

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019**

PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

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

Staff: W. Pearce, CAO
P. Bridal, DCAO, Director, Corporate Services
S. Blakely, Manager, Legislative Services
N. Nilsen, Manager, Communications & Grants
S. Koenig, Director, Operations
Supt S. Baher, OIC, RCMP
K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure & Development
D. Law, Director, Financial Services
K. Kryszak, Manager, Parks and Public Spaces Maintenance*
G. Gaucher, Manager, Protective Services
B. Bandy, Manager, Real Estate
J. Rice, Manager, Public Works*
J. Wessel, Accounting Clerk II*
C. Ovens, Manager, Roads, Drainage, and Airport*
T. Martens, Financial Analyst*
A. Stuart, Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting*

**Attended as required*

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Victor Cumming called the meeting to order at 8:40 am.

AGENDA ADOPTION Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT the Agenda for the January 21, 2019, Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council held January 7, 2019, be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

GENERAL MATTERS

**FINAL REPORT – SOCIAL
PLANNING COUNCIL
(0360-20-35)**

Annette Sharkey, Executive Director, Social Planning Council for the North Okanagan, provided the Final Report and Updates for 2018, as follows:

Partners in Action Final Report: January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018 – Reviewed:

- Vision and Mission Statements Reviewed
- Committee and Action Team Funding Sources Reviewed
- Membership: Coordinating Committee Reviewed
- Strategic Goals Reviewed
- Action Team Updates Reviewed
 - 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
 - RCMP/OAT Action Team
 - Sharps Action Team / Community Clean Ups
 - Naloxone / Anti-Stigma Campaign
 - Peer Audit / Community Resource Action Team
 - Cultural Audit Action Team
 - Accessibility /Inclusiveness / Multiculturalism
 - Local Immigration Partnership Council: Immigration and Settlement Strategy for Vernon
 - “Respect Lives Here” Event
 - Reconciliation Journey Team
 - Evaluation of Partners in Action Committee
 - Indicator Updates

Moved by Councillor Nahal, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council receive the Social Planning Council update on the Partners in Action Final Report and the Community Developer Position, for information.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council directs Administration to invite representatives of BC Housing to attend a meeting with Council in order to discuss assisted living housing programs.

CARRIED.

**QUARTERLY REPORT,
INTERIOR HEALTH
(0384-20)**

Dr. Karen Goodison, Medical Health Officer, Megan Desimone, MHSU Manager, Jessica Bridgeman, HR Coordinator, Interior Health, provided a Quarterly Report as follows:

- Vernon Overdose Response
 - Provincial Context reviewed
 - Deaths by overdose
 - Reason for increase
 - By Health Authority (stats)
 - Overdoes Death stats from 1992 – 2018 reviewed
 - Fentanyl 'spike' starting in 2015
 - Major causes of unnatural deaths in BC since 2010
 - Illicit drug stats also 'spike' starting in 2015
 - Overdose Deaths in Interior Health Region
 - Vernon 2018 has 10X's overdose deaths compared to 2008
 - 24 deaths in 2018
 - Interior Health 2018
 - Demographics reviewed
 - Location of incidents reviewed
 - Type of drug detected reviewed
 - Specific stats related to Demographics, Location and Type of Drug for Vernon reviewed
 - Locations of Overdoes in Vernon
 - Map reviewed Dec 2017 – Nov 2018
 - HART
 - Key successes in 2018 highlighted
 - Vernon's CAT (HART) gets grant
 - Vernon site selected for MMHA policing pilot

Megan Desimone

- Community Safety Strategies Reviewed
 - Community Actions Team
 - Prevention
 - Harm Reduction
 - Continuum of Care

Jessica Bridgeman

- Naloxone in Vernon – kits distributed - graph for 2018
 - 204 kits (first time), 280 (lost or given away), 462 (replacement kits due to use)

Karen Goodison

- Naloxone proving to be extremely important in mitigating overdose deaths

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council receive the quarterly update from Dr. Karen Goodison, Medical Health Officer, Interior Health, for information.

CARRIED.

RECESS

Mayor Cumming called a recess at 10:28 am

RECALL

Mayor Cumming recalled the meeting to order at 10:35 am

CEMETERY MASTER PLAN (4100-01)

Catriona Hearn, Lees & Associates, Landscape Architects & Planners, presented the City of Vernon Cemetery Master Plan.

The following points were noted:

- Introduction:
 - Presentation Outline
- Cemetery Terminology reviewed
 - Traditional Casket Burial
 - Green Burial
 - Urn Interment
 - Columbarium
 - Cremation Gardens
 - Memorialization Options
- Pleasant Valley Cemetery and Proposed Mission Road Site reviewed
- Proposed new site does not require development yet as current site has capacity for probably 30 years
- Could consider beginning development of new site in 20 years
- Pleasant Valley Cemetery (PVC) – Supply and Capacity reviewed
- PVC – Sales and Interment Supply and Capacity
- Vernon Community Trends and Needs reviewed – over past 5 years
- Vernon Community Needs and Trends – over next 25 years (2018 – 2042)
- Master Plan Concept
 - Key Improvement Areas Map reviewed
- Site Concept Design: Pedestrian Circulation & Improvement Areas map reviewed
- Additional Capacity map reviewed
- Proposed Improvement Areas reviewed
 - Cemetery Entry
 - Entry Drive
 - Cemetery Information and Signage
 - Posting of Bylaws on site
 - Bylaws need to be updated and enforced
 - Consolidation of works yard & upgrades to adjacent

- interment areas
 - Proposed Green Burial Area
 - Overlook and Columbaria Terraces
 - Feature Creation Garden with design reviewed
 - South Perimeter Walk
 - Ornamental Tree Planting on Interior Roads
 - Perimeter Enhancement (East)
 - Additional casket lots – from road narrowing
 - Grave reclamation
- Implementation and Phasing
 - Ten Priority Items Reviewed
- Cost Estimates reviewed with phasing (\$2 million)
 - Current facility costing too much to maintain
 - Need to increase prices and build perpetual care fund
 - Improvements can be done over time and a detailed implementation plan will be provided
- **RECOMMENDATION**
 - Increase cemetery fees
 - Add new revenue accounts or user defined fields
 - After 5 years evaluate community response
 - Focus on building the care fund
- Financial Stability Graph reviewed – 50 year care fund forecast – scenarios reviewed
- Conclusion – recap provided

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council receive the City of Vernon Cemetery Master Plan, as shown in Attachment 1 of the report titled Cemetery Master Plan, dated January 11, 2019, from the Manager, Parks and Public Spaces Maintenance;

AND FURTHER, that Council directs Administration to bring the report from Lees and Associates, dated September 7, 2018, titled Vernon Cemetery Master Plan back for consideration and direction at the February 11, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED.

**SNOW AND ICE POLICY
“101” (5400-11)**

Chris Ovens, Manager, Roads, Drainage and Airport, provided a review of the City of Vernon Snow and Ice Policy.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council receives the memorandum from the Manager of Roads, Drainage and Airport, titled Snow and Ice Policy, dated January 15, 2019, for information.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES

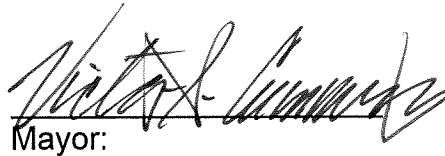
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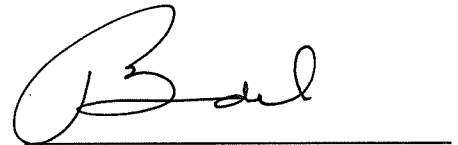
INFORMATION ITEMS

CLOSE

Mayor Victor Cumming closed the meeting at 11:48 am.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Mayor:


Corporate Officer: