

PUBLIC INPUT – 2020 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements
June 28, 2021

Date	Name
June 28, 2021	Inge Friesen

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the 2020 Annual Report.

I urge Council to:

- 1. Support the extension of water along Eastside Road,**
- 2. Complete priority lake access improvements at 8797 Okanagan Landing Road,**
- 3. Plan for priority lake access improvement at 8835 Okanagan Landing Road (Eastside Boat Launch), and**
- 4. Consider whether the District of Coldstream is adequately funding City of Vernon's sewer operations and capital expenditures.**

Specifically:

1. Support the extension of water along Eastside Road

I support the extension of water along Eastside Road if extending this service also improves the City's firefighting capacity along the spur of Eastside Road that runs 500m from 8812 to 8980 where there are currently ZERO hydrants. With folks living in RVs on several properties along this skinny stretch of Eastside Road, and with some of those lots not currently connected to city water, I would very much appreciate knowing that our City can respond to any emergencies.

2. Complete priority lake access improvements at 8797 Okanagan Landing Road

I urge Council to complete the planned improvements to ensure this access is improved and returned to public use, and also, to consider whether adding parking spots along this already busy road is in fact an improvement or a detriment to safer traffic management in our neighbourhood? Early this morning I witnessed vehicles driving through at a speed at least double (60km/hr+) the posted speed, which is 30 km/hr. Is the plan to add speed tables or bumps? That also has implications for noise that I suspect most of us neighbours would love to let you know about, if we haven't already.

3. Plan for priority lake access improvement at 8835 Okanagan Landing Road (Eastside Boat Launch)

I urge Council to not fund any improvements to the community boat ramp at 8835 Okanagan Landing Road until the impacts of seasonal drainage are fully understood, the location of the mapped stream in our neighbourhood is confirmed by the Province, and only if the City has a robust engineered plan in place to address the continued impacts of this seasonal drainage. Much silt and soil was brought down from the building site at 8840 Eastside Road this year, which impacted the City's infrastructure and clogged up culverts, resulting in a number of service calls. This Boat Ramp is also an important part of any drainage solution for our neighbourhood. I hope that parking improvements for this launch can also be considered.

4. Consider whether the District of Coldstream is adequately funding City of Vernon sewer operations and capital expenditures.

Our City is constantly working to improve sewer operations including building new facilities at our City plant. My question for Council is, whether the District of Coldstream is currently paying its share of these ever-increasing sewer costs, or if it is solely up to the City to fund improvements? I am still hopeful that some day, sewer can be extended through all parts of our City. Extension of the sewer system helps our City utility acquire more paying customers, which helps fund more system improvements.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Inge Friesen

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