

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020**

PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

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

Staff: W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer
P. Bridal, DCAO, Director, Corporate Services
K. Austin, Manager, Legislative Services
C. Poirier, Manager, Communications & Grants
D. Law, Director, Financial Services
K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure and Development
C. Ovens, Acting Director, Operations
D. Ross, Director, Recreation Services
D. Lind, Chief, Fire and Rescue Services
D. Seymour, Deputy Chief, Operations, Fire and Rescue Services
B. Bandy, Manager, Real Estate

Others: Media and members of the public

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Victor Cumming called the meeting to order at 8:41 am.

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

THAT the Agenda for the June 22, 2020 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 June 8, 2020, be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

GENERAL MATTERS

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

Ms. Annette Sharkey, Executive Director, Social Planning Council, presented the Social Planning Council/Partners in Action quarterly report for the period April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 and highlighted the following points:

- Working on transition plan for Turning Points
- Pandemic has highlighted need for more permanent solution for homelessness
- When the Upper Room Mission reduced then closed operations, due to COVID, organizations and fundraising filled the gap to ensure meals were provided to those in need.
- NexusBC and funding partners will continue with the expansion of the Better at Home program for seniors
- May was the highest number of illicit drug toxicity deaths in one month, COVID has affected access to safe drug supply
- COVID requires self-isolation vs. Opioid crisis which requires people to come out of the shadows
- Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) provided income for access to illicit drugs
- Social Planning Council is reaching out to local cultural groups. There is a commitment to indigenous truth and reconciliation efforts
- Monitoring provincial and federal decisions to address systemic racism in BC and Canada and the impact on residents locally

Council requested that they be kept apprised of the efforts regarding indigenous truth and reconciliation as well as systemic racism and racial discrimination.

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council receive the Social Planning Council/Partners in Action Quarterly Report dated April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020, for information.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

**COVID-19 RISK
MITIGATION –
RECREATION SAFE
REOPENING
GUIDELINES
(7700-14)**

The following documents were circulated to Council:

1. COVID-19 Safety Plan
2. Guideline for Swimming Pools
3. Guidance and Consideration for Children's Day Camps
4. Guideline for Restarting Operations
5. Return to Sport
6. Protocols for returning to operation
7. Municipal Best Practices Guidelines
8. Guidelines for Reopening BC & Yukon Pools and Waterfronts
9. Lavington Wading Pool
10. Polson Spray Park
11. Kal Tire Place North

12. Children's Programs and Camps
13. Lakers Clubhouse

Mitigation strategies are centered on the following five areas of operation:

1. Physical distancing and site management
2. Cleaning and sanitation
3. Employee policies and staff training
4. Signage
5. Outbreak mitigation and recovery

The Director spoke to the some of the specific actions that would be taken within each of the operational areas.

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council endorse the Administration recommendation to reopen the Lakeview and Lavington Outdoor Pools, the Polson Spray Park, the Lakers Clubhouse, Kal Tire Place North Arena and for the operation of Summer Camps for children as per the Internal Memorandum titled COVID-19 Risk Mitigation – Recreation Safe Reopening Guidelines, dated June 12, 2020 respectfully submitted by the Director, Recreation Services;

AND FURTHER, that Council endorse the COVID-19 Risk Mitigation – Safe Reopening Guidelines for the Lakeview and Lavington Outdoor Pools, the Polson Spray Park, the Lakers Clubhouse, Kal Tire Place North Arena and Summer Camps as presented;

AND FURTHER, that Council designate authority to the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate, to approve additional Risk Mitigation – Safe Reopening Guidelines for recreation facilities and programs consistent with the template COVID-19 Mitigation Plan provided in the Internal Memorandum titled COVID-19 Risk Mitigation – Recreation Safe Reopening Guidelines, dated June 12, 2020;

AND FURTHER that, Council authorize the use of the Recreation Services Operational Reserve Fund up to \$125,000 to cover any shortfall in the Recreation Services 2020 budget due to the reopening of recreation facilities and programs endorsed by Council;

AND FURTHER, that Council, through the Mayor, notify our Community Partners the District of Coldstream and RDNO Electoral Areas B & C that the City of Vernon respectfully requests that the projected 2020 and 2021 post COVID-19 Recreation

Services budgets be added to the respective Council and Electoral Area meeting agendas for discussion in relation to the Greater Vernon Recreation Facilities & Programming Agreement.

CARRIED

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES

G.V.A.C./R.D.N.O. REGULAR MEETINGS

**KICKWILLIE LOOP
WASHROOM**

The Mayor reported that the Regional District of North Okanagan had approved the colour of the washroom at the Kickwillie Loop location.

INFORMATION ITEMS

CLOSE OF MEETING

CLOSE

Mayor Victor Cumming closed the meeting at 9:43 am.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Mayor



Corporate Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL OPEN MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2020**

PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

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

Staff: W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer
P. Bridal, Deputy CAO / Director, Corporate Services
K. Austin, Manager, Legislative Services
S. Baher, Superintendent, RCMP
K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure and Development
D. Law, Director, Financial Services
A. Stuart, Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting
D. Lind, Chief, Fire Services
R. Manjack, Director, Human Resources
C. Ovens, Acting Director, Operations
D. Ross, Director, Recreation Services

Others: 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 June 19, 2020, Special Regular Open meeting of the Council of The Corporation of The City of Vernon be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

INTRODUCTION

Will Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview of the afternoon as follows:

- Review progress on 2019 - 2022 Strategic Plan
- Set 2021 priorities within the Council approved Strategic Plan
- Review 2020 Budget Variances to date
- Set 2021 Operating budget targets (base), including 2021 Infrastructure Renewal Program
- Other items as determined by Council

**COUNCIL 2019 – 2022
STRATEGIC PLAN**

The Director, Community and Infrastructure Development, reviewed Council's 2019 to 2022 Strategic Plan by reviewing the 2022 Vision, Required Actions and the Outstanding items for each of the following areas:

- Recreation, Parks and Natural Spaces;
- Affordable and Attainable Housing;

- Vibrant Downtown;
- Organization Priorities;
- Regional Relationships; and
- Other Sustainable Priorities.

Discussion in each of the areas included questions regarding specific actions, with Administration answering questions of Council.

- **ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE**

Councillor Quiring declared a conflict of interest, indicating his firm will bid on the proposed Active Living Centre project. Councillor Quiring left meeting at 2:35 pm.

Council was advised that the District of Coldstream, by Council resolution, does not support moving forward with the Active Living Centre until the Cultural Facility is well underway.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council directs Administration to complete the planning process for the multi-purpose Active Living Centre, as a City of Vernon facility at this time, drawing funding from City of Vernon sources in order to prepare for a potential referendum in September 2021.

CARRIED

Councillor Quiring returned to the meeting at 12:46 pm.

- **OFF LEASH DOG PARK**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT the direction to find a new off leash dog be marked complete and removed from the "Recreation, Parks and Natural Spaces, What's Outstanding?" listing.

WITHDRAWN

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council receive the progress report on Council's Strategic Plan 2019 - 2022, as presented in the report titled Council Strategic Plan 2019-2022 Update and dated June 16, 2020 and respectfully submitted by the Director, Community Infrastructure and Development.

CARRIED

- **LED LIGHTING** Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Council directs Administration to determine an alternate source of funding for the LED Street Light Conversion Project.

CARRIED

**2020 BUDGET
VARIANCES
(1830-02:2020)**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Gares;

THAT Council receive the internal memorandum dated June 15, 2020 and titled “2020 Budget Variances as of May 31, 2020” as provided by the Director, Financial Services.

CARRIED

**OPEN DISCUSSION –
2021 STRATEGIC
PLAN PRIORTIES**

Council participated in an exercise to identify the top priority items for the 2021 Action Plan. All actions receiving 2 or more Council members’ support were endorsed at this time.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council endorse the 2021 Strategic Plan priorities, as identified by Council during the Strategic Planning discussion of June 19, 2020, as follows:

Climate Action Planning Recommended Priorities Endorsed by Council at their June 8, 2020 Meeting

- Complete the Flood Hazard Mapping study and update Floodplain Construction Level policies and amend bylaws to reflect
- Establish fleet policy transitioning all vehicle/equipment purchases to low/zero-emissions (future costs = difference between electric vehicles and fuel vehicles + charging infrastructure)
- Review City waste management practices and pursue community composting program options
- Develop a building retrofit program to support residents to be more resilient to climate change, reduce energy costs over time, and reduce greenhouse gas emission by improving building efficiency and installing low carbon energy systems.
- Advance buy local campaign, to build the network of local businesses and manufacturers

Affordable and Attainable Housing

- Develop a City Housing First Strategy
- Continue to partner with BC Housing, not-for-profits and the development community on affordable housing
- Review and streamline residential development approval process

- Complete a Housing Needs Assessment to inform the Affordable and Attainable Housing Implementation Strategy and the next Official Community Plan review

Vibrant Downtown

- Identify incentives to encourage redevelopment and upgrades to existing buildings
- Increase events and amenities in the Downtown
- Support economic development initiatives that attract skilled labour to the area
- Support the Folks on Spokes program and other clean-up initiatives in the Downtown core

Organization Priorities

- Increase public participation in the development of strategies and plans
- Review application processes to ensure they are efficient as possible
- Implement more on-line application types
- Investigate options to provide additional space for the RCMP
- Prioritize staff recruitment

Other Sustainability Priorities

- Investigate methods to increase recycling and alternatives to recycling, including an organics diversion plan
- Continue to implement Fire Smart principles in the wildfire interface area and improve communication with residents throughout the year, in addition to emergency events
- Undertake drainage studies, risk and threat assessments and related bylaw amendments
- Support the extension of water along Eastside Road

CARRIED

**2021 OPERATING
BUDGET REVIEW**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council direct Administration to submit a 2021 Operating Budget to be within a 2.5% tax revenue increase, excepting Recreation Services;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to continue the Infrastructure Renewal Program at the yearly incremental commitment of 1.9% and direct Administration to budget for expenditures of new revenues in the 2021 Capital Budget for Council consideration.

CARRIED, with Councillors Anderson and Fehr opposed.

CLOSE

Mayor Cumming closed the Special Open Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vernon at 3:43 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Mayor



Corporate Officer