

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

Councillors: S. Anderson, B. Quiring, D. Nahal, A. Mund,
K. Gares, K. Fehr

Staff: W. Pearce, CAO
P. Bridal, DCAO, Director, Corporate Services
S. Blakely, Manager, Legislative Services
D. Law, Director, Finance
A. Stuart, Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting
L. Fitchett, Administrative Asst. - Finance
N. Nilsen, Communications Officer & Grants Coordinator
K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure & Development
S. Koenig, Director, Operations
B. Bandy, Real Estate Manager*
G. Gaucher, Manager, Protective Services

*attended as required

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Victor Cumming called the meeting to order at 8:42 am.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT the Agenda for the November 13, 2018, Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF THE
MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council held October 9, 2018, be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

GENERAL MATTERS

**SOCIAL PLANNING
COUNCIL – QUARTERLY
REPORTS and UPDATES
(0360-20-35)**

Annette Sharkey, Executive Director, Social Planning Council for the North Okanagan, together with noted guest speakers, provided a Quarterly Report and Updates, as follows:

Partners in Action Quarterly Report: July 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018 – Reviewed:

- History, Vision and Mandate Reviewed
- Partners in Action Model Reviewed
- Membership: Coordinating Committee Reviewed

- Partners in Action: Results Reviewed
- Action Team Updates Reviewed
 - Accessibility/Inclusiveness/Multiculturalism
 - Local Immigrant Partnership Council
 - “Respect Lives Here’ Event
 - Reconciliation Journey Team
 - Homeless in Vernon – an Overview – October 2018
 - 2016 Homeless Count Results in BC
 - How Many People are Homeless In Vernon – Stats Reviewed
 - The Cost of Homelessness
 - Working on Solutions
 - Vernon as a Designated Community (Federal Program)
 - Updating Homeless and Attainable Housing Strategies
 - Homelessness / Housing
 - Cool Team
 - Centreville Neighbourhood Council
 - Housing Action Team
 - Vernon as a Federal Designated Community under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy
 - Housing Strategy
 - Shopping Cart Action Team
 - Harm Reduction
 - HART Team – Opioid Crisis Response – Reviewed
 - Scope of Crisis reviewed
 - Who is most at risk – reviewed
 - Framework for strategy reviewed
 - Action Teams reviewed
 - Sharps Action Team / Community Cleanups

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council receives the quarterly report from Ms. Annette Sharkey, Executive Director, Social Planning Council for the North Okanagan, as provided at the November 13, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS**2019 BUDGET BINDER
DISTRIBUTION**

Will Pearce, CAO and Debra Law, Director of Finance reviewed the 2019 Budget Binders which were distributed at the meeting.

Will Pearce

- 2019 Budget deals with wide array of challenges
- Takes a hard look at all aspects of City of Vernon business
- Protects integrity of public infrastructure
- Continues emphasis on Economic Development and Job Creation
- Protects core services that the Community enjoys
- During 2018, the Community faced a significant tax increase with the addition of 6 RCMP Officers
- RCMP budget increased 14% year over year
- To decrease the 'spike' in taxes, Council transferred \$534,924 from reserves which provided a reduction in 2018
- This moved the challenge from 2018 to 2019
- The proposed budget deals with this challenge
- During 2018 Fire dispatch moved to a 'contracted out' service
 - Provided a reduction in liability and better service provision
 - Change released 4 FTE Dispatch positions that were subsequently filled with 4 new firefighters
 - This increases ability for response and decreases overtime
 - These are fully funded in the 2019 budget and are fully approved by Council through the Fire Strategic Plan
- Proposing to move the Seasonal Bylaw Program from 'one time funding' to 'base funding' to stabilize the service in 2019 and beyond
- Modest operating costs added in 2019 as new facilities come on line (Hurlburt and Lakeshore Parks as example)
- Summary Sheet (distributed) – New Operating Projects are shown in green
- One time projects are noted with one time support with funding from the 2017 Unexpended budget
- Modest draw on RCMP reserve \$57,000 recommended to fund 3 pilot projects (Downtown Cleanup, Sharps Response Team and Anti-Tag Team)
 - There has been a reduction in liability exposures related to RCMP as issues have been resolved – reserve fund is healthy
- Two 'vandal resistant' washroom facilities also included in the budget (downtown bus exchange replacement facility and one new facility near linear park)

- Reviewed 'power point' in regard to the proposed budget as displayed on wall
 - Held Operating Budget to 1.2%
 - Proposing to replace \$534,924 drawn from Rate Stabilization Reserve in 2018 through 1.41% through taxation
 - Proposing 1.06% to cover operating costs for new projects now complete (Hurlburt Park, Lakeshore Park, etc) through taxation
 - Total Operating Budget Proposed = 3.67%
 - 1.9% Infrastructure Levy – year seven of program
 - Cumulative program equates to \$4.4 million toward capital infrastructure program
 - There will be a modest amount available from 2018 unexpended budget – which can be used in the community for unexpected programs/services that Council would like to initiate
 - Proposed 2019 Budget increase = 5.57%

Debra Law:

- Reviewed Summary Sheet for Proposed 2019 Budget as distributed at the meeting
- Division Managers will be providing presentations during Budget Meeting – Agenda will be distributed shortly with order of business
- Please review binder prior to the Budget Meetings scheduled for the end of November
- Please contact Debra Law, Aaron Stuart or Will Pearce with any questions arising through review of the binder

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council receives the review of the 2019 Budget Binder as provided by Will Pearce, CAO and Debra Law, Director, Finance at the November 13, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC
PLANNING
(0530-05)**

Will Pearce, CAO, provided a verbal report regarding Council Strategic Planning – January 2019

The following points were noted:

- Intent is to try to find a date that is acceptable to all Council Members for a Strategic Planning day as led by the Director, Community Infrastructure & Development
- Strategic Plan, once created will be endorsed at a Regular Open Council meeting

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council directs Administration to make arrangements for a Council Strategic Planning Workshop to be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm with venue to be announced.

CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES

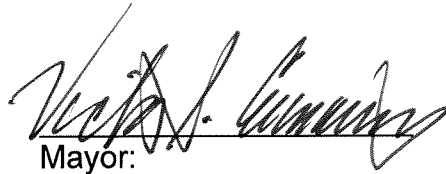
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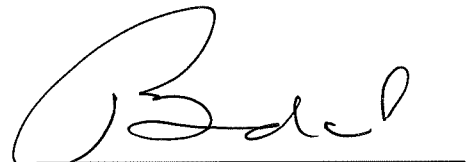
CLOSE

Mayor Victor Cumming closed the meeting at 10:07 am.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Mayor:



Corporate Officer: