

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR OPEN MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD MAY 10, 2021**

PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

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

Staff: W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer
P. Bridal, DCAO, Director, Corporate Services
K. Austin, Manager, Legislative Services
J. Nicol, Deputy Corporate Officer
C. Isles, Executive Assistant, Corporate Services
D. Law, Director, Financial Services
A. Stuart, Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting
C. Poirier, Manager, Communications & Grants
K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure and Development
J. Rice, Director, Operation Services
R. Manjak, Director, Human Resources
K. Poole, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism
B. Bandy, Manager, Real Estate
D. Lind, Fire Chief, Vernon Fire Rescue Services
S. Melenko, Information Technician I

Mayor Cumming called the Regular Open meeting to order at 8:41am and requested a motion to move to Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Cumming reconvened the Regular Open meeting at 10:43 am and requested a motion to move to In Camera.

**RESOLUTION TO
CLOSE MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

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

- (1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (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 1:31 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

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

Staff: W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer
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K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure & Development Services
B. Bandy, Manager, Real Estate Services*
J. Rice, Director, Operation Services*
D. Law, Director, Financial Services*
S. Baher, Supt. OIC, Vernon RCMP
K. Poole, Manager Economic Development and Tourism
D. Lind, Director, Vernon Fire & Rescue Services
R. Nuriel, Economic Development Planner
E. Croy, Transportation Planner
M. Dowhaniuk, Manager, Infrastructure
L. Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability
A. Watson, Manager, Transportation
S. Melenko, Information Tech.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT the agenda for the May 10, 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 Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 26, 2021 be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held April 26, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

GENERAL MATTERS

**PRESENTATION –
RCMP QUARTERLY
REPORT
(7400-30)**

Supt. Shawn Baher, OIC, RCMP, provided the First Quarter report for 2021.

The following points were noted:

- Community Service
- Frontline policing
- Serious Crime Unit
- Special Victim Unit
- Targeted Policing
- Operations Statistics
- Opioid Pilot Project Statistics
- Traffic Enforcement Statistics
- Forensic Identification Statistics
- Police Dog Service
- School Resource Officer
- Online Crime Reporting
- Annual Performance Plan

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council receives the RCMP 1st Quarter Report (January to March 2021) as provided by Supt. Shawna Baher, OIC, RCMP at the May 10, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

COUNCIL INQUIRIES

DOG PARK MAPPING

Council inquired regarding Regional District of North Okanagan’s (RDNO) list of posted dog parks and that it is not consistent with the City Of Vernon’s list. An Admin. update will be provided.

CIVIC RAT AND MICE CONTROL

Council inquired regarding civic rat and mice control and specifically if we have explored how other jurisdictions deal with rodents. Admin. advised that due to current workloads, this is not currently a priority.

**39TH AVE
ROUNDBABOUTS**

Council inquired regarding the 39th Ave roundabouts and why the traffic circles are so wide. Admin. confirmed that the width is to accommodate larger trucks and buses.

31ST STREET AND 37TH AVE ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Council inquired regarding the timing of construction of roadworks at 31st Street and 37th Avenue. Admin. advised that the tender is currently in progress, it is anticipated that the road will be closed for approximately two weeks during construction.

PADDLEWHEEL PARK SIGNAGE

Council inquired regarding the traffic calming signs at Paddlewheel Park. Admin. advised that temporary signage has arrived and will be posted and the situation will be monitored.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES (0550-05)

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council receive the Administration Updates dated May 10 2021, for information.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SKATING RINK OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (6135-03)

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council receive the report titled “Skating Rink Options for Consideration” dated April 28, 2021 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability.

DEFEATED, with Councillors Mund, Anderson, Gares and Quiring opposed.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council direct Administration to provide more information on synthetic ice surface as shown on Attachment 3 of the report titled “Skating Rink Options for Consideration” dated April 28, 2021 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability.

CARRIED, with Councillor Fehr opposed

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council direct Administration to provide more information on temporary refrigerated ice surfaces in a variety of sizes, as outlined in the report titled “Skating Rink Options for Consideration” dated April 28, 2021 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability.

CARRIED, with Councillor Fehr opposed

30TH AVENUE STREET CLOSURE (8300-07)

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council defer discussion of the memorandum titled “30th Avenue Street Closure” dated April 28, 2021, pending Councillor Nahal’s return.

WITHDRAWN

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled “30th Avenue Street Closure” dated April 29, 2021 and respectfully submitted by the Director of Community Infrastructure and Development.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council direct Administration to reach out to the DVA and ask what their availability and timing will be to provide a survey to the businesses in the 2900 and 3000 block of 30th Avenue.

CARRIED

MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – May 10, 2021

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council **ratifies and confirms** the following resolution adopted at the **May 10, 2021**, Committee of the Whole meeting of Council:

‘THAT Council receives and approves the 2020 Audited Financial Statements as presented by representatives of KPMG, LLP, at the May 10, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.’

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council **ratifies and confirms** the following resolution adopted at the **May 10, 2021**, Committee of the Whole meeting of Council:

‘THAT Council directs Administration to defer discussion of Lake Access Site #26 (8835 Okanagan Landing Road) until information concerning the City of Vernon’s liability at Lake Access #26 is received from the Municipal Insurance Association.’

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council **ratifies and confirms** the following resolution adopted at the **May 10, 2021**, Committee of the Whole meeting of Council, and amended as shown in bold:

*'THAT Council directs Administration to develop Lake Access Site #20 (7300 Tronson Road) **at the same time as the Pumphouse park no later than in 2023.***

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council **ratifies and confirms** the following resolution adopted at the **May 10, 2021**, Committee of the Whole meeting of Council:

THAT Council directs Administration to defer discussion of the remaining 2021 Priority Lake Access Sites until further information has been received from the Municipal Insurance Association with respect to the City's liability.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council **ratifies and confirms** the following resolution adopted at the **May 10, 2021**, Committee of the Whole meeting of Council:

'THAT Council directs Administration to defer Diversity Training until such time that a Member of Council requests that it placed back on the agenda.'

CARRIED

THAT Council brings forward, as public information, the following motion **declassified** from confidential to non-confidential at the May 10, 2020, In Camera meeting:

'THAT Council direct Administration to renew the following Management Unit leases at the noted rates for the 2021 Spray Irrigation season:

- *Management Units 4a, 4b – Coldstream Ranch, \$1,898.06 per year,*
- *Management Unit H - Coldstream Ranch, \$230.96 per year,*
- *Management Unit A - Coldstream Ranch, \$4,572.02 per year,*
- *Management Unit 11 – F.D.C. Ayres, \$710.20 per year,*
- *Management Unit 12 – Havenwood Ranch (French Family), \$739.06 per year;*

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to further renew these Management Units leases to the same lessees for the Spray Irrigation seasons of 2022 through 2025, with the rates increased annually by prior year CPI All Items B.C.'

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence:

*Councillor Fehr left the meeting at 4:05 pm and returned at 4:08 pm.
Mayor Cumming left the meeting at 4:17 pm and returned at 4:19 pm.*

2021 PLANNING AND BUILDING FIRST QUARTER STATISTICS SUMMARY (6970-20)

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "2021 Planning and Building First Quarter Statistics Summary" dated April 27, 2021, respectfully submitted by the Economic Development Planner, for information.

CARRIED

42ND AVENUE BX CREEK CULVERT REPAIR FUNDING (5410-10-42)

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "42nd Avenue BX Creek Culvert Repair Funding", dated April 30, 2021 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Infrastructure;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize the additional expenditure of \$370,000 for the BX Crossing at 42nd Avenue, to be funded by the Trenchless Storm and Culvert Rehabilitation project.

CARRIED

Reports:

Councillor Anderson left the meeting at 4:34pm.

2021 LAKE ACCESS PLAN UPDATE (8700-02)

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council endorse the updated 2018 Lake Access Plan as shown in Attachment 1 in the report titled "2021 Lake Access Plan Update" dated April 27, 2021 and respectfully submitted by the Transportation Planner.

CARRIED

Councillor Anderson returned to the meeting at 4:36 pm.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**Bylaws:**

Councillor Gares declared a conflict of interest as she is the Chair of the Vernon and District Community Land Trust. Councillor Gares left the meeting at 4:36 pm.

ADOPTION**• 5837**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Bylaw #5837, “**6309, 6321 and 6335 Okanagan Landing Road Rezoning Amendment Bylaw Number 5837, 2020**” – a bylaw to rezone lands from RR: Rural Residential to RH1: Low-Rise Apartment Residential, be **adopted**.

CARRIED

Councillor Gares returned to the meeting at 4:37 pm.

• 5853

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Bylaw #5853, “**Tax Rates Bylaw 5853, 2021**” – a bylaw to levy rates for Municipal, Hospital, Regional District and Specified Area purposes for 2021, be **adopted**.

CARRIED**• 5854**

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Bylaw #5854, “**Parks and Public Places (Removal of Section 24) Amendment Bylaw Number 5854, 2021**” – a bylaw to remove Section 24 from Parks and Public Places Bylaw Number 5057, be **adopted**

CARRIED**• 5855**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Bylaw #5855, “**Bylaw Notice Enforcement (Remove Penalties under Section 24) Amendment Bylaw Number 5855, 2021**” – a bylaw to remove penalties under Section 24 of Parks and Public Places Bylaw Number 5057, be **adopted**.

CARRIED**• 5856**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Bylaw #5856, “**Municipal Ticketing Information (Remove Penalties under Section 24) Amendment Bylaw Number 5856, 2021**” – a bylaw to remove penalties under Section 24 of Parks and

Public Places Bylaw Number 5057, be **adopted**.

CARRIED

- **5857** Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Bylaw #5857, “**Traffic (Electric Kick Scooters) Amendment Bylaw Number 5857, 2021**” – a bylaw to allow the use of Electric Kick Scooters in Vernon as part of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure’s Electric Kick Scooter Pilot, be **adopted**.

CARRIED

- **5859** Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Bylaw #5859, “**Heritage Revitalization Agreement Amendment (3001 25th Street) Bylaw Number 5859, 2021**” – a bylaw to amend Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw Number 4810, 2003, be **adopted**.

CARRIED

COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES

Councillor Akbal Mund

- No report

Councillor Scott Anderson

**NOTICE OF MOTION –
COUNCILLOR
ANDERSON -
PARAMOUNTCY**

To be brought forward to the Regular meeting on May 25, 2021:

THAT Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter to UBCM and to the Provincial government asking that the paramountcy not be invoked to overrule municipal decisions.

**NOTICE OF MOTION –
COUNCILLOR
ANDERSON – FIREARM
BYLAWS**

To be brought forward to the Regular meeting on May 25, 2021:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Vernon is opposed to the adoption of any bylaws restricting possession, storage and transportation of legally owned and acquired firearms by licensed gun owners.

Councillor Kari Gares:

Attended:

- Regional Growth meeting
- Regional Library finance meeting
- Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce advocacy
- Tourism Commission

Councillor Kelly Fehr:

Attended:

- Regional Advisory Committee

Councillor Brian Quiring:

- No report

Mayor Victor Cumming:

Attended:

- Mayors and Chairs meeting with Ministers Behr & Osborne
- Day of Mourning
- Community to Community with OKIB
- Climate Action Advisory Committee
- Meeting with Mayor Garlick re: trails and natural spaces for GVAC
- Okanagan Basin Water Board
- Meeting with new executive of North Okanagan Cycling Society
- Greater Vernon Advisory Committee
- Video celebrating the opening of the 29th/30th Street corridor

14. INFORMATION ITEMS**A. Minutes from the following Committee of Council:**

- (i) Tourism Commission, March 17, 2021
- (ii) Tourism Commission, April 21, 2021

B. Letter dated April 1, 2021 from David Screech, Mayor, Town of View Royal re: Request for Authority and Training for Hospital Security Staff.

C. Letter dated April 12, 2021 from Merlin Blackwell, Mayor, District of Clearwater re: Designation of invasive Asian clams as Prohibitive Aquatic Invasive Species.

D. Letter dated April 12, 2021 from Merlin Blackwell, Mayor, District of Clearwater re: Endorsement of 9-8-8 Crisis Line Initiative.

E. Letter dated April 23, 2021 from Brad Sperling, Regional Board Chair and Leonard Hiebert, Invasive Plant Committee Chair, Peace River Regional District re: Lack of funding – Invasive Plant Management.

- Letter dated April 21, 2021 from Allen Courtoreille, Mayor, District of Chetwynd re: Support for Invasive Weed Control on Crown Land.

F. Letter dated April 29, 2021 from Andy Adams, Mayor, City of Campbell River re: Logging of at-risk old-growth forests in the province.

G. Email dated May 5, 2021 from the Office of the Premier re: Opioid Crisis.

Mayor Cumming requested a motion to move to In Camera at 4:57 pm.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

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

(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations.

CARRIED

Mayor Cumming called the Regular Open meeting back to order at 5:19 pm.


CLOSE

Mayor Cumming closed the Regular Open Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vernon at 5:19 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Mayor



Corporate Officer