THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF A REGULAR OPEN MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD JUNE 28, 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

K. Poole, Director, Community Safety, Lands & Administration

K. Austin, Manager, Legislative Services

J. Nicol, Deputy Corporate Officer

D. Law, Director, Financial Services

C. Poirier, Manager, Communications & Grants

L. Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability

J. Rice, Director, Operation Services B. Bandy, Manager, Real Estate

D. Lind, Fire Chief, Vernon Fire Rescue Services

S. Wright, Manager, Recreation Programs

S. Melenko, Information Technician I

Others: Media and Members of the Public

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

As Mayor of the City of Vernon, and in the spirit of this gathering, I recognize the City of Vernon is located in the traditional territory of the Syilx People of the Okanagan Nation.

Mayor Cumming requested a motion to move to Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Cumming reconvened the Regular Open meeting at 10:58 am and requested a motion to move to In Camera.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Fehr, 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:

- 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.

Mayor Cumming called the Regular Open meeting back to order at 1:31 pm.

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PRESENT:

Mayor V. Cumming

Councillors:

S. Anderson, K. Fehr, K. Gares,

A. Mund, B. Quiring, D. Nahal (1:38 pm)

Staff:

W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer

K. Poole, Director, Community Safety, Lands and Administration

K. Austin, Manager, Legislative Services

J. Nicol, Deputy Corporate Officer

C. Poirier, Manager, Communications and Grants

L. Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability

J. Rice, Director, Operation Services

R. Manjak, Director, Human Resources*

D. Law, Director, Financial Services

D. Lind, Director, Vernon Fire Rescue Services

M. Dowhaniuk, Manager, Infrastructure*

T. Scott, Infrastructure Engineer*

G. Mulligan, Infrastructure Management Tech.*

J. Perrott, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism*

T. Silverthorn, Manager, Tourism*

B. DeDood, Asst. Manager, Protective Services*

M. Austin, Current Planner*

A. Watson, Manager, Transportation*

E. Crov. Transportation Planner*

S. Melenko, Information Tech.*

*Attended, as required

Others:

Members of the Public

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT the agenda for the June 28, 2021, Regular Open meeting of the Council of The Corporation of The City of Vernon be amended to include:

- ADD ITEM 9. C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS 2021 Recreation Funding From COVID Re-Start Grant
- 2. ADD ITEM 11. A. (ix) NEW BUSINESS Request for Resource to Provide Cooling Centres During Heat Related Weather

Emergency

3. SEE ITEM – 8. A. – ADMINISTRATION UPDATES – 2900 block 30th Avenue Closure July 1 to September 7, 2021.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 14, 2021 be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Special Regular Meeting held June 21, 2021 be adopted.

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held June 14, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

GENERAL MATTERS

RECOGNITION – LGMA PRESIDENT'S AWARD RECIPIENT Mayor Cumming recognized Dr. Raeleen Manjak, Director, Human Resources, as this year's recipient of the Local Government Management Association (LGMA) President's Award.

PRESENTATION: SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL QUARTERLY REPORT (0360-20-35) Annette Sharkey, Executive Director, Social Planning Council of the North Okanagan provided the Quarterly Report – April 1 to June 30, 2021.

The following points were reviewed:

Action Teams:

- Homelessness/Housing
 - COOL Team Update increase in those sleeping outside noted, biggest concern is the extreme heat
 - Flyer developed with resources available (cooling stations, water, etc)
- Harm Reduction/HART
 - o Folks on Spokes/Community Clean Ups
 - o Peer Recommendations
 - Indigenous Recommendations
- Accessibility/Inclusiveness/Multiculturalism
 - o Anti-Racism Project Beairsto Elementary and video
- Evaluation of Partners in Action Committee
 - Truth and Reconciliation Commission initiatives.

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council receive the Social Planning Council / Partners In Action Quarterly Report, April 1 to June 30, 2021, for information

CARRIED

COUNCIL INQUIRIES

PLAYGROUND SIGNAGE

Council inquired regarding 30km/h signage and that some signs are significantly smaller than the usual. An Admin. update will be provided. Admin. confirmed that the maximum speed through a Playground Zone is 30km/h from dawn to dusk.

WORKS CONTRIBUTION FUNDS

Council inquired regarding the return of works contribution funds being held. An Admin. update will be provided.

QUAGGA MUSSELS

Council inquired regarding quagga mussels. Parks Canada has instituted permits for those that boat on lakes in Banff. Suggestion that something similar be used in Okanagan. This will be brought forward to the Regional District of North Okanagan and Okanagan Basin Water Board.

ACCESSIBILITY - BEACHES

Council inquired regarding accessibility to parks and beaches. Is there an easier way to travel over the sand with a wheelchair? **Admin.** advised that options are being investigated through various Community Committees and Parks Planning. The City does have paved access at Paddlewheel Park, from the washroom to the water.

LANDSCAPING – MARSHALL FIELDS

Council inquired regarding inquiries from residents about trails at the west end of Marshall Fields, there are several trees that aren't receiving adequate water. An Admin. update will be provided.

STREETLIGHT CONVERSION

Council inquired regarding lumens levels for the streetlighting conversion. An Admin. update will be provided.

29th/30th TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR

Council inquired regarding 29 and 30th Street transportation corridor. Is the City paying for the re-paying near the railroad tracks? **Admin.** confirmed that the City of Vernon will be paying for re-paying.

POP UP SPRAY PARK

Thank you to Staff, the timing is great for a pop-up spray park. Council inquired about efforts made to contact businesses for sponsorship. **Admin.** indicated that a sponsorship package was being created for distribution through the City's social media channels.

TRAFFIC SIGNAGE – 4010 33 STREET

Council inquired regarding 'no-thru road' signage at 4010 33rd Street. Administration confirmed that the "No Thru Road" had been relocated to the right hand side of the 43rd Avenue intersection.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES (0550-05)

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Council receive the Administration Updates dated June 28, 2021, for information.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENT
APPROVAL PROCESS
REVIEW:
IMPLEMENTATION
STRATEGY
(6410-01)

Moved by Councillor Nahal, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council support the implementation strategy for the development approval process review as attached to the report titled *Development Approval Process Review: Implementation Strategy* dated June 18, 2021 and respectfully submitted by the Director, Community Infrastructure and Development.

CARRIED

31ST STREET & 37TH AVENUE ROAD AND UTILITY REHABILITATION PROJECT – SCOPE CHANGE (5410-10)

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council receive the memo titled "31st Street and 37th Avenue Road and Utility Rehabilitation Project – Scope Change" dated June 18, 2021, respectfully submitted by the Infrastructure Engineer;

AND FURTHER, that Council approve a scope of work adjustment to the 31st Street and 37th Avenue project to include 36th Avenue and 38th Avenue between 31st Street and 32nd Street with no additional funding requirement;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to include 37th Avenue, between 31st Street and 32nd Street in the four year capital plan for future rehabilitation.

CARRIED

2021 RECREACTION FUNDING FROM COVID RE-START GRANT (1700-02 2021)

<u>Moved</u> by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council change the 2021 Recreation Services budget funding of \$365,107 from the Recreation Facilities Operating fund, to funding \$115,374 from Contributions from Other Governments, and funding \$249,733 from the COVID Safe Restart grant fund;

AND FURTHER, that Administration advise RDNO and Coldstream immediately.

MATTERS REFERRED

LEGACY RESERVE PROJECT SELECTION (1700-02) Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council **ratifies and confirms** the following resolution adopted at the **June 28, 2021**, Committee of the Whole meeting of Council:

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

- 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 Councillor Mund opposed

THAT Council brings forward, as public information, the following motions **declassified** from confidential to non-confidential at the June 28, 2021, In Camera meeting:

CAO HR PLANNING (SUCCESSION MANAGEMENT) AND TALENT ATTRACTION (RECRUITMENT) POLICY (0110-40) 'THAT Council receive the Internal Memorandum dated June 21, 2021, titled "CAO HR Planning (Succession Management) and Talent Attraction (Recruitment) Policy" and attachment, respectfully submitted by the Director, Human Resources.'

THAT Council brings forward, as public information, the following motions **declassified** from confidential to non-confidential at the May 25, 2021, In Camera meeting:

AQUATIC CENTRE AIR HANDLING UNIT – ADDITIONAL FUNDING (7700-000-21)

'THAT Council authorize Administration to utilize up to \$340,000 from the Recreation Major Maintenance Reserve to fund the additional costs for the Aquatic Centre Air Handling Unit Project as per the internal memorandum titled Aquatic Centre Air Handling Unit – Additional Funding, dated May 14, 2021 respectfully submitted by the Director, Recreation Services;

AND FURTHER, that Council declassify the resolution from in camera after the project has been awarded to the successful bidder and all required contract documents have been signed by all parties.'

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence:

4300 35TH AVENUE
OFFICIAL COMMUNITY
PLAN AMENDMENT
BYLAW #5754 AND
REZONING
AMENDMENT BYLAW
#5755 – REQUEST FOR
PROCESSING TIME
EXTENSION
(OCP00080/ZON00326)

<u>Moved</u> by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT pursuant to the "Bylaws – Inactive Policy" Council approves a one year extension to the processing period for 4300 35th Avenue Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw #5754 and Rezoning Amendment Bylaw #5755 to June 28, 2022.

CARRIED

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN GREATER VERNON SUB-REGIONAL PARKS REGULATION BYLAW NO. 5834, 2020 (6135-01) <u>Moved</u> by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council support Greater Vernon Sub-Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 2834, 2020 as described in the memorandum titled "Regional District of North Okanagan Greater Vernon Sub-Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 2834, 2020" dated June 16, 2021 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to notify the Regional District of North Okanagan that it supports the Greater Vernon Sub-Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 2834, 2020 as presented.

CARRIED

IMPACT OF CONSTRUCTION COST ESCALATION ON INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT (5700-01) Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council receive the memo titled "Impact of Construction Cost Escalation on Infrastructure Replacement" dated June 8, 2021, respectfully submitted by the Infrastructure Management Technician.

CARRIED

TOURISM VERNON 2021/2022 VISITOR GUIDE (6900-01) Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled "Tourism Vernon 2021/2022 Visitor Guide" dated June 15, 2021 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Tourism.

CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE (0540-20) Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council endorse the proposed changes to the Climate Action Advisory Committee Terms of Reference as outlined in the memorandum titled "Climate Action Advisory Committee Terms of Reference" dated June 16, 2021 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability.

CARRIED

RCMP EARNED RETIREMENT BENEFIT (1661-08 2021) Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council authorize the expenditure of \$731,744.38 for RCMP Earned Retirement Benefits, to be funded from the RCMP Contingency reserve.

CARRIED

Councillor Anderson left the meeting at 2:49 pm and returned at 2:51 pm.

TEMPORARY
STRENGTHENING OF
EMERGENCY
DEPLOYMENT AT
PREDATOR RIDGE
FIRE STATION
(7010-01)

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$100,000 for temporary strengthening of emergency deployment at the Predator Ridge Fire Station, funded by the 2020 Unexpended Uncommitted reserve, as outlined in the memorandum of the same title dated June 22, 2021 respectfully submitted by the Director, Fire Rescue Services.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR RESOURCES TO PROVIDE COOLING CENTRES DURING WEATHER RELATED EMERGENCIES (7130-06) Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$20,000 from the 2020 Unexpended Uncommitted reserve to support the City's response to the extreme heat as outlined in the memorandum titled "Request for Resources to Provide Cooling Centres During Weather Related Emergencies" dated June 27, 2021, respectfully submitted by the Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability.

Reports:

Councillor Fehr left the meeting at 2:59 pm and returned at 3:01 pm.

LAND USE CONTRACT DISCHARGE APPLICATION FOR 9228 KOKANEE ROAD (3360-10 LUC00019 Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Council support Application No. LUC00019 to discharge Rezoning Bylaw #292, 1978 and Land Use Contract Agreement Bylaw #291, 1978, LTO #P2461 from the title of Lot 21, Sec 11, Tp 13, ODYD, Plan 31060 (9228 Kokanee Road) and allow the property to be governed by Zoning Bylaw #5000, subject to the following:

- a) That a Section 219 Covenant (Wildfire), complying with FireSmart BC guidelines and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, in favour of the City of Vernon, be registered on the title of Lot 21, Sec 11, Tp 13, ODYD, Plan 31060 (9228 Kokanee Road); and
- b) That the single detached housing site be located outside of 30% slope areas.

CARRIED

TRAFFIC BYLAW #5600 HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENTS (8300-07) Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Nahal:

THAT Council endorse proposed amendments to Traffic Bylaw #5600, as outlined in Attachment 1 in the report titled "Traffic Bylaw #5600 Housekeeping Amendments", dated June 10, 2021 and respectfully submitted by the Transportation Planner;

AND FURTHER, that Council endorse proposed amendments to Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw #5250, as outlined in Attachment 2 in the report titled "Traffic Bylaw #5600 Housekeeping Amendments", dated June 10, 2021 and respectfully submitted by the Transportation Planner;

AND FURTHER, that Council endorse proposed amendments to Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw #5300, as outlined in Attachment 3 in the report titled "Traffic Bylaw #5600 Housekeeping Amendments", dated June 10, 2021 and respectfully submitted by the Transportation Planner

<u>Moved</u> by Councillor Quiring , seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT the motion be amended by adding the following wording to end end of the first paragraph:

'with the exception of the proposed amendment in Section 4.2 of **Traffic (2021 Housekeeping) Amendment Bylaw Number 5863, 2021,** which should remain unchanged'.

CARRIED, with Councillor Gares and Fehr opposed

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED ON THE MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED, AND DECLARED CARRIED, with Councillor Fehr opposed

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Bylaws:

FIRST, SECOND & THIRD READINGS

5860

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Bylaw #5860, "Recreation and Parks Services Fees and Charges (2022) Amendment Bylaw Number 5860, 2021" – a bylaw to amend the recreation and parks services fees and charges, be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

FIRST & SECOND READINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING DATE

5866

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Bylaw #5866 "9228 Kokanee Road Land Use Contract LTO Registration Number P2461, Discharge Bylaw Number 5866, 2021", to authorize the discharge of Rezoning Bylaw No. 292, 1978 and Land Use Contract Agreement Bylaw No. 291, 1978, LTO #P2461, be read a first and second time;

AND FURTHER, that the Public Hearing for Bylaw #5866 be scheduled for **Monday**, **July 19**, **2021 at 5:30 pm** in the Dogwood Gym, Vernon Recreation Centre, 3310 – 37th Avenue.

CARRIED

COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES

Councillor Dalvir Nahal

Attended:

- Regional District of North Okanagan
- Arts Council of North Okanagan
- Met with Developer

Councillor Brian Quiring:

Attended:

- Thank you to Councillor Mund who helped organize some grad celebrations for BX Elementary
- DVA monthly board meeting
- RDNO
- Meeting with Director, CID re: secondary suites
- Special Council Meeting
- Climate Action Advisory

Councillor Kelly Fehr:

Attended:

- Met with an individual involved in e-learning
- Age Friendly Committee
- Taken some cultural competency learning opportunities

Councillor Kari Gares:

Attended:

- Finance Committee for OKRL
- Congratulations to grads of 2021

Councillor Scott Anderson:

Attended:

 Kudos to North Okanagan Canada Day Society and the Okanagan Indian Band for their collaboration in finalizing Canada Day

Councillor Akbal Mund

Attended:

- Proposed fire ban to be initiated this week, pending information from BC Wildfire
- Funtastic Raffle still going on until July 3, 2021

Mayor Victor Cumming:

Attended:

- Advisory Planning Committee
- · Foothills neighbourhood meeting
- RDNO
- Mayors Vaccination Roundtable
- Call with therapists discussing housing
- Ribbons of Green
- Special Council Meeting
- RCMP tour
- Call with Ministers Osbourne and Eby regarding housing
- Climate Action Advisory
- Emergency Program Policy Review meeting
- Active Living Centre meeting

NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR GARES - RECONCILIATION Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council authorize the Mayor to write a letter urging the Federal Government to take meaningful steps to implement the following "calls to action" as outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) report:

#75: We call upon the federal government to work with provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, churches, Aboriginal communities, former residential school students, and current landowners to develop and implement strategies and procedures for the

ongoing identification, documentation, maintenance, commemoration, and protection of residential school cemeteries or other sites at which residential school children were buried. This is to include the provision of appropriate memorial ceremonies and commemorative markers to honour the deceased children.

#76: To adopt strategies of documenting, maintaining, commemorating, and protecting residential school cemeteries in accordance with the following principles:

- The Aboriginal community most affected shall lead the development of such strategies.
- ii. Information shall be sought from residential school Survivors and other Knowledge Keepers in the development of such strategies.
- iii. Aboriginal protocols shall be respected before any potentially invasive technical inspection and investigation of a cemetery site.

#77: We call upon provincial, territorial, municipal, and community archives to work collaboratively with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation to identify and collect copies of all records relevant to the history and legacy of the residential school system, and to provide these to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

AND FURTHER, that Council directs the Mayor to write a letter to UBCM regarding the roles of local municipalities and the meaningful impact local municipalities can have with regards to the TRC and the many calls to action that local Government can implement;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to investigate how we can implement the following calls to action:

- Missing Children, Commemoration and Monuments: support National Day for Truth and Reconciliation cities (#76).
- Indigenous Sports: educate public regarding athletic history and champions; support Indigenous athletic development and competitions; respect Indigenous territorial protocols and involvement of Indigenous communities in event planning and participation (#87/88/91).
- We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the

framework for reconciliation. (#43)

We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal—Crown relations. This will require skillsbased training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism. (#57)

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR GARES – NOTICE OF MOTION – WENGER PARK

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council waive the Parks Naming Policy;

AND FURTHER, that Council approve the park naming of the currently unnamed park located at 3009 11th Street as "Wenger Park";

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Staff to bring forth costs associated with providing the necessary signage.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR FEHR-NOTICE OF MOTION -INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATION

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT as of 2022, planning for Canada Day events, where funded by the City of Vernon, must invite Indigenous representation.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Canada Day events funded in whole or in part by the City of Vernon must include a Traditional Territory Acknowledgment consistent with that of the City of Vernon.

CARRIED, with Councillor Anderson opposed

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Canada Day events funded in whole or in part by the City of Vernon must include an acknowledgment of the devastating impacts colonization has had on indigenous populations in Canada.

WITHDRAWN

INFORMATION ITEMS

Council received the following information items:

- **A.** Minutes from the following Committee of Council:
 - (i) Advisory Planning, April 27, 2021
- **B.** Letter dated June 9, 2021 from Karen Elliott, Mayor, District of Squamish, re: Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 75.
- C. Letter dated June 14, 2021 from Bill Dingwall, Mayor, City of Pitt Meadows re: Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 75.
- **D.** Letter dated June 22, 2021 from Krystin Kempton, President, Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce re: Interior Provincial Exhibition.

CLOSE

Mayor Cumming closed the Regular Open Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vernon at 4:30 pm.

The Annual General Meeting and opportunity for Public Input for the 2020 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements will be held at 5:00 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor

Corporate Officer