

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR OPEN MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020**

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PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

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

Staff: W. Pearce, CAO  
S. Blakely, Manager, Legislative Services  
C. Poirier, Manager, Communications & Grants  
D. Law, Director, Finance  
E. Stranks, Manager, Engineering Development  
S. Koenig, Director, Operations  
B. Bandy, Manager, Real Estate  
S. Kozin, Manager, Water Reclamation Services  
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 Fehr, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

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

*g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;*

**CARRIED.**

Mayor Cumming called the Regular Open meeting back to order at 1:31 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

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

Staff: W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Blakely, Manager, Legislative Services  
J. Nicol, Legislative Committee Clerk  
C. Poirier, Manager, Communications & Grants  
E. Stranks, Manager, Engineering Development\*

- S. Kozin, Manager, Water Reclamation Services\*
- G. Gaucher, Manager, Protective Services\*
- D. Lees, Senior Bylaw Compliance Officer\*
- D. Law, Director, Financial Services
- A. Chew, Manager, Tourism\*
- K. Savill, Admin. Asst, Ec. Dev. & Tourism\*
- S. Koenig, Director, Operation Services
- A. Watson, Manager, Transportation\*
- G. Gaucher, Manager, Protective Services\*
- T. Silverthorn, Tourism Coordinator\*
- L. Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sust.\*
- S. Wright, Manager, Recreation Programs\*
- L. Walker, Manager, Recreation Administration\*
- G. Lefebvre, Manager, Aquatics\*
- R. Nuriel, Economic Planner\*

\*Attended, as required

Others: Media and Members of the Public

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT the agenda for the January 27, 2020, Regular Open meeting of the Council of The Corporation of The City of Vernon be adopted.

**CARRIED.**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 13, 2020 and the Special Meeting of January 21, 2020, be adopted;

AND FUTHER, that the minutes of the Public Hearing held on January 13, 2020, be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held January 13, 2020 be received.

**CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

**GENERAL MATTERS:**

**RECOGNITION – RICHARD  
ARTHUR “DICK” FILE**

Mayor Cumming recognized the contributions of Richard Arthur “Dick” File, former Member of Council and City of Vernon Staff Member, who recently passed away.

**DELEGATION:  
FEDERATION OF  
CANADIAN  
MUNICIPALITIES  
(0360-20-24)**

Rhona Martin, Board Member, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) (Chair, Columbia-Shuswap Regional District) provided a presentation on the value of membership in the FCM and reviewed recent membership fee increases.

**The following points were reviewed:**

- Asking for reconsideration of City’s membership in Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- City of Vernon was in the first 150 members of FCM
- FCM represents 1200 municipalities and makes sure the municipal voice is heard on a national stage
- Many grants have come forward to Vernon from FCM
- FCM has been influencing the housing affordability crisis
- Members are engaged to make sure policies reflect western interests
- FCM has dedicated and non-political staff that ensures that municipal voice is heard
- FCM does dozens of submissions to federal and provincial governments and is involved in member engagement
- In September, FCM adopted a revised ‘dues’ membership fee structure, changes were made to ensure long-term sustainability as demands for advocacy are increasing
- 3.5% membership increase change reflects year over year costs
- Membership combined legal defense fund into membership fee which explains the significant increase in fees for 2020
- Great deal of time and money spent to ensure that local government voice was heard during federal election
- Legal defense fund – allows intervention on behalf of local governments – for example: municipal rights for telecommunications, supported municipal cannabis guide
- Hopes that City of Vernon reconsiders FCM membership renewal.

**DELEGATION: THE  
BRIDGE YOUTH & FAMILY  
SERVICES SOCIETY  
(0220-01)**

Celine Thompson, Executive Director, and John Yarschenko, Director of Recovery Addiction Services, the Bridge Youth & Family Services Society provided a presentation on the Okanagan Youth Recovery House.

**The following points were reviewed:**

- Aim is to spread word for essential addiction services
- Bridge Youth & Family Services has been a touchstone for youth for 50 years and is a non-profit organization
- Bridge operates two distinct arms, communities and families and recovery and addiction
- Two arms provided advantage when Public Health Emergency was declared
- Less than four youth beds available, no one under age 17 is allowed in those beds
- Need beds for 12 or 13 year olds
- Need investment in youth to stem addiction problems
- Treatment will have significant benefit to community and will allow youth to reach potential
- Surveys say there is a need for live-in treatment facility
- Challenges to deal with lack of funding for many years
- Have visited treatment programs across country and held focus groups with stakeholders
- Launched aggressive fund-raising campaign and have raised \$300,000 to date
- Home has been committed in Kelowna for an initial six bed facility
- Support received from many municipalities, local groups and unions
- Invites the City of Vernon to become a supporter
- **Request:** a Letter of Support and a voice at local government association meetings.

**DELEGATION:  
SUSTAINABLE  
ENVIRONMENT NETWORK  
SOCIETY (SENS)  
(0230-01)**

Tana Petersen, member and Huguette Allen, Director, SENS, provided a presentation on a proposed moratorium on 5G Towers.

**The following points were reviewed:**

Have lived in Vernon

- What is 5G:
  - EMR = Electro Magnetic Radiation
  - EMF = Electro Magnetic Frequencies
  - RFR = Radio Frequency Radiation
  - GHz = Gigahertz = 1 billion hertz
  - 5G – makes way for the Internet of Things
  - 4G is frequencies below 6GHz whereas 5G frequencies are between 30 GHz to 100 GHz
  - Will be placed every 100 to 200m apart
  - There has not been one study that proves that 5G is safe
- Millions of 5G antennas inside and outside of buildings
- We are subjected to radiation 24/7 without our consent
- We have no reason to believe 5G is safe:
  - Over 500 peer-reviewed studies have found it harmful
  - Prolonged exposure has serious biological and health effects

- There are a multitude of health concerns
- Unique Vulnerability of Children – 5G causes thinner skulls, smaller heads, absorb 2 to 10 times more radiation
- Natural world is also effected
- Who is Concerned:
  - 215 Scientists from 41 countries
  - 5G is being pushed by Big Tech but is not sustainable, uses a massive amount of energy and contributes to warming earth
  - It is a cumulative effect
  - Will create biological, environmental and societal disruption – difficult or impossible to reverse
  - 188,097 signatories from 203 nations signed the Emergency International Appeal to Stop 5G
- The Precautionary Principle – protect public when scientific evidence hazards is uncertain and stakes are high
- Conflict of interest as there are substantial monetary gains to be made by 5G producers
- What can Vernon do:
  - Use Precautionary Principle which implies a social responsibility to protect citizens
  - **Request** a moratorium on installment of 5G and that a Committee be formed to investigate and bring forward concerns about 5G
  - Bring concerns about 5G to RDNO Board and request regional moratorium
- We must act now – 5G is insidious, installation is gradual and subtle – it may not be possible to reverse harmful effect once installed.

**PRESENTATION – TOURISM  
COMMISSION ANNUAL  
UPDATE  
(0540)**

Claus Larsen, Chairperson, Tourism Commission provided an annual update on the

**The following points were reviewed:**

Prior to 2018, Tourism Commission was known as the Tourism Advisory Committee, it was more difficult to react quickly to emerging issues affecting tourism.

- An amended version of the presentation was distributed to Council at the meeting
- Overview of City of Vernon Tourism Staff and Visitor Info Centre
- Tourism Commission – overview of membership
- 2018 – 2022 Business Strategic Plan shows visions, goals and strategic framework
  - Inspire visitation through focused marketing
  - Activate strategic marketing partnerships
  - Enhance destination appeal
  - Provide visionary leadership

- Increased in 2018 to 3%, Program Principles of the 3% Municipal & Regional Tax Program:
- \$15M collected in MRDT in 2010, \$36M collected in 2018, the more money in the bank, the more that can be spent on promotion of Vernon
- Challenges have been with fire and flooding, very important to work together with consistent messaging
- Successes: Marilyn Dennis show in Vernon, attracted a great deal of travel media, became a year round destination, showcasing Vernon through media outlets, engaging our stakeholders, February 18, 2020 is next workshop
- The Rail Trail and mountain biking are a huge draw for Vernon
- Thank you for support to date.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Council receives the Tourism Commission Annual Update report to Council as provided by Claus Larsen, Chairperson at the January 27, 2020 Regular meeting of Council.

**CARRIED.**

### COUNCIL INQUIRIES

#### **POLSON PARK - PERMITS**

Council noted that the Kalamalka Fly Fishing Club has expressed concerns that their permit fee has tripled over last year for use of Polson Park. They improve the park by cleaning the pond. Clarification required for washroom opening. An Admin Update will be provided.

#### **RODENTS**

Council inquired regarding an infestation of black rats in the City. Is the City taking any precautions against these rodents? **Admin:** Black rats are a naturally expanding population in Western Canada. A public service announcement is being developed and will be posted for information on how to deal with rats on private property. An Admin Update will be provided.

#### **CCTV REGISTRY PROGRAM**

Council inquired about a CCTV Registry Program that has been implemented in Kelowna which assists the RCMP with crime investigation. Is something similar planned for Vernon? An Admin Update will be provided.

#### **SPEED CONTROL - FOOTHILLS**

Council inquired regarding the relocation of the traffic speed indicator sign on Silver Star Road at Foothills Drive to a new posting before Phoenix Drive. An Admin Update will be provided.

#### **PROCLAMATIONS**

Council inquired about proclamations, does it make sense to provide a proclamation for RCMP Appreciation Day? **Admin:** The federal and provincial government have provided proclamations for this event. Council may wish to look at some event of celebration for next year.

**COUNCIL PROCEDURE**

Council inquired regarding asking questions following a delegation. Is there a protocol or written procedure in place to follow in the future? It would be helpful to have each Councillor have an opportunity to ask all questions they may have of the delegates.

**ADMINISTRATION  
UPDATES  
(0550-05)**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council receives the Administration Updates dated January 27, 2020.

**CARRIED.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**DEVELOPMENT COST  
CHARGES AND  
AFFORDABLE/ATTAINABLE  
HOUSING POLICY UPDATE  
(3900-02)**

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council endorse the update to the Affordable/Attainable Housing Policy to specify that the source of funding for Development Cost Charge waivers for eligible affordable housing projects be the Casino Reserve, as attached to the memo titled "Development Cost Charges and Affordable/Attainable Housing Policy Update" dated January 17, 2020 and respectfully submitted by the Director, Community Infrastructure and Development

**CARRIED.**

**UNION OF BC  
MUNICIPALITIES (UBCM)  
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS FUND,  
VOLUNTEER & COMPOSITE  
FIRE DEPARTMENTS  
EQUIPMENT & TRAINING  
(1855-20)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT the City of Vernon Council endorses the submission of a regional application to the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training Grant;

AND FURTHER, that the City of Vernon apply for, receive and manage the grant funding on behalf of the partners to the Fire Training Centre Agreement: Armstrong, Coldstream, Enderby and Vernon.

**CARRIED.**

**COMPOSTING BIN PILOT  
PROGRAM PHASE 2  
(5280-03)**

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council direct Administration to proceed with Phase 2 of the Compost Bin Pilot Program as outlined in the report titled "Compost Bin Pilot Program Phase 2" and dated January 14, 2020 respectfully submitted by the Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability;

AND FURTHER, that Council approve the expenditure of \$27,000 from the Climate Action Revolving Fund to support Phase 2 of the Compost Bin Pilot Program.

**CARRIED.**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW #3909, RELATING TO THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE LICENCING BYLAW #3223 (4000-02)**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Anderson;

THAT Council direct Administration discontinue the Commercial Vehicle Licencing Program in its entirety.

**CARRIED, with Councillor Fehr and Mayor Cumming opposed.**

*Councillor Quiring declared a conflict of interest in the following matter as BX Elementary School is a client of his firm. Councillor Quiring left the meeting at 3:56 pm.*

**BX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – SANITARY SERVICE (5340-05)**

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Council reaffirm its resolution of October 28, 2019, supporting provision of sanitary sewer services to BX Elementary in accordance with the “City Sewer Services Beyond City Boundaries Policy”;

AND FURTHER, supports the CAO in assisting School District 22 with the required boundary extension application, in order to expedite the process for obtaining the sanitary sewer service.

**CARRIED, with Councillors Gares and Nahal opposed.**

*Councillor Quiring returned to the meeting at 4:13 pm.*

**MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE IN-CAMERA MEETING – January 13, 2020**

THAT Council brings forward, as public information, the following motions **declassified** from confidential to non-confidential at the **January 13, 2020**, In Camera meeting:

**TOURISM COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP**

*‘THAT Council appoint Janna Maderyc to the Tourism Commission as an **Accommodation Provider** representatives from January 2020 until January 2022.’*

*Councillor Anderson left the meeting at 4:14 pm.*



**NEW BUSINESS**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**SOUTHERN INTERIOR  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
ASSOCIATION 2020  
CONFERENCE, VERNON BC  
– 50/50 DRAW  
(0360-20-25)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Council authorizes the Southern Interior Local Government Association request to donate 50% of any monies garnered from 50/50 Raffle held during the 2020 Conference in Vernon to the Archway Society for Domestic Peace.

**CARRIED.**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 –  
REVENUE GENERATION /  
SERVICE EFFICIENCY  
REVIEW COMMITTEE  
(0490-30)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council appoints Councillor Kari Gares to the School District No. 22, Revenue Generation/Service Efficiency Review Committee, as requested by School District No. 22 Executive Assistant.

**CARRIED.**

*Councillor Anderson returned to the meeting at 4:16 pm*

**2019 BYLAW COMPLIANCE  
SEASONAL ENFORCEMENT  
PROGRAM SUMMARY  
(4000-02)**

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council receive the internal memorandum titled “2019 Bylaw Compliance Seasonal Enforcement Program Summary” dated January 6, 2020, from the Manager, Protective Services.

**CARRIED.**

**RECREATION SERVICES  
2019 FOURTH QUARTER  
REPORT  
(7700-01)**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled *Recreation Services 2019 Fourth Quarter Report*, and the accompanying Power Point presentation, dated January 16, 2020, from the Director, Recreation Services, for information.

**CARRIED.**

*Mayor Cumming left the meeting at 4:18 pm and returned at 4:20 pm.*

*Councillor Fehr left the meeting at 4:20 pm and returned 4:23 pm.*

**2020 TOURISM TACTICAL  
MARKETING PLAN  
(0540-20)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council endorse the *2020 Tourism Tactical Marketing Plan* as recommended by the Tourism Commission and attached to the memorandum dated January 15, 2020, from the Manager, Economic Development and Tourism.

**CARRIED.**

*Councillor Fehr declared a Conflict of Interest in the following matter as his employer is one of the recipients being considered for receipt of funds. Councillor Fehr left the meeting at 4:42 pm.*

**DISTRIBUTION OF  
CHARITABLE FUNDS – 2019  
KINDNESS METERS  
DONATIONS  
(4000-01-02)**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor :

THAT Council directs Administration to forward the proceeds, in the amount of \$711.10, obtained from the Kindness Meter Program for the calendar year 2019, to the Vernon Community Dental Access Centre.

**CARRIED.**

*Councillor Fehr returned to the meeting at 4:43 pm.*

**MOTOR VEHICLE ACT  
PILOT PROJECTS  
PROGRAM –  
MICROMOBILITY DEVICES  
(8300-10-01)**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council direct Administration to submit an Expression of Interest to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for the Motor Vehicle Act Pilot Projects Program, relating to Micromobility Devices.

**CARRIED.**

**REPORTS:**

**180 WHISTLER PLACE  
AMENDMENT OF  
RESTRICTIVE COVENANT  
CA7862065  
(ZON00330/OCP00083)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council authorize an amendment to Restrictive Covenant CA7862065 to allow for one, three-plex to be added to the document to allow for the most effective lot layout of 180 Whistler Place (portion of Lot 1, Plan KAP33073, Sec 13, Twp. 8, ODYD).

**CARRIED.**

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:**

**BYLAWS:**

**ADOPTION**

- 5798

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr :

THAT Bylaw #5798, “**City of Vernon Records Management (Updates) Amendment Bylaw Number 5798, 2020**” – a bylaw to update various references and include new record compliance for third parties, be **adopted**.

**CARRIED.**

- 5793

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Bylaw #5793, “**4005 Pleasant Valley Road Housing Agreement Bylaw Number 5793, 2020**” - a bylaw to authorize a Housing Agreement, be **adopted**.

**CARRIED.**

- 5794

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Bylaw #5794, “**City of Vernon 2020 Financial Plan Bylaw Number 5794, 2020**” - a bylaw to adopt the Financial Plan for the years 2020 – 2024, be **adopted**.

**CARRIED.**

- 5797

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Bylaw #5797, “**Subdivision and Development Servicing (Schedules O, B, D, E, F and G) Amendment Bylaw Number 5797, 2020**” - a bylaw to amend sections of Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw #3843, be **adopted**.

**CARRIED.**

- 5792

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Bylaw #5792, “**Council Procedure (July Meeting Removed) Amendment Bylaw Number 5792, 2019**” - a bylaw to remove a meeting in July, be **adopted**.

**CARRIED.**

- 5799

Moved by Councillor Mund , seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Bylaw #5799, “City of Vernon Tourism Commission (Silver Star Representative) Amendment Bylaw Number 5799” – a bylaw to amend Tourism Commission Bylaw Number 5683 to include Silver Star Resort as a non-voting Member, 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

- Congratulations to Kevin Hill for placing 8th in Snow Cross event

**COUNCILLOR DALVIR NAHAL**

Councillor Dalvir Nahal provided a verbal report on the following matters:

- MEETING/EVENT ATTENDANCE

- Congrats to Councillor Quiring for designing award winning, net zero home

**COUNCILLOR KARI GARES**

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

- MEETING/EVENT ATTENDANCE

- Attended:
- Okanagan Regional Library Strategic Planning Session
  - Okanagan Housing Awards (Recipients noted)

**COUNCILLOR KELLY FEHR**

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

- MEETING/EVENT ATTENDANCE

- Attended:
- Recreation Services Feasibility Session

**MAYOR VICTOR CUMMING**

Mayor Cumming provided a verbal report on the following matters:

• **MEETING/EVENT  
ATTENDANCE**

- **Attended several events including:**
  - Public information event at Vernon Water Reclamation Centre
  - Climate Action Advisory Workshop

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**CLOSE**

Mayor Cumming closed the Regular Open Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vernon at 4:48 pm

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**



Mayor



Corporate Officer