

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

BYLAW NUMBER 5176

A bylaw to adopt the "Financial Plan"
for the Years 2009 – 2013

WHEREAS Section 165 of the *Community Charter* requires the Council to prepare and adopt a Financial Plan for a five year period for the years 2009 to 2013.

NOW THEREFORE as the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vernon desires to adopt the 2009 Financial Plan, Council, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "City of Vernon 2009 Financial Plan Bylaw Number 5176, 2009".
2. That Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw is hereby adopted and shall be the 2009 Financial Plan for The Corporation of the City of Vernon.
3. That Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw is hereby adopted and shall be the 2009 – 2013 Financial Plan Revenue Policy.

READ A FIRST TIME this 13th day of March, 2009.

READ A SECOND TIME this 13th day of March, 2009

READ A THIRD TIME this 13th day of March, 2009

Public Consultation held this 30th day of March, 2009, pursuant to Section 166 of the *Community Charter*.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Mayor

Corporate Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON
2009-2013 FINANCIAL PLAN (CONSOLIDATED)

SCHEDULE A BYLAW #5176

FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST	2009 APPROVED BUDGET	2010 PROVISIONAL BUDGET	2011 PROVISIONAL BUDGET	2012 PROVISIONAL BUDGET	2013 PROVISIONAL BUDGET
REVENUES					
TAXATION	23,659,925	24,006,006	24,586,218	25,180,801	25,790,119
SERVICES PROVIDED TO OTHER LOCAL GOVTS	1,917,382	1,952,189	1,993,565	2,030,269	2,099,724
GOVERNMENT GRANTS	6,096,355	5,069,505	5,160,975	5,254,276	5,349,447
SALE OF SERVICES	15,901,250	16,200,522	16,519,104	16,850,051	17,181,570
FISCAL SERVICES	1,778,241	1,813,806	1,850,082	1,887,084	1,924,826
NATURAL GAS SYSTEM LEASE & FRANCHISE AGREEMENT	2,904,569	2,848,825	2,795,268	2,743,844	2,694,505
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DEVELOPERS	3,638,598	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	55,896,320	51,890,853	52,905,212	53,946,325	55,040,191
EXPENDITURES					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMON SERVICES	7,826,344	7,740,594	7,983,037	8,124,219	8,304,602
PROTECTIVE SERVICES	13,900,896	14,219,226	14,701,775	15,198,929	15,708,152
PLANNING AND BUILDING	2,079,653	1,921,690	1,986,031	2,021,771	2,058,584
ENGINEERING	1,159,255	1,109,312	1,121,910	1,138,521	1,155,631
OPERATIONS	14,348,395	14,244,422	14,652,779	14,972,189	15,378,247
BYLAW ENFORCEMENT & PARKING	1,076,686	1,087,312	1,127,062	1,137,420	1,148,089
FISCAL SERVICES	3,114,489	3,113,664	3,047,457	2,980,582	2,947,098
AMORTIZATION	18,135,319	6,580,887	6,192,459	6,349,898	6,301,784
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	61,641,037	50,017,107	50,812,510	51,923,529	53,002,187
NET REVENUES FOR THE YEAR	(5,744,717)	1,873,746	2,092,702	2,022,796	2,038,004
PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS ON LONG TERM DEBT	(1,880,314)	(1,881,139)	(1,882,045)	(1,793,703)	(1,790,078)
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(7,625,031)	(7,393)	210,657	229,093	247,926
RECONCILIATION					
TRANSFERS TO RESERVE	(4,987,404)	(3,467,287)	(3,530,217)	(3,594,431)	(3,659,957)
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	12,612,435	3,474,680	3,319,560	3,365,338	3,412,031
RECONCILED SURPLUS	-	-	-	-	-

2009-2013 City of Vernon Financial Plan Revenue Policy

“Under the requirements of the Community Charter Sec 165 (3.1) the Financial Plan must set out the objectives and policies of the municipality.”

Property Value taxes

Taxation Revenue will be determined by Council each year according to the operating and capital needs of the community, as part of the annual budget process.

Taxation will be based on the service level delivery priorities of Council, in balance with preserving and enhancing the financial health and sustainability of the city.

Taxes will be allocated to the various classes as follows, to preserve and maintain the existing equity between assessment classes;

- The utility class will be taxed at the maximum combined rate per thousand dollars of value permitted by legislation.
- All remaining classes of property will receive an equal allocation of the percent change in the annual tax levy.
- The City will strive to maintain a business to residential multiplier range not exceeding 3.2 to 1 under optimal conditions.

Vernon recognizes the benefits accruing to the community through the efforts and activities of volunteer organizations and community groups. Permissive Tax Exemptions extend a financial benefit to such groups. The exemptions must be renewed each year and new applications will be reviewed each year under a process and committee, as defined by existing City policy.

The proportion of revenues to be raised from taxation in 2009 is 42% of total revenue.

Municipal Fees

- Service fee recovery should reflect the full costs of program delivery.

The proportion of revenues to be raised from fees and charges in 2009 is 32% of total revenue.

Other Revenue

- Investment income will be based on prudent investments of taxpayer funds.
- Other revenue flows should be developed and enhanced to maximize the value derived for the benefit of Vernon residents.

The proportion of revenues to be raised from other revenue in 2009 is 26% of total revenue.

Parcel Taxes

- Specified Areas will bear the full cost of all debt incurred to finance the local improvements.
- The proportion of revenues to be raised from parcel taxes in 2009 is less than 1% of total revenue.