



# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON A G E N D A

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009  
8:40 AM

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A. THAT the Agenda for the November 23, 2009, Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

A. THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council held November 9, 2009 be adopted. **(P. 3)**

**3. GENERAL MATTERS**

A. Mr. Jim Baskerville, Regional Manager, Okanagan Operations, Tolko Industries Ltd., re: Discussion on Property Taxes.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

A. PowerPoint presentation by Mr. Kevin Bertles, Manager, Finance, re: 2010 Summary of Economic conditions.

B. Report from Ms. Kim Flick, Manager, Planning & Building, re: Polson Park.

- *To be distributed*

C. Council 2010 Committee and Community appointments for 2010, submitted by Mayor Lippert, for Council's consideration and approval.

**TOLKO INDUSTRIES  
LTD. (P. 6)**

**2010 SUMMARY OF  
ECONOMIC  
CONDITIONS (P. 7)**

**POLSON PARK –  
CONCEPTUAL PLAN**

**COUNCIL  
APPOINTMENTS TO  
COMMITTEES FOR  
2010 (P. 24)**

**MOU – REGIONAL  
MUNICIPAL SOLID  
WASTE MANAGEMENT  
AND BLUE BAG  
RESIDENTIAL  
RECYCLING PROGRAM  
AGREEMENT (P. 27)**

D. THAT Council support and endorse the Blue Bag Recycling Residential Program Agreement between the City of Vernon and the Regional District of North Okanagan;

AND FURTHER, that Council support and endorse the Memorandum of Understanding for Regional Municipal Solid Waste Management between the City of Vernon and the Regional District of North Okanagan.

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, NOVEMBER 9, 2009**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Wayne Lippert

Councillors: J. Gilroy, B. Spiers, M. O'Keefe, (S. Lee, absent)  
B. Baumbrough, P. Nicol, absent

Staff: L. Gous, Chief Administrative Officer  
M. Bailey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
P. Bridal, Manager, Corporate Services  
K. Bertles, Manager, Finance  
K. Flick, Manager, Planning & Building Services  
E. Stranks, Manager, Engineering Development  
R. Dickinson, Manager, Engineering Services  
G. Thompson, Municipal Financial Technician III  
A. Watson, Municipal Transportation Technician III

Others: Media and Members of the public

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**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Wayne Lippert called the meeting to order at 8:40 am.

**AGENDA ADOPTION** Moved by Councillor Gilroy, seconded by Councillor Baumbrough:

THAT the Agenda for the November 9, 2009, Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.  
**CARRIED.**

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES** Moved by Councillor Baumbrough, seconded by Councillor Gilroy:

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council held October 26, 2009, be adopted.  
**CARRIED.**

**GENERAL MATTERS**

**RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION – BUDGET**

Mr. Doug Ross, Manager Recreation Services provided Council with an overview of the budget being submitted to the Regional District of the North Okanagan for the Recreation Division. Copies of memorandums, provided to Mr. Al McNiven, regarding the 2010 Capital Budget for the facilities, together with the 2010 Arenas and Recreation Services Overall Summary was distributed for review.

Moved by Councillor Nicol, seconded by Councillor Baumbrough:

THAT Council receives the 2010 Budget sheets for the Recreation Services Division as presented by the Manager of Recreation Services.

**CARRIED.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2009 DCC UPDATE -  
RESPONSE TO  
COUNCIL QUESTIONS  
(3150-20)**

Memo dated November 3, 2009, from Greg Thompson, re: 2009 DCC Update - Response to Council Questions.

Councillor Spiers provided a 3 page document in regards to the DCC's.

Moved by Councillor Nicol, seconded by Councillor Spiers:

THAT Council receives the memorandum dated November 3, 2009, from Mr. Greg Thompson regarding the Response to Council questions regarding 2009 DCC Update.

**CARRIED.**

**2009 DEVELOPMENT  
COST CHARGE UPDATE  
– DRAFT REPORT  
(3150-20)**

Memo dated November 3, 2009, from Greg Thompson, Project Manager, re: 2009 Development Cost Charge Update – Draft Report. Council was advised that the first public consultation meeting is taking place on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Written comments will be received until November 20<sup>th</sup>, and the final review will be brought forward to Council with the Bylaw on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy, seconded by Councillor Nicol:

THAT Council receives the “Draft” 2009 Development Cost Charges Update report.

**CARRIED.**

**DCC'S – RDNO  
REQUEST FOR REVIEW**

Moved by Councillor Baumbrough, seconded by Councillor O'Keefe:

THAT Council encourages the Regional District of the North Okanagan to consider reviewing the Parks and Water DCC's to match the methodology the City of Vernon's new draft Bylaw utilized, especially with reference to sustainability, unit sizes and zonal DCC's.

**CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE  
REVIEW – GREATER  
VERNON PARKS  
(0482-10-05)**

Moved by Councillor O’Keefe, seconded by Councillor Spiers:

THAT Council receives the letter dated October 23, 2009 from Mr. Betts, RDNO regarding the Service Review for Greater Vernon Parks;

AND FURTHER, that Council appoints Mayor Lippert, as the City of Vernon Representative on the Service Review, with Councillor Nicol as the alternate representative.

**CARRIED.**

**NOTICE OF REVIEW –  
STERILE INSECT  
RELEASE  
(0482-10-02)**

Moved by Councillor Nicol, seconded by Councillor Gilroy:

THAT Council receives the letter dated October 23, 2009 from Mr. Betts, RDNO regarding the Service Review for Sterile Insect Release;

AND FURTHER, that Council appoints Mayor Lippert as the City of Vernon Representative on the Service Review, with Councillor Gilroy as the alternate representative.

**CARRIED.**

**CLOSE**

Mayor Wayne Lippert closed the meeting at 10:15 am.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Mayor:

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Corporate Officer:

November 10, 2009

Dear Mayor Wayne Lippert

Re. Discussion on Property Taxes

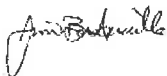
Thank you for participating in our earlier meeting on this matter on October 8, 2009. As we had discussed during that meeting Tolko would be visiting each of the 9 communities in British Columbia where Tolko has manufacturing operations and holding similar meetings to our Vernon meeting with mayors, councilors and municipal staff. We have now completed that process. Having discussed the matter of property taxes and the issues relating to municipal government in each of these 9 communities we now have a good cross section of issues and recommendations. The property tax issue has also been subsequently informed by several related events such as the Catalyst case and the UBCM convention.

We now request an opportunity to return to your offices to have further discussion on this matter. Specifically we wish to share relevant information as to why we will be pursuing this matter, some examples of our concerns within the City of Vernon and Tolko's "ask" of each our municipalities that we do business within.

Please advise as to the appropriate forum, date and time to address our request. Would we make our presentation and deliver our ask of Mayor and counsel through a "delegation" from Tolko at a regular council meeting or is there an alternate process you would suggest?

Thank you for continued assistance and interest regarding our property tax concerns.

Sincerely,



Jim Baskerville,  
Regional Manager, Okanagan Operations  
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# 2010 Summary of Economic Conditions

**Prepared By: Kevin Bertles, CGA**

**Date: November 17, 2009**



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## **Where are we now?**

- Housing starts/building permits have declined.
- Interest Revenue has fallen sharply
- Increased demand from community groups to step in and take over Provincial Funding cuts



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## How did we end up here?

- Economic slowdown –
  - U.S. origins worldwide effects.
- Real estate bubble burst.
- Provincial funding cuts.



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## What is good about our current situation?

- Stable flow of some income streams.
  - *Taxation*
  - *Casino*
- Historical growth has eased pressures for tax increases
- Glimmers of hope in residential construction
- New Commercial investment in Vernon.



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# What is the problem?

- **Not enough being spent to maintain infrastructure...**
  - **Failing roads/sidewalks**
  - **Water/sewer main breaks**
    - **Aging buildings**
  - **Increased liability claims**