

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 2012**

PRESENT: Mayor Rob Sawatzky

Councillors: M.J. O'Keefe, B. Quiring, C. Lord, P. Nicol
J. Cunningham, B. Spiers

Staff: M. Bailey, Chief Administrative Officer
P. Bridal, Manager, Corporate Services
K. Bertles, Manager, Finance
K. Flick, Manager, Community Development
R. Dickinson, Manager, Engineering & GIS
A. Watson, Municipal Transportation Technician

Others: Media and Members of the public

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Sawatzky called the meeting to order at 11:01 am.

AGENDA ADOPTION Moved by Councillor Lord, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT the Agenda for the January 4th, 2012, Special Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**TRANSIT SERVICE
REVIEW
(8500-08)**

Council at its meeting of December 12th, 2011, adopted the following motions:

*THAT Council approves **in principle** the proposed cost sharing percentages for the North Okanagan Connector Route 90 and Handy DART Services;*

AND FURTHER, that the proposed cost sharing percentages be forwarded to the Regional District of North Okanagan Board for their consideration and approval;

AND FURTHER, that Council approves the proposal to develop a new Annual Operating Agreement between the Regional District of North Okanagan and BC Transit for the future operation and management of the North Okanagan Connector Route 90 to separate this service from the other Regional transit services to commence September 1, 2012.

AND

*THAT Council sets a **Special Committee of the Whole** meeting for early January to review the Transit Service Review and to consider the following presentation:*

...the BC Transit Service Review Report, dated December 12, 2011, and instructs staff to respond with Council's selection of the proposed changes so that a five year plan covering the 2012 to 2016 period can be developed with annual costs, for inclusion in the 2012, and each subsequent year's budget process.

Ms. Amanda Watson, Transportation Technician spoke to the report dated December 12th, 2011, the various options for City of Vernon & Coldstream, RDNO, and provided a PowerPoint. Following points were brought forward:

- Question on the UPASS revenue money from City of Kelowna being paid to RDNO for transit and where the money goes? – should it not be allocated to the Transit Funding?
- One bus used on the Route 90 is funded by Vernon until August 2012 and a new funding agreement with all partners is not yet in place to ensure the continuation of this second bus.
- Increase in overall transit budget from last year is approximately 15% - Why? - Mr. Harvard, BC Transit, advised that fuel costs have risen, together with the new facility on 25th Avenue as well as the inflation rate. Fare Revenue historically increased when frequency changed from 1 hour to ½ hour; however, costs are rising higher than the revenues. Over the past 5 years 38.2% increase in Revenue.
- Questioned if rates require a review?

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

THAT Council receives the report for Transit Service Review – Staff Recommendations – City of Vernon & Coldstream;

AND FURTHER, Council approves the following Priority as outlined in Option 1 for 2012:

“Priority 1 – Route 6 – remove Coldstream component of route”
CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Lord, seconded by Councillor Cunningham

THAT Council approves *“Priority 2 – Route 5 - remove on request component of route”* as presented in the Transit Service Review Staff Recommendations Option 1 for 2012.
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Lord:

THAT Council approves "*Priority 3 – Change Sunday routing to match weekday routes*" as presented in the Transit Service Review Staff Recommendations Option 1 for 2012.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Nicol, seconded by Councillor Lord:

THAT Council approves "*Priority 4 – Holiday Service – initially on Remembrance and Canada Day*" as presented in the Transit Service Review Staff Recommendations Option 1 for 2012.

CARRIED

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

THAT Council approves "*Priority 6 – Separation of Route 7 – in to two routes*" as presented in the Transit Service Review Staff Recommendations Option 1 for 2012.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Lord:

THAT Council approves "*Priority 8 – Replace the existing bus with a full sized bus for the Route 3 Alexis Park*" as presented in the Transit Service Review Staff Recommendations Option 1 for 2012.

CARRIED

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

THAT Council directs staff to Amend "Transit Service Review Staff Recommendations *Option 1 Priority 5 – to extend evening services for Thursday, Friday and Saturday to 9:15pm and extend service Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday until approximately 7:00pm, at a ceiling cost of \$80,000.*", and approves as amended.

CARRIED, with Councillor Spiers opposed.

Moved by Councillor Spiers, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council approves "*Priority 7 – Route 90 – Two additional trips – one am peak and one mid afternoon*" as presented in the Transit Service Review Staff Recommendations Option 1 for 2012 based upon the proposed cost sharing percentages for the Route 90 Approved by Council December 12, 2011.

CARRIED.

Council discussed the priorities as outlined in Option 1 2013 as follows and general agreement indicated that “Priority 10 – New route to Silver Star Foothills via Village Green Centre, Monday to Saturday, 7 am to 6:00 pm hourly service (which would include a new bus)” be a continued discussion, as part of Transportation Demand Management.

CLOSE

Mayor Robert Sawatzky closed the meeting at 12:36 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor:

Corporate Officer: