



City of Abbotsford

# TOP 25 OF '25



2025 was a milestone year for our community as we marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the amalgamation of the Districts of Abbotsford and Matsqui to form the City of Abbotsford. Throughout the year we not only honoured our past, but also looked ahead with optimism as significant investment, infrastructure improvements, expanded cultural programming and enhanced community-building events laid the foundation for an even brighter future for the next 30 years and beyond.

It was also a year of excitement and celebration, filled with moments that captured the spirit of our city. Residents proudly rallied behind the Abbotsford Canucks through their playoff run and historic win of the AHL Calder Cup championship, complete with pop-up celebrations around the city and a large celebration with the team at the Abbotsford Centre. We also saw thousands come together at our expanded Canada Day festivities which are now more accessible and inclusive than ever. Community engagement reached new levels, with many residents actively participating in a variety of community events, surveys and feedback opportunities which helped shape key strategies such as our Official Community Plan and future large-scale parks and recreation projects.

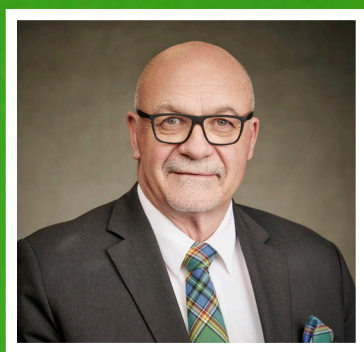
“As we marked the City of Abbotsford’s 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, we were reminded of how far we’ve come and how much we’ve accomplished together as a community,” said Mayor Ross Siemens. “The highlights of 2025 represent not just investments in infrastructure and services, but in people, quality of life and the future of our community. Together we are shaping a city that honours its roots while building a vibrant, strong and connected community for generations to come.”

In addition to the Top 25 achievements listed below, the City has completed, or is advancing many parks, trails, infrastructure, roads and community enhancement projects across Abbotsford. You can learn more about these projects and track their status at [abbotsford.ca/city-hall/projects-go](https://abbotsford.ca/city-hall/projects-go).

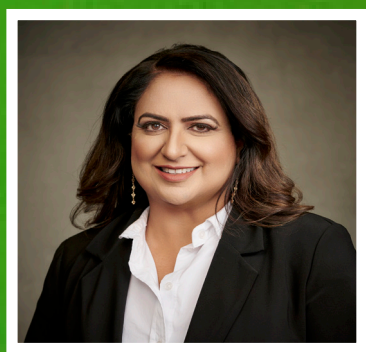
With only one year remaining in Council’s current term, the work of the City will remain focused, with Council continuing to advocate for our community, working collaboratively and laying the groundwork for long-term success and ensuring Abbotsford remains the best place to live, grow and put down roots.



Mayor  
Ross Siemens



Councillor  
Les Barkman



Councillor  
Kelly Chahal



Councillor  
Patricia Driessen



Councillor  
Simon Gibson



Councillor  
Dave Loewen



Councillor  
Patricia Ross



Councillor  
Dave Sidhu



Councillor  
Mark Warkentin

- 1 Shaping Abbotsford’s Future:** Updated the Official Community Plan, which will guide how our community will grow and develop over the next 25 years.



- 2 Increasing Outdoor Recreation Spaces:** Opened Engineer Park, a brand-new park in West Abbotsford.



- 3 Enhancing Public Safety:** Completed construction of Phase 1 of the AbbyPD Headquarters Expansion and have started Phase 2, which will be completed in 2026.



- 4 Empowering the Arts:** Launched a new Arts and Culture Grants program to support Abbotsford’s vibrant arts and culture sector and create more opportunities for cultural programming in our community.



- 5 Upgrading YXX Terminal Facilities:** Completed enhancements to the Customs area at Abbotsford International Airport, with the balance of the terminal upgrades being completed in early 2026.



- 6 Strengthening Barrowtown Resiliency:** Completed Phase 1 of the new floodwall and the installation of a new backup power generator at Barrowtown Pump Station. Design of Phase 2 of the floodwall is in progress (early 2026).



- 7 Planning for Future Recreation Parks:** Submitted an application to the Agricultural Land Commission for lands that will become future recreation and sports park.



- 8 Supporting Homelessness Prevention:** Established Abbotsford’s Homelessness Response Leadership Table to lead Coordinated Access Systems governance and encampment response, and secured an additional two-year renewal of Reaching Home Designated Community funding through the Government of Canada’s Reaching Home program, which will support homelessness prevention projects in Abbotsford.



- 9 Supporting Local Business:** Launched the Business Spotlight Program as an opportunity to visit local businesses in the community to learn more about them and how Council can help them continue to grow and succeed.



- 10 Showcasing Local Talent:** Hosted the BC Culture Days launch event, showcasing the talent of Abbotsford artists, while kicking off a three-week series of interactive cultural programming across the province.



- 11 Introduced Curbside Glass Recycling:** Added glass recycling to the curbside collection program to make recycling glass easier and safer, and to help reduce contamination in blue carts.



- 15 Launched Abbotsford Journey Mapping Video Series:** This series highlights the experiences of frontline social services workers in Abbotsford as they navigated the substance-use system alongside their clients.



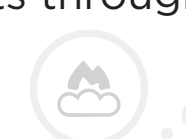
- 16 Addressing Commercial Truck Parking:** Approved the Commercial Truck Parking Strategy which addresses the shortage of available truck parking in Abbotsford, including a pilot program to allow parking on select industrial streets and facilitating permitted parking on non-ALR land along the Fraser Highway corridor.



- 17 Planning for Future Aquatics Services:** Launched feedback/survey for a draft Aquatics Strategy to help the City effectively plan for and fund current community needs and potential future Aquatic services and facilities.



- 18 Increased Emergency Response:** Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service had another busy year, hiring and training 12 new firefighters and responding to more than 15,000 incidents throughout the community.



- 19 Planting More City Trees:** Secured grant to expand tree canopies at urban parks and held community tree planting event at Ambleswood Park.



- 20 Launched Discover Abbotsford:** A new online hub that showcases everything our community has to offer and provides a great directory of resource to help people see why Abbotsford is a great place to live, work and play.



- 21 Understanding Trail Use:** Conducted Community Trail User Survey to understand how residents use the City’s network of trails. Feedback received will be used in the development of a city-wide trail strategy.



- 22 Development Statistics:** Approved development applications for 1,257 housing units and issued building permits for 1,452 units for a combined construction value of \$495,982,495 (to Oct. 31).



- 23 Advancing Accessibility in Abbotsford:** Endorsed an Abbotsford Community Accessibility Plan which helps to identify, reduce and prevent barriers to individuals working for or interacting with the City.



- 24 Expanding Housing Options:** Implemented a new Secondary Suite Incentive Program to help increase the housing supply in our community.



- 25 Exploring New Arena Development:** Adopted an Arena Services and Facilities Strategy and directed staff to undertake a public process to engage interested parties in the possible development of two or more arenas in Abbotsford on private land, with the City acting as an anchor tenant.



Learn more about these projects by visiting [abbotsford.ca/top25](https://abbotsford.ca/top25).



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