

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

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

Staff: W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer
P. Bridal, DCAO, Director, Corporate Services
K. Austin, Manager, Legislative Services
J. Nicol, Deputy Corporate Officer
D. Law, Director, Financial Services
B. Bandy, Manager, Real Estate
K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure and Development
S. Melenko, Information Technician I*
G. Mulligan, Infrastructure Management Technician*
M. Dowhaniuk, Manager, Infrastructure*
D. Lind, Fire Chief, Vernon Fire Rescue Services*

**Attended as required*

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 November 9, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

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

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council held October 26, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

GENERAL MATTERS

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

Annette Sharkey, Executive Director, Social Planning Council and Kelly Denis, Shelter Site Manager, Turning Points Collaborative presented the Social Planning Council / Partners in Action Quarterly Report dated July 1 to September 30, 2020.

The following points were reviewed:

- Update on community response to COVID-19 – thank you to the City of Vernon and community organizations for quick response
- Average Rent and Rental Vacancy Rates – significant gap between Income Assistance and rental rates – there is currently no rental support for a single individuals not classified as seniors
- Vernon has been successful in securing grants for supportive housing
- Action Teams activities reviewed for:
 - COVID Homelessness Planning
 - Emergency Food Access Program – some groups more at risk, others are finding stability during pandemic
 - Multiculturalism / Anti-Racism – webinar was held with 80 participants. More workshops are planned.
 - Thank you to the RCMP and City of Vernon to combat hate flyers that were circulated
 - There is a gap for individuals between the ages of 45 and 64
 - Council requested:
 - Next Quarterly Report to include the amounts a senior receives on income assistance versus their expenses, including details on data sets
 - Details on cell services and the opioid addiction problem – this item to be referred to Supt. Shawna Baher.
 - **Council:** How is security around apartment buildings that are being used for shelter being addressed? **Kelly Denis:** Currently being monitored and regular tours being conducted, RCMP also involved. Partnering with Community Policing to monitor issues and address in a timely manner.

Councillor Fehr left the meeting at 8:59 am.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council receive the Social Planning Council / Partners in Action Quarterly report dated July 1 to September 30, 2020, for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Fehr returned to the at 9:12 am.

**FCM SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITIES AWARD
PRESENTATION –
DRAINAGE
INFRASTRUCTURE**

Geoff Mulligan, Infrastructure Management Technician, presented the Drainage Infrastructure Prioritization Plan video. This dynamic video project resulted in the City of Vernon being the recipient of the FCM 2020 Sustainable Communities Award.

PRIORITIZATION PLAN (5700-04-01) Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council receive the memorandum dated October 27, 2020 titled "FCM Sustainable Communities Award Presentation – Drainage Infrastructure Prioritization Plan" by the Infrastructure Management Technician.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

CLOSE OF MEETING

CLOSE

Mayor Victor Cumming closed the meeting at 9:27 am.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Mayor



Corporate Officer