

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR OPEN MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD NOVEMBER 22, 2021**

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PRESENT: Mayor V. Cumming

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

Staff: W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer  
P. Bridal, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
K. Poole, Director, Community Safety, Lands and Safety  
K. Austin, Manager, Legislative Services  
J. Nicol, Deputy Corporate Officer  
C. Poirier, Manager, Communications & Grants  
D. Lind, Director, Fire Services  
D. Law, Director, Financial Services  
C. Ovens, Manager, Operation Services  
K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure & Development  
L. Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability  
S. Knuhtsen, Manager, Building & Licensing  
S. Melenko, Information Tech. 1

Others: Media and Members of the Public

Mayor Cumming called the Regular Open meeting to order at 8:40 am.

**LAND  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*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  
Sylx People of the Okanagan Nation.*

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

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council move to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Cumming reconvened the Regular Open meeting at 9:39 am and requested a motion to move to In Camera.

**RESOLUTION TO  
CLOSE MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Section 90(1) 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;
- (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, B. Quiring,  
A. Mund, K. Fehr

Staff: W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer  
P. Bridal, Deputy 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  
D. Law, Director, Financial Services  
K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure & Development  
C. Ovens, General Manager, Public Works  
D. Lind, Director, Fire Services  
C. Broderick, Manager, Current Planning  
M. Austin, Current Planner  
E. Croy, Transportation Planner  
I. Adkins, Manager, Roads, Drainage & Airport  
J. Perrott, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism  
M. Dowhaniuk, Manager, Infrastructure  
D. Lees, Manager, Protective Services  
R. Nuriel, Economic Development Planner  
T. Martens, Manager, Financial Operations  
S. Melenko, Information Tech.

Others: Media and Members of the Public

**LAND  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF ITEMS  
LISTED ON THE  
AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT the agenda for the November 22, 2021 Regular Open meeting of the Council of The Corporation of The City of Vernon be adopted. amended to include:

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 8, 2021 be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held November 8, 2021 be received.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**GENERAL MATTERS**

**PRESENTATION –  
NON-PROFIT HOUSING  
ASSOCIATION  
(VIA ZOOM)**

Jill Atkey, Chief Executive Officer, BC Non-Profit Housing Association presented on housing prospects, trends and key issues.

The following points were reviewed:

- Provincial umbrella for the non-profit housing society for BC
- The Canadian Rental Housing Index – first in Canada, web based and user friendly
- BC's Housing Crisis
- Top 10 Communities spending over 30% in BC
- In Vernon – renter household incomes are lower
- Federal government took a 25-year hiatus
- Local government can lower rents – ex. City of Langford waived property taxes for 10 years, made a financial contribution and waived Development Cost Charges
- An Affordable Housing Plan for BC – need 35,000 affordable rentals are need over ten years
- Homes for B.C. contribution – about 33,000 new units and Canada's Housing Strategy



- Community opposition to affordable housing – slows down or cancels some projects
- Worsening affordability in the private rental market
- Expert Panel issued five Calls to Action.

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council receive the November 22, 2021 presentation from Jill Atkey, CEO, BC Non-Profit Housing entitled “Housing Prospects, Trends & Key Issues”, for information.

**CARRIED**

**DEVELOPMENT  
VARIANCE PERMIT  
APPLICATION #00502 –  
8092 OKANAGAN  
LANDING ROAD  
(DVP000502)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council support Development Variance Permit application #DVP00502 to vary the following section of Zoning Bylaw #5000 to construct a new home on LT 2 PL KAP83830 DL 6 ODYD (8092 Okanagan Landing Road):

- a) Section 4.16.1 is varied to allow construction of buildings, structures or swimming pools on a maximum slope of 30%;

AND FURTHER, that Council’s support of #DVP00502 is subject to the following:

- a) the site plan generally illustrating the proposed siting of the structure in Attachment 1, contained in the report titled “Development Variance Permit Application for 8092 Okanagan Landing Road”, dated November 10, 2021, respectfully submitted by the Manager, Current Planning, be attached to and form part of DVP00502 as ‘Schedule A’; and
- b) the restrictive covenant be registered on title to ensure that the recommendations of the geo-technical report are implemented at the building permit stage and that the areas that are not to be developed remain undisturbed.

**Public Input  
DVP #00502**

The Corporate Officer advised that no written submissions had been received.

Mayor Cumming called a first time for representation from the public in attendance who believe their interest in property is affected by Development Variance Permit #00502. Mayor Cumming called a second, third and final time for representation from the public, and there being none, Mayor Cumming closed the Public Input for DVP#00502.

**Issuance of Permit  
DVP #00502**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT the Corporate Officer be authorized to issue Development Variance Permit Application DVP00502 to vary a section of Zoning Bylaw #5000 to construct a new home on LT 2 PL KAP83830 DL 6 ODYD (8092 Okanagan Landing Road), **once all conditions of Council have been met.**

**CARRIED**

**THE QUESTION WAS CALLED ON THE MAIN MOTION AND  
DECLARED CARRIED**

**DEVELOPMENT  
VARIANCE PERMIT  
APPLICATION #00532 –  
MT. FOSTHALL PLACE  
(DVP000532)**

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council not approve Development Variance Permit #DVP00532 on Lot B, Sec 26, Tp 9, ODYD, Plan KAP77864 (Mt. Fosthall Drive) to vary the Zoning Bylaw #5000, Section 4.16 – Hillside Development Areas regulations for Proposed Strata Lot 1;

AND FURTHER, that the Public Input for Development Variance Permit #DVP00532, Mt. Fosthall Drive, be heard together with the Public Hearing for Bylaw #5875 “Mt. Fosthall Drive Land Use Contract LTO Registration Number N978, Discharge Bylaw #5875, 2021” scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2021 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers as outlined in the report titled “Development Variance Permit Application for Mt. Fosthall Drive” dated November 10, 2021 and respectfully submitted by the Current Planner.

**WITHDRAWN**

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the following matter be **deferred** to December 13, 2021, following Public Input:

THAT Council not approve Development Variance Permit #DVP00532 on Lot B, Sec 26, Tp 9, ODYD, Plan KAP77864 (Mt. Fosthall Drive) to vary the Zoning Bylaw #5000, Section 4.16 – Hillside Development Areas regulations for Proposed Strata Lot 1.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council directs Administration to schedule the Public Input for Development Variance Permit #DVP00532, Mt. Fosthall Drive, to be heard together with the Public Hearing for Bylaw #5875 "Mt. Fosthall Drive Land Use Contract LTO Registration Number N978, Discharge Bylaw #5875, 2021" scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2021 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers as outlined in the report titled "Development Variance Permit Application for Mt. Fosthall Drive" dated November 10, 2021 and respectfully submitted by the Current Planner.

### **CARRIED**

### **COUNCIL INQUIRIES**

#### **POTHoles AT 27 STREET AND 42 AVENUE**

Council inquired regarding 27<sup>th</sup> Street and 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, there are many potholes. When will there be an assessment of this? **A. Admin.** advised that this will be investigated and an Admin. update will come back to Council.

#### **CANNABIS LICENSING**

Council inquired regarding cannabis license fees. When will they be coming forward for Council's consideration? **A. Admin.** advised the cannabis fees will be coming forward in conjunction with amendments to the delegation, zoning and fees. Retailers will be contacted regarding fees if Council supports the amendments.

#### **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ON HWY 97**

Council expressed gratitude for the decorative lighting on Hwy. 97. Staff has done a fantastic job with installation. **A. Admin.** advised that only 35 more decorative lighting fixtures are to be installed.

#### **FOOD GARDEN**

Council inquired regarding the food garden. Can Staff provide background on the establishment of this food garden and why it was removed? An Admin. update will be provided.

#### **BUDGET MEETINGS**

Council inquired regarding the budget meetings. There was concern that no one knew when the meetings are scheduled as they are not posted on the website. **A. Admin.** advised that the dates were published in the paper as per legislated requirements, meetings will be scheduled on the website as soon as possible.

#### **POTHoles ON COMMONAGE ROAD**

Council inquired regarding potholes on Commonage Road just south of Bench Row Road. There are also significant potholes near manholes on Bailey Road. An Admin. update will be provided.

#### **SIGNALS AND CONES ON KOKANEE ROAD**

Council inquired regarding the signals and cones that remain on Kokanee Road. **A. Admin.** advised that there is still work to be done on this road and the signals and cones will be utilized.



**ADMINISTRATION UPDATES**

**ADMINISTRATION  
UPDATES  
(0550-05)**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council receive the Administration Updates dated November 22, 2021, for information.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Anderson left the meeting at 2:58 pm and returned at 3:00 pm.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**TRAFFIC BYLAW #5600  
AMENDMENTS FOR RV  
PARKING  
(8300-07)**

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council endorse the proposed amendments to Traffic Bylaw #5600, as outlined in Attachment 1 in the report titled "Traffic Bylaw #5600 Amendments for RV Parking", dated November 8, 2021 and respectfully submitted by the Transportation Planner;

AND FURTHER, that Council endorse the proposed amendments to Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw #5250, as outlined in Attachment 2 in the report titled "Traffic Bylaw #5600 Amendments for RV Parking", dated November 8, 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 Amendments for RV Parking", dated November 8, 2021 and respectfully submitted by the Transportation Planner.

**CARRIED**

**LED STREETLIGHT  
CONVERSION -  
UPDATE  
(5400-03)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council receive the memo titled "LED Streetlight Conversion – Update" dated November 10, 2021 respectfully submitted by the Manager of Roads, Drainage and Airport for information.

**CARRIED**

**2900 BLOCK STREET  
CLOSURE YEAR END  
REPORT  
(6750-01)**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

THAT Council direct Administration to consult with the Downtown Vernon Association and businesses in the 2900 block of 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue to identify a plan and required resources for a closure in the summer of 2022 for Council's consideration as outlined in the memorandum titled "2900 Block Street Closure Year End Report" dated November 10, 2021 respectfully submitted by John Perrott, Manager, Economic Development and Tourism;

AND FURTHER, that Administration provide Council with an update of the outcomes of these consultations in the first quarter of 2022.

**CARRIED**

**MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE –  
November 22, 2021**

**BUILDING BYLAW  
UPDATE  
(3760-08)**

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Council ratifies and confirms the following resolution adopted at the November 22, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting of Council:

*‘THAT Council endorse the proposed Building Bylaw #5900, 2021 as attached to the report titled Building Bylaw Update dated November 5, 2021 from the Manager, Building and Licensing which, if adopted, will repeal and replace Building and Plumbing Bylaw #4900;*

*AND FURTHER, that Council endorse the implementation schedule of the BC Energy Step Code as described in the report titled Building Bylaw Update dated November 5, 2021 from the Manager, Building and Licensing;*

*AND FURTHER, that Council endorse the proposed amendments to Fees and Charges #3909, as attached to the report titled Building Bylaw Update dated November 5, 2021 from the Manager, Building and Licensing.’*

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council ratifies and confirms the following resolution adopted at the November 22, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting of Council:

*‘THAT Council direct Administration to amend Part 15 (Energy Conservation and GHG Emission Reduction) of the proposed Building Bylaw #5900, by adding buildings regulated by Part 3 of the Building Code, to be designed and constructed to meet the minimum performance requirements specified in Step 1 of the Step Code as of July 1, 2022.’*

**CARRIED**



**NEW BUSINESS****Correspondence:****2022 REGULAR  
COUNCIL MEETING  
DATES  
(0530-01)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Quiring:

THAT Council receives for information the memorandum titled "2022 Regular Council Meeting Dates" dated November 10, 2021, respectfully submitted by the Manager, Legislative Services;

AND FURTHER, that Council directs that Administration to amend the 2022 Regular Council Meeting Date Calendar to change the May 24 meeting to May 30, 2022.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Fehr declared a conflict of interest as his employer, Turning Point Collaborative Society, is an applicant for a Council Discretionary Grant. Councillor Fehr left the meeting at 3:27 pm.*

**COUNCIL  
DISCRETIONARY  
GRANT APPLICATION –  
OCTOBER INTAKE  
(1850-02)**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Anderson:

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 Air Rescue One Heli Wrench Society in the amount of \$10,000 with a three-year commitment totaling \$30,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
2. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Men's Shed Vernon in the amount of \$2,000 as an application has already been submitted in 2021.
3. THAT Council **approve**, on a one-time basis, a Council Discretionary Grant to Okanagan Quality Life Society in the amount of \$6,000 to provide first aid re-certification for their 56 volunteer boat captains.
4. THAT Council **approve**, on a one-time basis, a Council Discretionary Grant to Okanagan Science Centre in the amount of \$10,000 to build a special exhibit to promote hearing awareness in the community.
5. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Okanagan Screen Arts Society in the amount of \$8,750 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

6. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Shuswap Okanagan Treatment Centre Society in the amount of \$8,800 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
7. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Turning Points Collaborative Society in the amount of \$20,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
8. THAT Council **approve**, on a one-time basis, a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon & District Riding Club in the amount of \$5,070 to purchase sand for sand rings.
9. THAT Council **approve**, on a one-time basis, a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon & District Immigrant and Community Services Society in the amount of \$2,030 to produce the Vernon Multicultural Market as a one-day event in the Spring of 2022.
10. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Girls Trumpet Band in the amount of \$4,265 as an application has already been submitted in 2021.
11. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Lawn Bowling Club in the amount of \$19,486 due to incomplete submitted financial statements.
12. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Pickleball Association in the amount of \$5,000 as an application has already been submitted in 2021.
13. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to 223 Red Lion Squadron Sponsoring Committee as a specific request of funds was not indicated on their application.
14. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Sleep in Heavenly Peace as the application was not complete.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Fehr returned to the meeting at 3:28 pm.*

**PROPOSED  
AMENDMENTS TO  
REGIONAL STERILE  
INSECT RELEASE  
PROGRAM TAXATION  
(1970-13:67)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming:

THAT Council receive the internal memorandum titled "Proposed Amendments to Regional Sterile Insect Release Program Taxation" dated November 9, 2021 from the Manager, Financial Operations and that Council direct Administration to provide feedback to the Regional District of North Okanagan supporting the proposed amendments.

**CARRIED**

**NORTH OKANAGAN  
HOUSING STRATEGY  
(6441-20)**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council refer its input and comments, together with the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee input, as outlined in the memorandum titled “North Okanagan Regional Housing Strategy” dated November 10, 2021 and respectfully submitted by the Economic Development Planner, to the Regional District of North Okanagan Board of Directors;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to update the City’s Housing Strategy to include the applicable actions provided in the Regional Housing Strategy for its consideration, following the endorsement of the Regional Housing Strategy by the Regional District of North Okanagan Board of Directors.

**CARRIED**

**PADDLEWHEEL PARK  
BOAT LAUNCH  
ENFORCEMENT  
(4000-02)**

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled “Paddlewheel Park Boat Launch Enforcement” dated November 10, 2021, respectfully submitted by the Manager, Protective Services for information;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to bring forward amendments to the Parks and Public Places Bylaw #5057 to regulate public use of the Paddlewheel Park boat launch

**CARRIED**

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

Bylaws:

**ADOPTION**

- 5845

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

THAT Bylaw #5845 **“Sewer User Rates (Rates Increases) Amendment Bylaw Number 5845, 2021”**, a bylaw to increase residential, multi-family, commercial and public institution sewer user rates, be **adopted**.

**CARRIED**

**FIRST, SECOND AND  
THIRD READING**

- 5876

Moved by Councillor Quiring, seconded by Councillor Gares:

THAT Bylaw #5876 **“Recreation and Parks Services Fees and Charges (2022) Amendment Bylaw Number 5876, 2021”**, a bylaw to amend “Recreation and Parks Services Fees and Charges Bylaw Number 5472, 2013”, be **read a first, second and third time**.

**CARRIED**



• 5877

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT Bylaw #5877 “**Fees and Charges (2022 & 2023 Cemetery Fees) Amendment Bylaw Number 5877, 2021**”, a bylaw amend cemetery fees for 2022 and 2023 in “City of Vernon Fees and Charges Bylaw Number 3909, 1993”, be **read a first, second and third time.**

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES**

**Councillor Mund:**

Attended:

- BC Games occurring in 98 days
- Winter Carnival light up
- Finance Committee
- Parking downtown is free until Dec. 18
- Thank you to those that have donated to North Valley Gymnastics.
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**Councillor Anderson:**

- No report

**Councillor Gares:**

- Winter Carnival light up has happened in Spirit Square

**Councillor Fehr**

Attended:

- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- Recreation Centre Day care facility ground breaking
- Silver Star multi-use path ground breaking
- Kick off of the Salvation Army Kettle campaign
- Council to Council meeting

**Councillor Quiring:**

Attended:

- Attended RDNO via Zoom
- Please support Movember

**Mayor Cumming:**

Attended:

- Silver Star Off-Road trail ground breaking
- Recreation Centre and Lakers childcare facility ground breaking
- Okanagan Village Housing Society ground breaking
- Advisory Planning Committee
- Pre-Budget with MP Mel Arnold
- Council to Council meeting
- Remembrance Day Ceremony

- OKIB working group
- OBWB stewardship meeting
- Climate Ambassadors celebration
- RDNO Committee of the Whole
- RDNO
- Policing conversation with Pensioners Society
- Emergency meeting with Ministers regarding flooding
- Salvation Army Kettle Bell kick-off
- Torch light up for BC Winter Games

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Council received the following information items:

- A. Minutes from the following Council Committees:
- i) Affordable Housing Advisory, July 8, 2021
  - ii) Affordable Housing Advisory, August 26, 2021
  - iii) Finance, September 9, 2021
  - iv) Tourism Commission, October 20, 2021
  - v) Advisory Planning, October 26, 2021

### **CLOSE**

Mayor Cumming closed the Regular Open Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vernon at 3:53 pm and requested a motion to move to In Camera.

### **RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr:

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### **CARRIED**

### **RECONVENE**

Mayor Cumming reconvened the Regular Open Meeting at 3:56 pm.

### **CLOSE**

Mayor Cumming closed the Regular Open Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vernon at 3:56 pm.

### **CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
Mayor

  
Corporate Officer