

2025

**ANNUAL  
REPORT**

## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

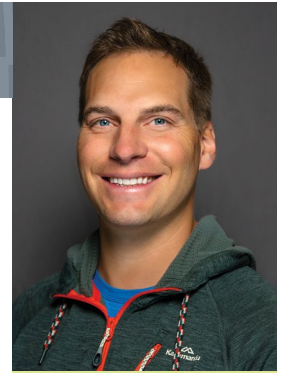
Hello Community Members!

2025 was a year of looking ahead—persisting in setting clear intentions and direction for how Winter Park will evolve and grow in the coming years. Plans for the Urban Renewal Area and the Aerial Transit System continued to advance, and many Town projects were either completed or positioned to move forward in 2026, including a new playground at Hideaway Park.

We are excited to work alongside the community to ensure Winter Park continues to develop in alignment with our shared vision and in a way that prioritizes our core values. We would also like to thank our residents for taking the time in 2025 to respond to our community survey, which will help shape future plans and goals.

From mountain rail initiatives to new recreational amenities like the Vasquez Creek improvements, and expanded housing opportunities, we are proud of what was accomplished in 2025 and energized by all that 2026 will bring to our community. The following pages provide a snapshot of the Town's accomplishments this year.

I am honored to serve as your Mayor and look forward to another great year ahead.



**Nick Kutrumbos**  
Mayor

### Mayor Nick Kutrumbos

## TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS



**Jennifer Hughes**  
Mayor Pro Tem



**Art Ferrari**  
Council Member



**Jeremy Henn**  
Council Member



**Rebecca Kaufman**  
Council Member



**Riley McDonough**  
Council Member



**Mike Periolat**  
Council Member

## CORE PRIORITIES



Our  
character  
and culture



Our world-  
class outdoor  
recreation



Our healthy  
and thriving  
environment



Our global  
and local  
connectivity

## MOST NOTABLE

### CONTINUED WORK ON THE NEWLY FORMED URA

Work continues with partners to develop a plan for the new urban renewal area that will support the Imagine Winter Park Unlocked projects and other public infrastructure investments.

### VASQUEZ CREEK, FRASER RIVER TRAIL, AND A NEW PLAYGROUND!

Public Works completed several big projects in recreation, including the completion of the Vasquez Creek Trail Improvement Project, repaving 3 miles of the Fraser River Trail, and the completion of a new playground at Idlewild Park.

### WINTER PARK COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Town received 506 survey responses, including 255 from residents and 305 from second homeowners or visitors, to help inform future priorities and initiatives.

### A NEW TOWN MANAGER

Following the resignation of Keith Riesberg, who had served as Town Manager for the past seven years, the Town undertook a national search and public engagement process. The Town is pleased to announce that Jon Peacock will serve as the next Town Manager in 2026, bringing over 25 years of experience in executive leadership within local government.

### TRANSPORTATION

Continued regular meetings and work to establish a Regional Transportation Authority, formalize plans to finance an aerial transit system, and support the Mountain Passenger Rail initiatives.

## HOUSING INITIATIVES

- ▶ Sold all remaining homes (10) in Hideaway Junction Phase II.
- ▶ Collaborated on the further advancement of regional housing efforts with the Fraser River Valley Housing Partnership, including securing a \$300,000 grant award to conduct a housing needs assessment in 2026.
- ▶ Purchased a condominium from the Short-Term Fix Program for permanent preservation as workforce housing, which was deed-restricted and listed for resale for eligible members of the community.
- ▶ Acquired a parcel of land for land banking and future housing development.
- ▶ Updated the affordable housing code to include a 0.5% real estate transfer assessment in lieu of the per-square-foot affordable housing fee.

## POLICE

- ▶ Celebrated the 20th year of serving the community members of Fraser and Winter Park!
- ▶ Responded to 7,899 calls
- ▶ Issued 582 traffic citations
- ▶ Responded to 738 Code Enforcement calls
- ▶ Officer Cory Esslinger was promoted to Sergeant.
- ▶ Conducted recruitment campaign, which resulted in over 2.6 million video views and 51 new applications to the police department.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ENGAGEMENT

- ▶ Monthly staff appreciation events to encourage retention.
- ▶ Held 14 free Responsible Alcohol Server Trainings (RAST) with an average of 9-10 participants per class
- ▶ Held events to encourage community involvement:
  - State of the Town event
  - Community Clean-Up Day
  - Bike-to-Work Day and Cruise with Council
  - Ski with Council

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ Completed the Open Space, Trails, Parks, and Campground Master Plan
- ▶ Started work on revising the sign code with public engagement, including an open house.

## BUILDING DIVISION

- ▶ 570 total building permits issued
- ▶ 4,343 building inspections performed
- ▶ \$873,855 building fees collected
- ▶ \$96,020,159 valuation

## PLANNING DIVISION

- ▶ 1,102 cases reviewed
- ▶ 5 preliminary plats reviewed
- ▶ 1 final plats
- ▶ 51 minor site plans

## PUBLIC WORKS

- ▶ 5,381.3 winter equipment operations hours Nov '24-Mar '25
- ▶ 15 miles of roadway maintained in the winter
- ▶ Completed Telemark Cul-de-sac project to provide a formal turnaround for plows and emergency services.

## TRANSIT (THE LIFT)

- ▶ Total Ridership: 584,485
- ▶ Held ribbon-cutting event for the first electric bus to join the fleet.
- ▶ Added two electric buses to the fleet, with more expected to join in 2026.
- ▶ Received the 2025 Resort Agency of the Year award from the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies for the second year in a row!

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

- ▶ \$300,000 from the Department of Local Affairs for a solar array/micro-grid on the Town's Public Works facility.
- ▶ \$250,000 from Colorado State Trails to assist in repaving the Fraser River Trail.
- ▶ \$1,056,120 from the Federal Transit Administration to pave the transit maintenance facility parking lot.
- ▶ \$443,157 from CDOT's Clean Transit Enterprise to fully fund the transit expansion from Granby to Grand Lake/Rocky Mountain National Park and partially fund a microtransit pilot program. Both are set to begin in summer of 2026!

## CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAM

- ▶ Completed the final greenhouse gas inventory report.
- ▶ Conducted a geothermal test bore.
- ▶ Completed a community climate action survey to inform a future Climate Action Plan.
- ▶ Revised the sign code after public engagement, including an open house.
- ▶ Worked with other identified Xcel Gas Pilot Communities to negotiate and execute an initial agreement with Xcel to participate as a Gas Pilot Planning Community.



## SOCIAL MEDIA

- ▶ Instagram: 3,507 followers
- ▶ Facebook: 3,258 followers
- ▶ 67 New Email Subscribers
- ▶ YouTube: 125,448 total views

## FINANCE DEPT. / BUDGET

- ▶ \$39.2 million in adopted revenue in 2025.
- ▶ 1,640 Short-Term Rental permits issued.