

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

1:50 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

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Jon Scanlon
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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Roll Call

Announcements

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Special Presentation

1. [AB2026-376](#) Presentation from the Birch Bay Community Advisory Committee regarding their first year of activities and community engagement

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2026-186](#) Discussion and preliminary Council direction on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 2, Land Use
2. [AB2026-250](#) Discussion and preliminary Council direction on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 8, Resource Lands
3. [AB2026-261](#) Discussion and preliminary Council direction on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 10, Environment
4. [AB2026-263](#) Discussion and preliminary Council direction on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Appendices (Appendix A: Glossary, Appendix B: Acronyms, Appendix D: Bibliography, Appendix E: 20-Year Capital Facilities Plan, Appendix G: Airport Overlay Zones, Appendix H: Airport Imaginary Surfaces, Appendix I: Housing Needs Analysis, Appendix J: Subsidized Housing Needs and Funding) and Foothills Subarea Plan Amendments
5. [AB2026-249](#) Discussion regarding schedule for Council review of the comprehensive plan update

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2026-272](#) Request for motion regarding council meeting procedures for discussion of agenda bill items on the day of introduction

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment