

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR OPEN MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2018**

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PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

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

Staff: W. Pearce, CAO  
P. Bridal, DCAO, Director, Corporate Services  
N. Nilsen, Communications Officer & Grants Coordinator  
S. Koenig, Director, Operations  
K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure & Development  
D. Law, Director, Financial Services  
B. Bandy, Manager, Real Estate  
S. Kozin, Manager, Water Reclamation Services  
R. Manjak, Director, Human Resources  
Chief Lind, Director, Fire Services

\*attended as required

Mayor Cumming called the Regular Open meeting to order at 8:41 am and requested a motion to move to Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Cumming reconvened the Regular Open meeting and requested a motion to move to In Camera.

**RESOLUTION TO  
CLOSE MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter as follows:*

1. *labour relations or other employee relations;*
2. *the security of the property of the municipality;*
- k) *negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;*

**CARRIED.**

Mayor Cumming called the Regular Open meeting back to order at 1:30 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

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

Staff:

W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer  
P. Bridal, DCAO/Director, Corporate Services  
J. Nicol, Legislative Committee Clerk  
D. Law, Director, Finance  
K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure & Development  
S. Koenig, Director, Operations\*  
D. Ross, Director, Recreation Services\*  
S. Wright, Recreation Coordinator\*  
E. Stranks, Manager, Engineering Dev. Services\*  
M. Dowhaniuk, Manager, Infrastructure Management\*  
S. Mitchell, Manager, Arena Events & Bookings\*  
N. Nilsen, Communications Officer & Grants Coordinator  
C. Broderick, Manager, Current Planning\*  
A. Watson, Manager, Transportation\*  
R. Zubick, CPO Coordinator\*

\*Attended, as required

Others: Media and Members of the Public

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

**APPROVAL OF  
ITEMS LISTED ON  
THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT the agenda for the November 26, 2018, Regular Open meeting of the Council of The Corporation of The City of Vernon be adopted.

**CARRIED.**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

**COUNCIL  
MEETINGS**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT the minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of Council held November 5, 2018 be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 13, 2018, be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the record of the Public Hearing held on November 13, 2018, be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole

Meeting of Council held November 13, 2018, be received.

**CARRIED.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

**GENERAL MATTERS:**

**DELEGATION –  
NORTH OKANAGAN  
COMMUNITY  
CHAPLAINCY  
(0220-03)**

Rev. Chuck Harper, Community Chaplain, North Okanagan Community Chaplaincy presented Mayor and Council with a Certificate of Appreciation for the City's involvement in the creation of the Homeless Memorial at Polson Park and noted the following:

- Since the proposal of a Homeless Memorial in 2013 until now, there have been 87 homeless related deaths and it continues to be a concern.
- Thank you to the City Staff who maintain the Memorial in Polson Park.

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council receives the Certificate of Appreciation for City involvement in the creation of the Homeless Memorial at Polson Park, as presented by Rev. Chuck Harper, Community Chaplain, North Okanagan Community Chaplaincy at the Regular Council meeting held on November 26, 2018.

**CARRIED.**

**DELEGATION –  
YOUTHFUL  
VERNON  
STRATEGY – CHILD  
CARE NEEDS  
ASSESSMENT  
(0410-24)**

Michelle Kirby, MCFSA, Lynne Reside, ECEBC and Leola McMillan, ECEBC provided a presentation on opportunities for the City of Vernon to access funding for child care planning and for child care facilities in the community.

**The following points were reviewed:**

- Thank you for support received from the City of Vernon to date
- Collaboration with neighbouring communities is needed to build a universal childcare system
- Childcare BC – Vision – affordable, quality child care that is available to every family that wants or needs it
- Budget 2018 allocated \$1B over three years
- Federal government contributing \$153M over three years
- There is a current patchwork of childcare that is unable to respond to each community's different needs
- Three pillars of universal daycare:
  - **Affordability** - \$630M over three years
  - Parents fees reduced by \$250 in April, September saw the roll out of subsidy for families with annual income of \$45,000 and \$111,000

- **Quality** - \$136M over three years, wage enhancement to be paid in February 2019 and hope to attract employees back
- Opening 600 additional spaces
- **Accessibility** - \$237M over three years, need to increase spaces 50 to 60% availability
- Vernon chosen for two proto-type daycares at \$10 a day - \$200 a month maximum based on annual income
- UBCM – Community Child Care Space Creation Program
  - \$13M in funding in 2018/19 to create approx. 1,370 licensed child care spaces
  - Only local governments can apply for children aged 0-5 years, priority on infant toddler spaces
  - Up to \$1M available per application to create new spaces on City property
  - Application deadline – January 18, 2019
- UBCM – Community Child Care Planning Program
  - Up to \$25,000 for local governments to create child care space creation action plans
  - Collaboration between local communities encouraged as funding requests from other jurisdictions can be submitted as one request
  - Can have a contracted planner to determine gap and location of childcare facility
  - Application deadline – January 18, 2019
- Childcare BC New Spaces Fund - \$221M
  - 100% provincial funding available
  - Up to \$1M per facility for public-sector applicants
  - Application is open continuously – no arbitrary deadline
- Success stories reviewed:
  - Blueberry Creek Community School outside Castlegar located in former elementary school – hub of community activity, daycare for birth to 12 years old, \$10,000 grant from City of Castlegar
  - Port Alberni Friendship Centre – City donated and rezoned land, daycare includes indigenous language assistants
- Leading Local Governments:
  - District of Oak Bay – neighbourhood learning centre for 3 – 5 year olds constructed as part of new school, lease from School District
  - District of Tofino – daycare centre connected to health unit, offer living wages to employees
  - Cowichan Valley Regional District – offers childcare as part of their Recreation Centre.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Pursuant to Council Procedure Bylaw 4840, Section 12 (c), Council considers the request from Michelle Kirby, MCFSA, Lynne Reside, ECEBC and Leola McMillan, ECEBC for the City of Vernon to

access funding under the Childcare BC Plan, at this meeting. (requires 2/3 majority vote of Council).

**CARRIED, unanimously.**

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council directs Administration to review the Childcare BC Plan as presented by Michelle Kirby, MCFSA, in which there are three funding opportunities as follows:

1. \$1M grant for the creation of daycare spaces on City owned land (deadline January 18, 2019),
2. \$25,000 grant to create a child care space action plan (deadline January 18, 2019) and
3. \$1M per facility for public-sector applicants (no deadline)

AND FURTHER, that a detailed report be brought forward to the January 7, 2019 regular open meeting, providing consideration of the proposal and any additional information, including, but not limited to, overall costs relating to capital, potential location, operating, partnership, potential subsidy's, and the 15 year commitment.

**CARRIED.**

**PRESENTATION –  
RESTORATIVE  
JUSTICE SOCIETY –  
NORTH OKANAGAN  
– SEMI-ANNUAL  
REPORT  
(7500-20-06)**

Margaret Clark, Executive Director, Restorative Justice Society – North Okanagan, Provided a Semi-Annual report review for January – June 2018.

**The following points were reviewed:**

- Restorative Justice Society supported the People's Law School conference earlier this year
- 12 referrals and several carried over from 2017, generated a total of 11 agreements
- Nine agreements resolved this year
- Three still open and active
- Average time was 37 hours per file, 2017 was 34 hours
- Goal is to hold offender accountable, service is for the person harmed
- Thank you for ongoing support.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council receives the 'Restorative Justice Society – North Okanagan "Semi Annual Report (January – June 2018)" as provided by Ms. Margaret Clark, Executive Director, at the November 26, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED.**

COUNCIL INQUIRIES**TRONSON ROAD  
UPGRADES  
(8300-06)**

Council inquired when upgrades along Kin Beach to provide a bike and walking path. An Admin update will be provided.

**DOWNTOWN  
VERNON LIGHT-UP  
(0230-26)**

Council noted that complaints had been received about the Downtown Light-up this past weekend. This event is put on by the Downtown Vernon Association and complaints should be directed to them.

**SMALL HOUSING  
CONFERENCE  
(0540-31)**

Craig Broderick attended the Small Housing Conference in Vancouver on November 17, 2018 and provided Council with the following Conference highlights:

- State of California has developed an accessory building bylaw – to allow accessory building units. The State has received 10,000 applications to date.
- A design panel reviewed the different styles and strategies of providing small houses
- City of Vancouver is getting an investment in micro suites with shared amenities – like recreation rooms and kitchens
- City of Coquitlam has developed policies for small housing but has had not uptake yet
- City of Nelson promoting laneway housing
- City of Vernon has many policies in place, need to examine barriers.
- Presentation to be distributed to Council.

**GARBAGE ON KIN  
BEACH  
(4020-01)**

Council expressed concern over the dumping of garbage along Okanagan Landing Road and encouraged the public to report anyone seen dumping garbage.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES**ADMINISTRATION  
UPDATES  
(0550-05)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council receives the Administration Updates dated November 26, 2018.

**CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESSMATTERS REFERRED FROM THE IN-CAMERA MEETING – November 26, 2018

THAT Council brings forward, as public information, the following motions **declassified** from confidential to non-confidential at the **November 26, 2018**, In Camera meeting:

**COV / IAFF  
AGREEMENT  
(2670-20)**

*'THAT Council approve the Collective Agreement terms agreed to on November 15, 2018 between IAFF Local 1517 and Administration, and as presented in the Memorandum of Agreement attached to the Internal Memorandum, dated November 19, 2018, titled COV/IAFF Agreement, and respectfully submitted by the Director of Fire & Rescue Services;*

*AND FURTHER, that Council authorize the Mayor and Administration to execute the subject Collective Agreement between IAFF-Vernon Local 1517 and the City of Vernon for the period January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2019;*

*AND FURTHER, that Council authorizes Administration to pay the IAFF retroactive salary increases for 2016 and 2017, from the Salary Reserve.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**REPORTS:**

**UNION OF BC  
MUNICIPALITIES  
(UBCM)  
COMMUNITY  
RESILIENCY  
INVESTMENT  
PROGAM (CRI)  
FIRESMART  
COMMUNITY  
FUNDING &  
SUPPORTS GRANT  
APPLICATION  
(7320-01)**

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council authorize the \$100,000, UBCM "2019 Community Resiliency Investment Program" grant funding application; as attached to the Report/Recommendation of the same title, dated November 19, 2018 and respectfully submitted by the Director, Fire & Rescue Services.

AND FURTHER, that Council support the proposed wildland urban interface fuel management activities as prioritized and in-line with the Vernon Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) (July 2, 2014);

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize the Administration to assume overall grant management.

**CARRIED.**

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:**

**ADOPTION  
• 5723**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Bylaw #5723, "Zoning Text (RTR – Resort Residential) Amendment Bylaw Number 5723, 2018" – a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw #5000, **be adopted.**

**CARRIED.**

**COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES:**

**COUNCILLOR AKBAL MUND**

Councillor Mund provided a verbal report on the following matters:

**MEETING/EVENT  
ATTENDANCE**

- Attended Downtown Light-up
- Was elected Vice-Chair of Special Olympics Committee

**COUNCILLOR BRIAN QUIRING**

Councillor Quiring provided a verbal report on the following matters:

**MEETING/EVENT  
ATTENDANCE**

- Attended the Climate Action Task Force meeting.

**MAYOR VICTOR CUMMING**

Mayor Cumming provided a verbal report on the following matters:

**MEETING/EVENT  
ATTENDANCE**

**Attended:**

- Affordable housing conference in Vancouver
- Rotary Dream Auction
- Downtown Light-up.

**COUNCILLOR KARI GARES**

Councillor Gares provided a verbal report on the following matters:

**MEETING/EVENT  
ATTENDANCE**

- Attended affordable housing conference in Vancouver
- Met with Winter Carnival Society

**COUNCILLOR KELLY FEHR**

Councillor Fehr provided a verbal report on the following matters:

- Attended Partners in Action meeting

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Council received the following information items:

- A. Letter dated October 3, 2018 from Mayor Jeannette Townsend, Village of Valemount, re: Donations Given to Charities on Behalf of Guest Speakers at UBCM
- B. Letter dated October 30, 2018, from Mayor Colin Basran, City of Kelowna, re: Congratulation on Election to Office
- C. Letter dated October 31, 2018 from Jim Hamilton, President,



Okanagan College, re: Congratulations on Election to Office

- D. Letter dated November 1, 2018 from Jill Atkey, Chief Executive Office, BC Non-Profit Housing Association and Thom Armstrong, Executive Director, Co-operative Housing Federation of BC re: Congratulations on Election to Office
- E. Letter dated November 6, 2018 from Katrina LeNoury, Assessor, Thompson Okanagan, re: Congratulations on Election to Office
- F. Minutes from the following Committees of Council:
  - (i) Tourism Commission, October 24, 2018

**RECESS** Mayor Cumming recessed the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

**RECONVENE** Mayor Cumming reconvened the Regular Open Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vernon at 6:10 pm.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Cumming

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

**Staff:** W. Pearce, CAO  
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E. Stranks, Manager, Engineering Dev. Services  
E. Morrison, Transportation Planner  
S. Knuhtsen, Manager, Building & Licensing  
A. Watson, Manager, Transportation  
K. Poole, Manager, Economic Development and Tourism

**Others:** Members of the Public

**THIRD READING** Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

- 5730

THAT Bylaw #5730, "**Zoning Text (Additional Setbacks from City Roads) Amendment Bylaw Number 5730, 2018**" – a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw #5000 **be read a third time.**

**CARRIED.**

- 5731

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Bylaw #5731, "**Zoning Text (Cannabis) Amendment Bylaw Number 5731, 2018**" – a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw #5000, **be read a third time.**

**CARRIED.**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council directs that Administration to investigate the ramifications of allowing processing in the A1 Zone within the Agricultural Land Reserve;


AND FURTHER, that Council directs Administration to clarify the definition of 'processing'.

**CARRIED.**

**CLOSE OF  
REGULAR OPEN  
MEETING**

Mayor Cumming closed the Regular Meeting at 6:28 pm.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**



Victor Cumming  
Mayor



Patti Bridal  
Corporate Officer