

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR OPEN MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD JANUARY 25, 2021**

PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

Councillors: S. Anderson, K. Gares,
B. Quiring (8:41 am), A. Mund, D. Nahal (8:41 am), (K. Fehr - 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
T. Martens, Manager, Financial Operations
K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure and Development
D. Lind, Director, Vernon Fire Rescue Services
C. Poirier, Manager, Communications & Grants
C. Ovens, Director, Operation Services
S. Melenko, Information Technician I

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 at 9:08 am and requested a motion to move to In Camera.

**RESOLUTION TO
CLOSE MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

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

- (1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (1)(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;
- (2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

CARRIED

Mayor Cumming called the Regular Open meeting back to order at 1:30 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

Councillors: S. Anderson, K. Gares, A. Mund,
B. Quiring, D. Nahal (1:34 pm) K. Fehr

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
D. Law, Director, Financial Services
K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure & Development Services
K. Poole, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism
T. Silverthorn, Tourism Coordinator*
C. Broderick, Manager Current Planning*
C. Ovens, Director, Operation Services*
D. Ross, Director, Recreation Services*
E. Croy, Transportation Planner*
A. Watson, Manager, Transportation*
S. Melenko, Information Tech.*

**Attended, as required*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The CAO congratulated Kevin Poole as he has accepted the position of Director, Community Safety, Lands and Administration.

APPROVAL OF ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT the agenda for the January 25, 2021, 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 Fehr, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 11, 2021 be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that minutes of the Public Hearing held December 14, 2020 and January 11, 2021 be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held January 11, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**GENERAL MATTERS****PRESENTATION –
TOURISM
COMMISSION ANNUAL
UPDATE (0540)**

Claus Larsen, Chairperson, Tourism Commission presented the Annual Update to Council as per Section 7.4 of Tourism Commission Bylaw #5683.

The following points were reviewed:

- Challenging year with COVID-19, tourism had to save and maintain what had been achieved to date
 - Unknown area for tourism, Tourism Commission has led the way, thank you to everyone on the City's tourism team
- Overview of 2018 – 2022 Tourism Business Strategic Plan Goals
 - Increase tourism-driven economic benefits to Vernon
 - Increase Vernon's market share of travelers
 - Improve Vernon Net Promoter Score/Tourism Sentiment Index
 - Increase stakeholder rating
- Successes - Hotel Tax (MRDT) reviewed
- Challenges – COVID-19
 - Received \$50,000 from provincial government as aid
 - Created a Recovery Marketing Strategy with input from the Tourism Commission
- Moving Forward – Objectives and Strategy
 - Draft 2021 Tactical Marketing Plan.
 - Suggestions – announce the connectivity to the rail trail via the hotels and establish an interactive digital map.

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 25, 2021 Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

COUNCIL INQUIRIES**SEWER ON EASTSIDE
ROAD**

Council inquired regarding a concern from a resident on Eastside Road. They are being charged the lower sewer flat rate and the meter was not read. Request a credit from the City as they used very little sewer. Resident was informed that there would be no reduction as the resident has paid the lowest amount. Administration requested the details and will bring forward an Update.

**RECORDING OF
COUNCIL'S VOTE IN
LETTERS**

Council inquired regarding the letter pertaining to the 'places of worship' and ' that it reflected who had voted against the motion. Council requested that in the future, letters sent as result of resolutions do not

include the vote in favour or against the resolution, just whether it was carried or not.

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council direct Administration, when sending correspondence containing resolutions of Council, that the vote is not indicated in the correspondence;

AND FURTHER, that correspondence be limited to contain the resolution of Council without additional verbiage.

CARRIED

Councillor Fehr left the meeting at 2:54 pm.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

**ADMINISTRATION
UPDATES
(0550-05)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council receive the Administration Updates dated January 25, 2021, for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Fehr returned at 2:56 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**REZONING
AMENDMENT BYLAW
#5782 AND VARIANCE
EXTENSION REQUEST
(ZON00337/DVP00463)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council approve the extension of the processing timeline for “967 Mt. Beaven Place Rezoning Amendment Bylaw Number 5782, 2019” to January 13, 2022;

AND FURTHER, that Council approve the extension of the processing timeline for Development Variance Permit application (DVP00463) to January 13, 2022.

CARRIED

**REZONING
AMENDMENT
BYLAW #5789
EXTENSION
REQUEST
(ZON00333)**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council approve the extension of the processing timeline for “3202 16th Avenue and 1504 32nd Street Rezoning Amendment Bylaw Number 5789, 2019” to January 13, 2022.

CARRIED

**REZONING
AMENDMENT
BYLAW #5790
EXTENSION
REQUEST
(ZON00342)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council approve the extension of the processing timeline for “5577 27th Avenue Rezoning Amendment Bylaw Number 5790, 2019” to January 13, 2022.

CARRIED

MATTERS REFERRED

THAT Council brings forward, as public information, the following motion **declassified** from confidential to non-confidential at the **January 11, 2021**, In Camera meeting:

**BOARD OF VARIANCE
APPOINTMENT (0540)**

‘THAT Council re-appoint Harpreet Nahal to the Board of Variance for a term expiring January 2024 and request that Administration re-advertise for the remaining four positions beginning in January 2021.’

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence:

**RECREATION
SERVICES – 2020
FOURTH QUARTER
REPORT (7700-01)**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled “Recreation Services – 2020 Fourth Quarter Report” and he accompanying PowerPoint presentation, dated January 15 , 2021 from the Manager, Customer Service – Recreation Services, for information.

CARRIED

**2021 TOURISM
TACTICAL MARKETING
PLAN (0540)**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Council endorse the 2021 Tourism Tactical Marketing Plan as recommended by the Tourism Commission and attached to the memo dated January 20, 2020 from the Manager, Economic Development and Tourism;

AND FURTHER, that Council endorse an additional \$200,000 transfer from the Hotel Tax Reserve to the 2021 Tourism Operating budget as included in the 2021 Tourism Tactical Marketing Plan;

AND FURTHER, that the members of the Tourism Commission be acknowledged in the 2021 Tourism Tactical Marketing Plan.

CARRIED

**2021 – 22 FIVE YEAR
REVIEW, PROVINCIAL
POLICE SERVICE
AGREEMENT (7400-03)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council authorize the Mayor, on behalf of Council, to forward the three matters related to the RCMP contract policing; as presented in the Internal Memo titled *2021-22 FIVE YEAR REVIEW, PROVINCIAL POLICE SERVICE AGREEMENT (PPSA)*, dated January 20, 2021 and respectively submitted by the CAO; to UBCM as input to the Five Year Review of the 2012 Provincial Police Service Agreement.

CARRIED

Reports:

**CANNABIS BUSINESS
LICENCE APPLICATION
FOR 3315 30TH AVENUE
(4330-20, CRL00014)**

Moved by Councillor Nahal, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council provide a positive recommendation to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) regarding Cannabis Retail Store application (Job#002106) (CRL00014) with respect to the application to establish a Non-Medical cannabis retail sales business on LT 18-19, BLK 64, PL 327, DL 72, ODYD (3315 30th Avenue);

AND FURTHER, that the LCRB be advised that Council's support of the subject cannabis retail store application addresses the LCRB resolution criteria in the following manner:

- a) The location of the proposed store:
 - i. The proposed new premise at 3315 30th Avenue is within the C7 – Heritage Business District zone, and a cannabis retail store is a permitted use within this commercial zone;
- b) The general impact on the community if the application is approved:
 - i. Council considers that approval of a cannabis retail store at this location would have minimal impact on the community as long as all federal, provincial and municipal regulations are adhered to;
- c) The public consultation process consists of stakeholder referral letters being sent to internal departments, agencies and to all businesses, property owners and occupants within 30 m of the subject property. Six responses were received, all expressing objections or concerns.

AND FURTHER, that the report from the Manager, Current Planning dated January 13, 2021 be provided to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch to document the City of Vernon's consideration of the location of the proposed cannabis retail store, the means of public

consultation and the summary of input received with respect to Cannabis Retail Store application CRL00014.

CARRIED, with Councillors Anderson, Gares and Nahal opposed

**CANNABIS BUSINESS
LICENCE APPLICATION
FOR 3116 30TH AVENUE
(4330-20, CRL00015)**

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Council provide a positive recommendation to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) regarding Cannabis Retail Store application (Job#002185) (CRL00015) with respect to the application to establish a Non-Medical cannabis retail sales business on LT 21-22, BLK 68, PL 327, SEC 34, TWP 9, ODYD, EXC W 6" (3116 30th Avenue);

AND FURTHER, that the LCRB be advised that Council's support of the subject cannabis retail store application addresses the LCRB resolution criteria in the following manner:

- a) The location of the proposed store:
 - i. The proposed new premise at 3116 30th Avenue is within the C7 – Heritage Business District zone, and a cannabis retail store is a permitted use within this commercial zone.
- b) The general impact on the community if the application is approved:
 - i. Council considers that approval of a cannabis retail store at this location would have minimal impact on the community as long as all federal, provincial and municipal regulations are adhered to.
- c) The public consultation process consists of stakeholder referral letters being sent to internal departments, agencies and to all businesses, property owners and occupants within 30 m of the subject property. One response was received, opposing the application.

AND FURTHER, that the report from the Manager, Current Planning dated January 13, 2021 be provided to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch to document the City of Vernon's consideration of the location of the proposed cannabis retail store, the means of public consultation and the summary of input received with respect to Cannabis Retail Store application CRL00015.

CARRIED, with Councillors Anderson, Gares and Nahal opposed

Councillor Nahal left the meeting at 4:14 pm and returned at 4:16 pm.

**2021 LAKE ACCESS
SITE DEVELOPMENT
(8700-02)**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Council direct Administration to develop Lake Access Site #1 (9030 Tronson Road) in 2021;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to arrange a tour with Council in May 2021 of the remaining six high priority lake access sites for development consideration in 2022 and future years.

CARRIED

Councillor Anderson left the meeting at 4:28 pm.

**NORTH OKANAGAN
TRANSIT FUTURE
ACTION PLAN UPDATE
(8500-12)**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Council approve the Terms of Reference for the North Okanagan Transit Future Action Plan as outlined in Attachment 2 of the report titled “North Okanagan Transit Future Action Plan Update” dated January 11, 2021 from the Active Transportation Coordinator;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to appoint staff to join the Project Working Group.

CARRIED

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Bylaws:

**ADOPTION
• 5848**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Bylaw #5848, **Temporary Use of Propane Fire Pits (Polson Park) Bylaw Number 5848, 2020**”, a bylaw to allow the temporary use of portable propane fire pits in Polson Park, be **adopted**.

CARRIED

COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES

Councillor Anderson returned to the meeting at 4:29 pm.

Councillor Dalvir Nahal

Attended:

- Regional District of North Okanagan
- Arts Council of North Okanagan
- Zoom call with Premier and others.

Councillor Brian Quiring:

Attended:

- Downtown Vernon Association meeting via Zoom
- Climate Action Advisory Committee
- Regional District of North Okanagan.

Councillor Kelly Fehr:

Attended:

- Greater Vernon Advisory Committee
- Age-friendly Committee
- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

Councillor Kari Gares:

Attended:

- Tourism Commission
- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- Will participate in a Panel discussion for Women's Day with Councillor Nahal.

Councillor Scott Anderson:

- Observed that temporary BC Housing site being run well.

Councillor Akbal Mund

- Please support Winter Carnival raffle tickets.

Mayor Victor Cumming:

Attended:

- Community Economic Development Initiative process has finished, have moved to monthly meetings as a working group
- Advisory Planning Committee
- Greater Vernon Advisory Committee budget meetings
- Shuswap Trail Alliance working group
- Environmental meeting with federal and provincial governments
- Tourism Commission
- Regional District of North Okanagan.

Councillor Mund left the meeting at 4:59 pm and returned to the meeting at 5:01 pm.

**NOTICE OF MOTION –
GEESE CULL -
COUNCILLOR NAHAL**

Moved by Councillor Nahal, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council direct 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 2021 budget and subsequent tax rate;

AND FURTHER, that Council directs Administration to look into Lakeshore, Kin, Paddlewheel and Polson as the parks to initiate a

“Kill” program.

AND FURTHER, that Council directs Administration to contact neighbouring jurisdictions from Lake Country, North via letter to determine their interest in investigating a combined effort with egg addling and/or a ‘Kill’ program

CARRIED, with Mayor Cumming and Councillor Fehr opposed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Council received the following information items:

- A. Minutes from the following Committees of Council:
 - (i) Affordable Housing Advisory, March 30, 2020
- B. Letter dated January 11, 2021 from Mayor Linda Buchanan, City of North Vancouver, re: Implementing a Province-wide Ban on Anticoagulant Rodenticides.
- C. Letter dated January 13, 2021 from Trevor Seibel, CAO, District of Coldstream, re: Recreation Services – 2021 Budget.
- D. Letter dated January 14, 2021 from Bob Fleming, Director, Electoral Area “B” and Amanda Shatzko, Director, Electoral Area “C”, Regional District North Okanagan, re: 2021 Recreation Services Budget.
- E. Email dated January 18, 2021 from Diamond Isinger, Provincial Commissioner (BC), Girl Guides of Canada, re: Guiding Lights Across BC – February 22, 2021 – Vernon.

CLOSE

Mayor Cumming closed the Regular Open Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vernon at 5:12 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Mayor



Corporate Officer