



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

A G E N D A

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2007
8:40 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Agenda adoption

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A. THAT the minutes of the "Committee of the Whole" meeting of Council held June 25th, 2007, be adopted. (P. 1)

3. GENERAL MATTERS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET PRIORITIES
(P. 7)

A. Memorandum dated June 28th, 2007 from Manager, Finance, re: Budget Priorities.

*60 minutes allotted for
this discussion*

2008 BUDGET
TIMELINE (P. 9)

B. For discussion & approval, Proposed 2008 Budget Timeline.

RCMP BUDGET
REQUEST (P. 11)

C. Memo dated July 3, 2007, from Mr. Kevin Bertles, Manager, Finance, re: RCMP Budget Request.

PREMIER GORDON
CAMPBELL – UBCM
ANNUAL CONVENTION
(P. 13)

D. Letter dated June 27, 2007, from Premier Gordon Campbell, re: UBCM Annual Convention, Submission of Requests for Meetings with Ministers.

6. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

7. COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES

8. G.V.S.C. / N.O.R.D. REGULAR MEETINGS

9. CLOSE OF MEETING

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2007**

PRESENT: Mayor Wayne Lippert

Councillors J. Cunningham, B. Beardsell, B. Baumbrough,
P. Cochrane, J. Gilroy, P. Nicol

Staff: L. Gous, Chief Administrative Officer
M. Bailey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
P. Bridal, City Clerk
J. Kinch, Mgr. Plan., Dev., & Eng. Services
K. Bertles, Manager, Finance

Others: Media and Members of the public

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wayne Lippert called the meeting to order at 8:48 am

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Councillor Cochrane, seconded by Councillor Gilroy:

THAT the Agenda for the June 25th, 2007, Committee of the Whole meeting be amended as follows:

1. ADD TO ITEM 2.A – Minutes from the June 22, 2007 Special Meeting of Council on Secondary Suite;
2. SEE ITEM 4.B.(iii) – Copy of Letter from Senator Campbell to UBCM, re: support of inclusion of Mr. Evelyn in the Canadian Police and Peace Officers Memorial;
3. NEW ITEM 4.C. – Report dated June 20th, 2007 from Long Range Planner, re: Policy regarding OCP amendment applications received during the review of the OCP;
4. NEW ITEM 4.D. – “Draft” report dated April 23, 2007, from Manager Bylaw Enforcement, re: Rental Premise Standards of Maintenance Bylaw;
5. NEW ITEM 5.C.(iii) – Public Art Advisory.

AND FURTHER, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF THE
MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Beardsell, seconded by Councillor Baumbrough:

THAT the minutes of the “Committee of the Whole” meeting of Council held June 11th, 2007 and the minutes from the Special meeting held June 22, 2007, be adopted

CARRIED.

GENERAL MATTERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**LIBRARY AND CIVIC
COMPLEX DESIGN**

Memorandum dated June 20th, 2007 from Ms. Marg Bailey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, re: Library and Civic Building Design. Mr. Leon Gous, Chief Administrative Officer provided an overview of the Expression of Interest received from 16 architect firms.

Council questioned what would be available for the public to look at during the Alternate Approval Process and Mr. Gous advised that the architects would not have anything new available by that time and only the present conceptual plans are available. It would probably be early fall before anything further will be completed.

Moved by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Cochrane:

THAT Council defers consideration of the approval of \$300,000 for the Library and Civic complex design, until the Regular Open Meeting.
CARRIED.

**RESOLUTIONS – 2007
UNION OF BC
MUNICIPALITIES
(0360-27)**

Moved by Councillor Beardsell, seconded by Councillor Cunningham:

THAT the following motions be endorsed and forwarded to Union of BC Municipalities for consideration.

(i) HOSPITAL CAPITAL COST FINANCING

WHEREAS currently the municipalities within the Greater Vancouver Regional District do not charge their citizens a property tax for hospitals as the Provincial Government assumes their hospital debt;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government collects property tax, for hospitals, from all other BC taxpayers on their yearly property tax notices;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government assume 100% responsibility of capital hospital expenditures for all municipalities in British Columbia and eliminate the hospital property tax imposed on taxpayers outside the Greater Vancouver Regional District area.

(ii) BUSINESS TAX EXEMPTION

WHEREAS the statutory property exemption for business Class 6 assessments is \$10,000 regardless of the property value;

AND WHEREAS the business Class 6 exemption has remained unchanged since implementation in 1984 despite increasing assessments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government review the Business Class exemption for Class 6 assessments and consider a significant increase in the statutory property exemption, in order to provide small businesses, in the Province of British Columbia, a fair exemption for their increased assessed property value.

(iii) CANADIAN POLICE AND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL

WHEREAS the Committee that oversees the Canadian Police and Peace Officers Memorial in Ottawa does not recognize Auxiliary Police Officers in Canada;

AND WHEREAS, Auxiliary Cst. Glen Evely was killed instantly when the patrol car in which he was a passenger was broadsided by a stolen pickup truck in 2004, and has been refused recognition by the Canadian Police and Peace Officers Memorial because he was not a full-time police officer;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia lobby, on behalf of all Auxiliary Police Officers in the Province of BC, who are appointed under the BC Police Act, status to qualify for recognition under the Canadian Police and Peace Officers Memorial in Ottawa.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Beardsell, seconded by Councillor Nicol:

THAT Council request the Mayor forward a letter to Senator Campbell thanking him for his support of the initiative to have Cst. Glen Evely recognized in the Canadian Police and Peace Officers Memorial in Ottawa.

CARRIED.

ANNUAL WAGES IN EXCESS OF \$75,000

Moved by Councillor Beardsell, seconded by Councillor Nicol:

THAT Council not support the proposed UBCM resolution regarding Annual Wages in excess of \$75,000.

Moved by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Gilroy

THAT the motion be amended to \$90,000.

DEFEATED, Mayor Lippert, Nicol, Beardsell and Cochrane, opposed.

QUESTION WAS CALLED ON MAIN MOTION AND DECLARED CARRIED, with Councillor Gilroy and Baumbrough opposed.

**POLICY REGARDING
OFFICIAL COMMUNITY
PLAN AMENDMENT
APPLICATIONS
RECEIVED DURING THE
REVIEW OF THE
OFFICIAL COMMUNITY
PLAN (6480-02-20)**

Report dated June 20th, 2007 from Long Range Planner, re: OCP Policy. Ms. Kim Flick provided Council with an overview of the recommendation and that the recommendation supports any applications which have not already received initial support of Council would fall within these parameters.

Moved by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Baumbrough:

THAT Council endorses the recommendation that applications for Official Community Plan amendments (including Neighbourhood Plan submissions) received during the review of the Official Community Plan not be endorsed, with the exception of amendments of a minor nature which further the City's goals with regard to affordable housing, childcare facilities or other social amenities;

AND FURTHER, that Council hold the *Neighbourhood Plans – Review and Approval Process* in abeyance, pending completion of the Official Community Plan review.

CARRIED, with Councillor Cochrane opposed.

**RENTAL PREMISE
STANDARDS OF
MAINTENANCE BYLAW
(4000-10; 3900-02)**

“Draft” Report dated April 23, 2007, from Manager, Bylaw Enforcement, regarding the Rental Premise Standards of Maintenance Bylaw.

Moved by Councillor Beardsell, seconded by Councillor Nicol:

THAT Council approves in principal, the ‘draft’ report and bylaw, dated April 23, 2007 from the Manager, Bylaw

Enforcement, regarding Rental Premise Standards of Maintenance Bylaw.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

FCM UPDATE

Councillor Cunningham provided an overview and update on the FCM Conference recently attended in Calgary, Alberta, at the end of May. A presentation on homelessness in the USA and the 10 year plan to end homelessness was particularly interesting. Councillor Cunningham will leave the information in the Councillor's room for members of Council to review.

**HOMELESSNESS –
UBCM RESOLUTION**

Moved by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Beardsell:

THAT the following motion, regarding Homelessness, be endorsed and forwarded to Union of BC Municipalities for consideration.

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) recognizes that homelessness and the lack of affordable housing are a national concern requiring long term solutions;

AND WHEREAS the National Homelessness Initiative and the Province of British Columbia's Housing Strategy are Ad Hoc programs which are not long-term sustained programs;

BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to initiate with the Federal Government a non-partisan, inter-governmental, cooperative approach to a National homelessness and affordable housing strategy.

CARRIED.

Councillor Cunningham provided a detail verbal report on the "Bridges" program, which was presented at the FCM Conference. The former City of Calgary hospital Site (36 acres) was redeveloped by the City and the innovative concepts used were quite exciting. Councillor Cunningham will leave the information in the Councillor's room for members of Council to review.

**PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE – TERMS
OF REFERENCE
(7500-30)**

Moved by Councillor Nicol, seconded by Councillor Beardsell:

THAT Council adopt an amendment to the Terms of Reference – Membership - for the Public Safety Committee as follows:

1. by amending the membership by adding a representative

from the Interior Health and a RCMP Staff/Inspector; and

- 2. by deleting the staff member from the RCMP listed in the resources.

AND FURTHER, that staff proceed with advertising for the two members of the public for membership on the Committee.

CARRIED.

PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Cochrane advised that at the last meeting of the Public Art Advisory committee it was suggested that Council adopt a policy regarding the removal of art.

Moved by Councillor Cochrane, seconded by Councillor Cunningham;

THAT Council supports staff preparing a 'draft' policy on the removal of art, for Council's consideration.

CARRIED.

GVSC MEETINGS

Councillor Beardsell advised that the meeting dates for GVSC have changed and do not follow City council meetings. Leon Gous, Chief Administrative Officer advised it did change because when it became a Committee, meeting once a month, they supported it falling on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Moved by Councillor Beardsell, seconded by Councillor Baumbrough

THAT Council requests NORD consider amending the monthly meeting schedule for the Greater Vernon Services Committee, by re-scheduling the meeting on the Thursday following the Monday City of Vernon and Coldstream Council meetings.

CARRIED.

CLOSURE

Mayor Wayne Lippert closed the meeting at 10:00 am.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor:

City Clerk



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and All Councillors

FILE: 1700-40

Pc: L. Gous, Administrator
M. Bailey, Deputy Administrator

DATE: June 28, 2007

FROM: K. Bertles, Manager Finance

SUBJECT: ***BUDGET PRIORITIES***

With the start of the budget process for 2008-2012 I am requesting direction from individual Councillors, and Council as a whole, for their priorities for this Financial Plan. The more input received at this stage in the budget should increase the value of the information contained in the initial draft of the budget.

- 2008 will be an election year, are there new priorities that should be undertaken.
- Are there new capital projects that staff should include in their budget preparations.
- Are there services we are providing that we should not be providing.
- Are there services we should be providing that we are not providing.
- Is there a maximum tax increase that you consider acceptable for this election year and the likely impact of the Library complex.

I would appreciate your responses by July 31, 2007.

Patrick Nicol

From: Spiers [spiers@telus.net]
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2007 10:34 AM
To: Patrick Nicol
Subject: As per our discussion.

I think the budget process was the best I ever have seen. However the Council stumbled towards the end and blew it.

The decision to lower the business tax ratio from 3.03 to 2.75 was defensible and I don't object to it BUT it should have been accomplished without resorting to raising an additional \$275,000 from the residential class. There was plenty of money in the estimated 2006 surplus of \$700,000 at the time and especially the actual surplus of \$1,554,000 that could have been used to maintain the residential class to a 2% hike while decreasing the business class tax contribution by 6%.

I understand the surplus was pit into temporary reserves pending a review of all reserves etc. I would urge you to transfer at least **\$275,000** to **a residential taxpayers tax Equalization Reserve. Hopefully this would be used in 2008 to lower residential taxes and correct this oversight of 2007.**

Thanks in advance for your consideration of this proposal.

Bob

6/28/2007

CITY OF VERNON

2008 - 2012 FINANCIAL PLAN PROCESS

1. PLANNING TIMELINE

The following is the proposed timeline for the financial planning process.

DATES	DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY
July 9	Council approves schedule advises on any specific issues to be addressed in the plan
Sept 20	Latest date for submission of budgets to CAO & Manager Finance
Oct 19	Completion of review of individual divisional budgets with CAO, DEPUTY CAO & Manager Finance
Oct 31	Manager Finance prepares first draft of budget
Nov 5	Manager Finance to complete overall budget & submit Budget Package to Committee of the Whole
Nov 26	Completion of detailed budget review by Committee of the Whole
Dec 4	Public input session
Dec 10	Council determines final changes to budget and gives first 3 readings to budget bylaw
Jan 14	Council gives final reading of budget bylaw



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INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Council

FILE: 1700-03

Pc:

DATE: July 3, 2007

FROM: Finance Manager

SUBJECT: *RCMP BUDGET REQUEST*

Inspector McVarnock has requested utilization of projected budgetary savings, in salary costs, for upgrades to the Detachment boardroom.

The projected savings stem from the filling of staff positions with junior members and are estimated to be \$ 65,747.

The estimated costs for the renovation of the boardroom and former Emergency Operations Centre are \$ 17, 600.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Bertles'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'K'.

Kevin Bertles



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June 27, 2007

His Worship Mayor Wayne Lippert and Councillors
City of Vernon
3400 30th Street
Vernon, BC V1T 5E6

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

This year local governments will be gathering in Vancouver, for the 102nd UBCM Annual Convention, under the theme *Climates of Change*.

This is indeed an appropriate focus for us to reflect on at a time when climate change is very much on our minds in British Columbia, Canada and the world. I believe that sustainable environmental management is key to meeting the challenges of global warming – that is why we set a target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in BC by at least 33 percent below current levels by 2020. The discussions at this year's UBCM convention will go a long way in setting the course, raising awareness and moving us forward. My colleagues and I look forward to being a part of your convention.

If you would like to meet with any Minister on a specific issue during this year's Convention, please complete the enclosed form and fax it to our UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator, Katherine Bergen, at (604) 775-1688. Requests should be faxed no later than August 10th, 2007. Please note the Ministry of Community Services will be sending an invitation regarding bookings for Minister Chong and government staff separately.

We would also like to extend an invitation to you to attend the Government of BC Reception to be held on Wednesday September 26th from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the Parkview Terrace at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2007 UBCM Convention.

Sincerely,

Gordon Campbell
Premier

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