

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF A REGULAR OPEN MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

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

Staff: W. Pearce, CAO
P. Bridal, 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 at Required*

Others: Media and Members of the Public

Mayor Cumming called the Regular Open meeting to order at 8:40 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 Quiring, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Section 90(1) of the *Community Charter*.

(c) *labour relations or other employee relations;*

(d) *the security of the property of the municipality;*

(i) *the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;*

CARRIED.

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Mayor Cumming called the Regular Open meeting back to order at 1:34 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

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

Staff: W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer
P. Bridal, Director, Corporate Services
S. Blakely, Manager, Legislative Services
K. Flick, Director, Community Development
S. Koenig, Director, Operation Services
N. Nilsen, Manager, Communications & Grants
C. Broderick, Manager, Current Planning*
A. Watson, Manager, Transportation*
A. Stuart, Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting*
J. Nui, Environmental Planning Assistant*
D. Ross, Director, Recreation*
J. Rice, Manager, Public Works*
B. Bandy, Real Estate Manager*
L. Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability
G. Lefebvre, Aquatic Coordinator*
S. Wright, Manager, Recreation Programs*
K. Kryszak, Manager, Parks and Public Places*
E. Croy, Transportation Planner*
K. Poole, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism*
K. Chamberlain, Planning Assistant*
T. Silverthorn, Tourism 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 Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT the agenda for the January 21, 2019, Regular Open meeting of the Council of The Corporation of The City of Vernon be amended as follows:

1. **SEE ITEM 11.A.(i)** – New Business – Correspondence – Letter dated January 18, 2019 from the Selena Stearns, Chair, Downtown Vernon Board of Directors
2. **REMOVE ITEM 11.A.(vi)** – New Business – Correspondence – Memo re: Reimbursement Expenses

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3. **REORDER** the Agenda to Move item 6.D. Delegation – Darlene Hainer Re: Dogs Off Leash At Marshall Field to the first item under 6.A. General Matters.

AND FURTHER, that the Agenda be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 7, 2019 be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held January 7, 2019, be received.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

GENERAL MATTERS:

**DELEGATION –
DARLENE HAINER RE:
DOGS OFF LEASH AT
MARSHALL FIELD
(6130-02)**

Council welcomed Darlene Hainer, who provided a petition supporting “Dogs off Leash at Marshall Field Dog Park”.

The following points were noted:

- Dogs walkers use facility 365 days per year
- No sporting groups use the facility from mid-October to mid-April so not interfering with anyone else during that time period
- Understand that dogs cannot be on the playing fields, but an alternative would be to use leashes when games are being played or perhaps a fence demarcating the dog walking area between the soccer pitches and the creek
- Exercise is important for humans as well as dogs
- Real sense of community created among dog walkers – opportunity for humans and their canine friends to socialize
- Vast majority are responsible and clean up after their dogs
- Dogs cannot be exercised properly while on leash
- Dogs need to be socialized and owners are very good about intervening if there is aggressive behaviour
- The signage for the bylaw is totally inadequate – one small sign at one entrance from the east parking lot
- Other communities (Nelson & Victoria) include dog walking facilities in their tourist brochures – Vernon could do the same with Marshall Field
- Will undoubtedly find a few irresponsible owners as with any public facility – if you find one bad apple – doesn’t mean you

throw out all the other apples

- Requesting that the bylaw regarding on-leash walking be changed to allow dogs in the area between the soccer pitches and the creek to be off leash
- Would be willing to have representatives sit on a committee with members of City Council to find resolution to this problem.

**DELEGATION –
SOUTHERN INTERIOR
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION
(0390-20-03)**

Council welcomed Councillor Tim Lavery, City of Salmon Arm, and 'Director at Large' for the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA). Tim Lavery provided a presentation on the upcoming SILGA Conference being held in Penticton, April 30 – May 3.

The following points were highlighted:

- Mission Statement
- 2018-19 Executive
- Geographical Area
- Member Municipalities
- Mandate
- How goals are achieved
- 2018 Initiatives
- 2018-19 Strategic Plan Goals
- Upcoming Convention in Penticton
 - Key Note Speakers
 - Benefits of attending

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council receive the presentation from Tim Lavery, "Director at Large" for the Southern Interior Local Government Association, for information.

CARRIED.

**DELEGATION –
OKANAGAN
COLLABORATIVE
CONSERVATION
PROGRAM
(0230-51)**

Council welcomed Scott Boswell, Program Manager for the Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program who provided an annual report on the implementation of the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for the Okanagan Region.

The following points were reviewed:

- Overview of how Partnership is working and marketing challenge for wildlife corridor project
- Program Mandate:
 - Facilitate conservation and stewardship on public and private lands
 - Prioritize conservation projects
 - Generate support to implement projects
- Partners include local, provincial and federal governments, environmental NGO's, land trust, educational institutions and community groups

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- Partnership guided by Biodiversity Conservation Strategy
- Community Outreach and Education – Okanagan Lake:
 - Importance of protecting water quality & natural areas
 - Provides Best Practices
 - Building Demonstration Lakeshore Restoration Site
 - Planning for Lake Protection Strategy
- Habitat Connectivity – Kal Lake to Okanagan Mountain Park
 - 65km wildlife corridor protection plan
 - Connects park areas for long term survival of species
 - Provides habitat of pollinators that support food production
- Conservation Funds for Local Government (currently three funds in B.C.)
 - A dedicated source of funding for environmental conservation projects
 - Helps communities protect our environment and quality of life
- Outdoor and Indigenous Curriculum for Grades 1 – 7
 - Collaborative Partnership with:
 - UBCO
 - SD22
 - Elementary School Teacher
 - Provides online resource for teachers
- Financial supporters are:
 - Environment and Climate Change Canada
 - Real Estate Foundation
 - Okanagan Basin Water Board
 - Regional Districts of North and Central Okanagan
 - Cities of Vernon and Kelowna
 - Vancouver Foundation
 - The Honda Foundation
 - Telus
 - Great Northern Landscape Cooperative

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT pursuant to Council Procedure Bylaw 4840, Section 12 (c), that Council considers the request from Scott Boswell, Program Manager for the Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program for 2019 funding in the amount of \$2500 at the January 21, 2019 Regular Council meeting. (*requires 2/3 majority vote of Council*).

CARRIED.

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Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council approves a \$2,500 contribution to support the work of the Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program Partnership in 2019.

CARRIED.

**DELEGATION –
FULTON SCHOOL
SOCIAL STUDIES
CLASS
(6480-01)**

Council welcomed Alan Gee, along with his Grade 11 Socials Class from Fulton High School. Angela Pepito, Emma Heiden, and Miika Isnardy, presented on their studies related to Innovations in Urban Planning.

The following points were reviewed:

- Introduction
- World Population explosion
- Hans’ Ideas – raise the standard of living but stay out of consumption trap
- Climate Changes - #1 Challenge Facing Humanity
 - Need to provide the right incentives
- The Linear economy reviewed
 - The Vernon landfill
 - Need to change to the Circular Economy and the Shared Economy:
 - Chopvalue (dismantle and rebuild items)
 - Unbuilders (salvage)
 - Eco-Apparel – closed loop production
 - MODO (cooperative sharing)
 - Attract millennials to Vernon
- Build Culture through incentives
- Components of a 'Happy City'
- Build Trust in Vernon
- How to Design Trusting Cities

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council receive the presentation from Alan Gee, and the Grade 11 Students of the Socials Class from Fulton High School in regards to their studies relating to Innovations in Urban Planning.

CARRIED.

COUNCIL INQUIRIES

**THANKS TO STAFF /
CONTRACTOR**

Council offered thank you to City Employee Adam Charest who went 'above and beyond' during a recent incident wherein a citizen was locked in the cemetery. The citizen posted on social media and Mr. Charest saw the post, attended and unlocked the gate. It was noted that the Contractor also offered a very heartfelt note of apology, including details as to how processes will be changed.

**PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE ISSUE**

Council offered thank you to RCMP and Bylaw Enforcement staff for their quick action to address property maintenance concerns at 32nd Avenue and 39th Street.

**SIDEWALK
COMPLETION 20TH
STREET NEAR 48TH
AVENUE**

Council inquired regarding the progress on the sidewalk on the west side of 20th Street (near 48th Avenue) where there is a short stretch that is not complete and is causing issues with scooter access. An Admin Update will be provided.

**ADMINISTRATION
UPDATES
(0550-05)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council receive the Administration Updates dated January 21, 2019.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**DEVELOPMENT
PERMIT APPLICATION
(DP000791) FOR THE
HIGHLANDS OF EAST
HILL**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Council receive the memo titled "Development Permit Application (DP000791) for the Highlands of East Hill", dated January 10, 2019 from the Planning Assistant Current Planning, for information.

CARRIED.

**MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING – January 21, 2019**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council **ratifies and confirms** the following resolutions adopted at the **January 21, 2019**, Committee of the Whole meeting of Council:

**BC HOUSING –
INVITATION TO
ATTEND COUNCIL**

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

**CEMETERY MASTER
PLAN
(4100-01)**

'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;

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.'

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE:

**DOWNTOWN VERNON
ASSOCIATION
REQUEST FOR
CLARIFICATION OF
COMMENTS
(0230-06)**

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Council receives the letters dated January 10, 2019 and January 18, 2019 from Selena Stearns, Chair, Downtown Vernon Board of Directors regarding a request for clarification of comments.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council directs Administration to invite representatives of the Downtown Vernon Association (DVA) to attend an upcoming meeting of Council, should they so choose, in order to respond to issues recently raised by some Members of the DVA.

CARRIED.

**HOSTING THE 2020
SOUTHERN INTERIOR
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION
CONVENTION
(0360-20-25)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council provide a letter to SILGA in support of hosting the 2020 Southern Interior Local Government (SILGA) Convention in Vernon from April 28 to May 1, 2020;

AND FURTHER, that Council appoints Mayor Cumming as the Council Representative for the Master of Ceremonies for the Convention;

AND FURTHER, that Administration be directed to appoint appropriate staff for in-kind staff support.

CARRIED.

**RECREATION
SERVICES COMPUTER
REPLACEMENT
FUNDING
(7700-02)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Council authorize the expenditure of \$36,858.48 for the purchase of Recreation Services replacement computer equipment for the 2018 calendar year with source of funds from the Recreation Services IT Equipment Replacement reserve Fund;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize the expenditure of \$30,300 for the purchase of Recreation Services replacement computer equipment for the 2019 calendar year with source of funds from the Recreation Services IT Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund.

CARRIED.

Councillor Quiring declared a conflict of interest in the following matter as his firm is conducting work on the noted project. Councillor Quiring left the meeting at 3:30 pm.

**LAKEVIEW WADING
POOL
REVITALIZATION
PROJECT
(7891-03)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council approve the application to the Canada-British Columbia Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for the Lakeview Wading Pool Revitalization Project as presented in the Memorandum dated January 11, 2019 from the Manager, Aquatics for 73.33% funding or \$1,461,834;

AND FURTHER, that Council approve the funding of the remaining 26.67% of the Lakeview Wading Pool Revitalization Project for up to \$545,666 in 2020 should the application be successful;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to source the up to \$545,666 for the Lakeview Wading Pool Revitalization Project equally from the Recreation Services Major Maintenance Reserve Fund and the 1.9% Infrastructure Levy;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as part of the City's application for the Canada-British Columbia Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to advise the District of Coldstream and Electoral Areas B & C Directors of Council's direction regarding the application to the Canada-British Columbia Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for the Lakeview Wading Pool Revitalization Project.

CARRIED.

Councillor Quiring returned to the meeting at 3:32 pm

Councillor Quiring declared a conflict of interest in the following matter as his firm is conducting work on the project. Councillor Quiring left the meeting at 3:33 pm.

**GREATER VERNON
RECREATION
MASTER PLAN –
SHORT TERM ACTION
PLAN
(7700-10)**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council endorse the Short Term Action Plan as presented in the memorandum titled Greater Vernon Recreation Master Plan – Short Term Action Plan dated January 10, 2019 from the Director, Recreation Services;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize Administration to proceed with the development of a request for proposals for an analysis to

consider the feasibility of, and potential locations for, new recreation facilities including a new indoor aquatic facility, gymnasiums, fitness spaces (including a walking track), program spaces and to consider future enhancement of the current Aquatic Centre;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize Administration to fund up to \$100,000 for the proposed feasibility study from the Recreation Facility Major Maintenance Reserve, as presented in the memo titled Greater Vernon Recreation Master Plan – Short Term Action Plan dated January 10, 2019 from the Director, Recreation Services;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to advise the District of Coldstream and the Electoral Areas B and C Directors of Council's direction regarding the Short Term Action Plan and the proposed feasibility study, and respectfully seek their support.

CARRIED.

Councillor Quiring returned to the meeting at 3:36 pm

**2019 TOURISM
TACTICAL
MARKETING PLAN
AND BUDGET
(0540-20)**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council endorse the 2019 Tourism Tactical Marketing Plan as recommended by the Tourism Commission and attached to the memorandum dated January 8, 2019 from the Manager, Economic Development and Tourism.

CARRIED.

**2017 CLIMATE ACTION
REVENUE INCENTIVE
PROGRAM
REPORTING
(5280-03)**

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled 2017 Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program reporting dated January 10, 2019, as submitted by the Environmental Planning Assistant, for information.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

**DOWNTOWN VERNON
ASSOCIATION
CYCLING STRATEGY
(8300-10-08)**

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council direct Administration to implement an on-street bicycle parking pilot from May to September 2019;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to work with the Downtown Vernon Association to pilot a temporary street mural downtown;

AND FURTHER, that Council respectfully decline the Downtown Vernon Association's request for a City representative to sit on the jury for the street mural artwork.

CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

BYLAWS:

Councillor Nahal declared a conflict of interest in the following matter as her brother is the Applicant. Councillor Nahal left the meeting at 3:51 pm.

ADOPTION

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Bylaw #5721 **“2907 26th Street Rezoning Amendment Bylaw Number 5721, 2018”** – a bylaw to rezone the subject property from “R3 – Medium Lot Residential” to “R3H – Medium Lot Residential”, **be adopted;**

AND FURTHER, that Council authorizes the Corporate Officer to issue Development Variance Permit #00439 for 2907 26th Street, once all conditions of Council are satisfied.

CARRIED.

Councillor Nahal returned to the meeting at 3:52 pm

FIRST, SECOND & THIRD READINGS

- 5733

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Bylaw #5733, **“Claremont Water Service Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw Number 5733, 2019”** - a bylaw to direct the preparation of a parcel tax roll for Claremont Water Local Service Area, be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED.

- 5734

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Bylaw #5734, **“Claremont Water Service Parcel Tax Bylaw Number 5734, 2019”** - a bylaw to impose a parcel tax for Claremont Water Local Service Area, be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED.

COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES:

COUNCILLOR AKBAL MUND

Councillor Akbal Mund provided a verbal report on the following matters:

• **MEETING/EVENT ATTENDANCE**

- Working with Okanagan Indian Band on Economic Development issues
- Attended Emergency Management training
- Attended Special Olympics Planning Meeting – please volunteer
- Noted popular Downtown Vernon Association ‘Chili Cookoff’ event during Winter Carnival is scheduled for Feb 9

COUNCILLOR KARI GARES

Councillor Kari Gares provided a verbal report on the following matters:

• **MEETING/EVENT ATTENDANCE**

- Attended Emergency Management Training

COUNCILLOR SCOTT ANDERSON

Councillor Scott Anderson provided a verbal report on the following matters:

• **MEETING/EVENT ATTENDANCE**

- Attended several events
- Attended meeting with Downtown Vernon Association

COUNCILLOR KELLY FEHR

Councillor Kelly Fehr provided a verbal report on the following matters:

• **MEETING/EVENT ATTENDANCE**

- Attended Emergency Management Training
- Met with City Staff regarding Affordable Housing Committee

MAYOR VICTOR CUMMING

Mayor Cumming provided a verbal report on the following matters:

• **MEETING/EVENT ATTENDANCE**

- **Attended several events including:**
 - Meeting with Okanagan Indian Band regarding Economic Development Initiatives
 - Climate Action Task Force
 - Emergency Management Training
 - Meeting with care home residents at Good Samaritan
 - Tourism Advisory Committee meeting

INFORMATION ITEMS:

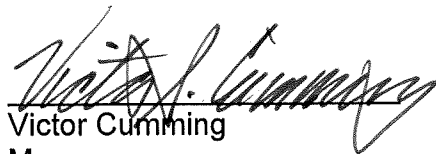
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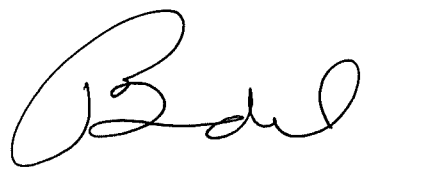
Mayor Cumming recessed the meeting at 3:58 pm and reconvened the In Camera meeting.

CLOSE

Mayor Cumming closed the Regular Open Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vernon at 4:58 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Victor Cumming
Mayor


Patricia Bridal
Corporate Officer