

E-bike crashes adding up

By **Brendan Shykora**
Vernon Morning Star

There have been two crashes in as many days involving e-bikes around town. A shopping cart caused some serious injuries for an e-bike rider late Thursday

night, Sept. 10. Emergency crews were called to assist an injured cyclist at the Highway 97 and 27th Street onramp at the north end of Vernon shortly before midnight Sept. 10. “An officer attended and from their investigation it is believed the injured

person was riding their e-bike when they hit an object on the shoulder of the road, possibly a shopping cart, and was ejected,” Const. Chris Terleski told The Morning Star. The cyclist sustained serious injuries and was transported to hospital. A person riding an e-bike was taken to hospital following a collision with a vehicle Friday afternoon. The crash took place at Pleasant Valley Road and 20th Street around 3:20 p.m.

Sept. 11. Crews could be seen retrieving the e-bike from beneath the vehicle. “The vehicle was proceeding through the intersection after stopping when the e-bike suddenly crossed right in front of it, colliding with the vehicle,” Const. Chris Terleski told The Morning Star, adding the rider sustained non-life threatening injuries.



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A person riding an e-bike was struck by a vehicle in Vernon Friday, Sept. 11, 2026. Crews were seen retrieving the e-bike from beneath the vehicle.



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Public Notice

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*:

9188 Tronson Rd Zoning Amendment Bylaw 6093, 2026

Property Location: 9188 Tronson Rd (see map at right)
Strata Lots 1-6, DL 297, ODYD, EPS10546, Together with an interest in the Common Property in Proportion to the Unit Entitlement of the Strata Lot as Shown on Form V.

Legal Description:

Purpose: Bylaw 6093 is to rezone the property from MUA – Multi-Unit Acreage: Small Scale to MUS – Multi-Unit: Small Scale to allow for future subdivision and a single detached dwelling.

Present Zoning: MUA – Multi-Unit Acreage: Small Scale

Proposed Zoning: MUS – Multi-Unit: Small Scale

First Reading: Council will consider giving Bylaw 6093 first, second and third readings at the Regular Council meeting scheduled for **Monday, September 28, 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 September 17 to September 28, 2026. You can also view the documents online at vernon.ca/publicnotices.

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Water restrictions extended

By Jennifer Smith
Vernon Morning Star

Unprecedented water restrictions will continue despite the addition of some rain

and cooler temperatures in Greater Vernon. Greater Vernon Water is sticking with the stage three restrictions into the fall and winter, meaning no watering lawns or using sprinklers, and residential reduction of water

use by 50 per cent, with a 30 per cent reduction for agricultural users.

Customers, staff and municipalities helped to keep stage four restrictions from coming into effect over the summer, a Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) report reads.

“Overall, the community response was extremely successful in meeting the water conservation goals set,” said Zee Marcolin, RDNO general manager of utilities, in her report.

But with water supplies still sitting low, restrictions cannot yet be lifted due to several factors, including forecasted drought risk for 2027.

“The current climate outlook suggests the potential for warmer and drier conditions associated with a developing strong El Niño pattern, increasing the risk of belownormal snowpack this winter and limited spring recharge,” Marcolin’s report reads.

The Duteau Reservoirs are slightly higher than the minimum water level target set at the beginning of the drought, however there is still an outstanding obligation of 1,300 ML unused agricultural allocation on the system.

While many agriculturalists have managed their limited water allocation to “soak” their soil moving into winter for plant health, future demand is uncertain.

“The current level is still well below normal and precipitation in the fall the last three years has been below normal, resulting in storage declines during the fall (as opposed to gaining storage which was a historic trend during the fall),” Marcolin explains. “Kalamalka Lake is at a historic low level and considered in a state of

‘Deadpool’ which is a condition where the lake level is below the outlet weir.”

That means reliance on Kalamalka Lake to supplement Duteau Creek next year may not be an option due to the current low levels in the lake and preserving storage in Duteau is critical for next year.

Despite demand reductions, projected storage entering winter remains below normal. Current predictions suggest 2027 could experience similar or worse severe drought conditions, supporting the need to conserve available supplies.

Meanwhile the province has issued a call to all communities to increase water conservation efforts and moving to less restrictions at this time will go against this request.

ENFORCEMENT ONGOING

There were 370 complaints of those going against the stage three water restrictions. A total of 147 written warnings were issued and 30 to 50 verbal warnings.

Several fines were issued, including 14 \$100 initial fines, one \$400 fine and no domestic shut offs were required.

For agricultural, 40 properties exceeded their 30 per cent allocation and were shut off as of Sept. 2. But seven of these received allocation transfers and were turned back on.

“While comments for improvement to the enforcement procedure were received, it should be noted that there was a high level of voluntary compliance due to a very supportive community and a high level of compliance with just a warning and the community at large should be applauded,” said Marcolin.

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