

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
HELD JUNE 28, 2021**

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PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

Councillors: S. Anderson, K. Gares, B. Quiring,  
A. Mund, K. Fehr, D. Nahal (10:17 am)

Staff: W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer  
K. Austin, Manager, Legislative Services  
K. Poole, Director, Community Safety, Lands & Administration  
J. Nicol, Deputy Corporate Officer  
C. Poirier, Manager, Communications & Grants  
D. Law, Director, Financial Services  
L. Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability  
J. Rice, Director, Operation Services  
D. Lind, Director, Vernon Fire Rescue Services  
B. Bandy, Manager, Real Estate  
S. Wright, Manager, Recreation Programs  
A. Watson, Manager, Transportation  
S. Baher, Insp./OIC, RCMP  
S. Melenko, Information Technician I

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Victor Cumming called the meeting to order at 8:42 am.

**AGENDA ADOPTION** Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT the Agenda for the June 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES** Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council held June 14, 2021, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**GENERAL MATTERS**

*Councillor Anderson left the meeting at 9:12 am and returned at 9:13 am.*

**TRANSIT SERVICE IN  
VERNON - UPDATE  
(VIA ZOOM)**

Amanda Watson, Manager, Transportation, Chelsea Mossey, Senior Manager, Government Relations and Erin Sparks, Transit Planner, both of BC Transit provided Council with an update on the 'Overview of Transit Service in Vernon' program.

**The following points were noted:**

- COVID-19 Response & Impacts – Respond, Recover, Rebuild
- System Performance
- Looking Ahead
  - Expansion Initiatives
  - Electronic Fare Collection
  - Low Carbon Fleet Program
  - Digital On-Demand Transit
  - Free Fares for 12 and Under
  - MicroBird G5
- Transit Future Action Plan – progress to date and updated priorities moving forward.

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council receives the presentation from Amanda Watson, Manager, Transportation, Chelsea Mossey, Senior Manager, Government Relations and Erin Sparks, Transit Planner, both of BC Transit, regarding an update on the Transit Service in Vernon.

**CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Councillor Quiring declared a potential conflict of interest as his firm (MQN) may be involved in the improvements to the Kin Race Track lands and/or the RCMP Building Renovation. Councillor Quiring left the meeting at 9:45 am.*

**LEGACY RESERVE  
PROJECT SELECTION  
(1700-02)**

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council endorse the following projects to be funded from the Fortis BC Legacy Reserve:

1. Kin Race Track Park (sports fields, trails, outdoor ice rink, dog park and set aside lands for affordable housing and the Active Living Centre) – (\$6M)
2. RCMP Building Renovation Analysis (\$5M)

**DEFEATED, with Mayor Cumming, Councillors Gares and Anderson opposed**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council endorse the following projects to be funded from the Fortis BC Legacy Reserve:

1. Kin Race Track Park (sports fields, trails, outdoor ice rink, dog park and set aside lands for affordable housing and the Active Living Centre) (\$10M)
2. RCMP Building Renovation Analysis (up to \$2M).

**CARRIED, with Councillors Mund and Fehr opposed**

*Councillor Quiring returned to the meeting at 10:13 am.*

*Councillors Anderson and Fehr left the meeting at 10:14 am and returned at 10:16 am.*

*Councillor Nahal entered the meeting at 10:17 am.*

The Council video was paused at 10:14 am due to copyright laws.

**ON LINE SEMINARS –  
FOCUS ON  
GOVERNANCE VIDEO  
(0530-01)**

Council viewed a 45 minute videos entitled “Good Governance By George – Part Six: *Governance Mechanisms*.”

The Council video resumed at 10:54 am.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES**

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

**WATER LINE**

Greater Vernon Water and Okanagan Spring are in discussion regarding the 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue water line to accommodate the Okanagan Spring expansion of ten additional holding tanks.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

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Mayor Victor Cumming closed the meeting at 10:56 am.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
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Mayor

  
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Corporate Officer