

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL REGULAR OPEN MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018, AND THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018
2018 – 2023 FINANCIAL PLAN**

PRESENT: Mayor A. Cumming

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

Staff: W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Law, Director, Financial Services
A. Stuart, Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting
L. Fitchett, Administrative Asst. Finance
P. Bridal, Deputy CAO/Director, Corporate Services
S. Blakely, Manager, Legislative Services
K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure & Dev.
S. Koenig, Director, Operation Services
R. Manjak, Director, Human Resources
Supt. S. Baher, Officer in Charge, RCMP*
Insp. G. Stewart, RCMP, Operations Officer*
D. Lind, Fire Chief*
S. Hemstad, Deputy Fire Chief, Operations*
J. Barrie, Administrative Assistant, Fire Rescue*
D. Ross, Director, Recreation Services*
T. Marten, Financial Analyst*
J. Rice, Manager, Manager, Public Works
R. Strobel, Manager, Fleet
S. Kozin, Manager, Water Reclamation Centre
B. Bandy, Real Estate Manager*
M. Beauregard, Supervisor, Building Maintenance
C. Barker, Manager, Revenue*
K. Poole, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism*
A. Watson, Manager, Transportation*
M. Dowhaniuk, Manager, Infrastructure Management*
G. Lefebvre, Aquatic Coordinator*
S. Wright, Recreation Coordinator*
L. Walker, Office Coordinator – Recreation*
W. Mihalicz, Recreation Facilities Coordinator*
S. Mitchell, Manager, Arena Events & Bookings*
K. Kryszak, Manager, Parks & Public Spaces*
C. Ovens, Manager, Roads, Drainage & Airport*
S. Irwin, Utilities Manager*
C. Fredin, Occupational Health and Safety Coordinator*

**present as required*

Others: Media and Members of the public

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cumming called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT the Agenda for the November 28, 29 & 30 2018, Special Regular Open Meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

**2019 - 2023
FINANCIAL PLAN**

Mr. Will Pearce, CAO provided an overview of the proposed Budget for 2019.

The following points were reviewed:

- Overview provided during distribution several weeks ago
- This is the 8th consecutive year, under Council direction, that staff has delivered a restraint budget
- Recommended 8th consecutive year a tax revenue increase of 1.8% or less
- CPI currently at 2.5%– 2.9%
- Budget for Operations is being presented with significantly less than 1.8%
- BC Assessment anticipated increase in revenues due to growth are applied directly to Operating Budget
- An increased provision in service is expected due to increase in populations
- New revenues due to growth accommodate and pay for services to new residents and businesses
- BC Assessment estimates \$500,000 increase
- Budget handed out with estimated \$400,000 (conservative estimate)
- Spreadsheet distributed that reflects this change
- 'Power Point' amended to include this change
- Overall Operating Budget proposed at 0.93%
- 1.41% proposed to fill gap in revenue created by applying one time dollars to 2018 budget due to significant increase in RCMP resources (\$534K)
- 1.06% represents all of the service level increments outlined in the budget (summarized on distributed sheet) – largely paying operating costs for capital items purchased/created in 2018 (parks, protective services relocation, etc.)
- Total = 3.40%
- 1.9% Infrastructure Levy Program (cumulative year over year) – the intent of which is to 'tax and benefit' – immediately benefits the taxpayer through infrastructure projects (road reconstruction, etc)
- New total = 5.30%

Ms. Debra Law, Director, Financial Services reviewed the 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan.

The following points were reviewed:

- Process reviewed for budget meetings
- Three full days set aside
- Traditionally does not require this amount of time, but does not want to rush process for new Council
- Lineup proposed in the agenda – reviewed
- Each Division will review Operating Budget and request endorsement
- Each Division will then review Change Requests and request endorsement of same
- Department Managers are present to answer any questions
- Always up to Council to examine endorsements and reconsider should they so choose to do so

Aaron Stuart, Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting reviewed the adjustable spreadsheet that will be updated and shown on screen throughout the process.

The following points were reviewed:

- On screen projector has tracking sheet to show changes as the budget moves through process
- Bottom will indicate tax increase as decisions are made
- Highlights each Division and shows 2019 Budget Proposed and what last year's budget was
- Last column indicates cumulative increase
- The sheet can be changed on request so impact of decisions can be viewed
- Can always go back and revisit endorsements should adjustments be desirable

**DIVISIONAL BUDGET
REVIEWS**

Council proceeded with a review of the Divisional Budgets.

RCMP

Superintendent Shawna Baher, Officer in Charge, RCMP reviewed the RCMP Budget.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the 2019 RCMP Divisional Budget, as presented.

CARRIED.

FIRE RESCUE SERVICES

Fire Chief David Lind reviewed the Fire Rescue Services Budget.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the 2019 Fire Rescue Services Divisional Budget (320, 321, 322, 323 and 965 Projects), as presented.

CARRIED.

RECESS

Mayor Cumming called for a recess at 10:11 am

RECONVENE

Mayor Cumming called the recessed meeting back to order at 10:22 am

Councillor Quiring returned to the meeting at 10:28 am

OPERATION SERVICES

Ms. Shirley Koenig, Director, Operation Services, reviewed the Operating Budget for Operation Services.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the 2019 Budget for Operations Services Division, as presented.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council approves the following Change Request for Operation Services:

2638 Foothills Ravine Trail – Operating (632)
\$ 5,000 (taxation)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council approves the following Change Requests for Operation Services:

2633 Beachcomber Lake Access – Operating (411)
\$ 8,000 (taxation)

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council approves the following Change Requests for Operation Services:

2649 Bylaw Office in Parkade – Operating (463)
\$ 12,000 (taxation)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council approves the following Change Requests for Operation Services:

2628 Kin Beach – Cottonwood Trees Annual Maintenance (663) \$ 15,000 (taxation)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council approves the following Change Requests for Operation Services:

2630 Becker Park / Bike Skills Park – Operating (600)
\$ 17,800 (taxation)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Gares, Seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council approves the following Change Requests for Operation Services:

2635 Capital Projects – Operating (415)
\$ 18,712 (taxation)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council approves the following Change Requests for Operation Services:

2634 Lakeshore Park – Operating (600)
\$ 38,900 (taxation)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council approves the following Change Requests for Operation Services:

2629 Hurlburt Park – Operating (600)
\$ 47,400 (taxation)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council approves the following Change Requests for Operation Services:

2631 Lakers Clubhouse – Additional Mowing (631)
\$ 4,000 (taxation)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council approves the following Change Requests for Operation Services:

2674 Airport – Auditing of Safety Management System (401)
\$ 30,000 (2017 Unexpended Uncommitted Budget)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Gares, Seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council approves the following Change Requests for Operation Services:

2672 Polson Park – Spray Park Improvements (610)
\$ 6,500 (2017 Unexpended Uncommitted Budget)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council approves the following Change Requests for Operation Services:

2650 New Downtown Washroom Facility (466)
\$165,000 (MFA Refund Reserve)

CARRIED.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Cumming called for Public Input on the 2019 to 2023 Financial Plan at 11:33 a.m.

1. Bill Carlson

- Has questions for Mr. Ross regarding Kal Place North
- Only one year ago he asked about overages and concerns – understands it came in on time and on budget
- Q. Were any overages used?
- Doug Ross: What is meant by overages?
- Asked if we would be in similar position as track. Process for construction outlined and any overages would need addressing
- Handicap access is really well done, but no seating so they can view a game
- Seating is inadequate – knees high and no back support
- Is a fan of minor hockey due to grand kids and attends regularly – others have probably complained
- Can any saved money be used to improve seating?
- A. Ross: Still under budget – small contingency – still some work to be done in spring – hesitant to use contingency before done. Some items they have in mind for funds.
- Mayor noted Council can consider the comment provided at a Regular Council meeting

2. Dean Roosevelt

- Cost of washroom is \$165,000 – read similar units in other communities were \$140,000 – please explain
- A. Mike: Cost could come down if two ordered. Also includes installation. Depending on placement – cost could be affected
- Mayor: Exchange could affect costs as well
- Q. Winter Carnival Building – not up to code – is there and engineering report that says this?
- A. Mayor – Can take comment to Council and provide answer through staff as question is not budget related.
- Q. Budget noted at \$270,000 for 11.8 FTE in Bylaws (pg 152) – is that salaries? A. Director Corporate Services: Budget is for overall Dept. – difference is only \$5,000+ between two years. Noted salary cost broken down within budget (P. 153)

Mayor Cumming called a second, third, and final time for representation from the public, and there being none,

SPECIAL REGULAR BUDGET MEETING – November 28 & 29 2018

Mayor Cumming closed the Public Input on the 2019 to 2023 Financial Plan at 11:43 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council approves the following Change Requests for Operation Services:

2641 Spray Irrigation – Replacement of Parts and Equipment (490) \$ 50,000 (Sewer Utility Reserves)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council approves the following Change Requests for Operation Services:

2642 Spray Irrigation – High Lift Station Gang Switch (490) \$ 30,000 (Sewer Utility Reserves)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council approves the following Change Requests for Operation Services:

2643 Spray Irrigation – MacKay Reservoir Main Dam Rip Rap Deficiencies (490) \$ 30,000 (Sewer Utility Reserves)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council approves the following Change Requests for Operation Services:

2644 Spray Irrigation – Telemetry / Communication for Lower and Upper Thorlakson Pump Station (490) \$ 20,000 (Sewer Utility Reserves)

CARRIED.

RECESS

Mayor Cumming called for a recess at 11:49 pm

RECONVENE

Mayor Cumming called the recessed meeting back to order at 1:02 pm

**DIVISIONAL BUDGET
REVIEWS CONTINUED**

Council continued reviewing Divisional Budgets.

**RECREATION
SERVICES**

Mr. Doug Ross, Director, Recreation Services, reviewed the Operating Budget, for Recreation Services.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the 2019 Recreation Services Divisional, (including Lakers Clubhouse) budget, as presented.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the 2019 Lakers Clubhouse budget, as presented.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Gares, Seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council approves the following Change Requests for Recreation Services:

2625 Lakers Clubhouse Grounds Project (456)
\$ 38,364 (Fortis BC LILO Reserves)

CARRIED.

RECESS

Mayor Cumming called for a recess at 1:45 pm

RECONVENE

Mayor Cumming called the recessed meeting back to order at 1:49 pm

**DIVISIONAL BUDGET
REVIEWS CONTINUED**

Council continued reviewing Divisional Budgets.

**COMMUNITY
INFRASTRUCTURE &
DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES**

Ms. Kim Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure & Development, Services reviewed the Operating Budget for Community Infrastructure & Development.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the 2019 Budget for Community Infrastructure & Development, Services Division, as presented.

CARRIED.

CAPITAL BUDGET

Mark Dowhaniuk, Manager, Infrastructure Management reviewed the 2019 proposed Capital Budget.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-01 30 ST ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND UTILITY RECONSTRUCTION** in the amount of \$5,824,956

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-02 BX CREEK SEDIMENT CONTROL STRUCTURE** in the amount of \$1,196,731

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-03 48 AVENUE DRAINAGE AND ROAD REHABILITATION** in the amount of \$2,682,000

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-04 15 AVE REHABILITATION** in the amount of \$2,200,000

CARRIED.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Cumming called for Public Input on the 2019 to 2023 Financial Plan at 2:34 p.m.

1. Barry Beardsell

- Too bad he entered just as Council approved 30th Street - ridiculous project
- Absurd proposal to have two roundabouts so close
- That whole project is a waste of money
- Single lane both directions
- No provisions for pull offs for bus
- Not really going to improve traffic flow
- Project is \$20 million and everything else is on hold because of it
- \$5 million in this budget and hardly anything else is being improved
- Spending all money on stupid projects like this
- Slow it down and spend it elsewhere
- Traffic light on 35th Avenue triggered due to Polson Greenway yet no Ministry of Transportation (MoT) cooperation for light on highway at 35th
- Capital budget to be spent on other side of 35th Avenue – why does this take this kind of priority
- Virtually bankrupted DCCs – will be (-\$24,000) at end of year for roads
- Should follow best practices guide of Province
- Transit – deficit in transit of 1.5 million
 - Biggest joke in town – big buses going round and round
 - Can do much this year, but do a study so next year's budgets come down to reason
 - If you want to spend that amount net – for empty buses there is something wrong
- Future projects – get on the back of highways – previous Mayor did nothing just that stupid Stickle Road
- Only MoT project coming up in 2018 was for a right turn off highway at 43rd and cancelled due to budget as bids came in way over

- Not the bad part – what is in MoT budget for 2019 March? nothing – what has City of Vernon said?– nothing
- Polson Greenway pursued even though there is a major traffic problem at Highway 6 at 30th but MoT has nothing in budget
- Get ducks in order
- Puzzled on reserves – what is LS Tax Reserve?
- DCC balance is ridiculous
- Tax increase of 5.3% - politicians love talking about affordable housing but it will be affordable taxes people will talk about
- It's a terrible budget - go back to staff and tell them to knock it back to 3% - it's the only way you are going to get there
- If you keep proceeding this way, they will do it to you every year

Mayor Cumming called a second, third, and final time for representation from the public, and there being none, Mayor Cumming closed the Public Input on the 2019 to 2023 Financial Plan at 2:43 p.m.

RECESS

Mayor Cumming called for a recess at 2:44 pm

RECONVENE

Mayor Cumming called the recessed meeting back to order at 2:53 pm

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-05 AIRPORT RUNWAY REPLACEMENT** in the amount of
\$ 600,000

CARRIED.

Councillor Quiring entered the meeting at 2:57 pm

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-06 LAND ACQUISITION** in the amount of
\$ 350,000

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-07 INCREASE ROAD MAINTENANCE** in the amount of \$ 98,655

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-08 INCREASE OVERLAY BUDGET** in the amount of \$ 200,000

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-09 CAPITAL DESIGN** in the amount of \$1,371,835

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-10 INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEER** in the amount of \$ 121,523

AND FURTHER, that this approval replaces the FTE position approved by Council resolution dated July 17, 2017 as follows:

‘THAT Council authorize the addition of one Full Time Equivalent position to the Community Infrastructure and Development Services Division, to be funded as an eligible expense as part of the Okanagan Landing Sewer Extension project funded under the Community Water and Wastewater Fund for the project duration, and funded from 1.9% Infrastructure Levy following the completion of Okanagan

Landing Sewer Extension project.'

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-11 PIPE VIDEO INSPECTION** in the amount of \$ 40,000

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-12 CIPP STORM & SANITARY REHAB** in the amount of \$ 600,000

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-13 FUND STORM MAINTENANCE AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS (PW AND UTILS)** in the amount of \$ 363,000

CARRIED.

Councillor Anderson left the meeting at 3:15 pm

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-14 PRIORITY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** in the amount of \$ 90,000

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-15 BUILDING FACILITY RENEWAL** in the amount of \$ 550,000

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-16 TRANSPORTATION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS** in the amount of \$ 100,000

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-17 TRANSIT & BIKE PARKING INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS** in the amount of \$ 30,000

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-18 POLSON PARK MULTI-USE PATH** in the amount of \$ 432,000

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-19 15TH ST / MIDDLETON WAY NETWORK CONNECTION** in the amount of \$ 193,000

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-20 INFILL SIDEWALKS** in the amount of \$ 60,000

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Gares, Seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-21 SIGNAL TIMING PROGRAM** in the amount of \$ 45,000

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Gares, Seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-22 PARK CONSTRUCTION CANADIAN LAKEVIEW PARK LOT** in the amount of \$361,000

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-23 PARK UPGRADE – POTTERY RAVINE PARK** in the amount of \$ 202,000

CARRIED.

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Councillor Quiring declared a Conflict of Interest in the following matter as his firm may conduct work on this project. Councillor Quiring left the meeting at 3:42 pm

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-24 WASHROOM RENOVATIONS – DND** in the amount of \$ 306,000

CARRIED.

Councillor Quiring returned at 3:43 pm.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-25 TRAIL CONNECTION – WHITECOURT PLACE TO FOOTHILLS PLACE** in the amount of \$ 75,000

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-26 PARK INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL – CITY WIDE** in the amount of \$ 50,000

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-27 SANITARY AND STORM MODEL AND FLOW MONITORING** in the amount of \$ 150,000

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Fehr, Seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-28 PRIORITY SANITARY RECONSTRUCTION** in the amount of \$ 150,000

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-29 OKANAGAN LANDING SANITARY SEWER LOCAL AREA SERVICE** in the amount of \$2,984,000

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-30 TRUNK MAIN INSPECTION** in the amount of \$ 75,000

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the following Capital Project as presented in the 2019 Budget:

- **2019-31 DOWNTOWN WASHROOM UPGRADE** in the amount of \$ 200,000

CARRIED.

CONCLUSION

Debra Law, Director, Finance thanked all participants for efforts throughout the day.

The meeting is scheduled to recess now and begin again at 9:00 am tomorrow morning with a continuation of presentations and one more public input opportunity at 11:30 am.

RECESS

Mayor Cumming recessed the meeting at 4:02 p.m. to be reconvened on Wednesday, November 29, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Cumming reconvened the special Budget meeting at 9:04 a.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2018.

PRESENT: Mayor A. Cumming

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

Staff: W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer
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B. Bandy, Real Estate Manager
G. Gaucher, Manager, Protective Services*
A.M. Foster, Manager, Municipal Support Services*
J. Luxton, Admin Support & Training Coordinator*
W. Ikesaka, Manager, Information Services
B. Donker, Application System Administrator*
K. Satchell, Technical Systems Administrator*
T. Bowness, Systems Analyst*
S. Biluk, Administrative Asst., Corporate Services*
D. Lees, Sr. Bylaw Enforcement Officer*
M. Dowhaniuk, Manager, Infrastructure Management*
L. Valair, HR Assistant*
K. Natsuhara, Payroll Clerk*
J. Clary, Advisor, Learning & Development*
S. Patterson, Specialist, Talent Acquisition & Retention*
N. Wood, Payroll & Benefits Coordinator*
C. Fredin, Occupational Health & Safety Coordinator*
C. Sheel, Manager, Procurement Services*
J. Rice, Manager, Public Works*
R. Zubick, CPO Coordinator*
N. Nilsen, Manager, Communications & Grants*
N. Lupyrypa, Finance Clerk*
A. Van der Gulik, PRIME Coordinator

**present as required*

Will Pearce, CAO provided a recap of yesterday's proceedings.

The following points were noted:

- Noted Mr. Beardsell's comments to "Return Budget and come back at 3%"
- Noted that the suggested increase is simply too high
- Before Council now is a budget of 0.96%
- The budget increase all in is 2%
- The increases allow Administration to operate new capital projects added (parks, etc)
- The increases permit Protective Services to address issues in the Community as requested by the public
- The increases invest in a safe work environment for staff
- Need to 'fill in hole' as discussed previously
 - Not a criticism of previous Council
 - Challenge was great in 2017 for 2018
 - Facing 14% increase
 - Council choose to spread the challenge over two years
 - Dealing with the issue in the 2019 budget amounts to a 1.14% increase
 - Infrastructure – during the period Mr. Beardsell was on Council infrastructure was grossly underfunded
 - At some point infrastructure fails
 - 8 years ago only \$154,000 per year was directed toward infrastructure (equating to one half of one block of road)
 - Through the cumulative levy of 1.9% we will invest \$4.4 million dollars in municipal tax dollars into municipal infrastructure
 - Casino grant of \$2 million and other grants we will invest at an unprecedented rate – almost \$22 million
 - The 30th to 29th Connector is the main project but it is only one of 31 initiatives
 - It is the last link in creating a north/south connector
 - It is a calmer corridor for alternative travel to move people (bikes, buses, walkers, and cars)
 - In the future the corridor will push from Osoyoos to Salmon Arm
 - Yesterday a diverse capital program
 - We are taking aggressive steps to address flooding issues and enhancing parks

- We are monitoring water quality in our creeks so we are better prepared for high flow
- With Council approval we are building a cohesive community
- Yesterday and this morning we see individual pieces of a complex puzzle
- Noted RCMP initiatives and active recruitment to address issues in our Community and attack the opioid crisis
- Community Infrastructure and Development actively hiring to fill vacancies – to facilitate and guide development
- Record pace of development
- Working with BC Housing to bring affordable and accessible housing to our community – Vernon is referred to as a 'model in our Province'
- The proposed Budget invests \$10s of millions of dollars into the community
- Noted Recreation Facility investments are also taking place
- It took five years to realize Kal Tire North to bring partners on board and complete the referendum process, construct "on time and on budget"
- \$80 million budget directed by Council
- This takes people – skilled and dedicated
- Need to invest in people – through HR we hire and retain the best in the industry
- We provide a safe workplace that is free from harassment
- Without this we would never achieve a 0.96% operating budget
- Work environment and safety are an investment
- In January Council will create vision for next 4 years through Strategic Planning
- The budget before you is a sound and practical base on which to move forward
- The Asset Management Plan and the Infrastructure Management Plan created by Staff is the leading structure in the Country as it addresses the community's capacity to sustain infrastructure in perpetuity

Debra Law, Director, Finance provided an overview of the budget review process thus far and provided an overview of the agenda moving forward.

**DIVISIONAL BUDGET
REVIEWS CONTINUED**

Council continued reviewing Divisional Budgets.

**ADMINISTRATION/
COUNCIL**

Mr. Will Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer, reviewed the Operating Budget for Administration / Council.

- **City Administration**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the 2019 City Administration Division Budget, as presented.

CARRIED.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Ms. Debra Law, Director, Financial Services reviewed the Operating budget for Financial Services.

- **Financial Services**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the 2019 Financial Services Division Budget, as presented.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council approves the following Change Request for Finance Services:

2636 Downtown Maintenance Grant Increase (145)
\$ 13,000 (taxation)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council approves the following Change Request for Finance Services:

2689 O’Keefe Ranch Grant Extension (145)
\$ 50,000 (2017 Unexpended Uncommitted Budget)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council approves the following Change Request for Finance Services:

2694 Pilot Project: Weekly City Centre Cleanup (145)
\$ 8,000 (General Reserves)

CARRIED.

RECESS

Mayor Cumming called for a recess at 10:33 pm

RECONVENE

Mayor Cumming reconvened the meeting at 10:47 pm

**DIVISIONAL BUDGET
REVIEWS CONTINUED**

Council continued reviewing Divisional Budgets.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Raeleen Manjak, Director, Human Resources reviewed the Operating Budget for Human Resources.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the 2019 Budget for Human Resources Division, as presented.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council approves the following Change Request for Human Resources Division:

2618 Advisor, Occupational Health & Safety (152)
\$ 106,884 (taxation)

CARRIED.

CORPORATE SERVICES

Ms. Patricia Bridal, Director, Corporate Services, reviewed the Operating Budget for Corporate Services.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council **receives and endorses** the 2019 Budget for Corporate Services Division, as presented.

CARRIED.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Cumming called for Public Input on the 2019 to 2023 Financial Plan at 11:30 a.m.

Mayor Cumming called a second, third, and final time for representation from the public, and there being none, Mayor Cumming closed the Public Input on the 2019 to 2023 Financial Plan at 11:32 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council approves the following Change Request for Corporate Services Division:

2666 Secretary 1 Protective Services 0.5 (345)
\$ 34,500 (taxation)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council approves the following Change Request for Corporate Services Division:

2608 Seasonal Enforcement Program (345)
\$ 85,952 (taxation)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council approves the following Change Request for Corporate Services Division:

2610 Portable Radio Replacement (345)
\$ 6,900 (2017 Unexpended Uncommitted Budget)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mund, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council approves the following Change Request for Corporate Services Division:

2662 Bylaw Compliance Cold Weather Jacket System (345)
\$ 5,000 (2017 Unexpended Uncommitted Budget)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council approves the following Change Request for Corporate Services Division:

2671 Pilot Project: Anti-Tag Team (350)
\$ 15,000 (RCMP Reserves)

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, Seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council approves the following Change Request for Corporate Services Division:

2681 Folks on Spokes and Sharps Hotline (350)
\$ 33,000 (RCMP Reserves)

CARRIED.

**BUDGET
ENDORSEMENT**

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council **endorses** the 2019 budget, as presented within the 2019-2023 Financial Plan, with the inclusion of all amendments authorized by Council resolution, and embeds the continuation of the 1.9% annual accumulated infrastructure levy.

CARRIED.

BYLAW

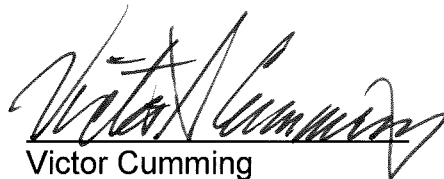
Debra Law, Director, Financial Services advised that Administration will prepare the required bylaw for the 2018 budget for consideration of first readings at the December 10, 2018 Regular meeting, with consideration of adoption to be included on the January 7, 2019 Regular Council agenda.

CLOSE OF MEETING:

Mayor Cumming closed the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

CLOSE

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Victor Cumming
Mayor



Patricia Bridal
Corporate Officer