

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018**

PRESENT: Mayor A. Mund

Councillors: B. Spiers, J. Cunningham, S. Anderson, D. Nahal,
(B. Quiring, C. Lord, absent)

Staff: W. Pearce, CAO
S. Blakely, Manager, Legislative Services
K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure & Dev.
D. Lind, Interim Fire Chief
S. Koenig, Director, Operations
N. Nilsen, Communications Officer and Grants Coordinator
D. Ross, Director, Recreation Services*

**Attended as required*

Others: Media
Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Akbal Mund called the meeting to order at 8:42 am.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Cunningham:

THAT the Agenda for the March 26, 2018, Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF THE
MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council held March 12, 2018, be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

GENERAL MATTERS

NEW BUSINESS

**CITY OF VERNON
WILDLAND FIRE RISK
REDUCTION UPDATE
(7340-01)**

Fire Chief Lind provided a high level overview of efforts being made to manage the wildland fire risk within the City of Vernon.

The following points were noted:

- Wildfire Risk Reduction Strategy
 - Chipping & clearing of fuels
 - FireSmart Canada
 - Fire Services Bylaw #5635
 - VFRS 8 Year Strategic Plan

- Increased Firefighter staffing during high risk periods
- Additional wildland interface training for firefighters
- 2018 CWPP implementation funding
- Subject Matter Expert Support
- Wildland interfaces working group/task force
- Grant applications
- Increased public awareness and empowerment
- Vernon Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)
 - Published 2014
 - Inventory and categorization of 11,833 hectares
 - High level recommendations
 - Informs planning and development
 - Informed the development of Fire Services Bylaw #5635
 - Campfire requirements
 - Burning bans
 - Fire Services authority to burn to control hazards and for training
 - Foundational requirement for grant applications
- FireSmart
 - Small grant program for private homeowners
 - \$10,000 yearly grant
 - 2015 Deputy Fire Chief, Local FireSmart Rep
 - Demonstration treatment completed in Deer Park and in 2015
 - Predator Ridge recognized by FireSmart Canada
 - 2018 application
 - Fuel load reduction
 - LFS representative training
 - S100 training & burns
 - Era of Mega Fires
 - COV Commitment to Wildfire Risk Reduction
 - Ongoing chipping, mowing, maintenance of City owned risks
 - Increased Firefighter staffing during high risk periods
 - Wildland firefighter training
 - PPE/equipment/apparatus
 - Provincial response
 - Mutual Aid
 - Regional Aid
 - 2018 ongoing CWPP implementation funding leverages against grant application
 - COV Wildland Interface Working Group/Task Force
 - SME Support
 - Robert (Bob) Gray
 - Geoff Byford
 - City Staff
 - Chris Sheel, Luana Kaleikini, Kim Flick, Shirley Koenig, James Rice, Scott

Hemstad, Jing Niu, EM Support, Aaron Stuart, and Nick Nilsen

- Increased Public Awareness
 - Vernon Emergency Program Subcommittee
 - Media PIA's
 - Website support materials and links
 - Era of Mega Fires May 14, 19:00

Moved by Councillor Nahal, seconded by Councillor Cunningham:

THAT Council receive the Wildland Fire Risk Reduction Update presentation for information as presented on March 26, 2018 at the Committee of the Whole meeting by the Acting Director of Fire Rescue Services.

CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES


G.V.A.C./R.D.N.O. REGULAR MEETINGS

INFORMATION ITEMS


CLOSE

Mayor Akbal Mund closed the meeting at 9:07 am.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Mayor:



Corporate Officer: