advance voting	Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m., St. Peter's Church Hall, 9510 Beattie Drive, Hudson's Hope, BC
General voting day	Saturday, October 17, 2026, 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m., Hudson's Hope School Gymnasium, 10441 Holland Street, Hudson's Hope, BC

Resident electors	Must be 18 or older on voting day, a Canadian citizen, a resident of British Columbia for at least six months, a resident of Hudson's Hope, and not disqualified by law.
Non-resident property electors	Must be 18 or older on voting day, a Canadian citizen, a British Columbia resident for at least six months, an individual property owner in the District for at least 30 days, not a resident elector, have written consent from the other owners where applicable, and not be disqualified by law.
Identification and registration	Resident electors must show two pieces of identification, one with a signature, proving identity and residency. Non-resident property electors must also provide proof of property ownership and written consent from other owners. Eligible electors who are not on the voters list may register at voting.
Mail ballot voting	Applications may be submitted to the District at 9904 Dudley Drive during regular business hours, by mail to PO Box 330, Hudson's Hope, BC V0C 1V0, by telephone at 250-783-9901, by fax at 250-783-5741, or by email at election@hudsonshope.ca , no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 16, 2026. Completed mail ballots must be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 8:00 p.m. Saturday, October 17, 2026.
Questions about voting	District of Hudson's Hope: 250-783-9901 or election@hudsonshope.ca

Where Can I Get More Information?

Copies of Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 974, 2026, the September 22, 2026 Open House Presentation, the public information handout, frequently asked questions and official voting notices are available from the District of Hudson's Hope.

District office: 9904 Dudley Drive, PO Box 330, Hudson's Hope, BC V0C 1V0

Telephone: 250-783-9901

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Online: hudsonshope.ca → District Office → Elections & Assent Voting

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