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Organizers so impressed six finalists named for May 7 final pitch instead of five

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a curriculum built for fitness, designed for safety, and powered by community.

By combining practical kick-boxing and self-defense with real-world pressure drills, Draht helps women move beyond simple “awareness” to recognize early warning signs and manage fear responses in real-time.

• **Tyler Patenaude, Pocket**

Grandson

Patenaude is the tech-savvy problem solver behind Pocket Grandson, a personalized technical support service designed to take the frustration out of the digital age. Whether it's a printer that refuses to connect, a cluttered device slowing down, or the daunting task of setting up a brand-new smartphone, Tyler provides hands-on assistance

tailored to the user's specific needs and budget.

What sets Patenaude apart is his “on-site” approach; while traditional repair shops require customers to drop off devices for days, Tyler travels directly to his clients.

Doors will open for the Enterprise Challenge at 5 p.m., May 7. To register for a free event ticket, visit the eventbrite site.





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McHappy Day makes a difference for families

Jennifer Smith

For families like the Fernandez family from Vernon, Ronald McDonald House British Columbia was more than just a place to stay to be close to their sick child, it was a lifeline.

They spent 180 nights there while their medically complex child, Nicholas, received treatment for a rare gene variant.

To regularly travel the 438 kilometres away from their home for Nicholas' treatment would have placed a significant financial burden on the family, if it wasn't for the support of Ronald McDonald House.

Their story highlights the challenges that families across Canada face when a child is sick or injured, and the vital role of Ronald McDonald House.

On Wednesday, May 6, McDonald's Canada and its local, independent franchisees are bringing back McHappy Day to provide that essential support to families like the Fernandezes.

All day long, a portion of pro-



Vernon's Fernandez family poses in front of a John Deere tractor. Marion Fernandez (right) said Ronald McDonald House was a huge help when their son was in a medical emergency at birth. (Ronald McDonald House photo)

ceeds from all food and beverage menu items sold will go to Ronald McDonald House and other local children's charities.

Last year, funds raised at Vernon and Armstrong McDonald's contributed \$10,000 each to Ronald McDonald House and the North Okanagan Youth and Family Services Society (NOYFSS).

Ronald McDonald House

British Columbia & Yukon has provided a home-away-from-home for families from more than 170 communities across the West Coast. Yet, due to lack of space or no available House location, Ronald McDonald House is unable to support up to four out of five families in need.

Initiatives like McHappy Day are instrumental in closing this gap.

Notice of Rezoning Application



Notice is hereby given that City of Vernon Council is considering initial readings of the following Zoning Amendment Bylaw pursuant to the Local Government Act:

**6030 Okanagan Landing Road
Zoning Amendment Bylaw 6072, 2026**

Property Location: 6030 Okanagan Landing Rd (see map at right)

Legal Description: LT 1, PL 12533, DL 66, ODYD

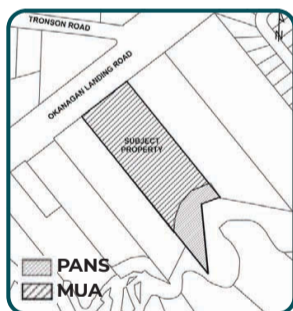
Purpose: Bylaw 6072 is to rezone the property from AGRS – Agricultural & Rural: Small Block (Non-ALR) to MUA – Multi-Unit Acreage: Small Scale and PANS - Parks & Natural Spaces to allow the construction of a 72 Unit Multi-Family Residential Development.

Present Zoning: AGRS – Agricultural & Rural: Small Block (Non-ALR)

Proposed Zoning: MUA – Multi-Unit Acreage: Small Scale and PANS - Parks & Natural Spaces

First Reading: Council will consider giving Bylaw 6072 first, second and third readings at the Regular Council meeting scheduled **Monday, May 11, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber** located at 3400 30th Street, Vernon, BC.

For questions about the proposed bylaw, please contact the **Planning and Community Services Division** at the Community Services Building, 3001 32nd Ave, Vernon, BC, or call 250-550-3634. Copies of the bylaw and related documents are available for review Monday to Friday, 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m. (excluding statutory holidays) from April 30 to May 11, 2026. You can also view the documents online at vernon.ca/zoningamendments.



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