

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

TO: *MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: SU: SIGNIFICANT CIVIC PROJECTS – FEBRUARY 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the report titled “SU: Significant Civic Projects – February 2026” dated February 17, 2026, of the Financial Management Committee meeting, be received for information.

REPORT

The Financial Management Committee, at its meeting held on February 17, 2026, received and adopted the attached report providing Council with a status update (SU) on significant civic projects.

On behalf of the Financial Management
Committee,

Councillor S. Dhaliwal
Chair

Councillor A. Gu
Vice Chair

TO: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (FMC)
FROM: GENERAL MANAGER LANDS AND FACILITIES
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PURPOSE: To provide a status update (SU) on significant civic projects.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a status update (SU) on significant civic projects managed by the Lands and Facilities Department (Civic Projects).

1.0 POLICY SECTION

Advancement of these projects is pursuant to the following major civic policies and strategies:

- Official Community Plan (1998),
- Social Sustainability Strategy (2011),
- Environmental Sustainability Strategy (2016),
- Burnaby Equity Policy (1994, updated 2020),
- Burnaby Climate Action Framework (2020), and the
- Burnaby Strategic Plan (2022).

2.0 BACKGROUND

The City of Burnaby has experienced significant growth and changing needs in recent years and is projected to grow by 100,000 new residents by 2050. In order to serve both existing and future residents, the City has identified the need for a number of significant civic projects in order to support its goals of creating vibrant communities and a city that is sustainable, inclusive, and livable.

Civic projects typically progress through three primary development phases: planning, design, and construction, with some phases occurring concurrently depending on the project delivery method. Upon completion of the project, the new facility is handed over to the user department to establish operations of the programs and/or services.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

A status update for the significant civic projects referenced in this report is provided below. *Figure 1* is a visual overview of project progress referencing the primary development phases referenced in Section 2.0 above. *Figure 2* provides an update on the spending against the overall budget for each project.

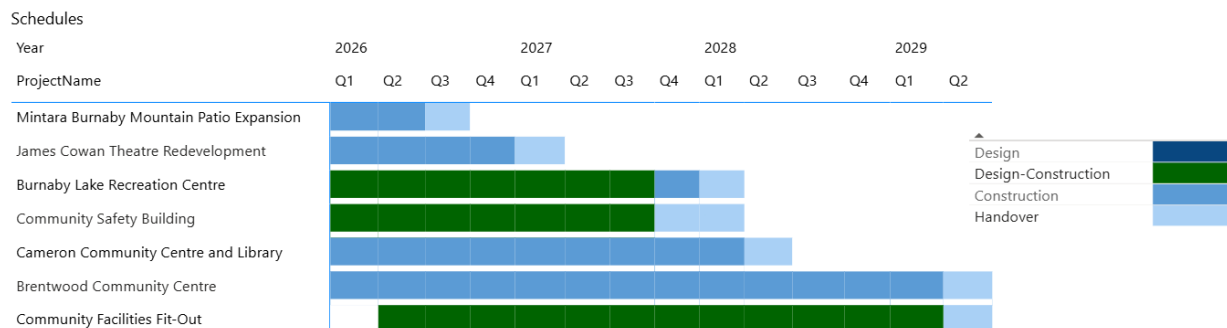


Figure 1 – Project Schedules

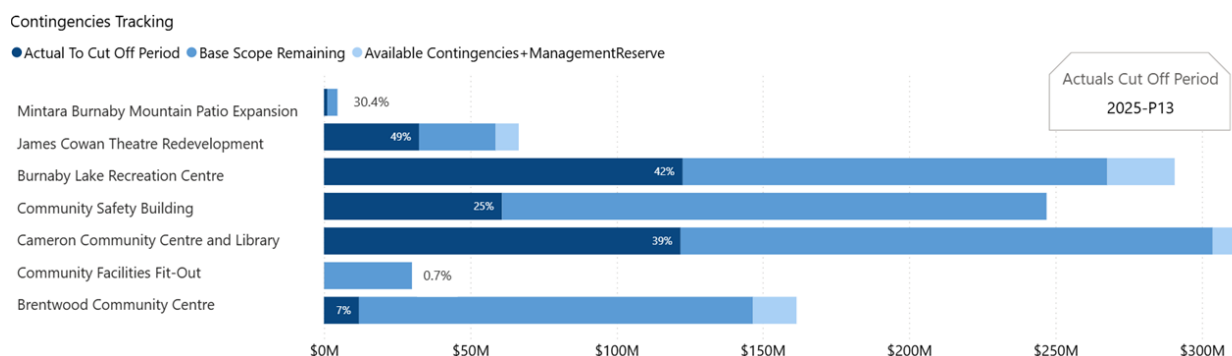


Figure 2 – Project Financials

3.1 Mintara Restaurant Expansion

The patio area at Mintara Restaurant atop Burnaby Mountain is being expanded into a 2,000 square-foot enclosed, all-weather patio. The renovation features glass windows, radiant floor heating and air conditioning, and a full bar and barbecue section.

Earthworks for the new foundations have now been completed. Current and upcoming construction activities include foundation formwork, installation of reinforcing steel, sanitary main upgrades, and concrete pouring for the new patio footings, walls and stairs. The project remains on schedule and on budget. Project handover to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department (PRC) is currently anticipated for Q3 2026.

3.2 James Cowan Theatre Renewal

As the new Shadbolt main stage, the James Cowan Theatre will be Burnaby’s primary professional multi-use presentation space. The new facility will cater to a

variety of arts programming, including theatre, visual arts, literary and media arts, and events. Construction is progressing with exterior windows, roofing, drywall, and elevator installation work underway. Construction impacts continue to be mitigated as much as possible through measures such as in-place parking restrictions and maintaining pedestrian access. Project handover to PRC is currently anticipated for Q1 2027. The project remains on schedule and on budget. A project highlights presentation is scheduled for the Committee at its February 2026 meeting.

3.3 Burnaby Lake Recreation Centre

The Burnaby Lake Recreation Centre will be one of the largest aquatic facilities in BC and a regional hub for recreation and sport, featuring a ten-lane 50-metre pool, a combined leisure and six-lane 25-metre lap-pool, and an NHL-sized arena. A range of community spaces are also incorporated in the design, including multipurpose rooms and the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame. Construction milestones include the structural steel erection of the administrative lobby area that has recently been completed and waterproofing of the 50-metre pool basin that is currently in progress.

Preliminary design concepts are underway for a potential pedestrian overpass in order to evaluate options, feasibility, and cost recovery mechanisms. The technical analysis and recommendations will be conducted in the coming weeks.

The watermain replacement work has been substantially completed. Roadworks on Joe Sakic Way and Sperling Avenue are now underway and anticipated to continue until the fall of this year. Public parking and pedestrian access continue to be maintained. Project handover to PRC is currently anticipated for Q1 2028. The project remains on schedule and on budget.

3.4 Community Safety Building

A new three-story, 129,000-square-foot RCMP detachment is being constructed at the corner of Ledger Avenue and Norland Avenue to replace the existing detachment. Construction activities include roof deck installation and concrete pouring for the parking garage. Envelope and building façade tenders are underway. Project completion is anticipated for the end of Q4 2027, with the RCMP commissioning period anticipated to be approximately six months. The project remains on schedule and on budget.

3.5 Cameron Community Centre and Library

The new Cameron Community Centre and Library will be the largest community centre in Burnaby, featuring an aquatic facility, gymnasium, weight room, expanded library, and civic plaza. Construction continues with pool and gym foundation wall suspended slab concrete installation underway. Project handover to PRC is currently anticipated for Q2 2028. The project remains on budget.

3.6 Brentwood Community Centre

The Brentwood Community Centre will be a multi-level facility within the Brentwood Block development site, featuring community gathering spaces, a fitness centre, a gymnasium, a podium-level outdoor park, music and art rooms, and a public plaza. The project schedule aligns with the Grosvenor Brentwood Master Plan development timelines and development of the operating agreement is underway. Construction is currently anticipated to start in Q3 2027 and be completed in Q1 2030. The project remains on budget.

3.7 Community Facilities Fit-Out Project

The Community Facilities Fit-Out Project will provide the required furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the James Cowan Theatre, the Community Safety Building, Burnaby Lake Recreation Centre, Cameron Community Centre and Library, and the Brentwood Community Centre. This project will provide a streamlined approach to support the fitting out of these major capital projects and to maximize efficiencies through economies of scale. The coordination work as part of this project spans both capital and operating needs and the required expenditures will need to be funded accordingly through the annual budget process. The initial procurement processes are planned for Q1 2026, and coordination work will continue until the completion of the last major project in 2030.

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Communication plans are in place for each project, with ongoing engagement with key users and staff groups. External communication to the wider public regarding any impacts occurs through dedicated project webpages, public notices via the City's communication channels, and continued outreach by City staff.

5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Funding for the noted significant civic building projects is included in the 2026-2030 Capital Plan. Budget requirements for operations will be brought forward by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department for Council's consideration as the subject projects advance.

Respectfully submitted,

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