

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR OPEN MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD DECEMBER 14, 2020**

PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

Councillors: S. Anderson, K. Fehr, K. Gares,
B. Quiring, A. Mund, D. Nahal (8:46 am)

Staff: W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer
P. Bridal, DCAO, Director, Corporate Services
K. Austin, Manager, Legislative Services
J. Nicol, Deputy Corporate Officer
C. Poirier, Manager, Communications & Grants
A. Stuart, Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting
K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure and Development
R. Manjak, Director, Human Resources*
C. Ovens, Director, Operation Services*
L. Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability*
D. Sturgeon, Long Range Planner*
I. Adkins, Acting Manager, Roads, Drainage and Airport*
S. Melenko, Information Technician I*

Mayor Cumming called the Regular Open meeting to order at 8:41 am.

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE
AT COUNCIL
MEETINGS AND
PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Gares:

WHEREAS the Provincial Health Officer's Order, *Gathering and Events – December 4, 2020* has been extended to **midnight, January 8, 2021**;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Health Officer's Order, *Gathering and Events – December 4, 2020*, prohibits members of the public attending meetings and public hearings in person until such time as the order *Gathering and Events – December 4, 2020* is rescinded or amended;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to video record, and make available on the City of Vernon website, Council meetings and public hearings by noon on the day following such meeting or hearing;

AND FURTHER, with respect to matters for which the public are permitted to provide comments, including public hearings, the public may make written submissions to Council to the address provided and by the deadlines indicated by the City of Vernon;

AND FURTHER, with respect to public hearings, Council will recess scheduled public hearings in order to allow members of the public time to view the video recorded hearing followed by an opportunity to receive further written submissions, to be received no later than 3:00

pm on the Thursday, preceding the reconvened public hearing;

AND FURTHER, Council directs Administration to make known the process for submitting written comments, the location of meetings, safety protocols and any other information deemed necessary, as required by legislation and by any other means as Administration deems appropriate.

CARRIED

Mayor Cumming requested a motion to move to Committee of the Whole at 8:44 am.

Mayor Cumming reconvened the Regular Open meeting at 10:09 am and requested a motion to move to In Camera.

**RESOLUTION TO
CLOSE MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Mund, 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* as follows:

- (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;
- (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 1:30 pm.

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
 J. Nicol, Deputy Corporate Officer
 C. Poirier, Manager, Communications and Grants
 K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure & Development Services
 L. Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability*
 A. Stuart, Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting*
 C. Ovens, Director, Operation Services*
 D. Sturgeon, Long Range Planner*
 T. Martens, Manager, Financial Operations*
 B. Bandy, Manager, Real Estate*

**Attended, as required*

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE
 AT COUNCIL
 MEETINGS AND
 PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mayor Cumming reviewed the resolution from the morning's meeting pertaining to public attendance at Council Meetings and Public Hearings in light of the Provincial Health Officer's Public Health Order, December 4, 2020.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**APPROVAL OF ITEMS
 LISTED ON THE
 AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT the agenda for the December 14, 2020, Regular Open meeting of the Council of The Corporation of The City of Vernon be amended to include:

1. **ADD ITEM – 10. D. – UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Memorandum of Understanding – Orderly Transition of the Fire Training Centre
2. **ADD ITEM – 12. A. (iv) – NEW BUSINESS** – Recreation Centre Fire Alarm Panel Replacement
3. **RENUMBER – 14. COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES** – to consider Item C. – Notice of Motion Councillor Anderson prior to Item B – Notice of Motion Councillor Gares.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 23, 2020 be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held November 23, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

GENERAL MATTERS

**DELEGATION –
RESTORATIVE
JUSTICE SOCIETY
DISSOLUTION
(7500-20-06)**

Margaret Clark, Executive Director, Restorative Justice Society – North Okanagan, and Julia Payson, Executive Director, Canadian Mental Health Association, provided a presentation via ZOOM regarding the Restorative Justice Society dissolution effective December 31, 2020 as per their letters that were included in the agenda package.

The following points were noted:

- Restorative Justice has been a passion of Ms. Clark's since she started working
- There is expected to be carryover funding from previous grants
- Gaming grants has been confirmed for funding
- Funders have received notification of dissolution
- Both CMHA and Restorative Justice share the same values
- CMHA can support the Restorative Justice Society's initiative and can facilitate a seamless transition
- Hoping that the City of Vernon will continue to support this initiative through CMHA.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council waive section 12.(c) of City of Vernon Council Procedure Bylaw Number 4840 which requires that Council not act on a request from a delegation until the next Regular Meeting, unless consent by a two-thirds vote of Council present is given to consider the matter following the delegation's presentation.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council authorize a transfer of the funding for the Restorative Justice Society to the Canadian Mental Health Association to support the Restorative Justice Society function to be administered by the Canadian Mental Health Association;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to negotiate a new contract between the City of Vernon and the Canadian Mental Health Association for the provision of the Restorative Justice program.

CARRIED

COUNCIL INQUIRIES

SECONDARY SUITES Council inquired regarding impediments to secondary suites. – please add information to report coming forward to Council regarding the owner being the occupier of the primary dwelling unit or the suite.

30th AVENUE AND 25th STREET Council inquired regarding 30th Street and 25th Avenue – why are the temporary speed control signs left out when there is no one working there? Can the signs be removed when there are no workers on site? **An Admin.** update will be provided.

LEGACY FUND Council inquired regarding the Legacy Fund. What is the intended use and how did it become a Legacy Fund? **An Admin.** update will be provided.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES (0550-05) Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

 THAT Council receive the Administration Updates dated December 14, 2020, for information.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND NEXT STEPS (6441-20) Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

 THAT Council receive the Regional District of North Okanagan Housing Needs Assessment and City of Vernon Community Summary, attached to the report titled “Housing Needs Assessment and Next Steps” dated December 2, 2020 from the Long Range Planner, in accordance with Section 585.31 of the *Local Government Act*;

 AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to post the Regional District of North Okanagan’s Housing Needs Assessment and City of Vernon Community Summary on the City’s website in accordance with Section 585.4 of the *Local Government Act*;

 AND FURTHER, that Council refer the Regional District of North Okanagan Housing Needs Assessment and City of Vernon Community Summary to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for information;

 AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to seek grants for housing policy implementation;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to report back to Council in Spring 2021 with goals, targets and a housing affordability and attainability implementation plan.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council direct Administration to amend Zoning Bylaw #5000, 5.0 Specific Use Regulations, 5.5.4 to remove the requirement that 'The property owner must reside in either the primary dwelling unit or secondary suite'.

DEFEATED, with Councillors Gares, Quiring, Mund, Nahal opposed

Councillor Anderson left the meeting at 2:32 pm and returned at 2:33 pm.

**ADVENTURE BAY /
TAVISTOCK TRAILS
FOR PUBLIC USE
(6140-40)**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Council receive the report titled "Adventure Bay/Tavistock Trails for Public Use" dated November 30, 2020 from the Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability.

CARRIED

**REQUEST FOR USE OF
ACCESSIBLE PARKING
SPACE FOR
COMMERCIAL USE
(8300-09-08)**

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council not support the relocation of the accessible parking space as outlined in the report titled "Request for Use of Accessible Parking Space for Commercial Use", dated December 2, 2020 and submitted by the Transportation Planner, and encourage the business to utilize other options.

CARRIED

**MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING –
ORDERLY
TRANSITION OF THE
FIRE TRAINING
CENTRE**

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council authorize the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding, substantially as presented on December 14, 2020, for the orderly transition of the Fire Training Centre.

CARRIED

Councillor Fehr left the meeting at 2:52 pm and returned at 2:55 pm.

MATTERS REFERRED

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming:

THAT Council **ratifies and confirms** the following resolution adopted at the **December 14, 2020**, Committee of the Whole meeting of Council:

‘THAT Council direct Administration to include household organics collection, which would include transfer if necessary and disposal, in the request for proposals for waste collection as described in the report titled, “Waste Management Practices and Organics Diversion Feasibility Study” dated November 30, 2020 from the Acting Manager, Roads, Drainage and Airport and the Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability.’

CARRIED, with Councillor Anderson abstaining

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Council **ratifies and confirms** the following resolution adopted at the **December 14, 2020**, Committee of the Whole meeting of Council:

‘THAT Council endorse the draft Climate Action Plan in principle and direct Administration to undertake community engagement as presented in the report titled “Draft Climate Action Plan for Community Engagement” dated December 3, 2020 from the Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability.’

CARRIED

THAT Council brings forward, as public information, the following motions **declassified** from confidential to non-confidential at the November 23, 2020, In Camera meeting:

**ANIMAL/DOG
CONTROL WITHIN CITY
OF VERNON
(0482-05-07)**

‘THAT Council receives the memorandum dated November 16, 2020, from the Deputy CAO together with the Legal Opinion dated October 20, 2020, from Lidstone and Company, regarding Animal/Dog Control within City of Vernon;

AND FURTHER, that Council directs the Mayor to forward letters to the partners in the Greater Vernon/White Valley Animal Control Extended Service Establishment Bylaw No. 869, 1990, which established the Greater Vernon/White Valley Animal Control Service, identifying the City’s concerns with the Service and requesting consideration and approval of a bylaw to amend the Establishment Bylaw to remove the City of Vernon as a participating area in the Service, pursuant to Section 349 of the Local Government Act, which allows for an amendment to the Establishment Bylaw with the consent of at least 2/3 of the participants and the approval of the Inspector;

AND FURTHER, that Council directs the Mayor – in the event that 2/3 of the participants within the Animal Control Service do NOT support the consideration of a bylaw amending the Establishment Bylaw to remove the City as a participating area in the Service, to initiate a Notice of a Service Review for the Animal Control service, in accordance with ss 357 – 360 of the Local Government Act;

AND FURTHER, that Council directs Administration to action the service review, by reporting back to Council in order to appoint a council member as its representative in the service review process; provide written notice to the Regional District of the North Okanagan together with all other participants in the Service (District of Coldstream, Village of Lumby, Electoral Area B, Electoral Area C, and Electoral Area D), and the Minister.'

**2021 VISITOR
SERVICES STRATEGY
(6900-01)**

'THAT Council approve the approach to Visitor Servicing as outlined in the report titled "2021 Visitor Services Strategy" dated November 4, 2020 from the Manager, Economic Development and Tourism;

AND FURTHER, that Council supports the continued closure of the Vernon Visitor Information Centre for 2021, and approves the budget commitment of \$65,000 for Digital Visitor Servicing and Mobile Visitor Servicing from the 2021 Tourism Operating Budget;

AND FURTHER, that the resolution be declassified on November 26, 2020 with the issuance of a media release on the 2021 Visitor Services strategy.'

THAT Council brings forward, as public information, the following motion **declassified** from confidential to non-confidential at the December 14, 2020, In Camera meeting:

**FIRE TRAINING
CENTRE
WITHDRAWAL**

'THAT Council directs Administration to offer to manage the Fire Training Centre and deliver the fire training program in 2021 under the conditions presented in the Internal Memorandum titled Fire Training Centre – Withdrawal, dated December 8, 2020 and submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, such conditions being:

- 1. Vernon's preference is to be released from the agreement on January 1, 2021, with an amendment identifying a new manager (these amendments to the Agreement are permitted under Sections 5.1, 5.3 and 15.4 and must be "by written agreement of all Parties").*

Alternatively, the following approach would be considered:

- 2. Vernon remains in the agreement and will serve as manager until December 31, 2021 subject to the following:*

- a. *RDNO paying its share of the 2019 deficit on or before December 31, 2020;*
- b. *The Manager is given a training program signed off by the Fire Chiefs for its implementation that is acceptable to the Manager, such acceptance not to be unreasonably withheld;*
- c. *The Financial Plan as proposed is adopted (note: Vernon is only open to removing the Operating Reserve contribution if the Parties agree to be responsible for their portion of any deficit, should one arise);*
- d. *David Sewell to serve as a voting representative on the Operations Committee; and The Manager will not be responsible for the 2022 budget.'*

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence:

PROTECTIVE FORCE OPTION CERTIFICATION FOR BYLAW COMPLIANCE OFFICERS (4000-02)

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council approve up to \$7600.00 from the RCMP Reserve for required Protective Force Option Certification for Bylaw Compliance Officers as presented in the memorandum titled " Protective Force Option Certification for Bylaw Compliance Officers", dated December 2, 2020 from the Manager, Protective Services.

CARRIED

COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY GRANTS– OCTOBER INTAKE (1850-02)

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council approves the recommendations regarding the Council Discretionary Grants from the Finance Committee as follows:

1. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Allan Brooks Nature Centre in the amount of \$25,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
2. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Archway Society for Domestic Peace in the amount of \$3,000 as an application has already been submitted in 2020.
3. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Canadian Mental Health Association in the amount of \$10,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
4. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Community Recreation Initiative Society in the amount of \$5,000 as an application has already been submitted in 2020.

5. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to the International Tree Project in the amount of \$23,337 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
6. THAT Council **approve**, on a one-time basis, a Council Discretionary Grant to Literacy Society of the North Okanagan in the amount of \$3,000 to assist with a new youth tutoring service.
7. THAT Council **approve**, on a one-time basis, a Council Discretionary Grant to North Okanagan Therapeutic Riding Association in the amount of \$5,000 for ongoing programs.
8. THAT Council **approve**, on a one-time basis, a Council Discretionary Grant to Okanagan Screen Arts Society in the amount of \$16,900 to assist with operational costs to the Vernon Towne Theatre.
9. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Schubert Centre Society in the amount of \$10,000 as an application has already been submitted in 2020.
10. THAT Council **approve**, on a one-time basis, a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Community Radio Society in the amount of \$2,500 to assist with operational costs.
11. THAT Council **approve**, on a one-time basis, a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Montessori Society in the amount of \$3,580 to assist with the purchase of learning materials.
12. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Paddling Society in the amount of \$14,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
13. THAT Council **approve**, on a one-time basis, a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Senior Citizens Recreational Society in the amount of \$3,000 to assist with signage and window/door wrap.

CARRIED**UPDATED SAFE
OPERATIONS PLAN:
COVID-19 (0110-40)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council endorse the Safe Operations Plan as attached to the memo titled "Updated Safe Operations Plan: COVID-19" dated December 3, 2020 and respectfully submitted by the Director, Community Infrastructure and Development.

CARRIED

**RECREATION CENTRE
FIRE ALARM PANEL
REPLACEMENT
(7880-01)**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council approve the reallocation of up to \$10,000 from the unspent 2020 Major Maintenance budget for the purchase and installation of a new fire alarm panel for the Recreation Centre as per the memorandum titled Recreation Centre Fire Alarm Panel Replacement from the Director, Recreation Services dated December 10, 2020.

CARRIED

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Bylaws:

ADOPTION

- 5843

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Bylaw #5843, "**27th Avenue Sanitary Main Extension Latecomer Charge Bylaw Number 5843, 2020**", a bylaw to authorize the City of Vernon to impose a Latecomer Charge for properties serviced from the 27th Avenue sanitary main extension, be **adopted**.

CARRIED

- 5844

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Bylaw #5844, "**Deleenheer Road Sanitary Main Extension Latecomer Charge Bylaw Number 5844, 2020**", a bylaw to authorize the City of Vernon to impose a Latecomer Charge for a property serviced from the Deleenheer Road sanitary main extension, be **read adopted**.

CARRIED

**FIRST, SECOND &
THIRD READINGS**

- 5835

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Bylaw #5835, "**Delegation of Authority Amendment Bylaw Number 5835, 2020**", a bylaw to provide for the delegation of powers, duties and function, be **read a first, second and third time**.

CARRIED

- 5846

Moved by Councillor Gares seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Bylaw #5846, "**City of Vernon 2021 Financial Plan Bylaw Number 5846, 2020**", a bylaw to amend the "Financial Plan" for the years 2021 – 2025, be **read a first, second and third time**.

CARRIED

- 5847

Moved by Councillor Nahal, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Bylaw #5847, “**Recreation and Parks Services Fees and Charges (Swimming Lessons) Amendment Bylaw Number 5847, 2020**”, a bylaw to amend Recreation and Parks Services Fees and Charges Bylaw Number 5472 and pursuant to Ministerial Order No. 192, be read a first, second and third time

CARRIED

ADOPTION

- 5847

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Bylaw #5847, “**Recreation and Parks Services Fees and Charges (Swimming Lessons) Amendment Bylaw Number 5847, 2020**”, a bylaw to amend Recreation and Parks Services Fees and Charges Bylaw Number 5472 and pursuant to Ministerial Order No. 192, be adopted.

CARRIED

COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES

Councillor Akbal Mund

- Wished the public a safe and happy holiday and please support local businesses and restaurants.

Councillor Scott Anderson:

- Wished the public a happy and safe holiday.

**NOTICES OF MOTION _
COUNCILLOR
ANDERSON**

Councillor Anderson advised that he will bring forward two Notice of Motions to the January 11, 2021 Regular Council meeting regarding:

1. Letter to Province to deem gathering at place of worship as an essential service
2. Outdoor skating rink.

Councillor Kari Gares:

- Wished happy holidays to all.

Councillor Kelly Fehr:

Attended:

- GVAC
- Wished the public a happy holiday.

Councillor Brian Quiring:

- Special Merry Christmas and thank you to Ms. Patti Bridal.

Councillor Dalvir Nahal

- Wished all a Merry Christmas and thank you to Staff.

Mayor Victor Cumming:

Attended:

- Trail Alliance meeting
- GVAC
- Call from BC Parks – interested in Chelsea Estates
- Integrated resource plan with BC Hydro
- Call with new Minister of Municipal Affairs
- Annual interview with KPMG for Audit.

RECESS

Mayor Cumming called a recess at 3:14 pm.

RECONVENE

Mayor Cumming reconvened the meeting at 3:19 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

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

Staff: W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer
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K. Austin, Manager, Legislative Services
J. Nicol, Deputy Corporate Officer
C. Poirier, Manager, Communications and Grants
K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure & Development Services
A. Stuart, Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting
C. Ovens, Director, Operation Services
D. Lees, Manager, Protective Services
D. Lind, Fire Chief, Vernon Fire and Rescue Services

**NOTICE OF MOTION –
COUNCILLOR
ANDERSON
(3900-01)**

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Council direct Administration to permit personal, portable propane fire pits in Polson Park from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and weekends;

AND FURTHER, that the following restrictions be applied:

1. Where to set up a propane fire pit:
 - a) Manicured areas of the park only (short grasses, gravel, quiet parking lots)
 - b) At least 10m away from trees and tall grass in all directions
 - c) At least 10m away from playgrounds, benches and other structures
 - d) At least 50m to ponds, stormwater ponds, wetlands, streams and rivers
 - e) Not on pathways

- f) Fire pits are not allowed in wild/natural areas toboggan areas and cross-country skiing tracks
2. Have a fire safety plan
 3. Pick one person to be in charge of the fire
 4. Have a way to quickly put out the fire if needed
 5. Stay safe from COVID-19
 6. Gather only with those in your bubble
 7. Respect the limits on social gatherings
 8. Keep 2 metres of space between yourself and others
 9. Take separate vehicles and only carpool with those in your bubble
 10. Avoid crowded spaces
 11. Wash your hands with soap and water before and after your activity
 12. Carry and use your own hand sanitizer when you can't wash your hands
 13. Avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth and face
 14. Cover coughs and sneezes in a tissue or an elbow
 15. Do not share food or drinks
 16. Do not leave the house if you feel unwell, even if your symptoms are only mild

CARRIED, with Mayor Cumming, Councillors Gares and Nahal opposed.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT, from the current period until March 31, 2021, Council direct Administration to prepare amending bylaws to permit the use of personal, portable propane fire pits in Polson Park;

AND FURTHER, that Council directs Administration to not enforce bylaw violations associated with the use of personal, portable propane fire pits in Polson Park until such time as bylaw amendments can be brought forward to Council.

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

Council requested Administration to bring forward a report to the January 11, 2020 Regular Council meeting outlining option to move forward with the direction in the resolution put forward by Councillor Anderson, and carried by Council, to allow the use of portable propane fire pits in Polson Park.

**NOTICE OF MOTION –
COUNCILLOR GARES**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council direct Administration to devise a policy that encourages fairness, equality and effective succession planning when making committee appointment recommendations. Such policy should limit the length of tenure an elected official can sit on a board or a committee during their term. The Mayor should be the one constant on any board such as RDNO or GVAC to provide continuity of information.

WHEREAS each elected official was voted in by the people and offer knowledge and experience that is beneficial to the community as a whole and;

WHEREAS it is important that each elected official be given an opportunity to strengthen their knowledge and be encouraged to forge stronger working relationships with other area partners and;

WHEREAS such a policy will limit the perception of personal bias which can be seen to influence committee recommendations and appointments. Limiting appropriate turnover can be seen as a limitation to growth and development for each elected official. By encouraging a free flow of movement amongst elected officials will help to facilitate a better working environment among the current elected Council and regional partners.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

Council received the following information items:

- A. Minutes from the following Committees of Council:
- (i) Finance Committee, August 31, 2020
 - (ii) Climate Action Advisory, November 12, 2020

CLOSE

Mayor Cumming closed the Regular Open Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vernon at 4:24 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Mayor



Corporate Officer