

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR OPEN MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

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

Staff: W. Pearce, CAO
P. Bridal, DCAO, Director, Corporate Services
S. Blakely, Manager, Legislative Services
D. Law, Director Financial Services*
K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure & Development
S. Koenig, Director, Operations
C. Poirier, Manager, Communications & Grants*
B. Bandy, Manager, Real Estate*
K. Dhillon, Manager, Infrastructure
T. Scott, Infrastructure Engineer

**Attended at Required*

Others: Media and Members of the Public

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 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*

e. the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

g. litigation or potential litigation affecting 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 1:31 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

Councillors: A. Mund, , B. Quiring, K. Fehr (1:32 pm), S. Anderson (1:32 pm), D. Nahal, (K. Gares, absent)

Staff: W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer
P. Bridal, DCAO, Director, Corporate Services
S. Blakely, Manager, Legislative Services
C. Poirier, Manager, Communications & Grants
D. Law, Director, Financial Services
S. Koenig, Director, Operation Services
A. Watson, Manager, Transportation
L. Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sust.*
K. Dhillon, Manager, Infrastructure*
C. Ovens, Manager, Roads, Drainage, Airports*
K. Kryszak, Manager, Parks & Public Spaces Maintenance*
K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure & Development
S. Wright, Manager, Recreation Programs*
D. Ross, Director, Recreation*
D. Sturgeon, Long Range Planner*
S. Hemstad, Deputy Fire Chief*

*Attended, as required

Others: Media and Members of the Public

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the agenda for the February 24, 2020, 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 Nahal, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 10, 2020, be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Public Hearing held on February 10, 2020, be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held February 10, 2020 be received.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

GENERAL MATTERS:

Councillors Fehr and Anderson entered the meeting at 1:32 pm.

Patrick Vance, Committee Member and Andrea Campbell, Alzheimer Society Rep, and Val Trevis a Delegate from Vernon Alzheimer Walk Committee provided a presentation regarding the 2020 Vernon Walk for Alzheimer's, a Request for Vernon to become a 'Dementia Friendly City' and a Request for Sponsorship of Annual Walk Event.

**DELEGATION - 2020
VERNON WALK FOR
ALZHEIMERS
(0550-01)**

The following points were noted:

Patrick Vance

- 2020 Walk takes place on May 3, 2020, 11:30am – 2pm at Greater Vernon Athletic Park next to Okanagan College
- Susan and Peter Gook Honorary Family this year
- All funds raised assist Vernon and surrounding communities

Andrea Campbell

- Dedicated to ensuring best life possible for those living with Dementia so they can remain engaged in their community
- Association assists with reducing stigmas, acknowledging barriers and becoming more inclusive to those with Dementia
- Purpose of Dementia Friendly Communities Initiative is to provide expertise, accountability and lived experiences
- People living with dementia may face challenges with shopping, using public transportation and enjoying hobbies which can be isolating
- Can change this through the Dementia Friendly Communities Initiative – defined by both their physical and social characteristics
- City Staff and community members educated on assistance measures (clear and legible signage, unobstructed walkways and open areas for activity and rest)
- Tools, education and partnership offered
- Can access resources, making workplace friendly
- 'Making Your Workplace Dementia Friendly' Workshop provides guides for legal, financial, recreational and housing professionals
- Concrete action plans developed with Municipalities
- Society encourages COV to join province wide efforts to

make more dementia friendly communities

- Encourage COV to partner with Society

Val Trevis

- Picture of her Dad, Jessie, shared
- Taken in Polson Park – two meters from signage ‘do not feed the ducks’
- Moved to Heron Grove once diagnoses was made
- Simple pleasure to go to park to feed the ducks
- Always a fear that they would be told not to feed the ducks - fortunately never happened and enjoyed many days
- Dementia is an unforgiving illness that doesn’t care about effects on people
- Learning comes from observations and experience caring for Dad
- Hidden disease – time to open the doors in the community
- 35 Years ago husband’s father passed away after six months in bed, restrained
- Moved much forward at this point in treatment
- No one understands disease as people do not want to talk about it
- Many do not see visitors as families do not know how to behave
- Did not do this with dad – carried sign in purse to asking people for patience
- In last year made diagnosis very public on Social Media and dad was well received in the community
- He felt fabulous, included and important
- There were moments wherein people needed to be educated (plastic straws, eating, etc)
- Constant education effort
- There is a lot to learn and a lot to do – means nothing if there is not action
- Vernon needs to become a Dementia Friendly Community affects people ages 30+
- Challenge to come out on May 3 to raise awareness
- The disease is moving forward at a staggering rate
- Thank you for consideration.

PRESENTATION – GOOSE CONTROL IN THE CITY OF VERNON (6130-06)

Kate Hagmeier, MSc, RPBio, a Senior Biologist for EBB Environmental Consulting Inc. will provide a presentation regarding Goose Control in the City of Vernon.

The following points were noted:

- Background
 1. History of resident non-migratory geese in the Okanagan
 2. Change in BC landscape
 3. Perceived as problem wildlife

4. Impacts
5. Economics
- Goose Management
 1. Municipalities experienced goose problems for years
 2. Individual jurisdictions had 'ad hoc' management
 3. Recognized as a 'valley-wide' issue
- Okanagan Regional Goose Management Committee (ORGMC)
 1. Formed in mid-90s
 2. Regional Management plan in 2006
- 2006 Report Recommendations Reviewed
 1. Public Education, bylaws
 2. Habitat modification
 3. Goose deterrence / scare program
 4. Monitoring
 5. Regional egg addling program
- Egg Addling Program
 1. Addling occurs Osoyoos to Vernon
 2. 13 seasons: 2007-2019
 3. Vernon addling program run separately from rest of valley
 4. Conducted by WWC, but under the same permit authorized by Environment Canada
 5. Results reviewed
 - Geese in Vernon account for approximately 35% of the birds observed in aerial surveys
 6. Program Evaluation reviewed
- Local Issues reviewed
- Limitation reviewed
- Monitoring process reviewed
- Population Control Considerations
 1. Continue addling
 2. Identify if hunting is a tool that is well-used or can be further used
 3. Examine feasibility of damage or danger permits (Environment Canada)
- Kill to Scare
 1. Kill a certain number of migratory birds to scare away other birds from the area
 2. Carcasses left in the open on the ground to act as a deterrent
 3. Farmers often successfully use this option
- Kill
 1. Kill migratory birds to eliminate them from the area specified on the permit
 2. Carcasses are removed and disposed on in accordance with local waste management and regulations

3. This permit may require that an approved management plan be in place
4. Birds cannot be consumed for food
5. Requires disposal authorization
6. Requires extra permitting
7. Vancouver Island Example reviewed

Moved by Councillor Nahal, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council receives the presentation regarding Goose Control as provided by Kate Hagmeier, MSc, RPBio, a Senior Biologist for EBB Environmental Consulting Inc. at the February 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED.

COUNCIL INQUIRIES

DOWNTOWN BATHROOMS

Council inquired regarding the bathrooms installed last year – is that coming back with an update report to perhaps increase to 24 hours service? **A. Admin:** Was some discussion to bring an update, but would like to get all facilities up and running before reporting. Completed facilities expected in the next few weeks.

CONSTRUCTION – 32ND AVENUE

Council inquired regarding the planned construction of 32nd Avenue – could repair take place on the south side prior to beginning? An Admin Update will be provided.

ROAD GRIT

Council inquired regarding road grit. On the last day of budget meetings it was noted a report would be forthcoming. Air quality advisories noted for the City of Vernon. **A. Admin:** A report is being prepared and will be brought forward to Council. The road grit has been tested – it is testing better than those in adjacent communities. Will be meeting with ministry representatives from the Province in regard to air quality issues to ensure all options are being considered.

ROAD LINES

Council inquired regarding road paint lines – have we found a paint that will last longer? **A. Admin:** Ministry environmental restrictions on the type of paint that can be used are being felt Province wide. Engineering is testing out possible durable markings and current contractor has offered to do some demonstrations of options. **Q.** Can 'cat's eyes' method be used? **A. Admin:** These are raised pavement markings, but cost may be an issue as they would have to be ground into the road in order to avoid removal with snow clearing.

NEW VACUUM TRUCK

Council inquired regarding a delivery date for the new Vacuum Truck. Admin noted that the vehicle is on order and should arrive in June/July.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

**ADMINISTRATION
UPDATES
(0550-05)**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council receives the Administration Updates dated February 24, 2020.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**KIN RACE TRACK LANDS
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
PROCESS AND TIMELINE
(6520-32)**

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled "Kin Race Track Lands Comprehensive Plan Process and Timeline" dated February 13, 2020 from the Long Ranger Planner.

CARRIED.

**CAMEO SEWER LOCAL
AREA SERVICE PETITION
RESULTS
(5340-09-03)**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council receives the memorandum dated February 19, 2020 from the Manager, Legislative Services regarding the unsuccessful petition for the Cameo Sewer Local Area Service;

AND FURTHER, that Council directs Administration to provide a letter to all residents in the petition area advising that the sewer project will not proceed due to unsuccessful petition and providing options for proceeding in future.

CARRIED.

MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE IN-CAMERA MEETING –
FEBRUARY 24, 2020

THAT Council brings forward, as public information, the following motions **declassified** from confidential to non-confidential at the **February 24, 2020**, In Camera meeting:

**PROPOSAL FOR COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEMBERS
APPRECIATION EVENT
(0540-01)**

'THAT Council authorizes a 'Council Committee Member Appreciation' event to be held annually during 'National Volunteer Week' as described in the memorandum dated February 14, 2020 from the Legislative Committee Clerk, with funds up to \$500 sourced from the Council (111) 2-231 Food & Coffee Budget.'

LANE CLOSURE IN EXCHANGE FOR ROAD DEDICATION – 3001 39TH AVENUE (0913-20-47)

‘THAT Council direct Administration to prepare the road closure bylaw required to close approximately 53 m² of the Lane East of 31st Street and North of 39th Avenue, for consolidation with the adjacent property at 3001 39th Avenue, in exchange for road dedication of approximately 50 m², and the City will pay those costs required to close the lane and dedicate the road, including: survey plans, advertising and legal.’

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE:

2020 FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES (FCM) CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW – COUNCIL ATTENDANCE (0360-24)

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council advises Administration that no Council Members will be attending the 2020 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference and Trade Show in Toronto, Ontario, from June 4 – 7, 2020.

CARRIED.

DISCHARGE TO OKANAGAN LAKE – CONSULTANT CHARGES (5350-Deep Lake Outfall)

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council approve the expenditure of \$55,000 for consultant fees to provide technical assistance relating to the reclaimed water discharge to Okanagan Lake, using surplus operating funds included in the 2020 Financial Plan for Spray Irrigation.

CARRIED.

FUNDING SOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL LIFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS (7865-01-01)

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council approve the funding for additional lifeguard hours in order to meet the *Lifesaving Society of Canada National Safety Standards* for lifeguard to patron ratio through the balanced approach of reducing operating hours and increasing fees for aquatic admissions and programming as outlined in the memorandum titled Funding Sources for Additional Lifeguarding Requirements, dated February 13, 2020 from the Director, Recreation Services;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to bring forward a Bylaw Amendment for the Recreation Services Fees & Charges Bylaw for a 4% increase for aquatic admissions and programming;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct the Mayor to write a letter to our community partners the District of Coldstream and Electoral Areas B & C notifying them of the balanced approach of reducing operating hours and increasing fees for aquatic admissions and programming in order to fund the additional cost for increased lifeguarding hours.

CARRIED, with Councillors Mund and Anderson opposed.

**2021 – 2025 FINANCIAL
PLAN TIMELINE
(1700-02)**

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council approve the 2021-2025 Financial Planning timeline as set forth in the memo from the Director, Financial Services dated February 14, 2020 titled 2021-2025 Financial Plan Timeline;

AND FURTHER, that Council approve a Special Meeting of Council held at Lakers Clubhouse on Friday, June 19, 2020 to present the May 2020 budget survey results, review the progress of the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan and review the issues influencing the 2021-2025 Financial Plan;

AND FURTHER, that Council approve Special Meetings of Council to be held on November 30 and December 1, 2020 to deliberate the 2021-2025 Proposed Financial Plan.

CARRIED.

**AMENDMENT TO FEES AND
CHARGES BYLAW #3909 –
VERNON FIRE RESCUE
SERVICES
(3900-02)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council approve the proposed amendment to the Fees and Charges Bylaw #3909 as identified in 'Attachment 1' of the memo dated February 13, 2020 by the Deputy Fire Chief of Vernon Fire Rescue Services.

CARRIED.

**AMENDMENT TO FEES AND
CHARGES BYLAW #3909 –
REFUSE COLLECTION AND
RECYCLING
(3900-02)**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Council approve the fee increases for Refuse Collection and Recycling included in the Fees and Charges Bylaw #3909 as shown in Attachment A of the memorandum titled "Amendment to Fees and Charges Bylaw #3909 – Refuse Collection and Recycling", dated February 13, 2020 from the Manager, Roads, Drainage and Airport.

CARRIED.

**AMENDMENT TO FEES AND
CHARGES BYLAW #3909 –
PARKING AND FIRE POT
FEES
(3900-02)**

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council approve the amendments to the Fees and Charges Bylaw #3909 as shown in Attachment A included in the report titled "Amendment to Fees and Charges Bylaw #3909 – Parking and Fire Pot Fees" dated February 13, 2020 from the Manager, Parks and Public Spaces.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Council **amends** the motion to reflect the following proposed changes as follows:

- ~~1. Hourly rates for city owned surface parking lots have been increased from \$0.50 to \$1.00 per hour to be consistent with the on-street parking in the downtown area.~~
4. Fire pot rental fees increased from \$350 to \$600 \$400 to reflect actual costs. The fire pot must be picked up and delivered by two City employees to be in compliance with City safety regulations. Since the events requesting the fire pot are generally on weekends, overtime must also be paid to the City employees, thereby increasing overall costs.

CARRIED, with Councillor Mund opposed.

Moved by Councillor Nahal, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council **amends** the motion to remove the following proposed change as follows:

- ~~2. College Way parking is increased to \$30 per month to better reflect actual costs associated with this parking area and the parking charges at Okanagan University College (OUC). The monthly charges at OUC are \$50.00 month.~~

DEFEATED, with Councillors Fehr and Mund, and Mayor Cumming opposed.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED ON THE MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED AND DECLARED CARRIED, with Councillor Mund opposed.

**POLSON PARK – FISH OUT
(6100-14)**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council directs Administration that the 2020 Fee for the *Polson Park – Fish Out* event remain at the 2018 rate of \$ 94.08.

DEFEATED, with all Council Members being opposed.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council receives the memo dated February 13, 2020 titled '*Polson Park – Fish Out*' from the Manager, Parks and Public Spaces for information.

CARRIED, with Councillor Anderson opposed.

REPORTS:

**GOOSE MANAGEMENT
(6130-06)**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council directs Administration to proceed with the permits required to initiate a "Kill" program to eliminate approximately 100-150 geese from the Vernon area at an estimated cost of \$41,000 with source of funds being an amended 2020 budget and subsequent tax rate.

DEFEATED, with Councillors Mund and Fehr, and Mayor Cumming opposed.

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council receives the report titled "Goose Management" dated February 12, 2020 from the Manager, Parks and Public Spaces for information.

CARRIED, with Councillors Quiring and Anderson opposed.

Councillor Fehr left the meeting at 3:55 pm and returned at 3:57 pm.

**CLIMATE ACTION
PLANNING – PROCESS
UPDATE (0540-20)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council receive for information the report titled "Climate Action Planning – Process Update" dated February 13, 2020 from the Long Range Planner and the Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability.

CARRIED.

Councillor Mund left the meeting at 4:23 pm and returned at 4:25 pm.

**2020 ROLLING 4 YEAR
CAPITAL PLAN
(5700-04-01)**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council endorse the 2020 Rolling 4 – Year Capital Plan, contained in Attachment 1 of the report titled “2020 Rolling 4 Year Capital Plan”, dated February 11, 2020 from the Manager, Infrastructure;

AND FURTHER, that Council approves using unexpended prior years Capital Design Budget to fund advanced design required for the capital projects contained in Attachment 1 of the report titled “2020 Rolling 4 Year Capital Plan” dated February 11, 2020 from the Manager, Infrastructure.

CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

BYLAWS:

ADOPTION

- 5800

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Bylaw #5800, “**Subdivision and Development Servicing (Schedule B) Amendment Bylaw Number 5800, 2020**” - a bylaw to amend the “City of Vernon Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw #3843, 1992”, be **adopted**.

CARRIED.

- 5795

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Bylaw #5795, “**City of Vernon Sewer System Connection Amendment Bylaw Number 5795, 2020**” – a bylaw to amend City of Vernon Sewer System Connection Bylaw Number 5089, 2007, be **adopted**.

CARRIED.

COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES:

COUNCILLOR SCOTT ANDERSON

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

Attended:

- Noted the hard work of organizations - O’Keefe Ranch and Canada Day Society

**MEETING/EVENT
ATTENDANCE**

COUNCILLOR AKBAL MUND

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

**MEETING/EVENT
ATTENDANCE**

- Tourism Expo
- Met with Chair of United Way
- Attended 'Valentines for Mexico' event

COUNCILLOR KELLY FEHR

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

**MEETING/EVENT
ATTENDANCE**

Attended:

- Councillors Gares and Fehr attended Library Event to receive a substantial contribution of \$100,000

COUNCILLOR DALVIR NAHAL

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

**• MEETING/EVENT
ATTENDANCE**

Attended:

- Agricultural Advisory Committee – reviewed Noxious Weed program provision through the Province of BC
- Clarified previous comment regarding Coldstream – not everyone living in Coldstream lives 'a life of luxury'

COUNCILLOR BRIAN QUIRING

Councillor Brian Quiring provided a verbal report on the following matters:

**• CONFLICT OF INTEREST
STATEMENT**

Councillor Quiring read aloud the following statement:

'I hereby disclose and report that I have entered into contracts with the City of Vernon for:

1. Zamboni Bay design
2. Upgrades to washrooms
3. Assistance with feasibility study for child care space

I have a pecuniary interest in this contract because I am a principle of MQN Architects who are the contractors for this project;

In the past I have not, and I will continue to refrain from: remaining in Council meetings when these matters are under consideration, participating in Council discussions, voting or attempting to influence the vote or decisions regarding this matter.'

MAYOR VICTOR CUMMING

Mayor Cumming provided a verbal report on the following matters:

• MEETING/EVENT ATTENDANCE

- **Attended several events including:**
 - Cultural Centre meeting
 - Good Citizen presentation
 - Participated in the Winter Carnival Broom Ball Tournament with the Operations Team
 - Greater Vernon BC Winter Games Committee
 - Opened the Coca Cola Pee Wee Hockey Tournament
 - JOPO lunch attended
 - Silver Star and Sovereign Lake – shout out for successful events
 - Opened the BC Seniors Curling Championship
 - Tourism Open House
 - Meeting with Areas B & C Reps (noted attendance at the meeting today)
 - Meetings with SD22 and Regional District regarding extension of sewer service to BX School
 - Noted the passing of close neighbours in the community and condolences offered

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- A. Letter dated February 4, 2020, from Mayor Rob Vagramov, City of Port Moody, re: Request for Federal Government to work with provinces and territories to develop and implement a Universal Public National Pharmacare Program
- B. Letter dated February 20, 2020 from Ashley Bevan, Deputy Corporate Officer, re: BX Elementary School
- C. Minutes from the following Committees of Council:
 - (i) Tourism Commission, January 15, 2020

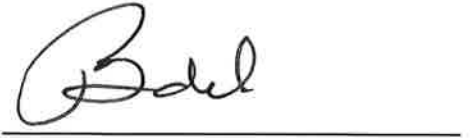
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cumming adjourned the Regular Open Meeting at 4:52 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Mayor



Corporate Officer