

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**September 23, 2024, 8:40 a.m.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
3400 30 Street
Vernon B.C.**

Mayor and Council
Members Present:

Mayor V. Cumming

T. Durning
K. Fehr
K. Gares
B. Guy
A. Mund
B. Quiring

Administration
Present:

P. Bridal, Chief Administrative Officer

K. Poole, Director, Corporate Administration
J. Rice, Director, Operation Services
D. Lind, Chief, Fire Rescue Services
C. Isles, Deputy Corporate Officer
G. Lefebvre, Manager, Aquatics
J. Winqvist, Communications Officer
M. Dowhaniuk, Manager, Infrastructure
M. Keast, Water Resources Engineer
M. Austin, Senior Planner
R. Crosson, Manager, Financial Operations
R. Nuriel, General Manager, City Planning
S. Wright, Manager, Community Recreation
S. Saunders, Emergency Program Coordinator
J. Blood, Director, Recreation Services
J. Stewart, Senior Project Manager
T. Barton, Director, Planning and Community Services
A. Huisken, Active Transportation Planner
E. Hamming, Director, Financial Services
S. Wood, Corporate Officer
L. Korolchuk, Manager, Current Planning

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

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

1.a 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 Syilx People of the Okanagan Nation.

1.b Move to Committee of the Whole

Moved by: Councillor Quiring

Seconded by: Councillor Gares

THAT Council move to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED

2. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AND RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Mayor Cumming reconvened the Regular Open Meeting at 9:51 am and requested a motion to move to In Camera.

2.a Resolution to Close Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Mund

Seconded by: Councillor Gares

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;

(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;

AND FURTHER, that the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Section 90 (2) of the *Community Charter* as follows:

(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

3. RECONVENE TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 1:30 PM

Mayor Cumming reconvened the Regular Open Meeting at 11:11 am and recessed until 1:30 pm.

3.a 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 Syilx People of the Okanagan Nation.

3.b Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Guy
Seconded by: Councillor Durning

THAT the Agenda for the September 23, 2024 Regular Open Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3.c Adoption of Minutes and Receipt of Committee of the Whole

Moved by: Councillor Mund
Seconded by: Councillor Quiring

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held September 3, 2024 be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held September 3, 2024 be received.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5. GENERAL MATTERS

5.a Delegation - Zero Carbon Step Code (15 Minutes)

Janet Parkins and Jane Weixl provided Council with a presentation on the Zero Carbon Step Code.

Moved by: Councillor Guy
Seconded by: Councillor Durning

THAT Council receive the September 23, 2024 presentation from Janet Parkins and Jane Weixl regarding the Zero Carbon Step Code for information and refer to Administration for a report back to Council.

CARRIED

6. COUNCIL INQUIRIES

Council asked if fencing was going to be installed around DND park. Administration will provide an update.

7. ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

Moved by: Councillor Durning

Seconded by: Councillor Guy

THAT Council receive the Administration Updates dated September 23, 2024 for information.

CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.a UBCM Community Resilience Investment Program - 2024 FireSmart Community Funding & Supports (7320)

Moved by: Councillor Gares

Seconded by: Councillor Quiring

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program - 2024 FireSmart Community Funding & Supports, dated September 9, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Acting Manager, Emergency Management;

AND FURTHER, that Council enters the agreement with the UBCM and authorize the expenditure of the \$200,000 grant, funded entirely from the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program - 2024 FireSmart Community Funding & Supports, for the "2024 FireSmart Community Resilience Project(s)".

CARRIED

8.b 34th Street Sidewalk Notice of Motion Update (8300-06)

Moved by: Councillor Fehr

Seconded by: Councillor Durning

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled "34th Street Sidewalk Notice of Motion Update" dated September 4, 2024, respectfully submitted by the Manager, Transportation;

AND FURTHER, that Council support the change in timeline to design in 2025 and construction in 2026;

AND FURTHER, that Council support the temporary bus stop pad solution at 34th Street south of 21st Avenue for 2025.

CARRIED

8.c Historic O'Keefe Ranch & Interior Heritage Society Financial Ask and Request for New Lease (1880-03)

This item was deferred from the September 3, 2024 Regular meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Mund

Seconded by: Councillor Fehr

THAT Council deny the request from O'Keefe Ranch & Interior Heritage Society, dated August 2, 2024, for additional operational funding in the amount of \$85,000 as presented to Council during the August 12, 2024 Regular Council meeting;

AND FURTHER, advises the O'Keefe Ranch & Heritage Society that Council will honour the terms of the original lease, effective from April 1, 1997 to March 31, 2027, between the City of Vernon and O'Keefe Ranch & Interior Heritage Society in 2025, by providing an annual payment of \$10,000.

CARRIED

9. MATTERS REFERRED

9.a Ratified from the Committee of the Whole meeting held September 23, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Mund

Seconded by: Councillor Quiring

THAT Council ratifies and confirms the following resolution adopted at the September 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting of Council:

THAT Council receive the report titled "First Medical Response Direction" dated September 9, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Director, Fire Rescue Services;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration, to continue to provide First Medical Response service as identified in Fire Services Bylaw #5635;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to continue to limit response to purple and red calls, when life saving intervention is required or when patient outcomes can be improved with the application of First Medical Responder interventions.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Gares

Seconded by: Councillor Durning

THAT Council ratifies and confirms the following resolution adopted at the September 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting of Council:

THAT Council continue to lobby the Provincial government to address the first medical response service needs of the community through increasing ambulance services and cost sharing with Vernon Fire Rescue when providing the service.

CARRIED

9.b Declassified Motion from the In Camera meeting held June 12, 2023

OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND FLAG UNVEILING (0485-CEDI)

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Councillor Guy, in conjunction with Administration, to work with the Okanagan Indian Band to coordinate an event to unveil the Okanagan Indian Band flag at Vernon City Hall as outlined in the memorandum titled "Okanagan Indian Band Flag Unveiling", dated June 5, 2023, and respectfully submitted by the Director, Community Safety, Lands and Administration;

AND FURTHER, that the resolution be declassified once a date has been set for the flag unveiling event.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.a Vernon Aquatic Centre Repurposing Study (8215-03)

Moved by: Councillor Gares

Seconded by: Councillor Guy

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "Vernon Aquatic Centre Repurposing Study" dated September 9, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Aquatics and Acting Manager, Emergency Management.

CARRIED

10.b Becker Bike Park Phase 2 - Project Update (6140-20)

Councillor Durning left the meeting at 2:43 pm and returned at 2:45 pm.

Moved by: Councillor Guy

Seconded by: Councillor Gares

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "Becker Bike Park Phase 2 - Project Update", dated September 6, 2024, and respectfully submitted by the Senior Project Manager;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize an expenditure of \$25,500 for the supply and installation of security enhancements, to be funded from the 2023 Unexpended Uncommitted Balance.

CARRIED

10.c Polson Park Vernon Creek Naturalization - Grant Application (5225-20)

Moved by: Councillor Mund

Seconded by: Councillor Guy

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "Polson Park Vernon Creek Naturalization - Grant Application" dated August 26, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Water Resources Engineer;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize Administration to submit a grant application for Polson Park Vernon Creek Naturalization Phase 2 in the amount of up to \$5,000,000 to the Provincial "Disaster Risk Reduction - Climate Adaption" program funding stream.

CARRIED

10.d 43rd Street Vernon Creek Crossing Budget Amendment (5225-20)

Moved by: Councillor Guy

Seconded by: Councillor Durning

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "43 Street Vernon Creek Crossing Budget Amendment" dated September 6, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Senior Project Manager, Infrastructure;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize an increase in funding of \$613,000 for the 43rd Street Vernon Creek Crossing Project (2024-05) funded \$466,000 from the Casino Reserve, \$85,000 from Transportation Development Cost Charge Reserve and \$62,000 from Storm Development Cost Charge Reserve.

CARRIED

10.e Official Community Plan Amendment and Rezoning Applications for 6092 Okanagan Landing Road (3340-20)

Moved by: Councillor Gares

Seconded by: Councillor Durning

THAT Council support Official Community Plan Amendment Application OCP00095 to amend the Official Community Plan land use designation from PUBINS – Public & Institutional to RMD – Residential Medium Density for the property at Lot 1, District Lot 66, ODYD, Plan KAP92604 (6092 Okanagan Landing Road), as outlined in the report titled "Official Community Plan Amendment and Rezoning Applications for 6092 Okanagan Landing Road" and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Current Planning dated August 22, 2024;

AND FURTHER, that Council support Zoning Amendment Application ZON00406 to rezone from CMTY – Community to MUM – Multi-Unit Medium Scale for the property at Lot 1, District Lot 66, ODYD, Plan KAP92604 (6092 Okanagan Landing Road), as outlined in the report titled “Official Community Plan Amendment and Rezoning Applications for 6092 Okanagan Landing Road” and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Current Planning dated August 22, 2024;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to discharge the Section 219 Restrictive Covenant (LB495954) limiting the allowable land-use to Seniors Supportive Housing;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize Administration to negotiate a Housing Agreement with the applicant to be registered on title prior to final adoption of Zoning Amendment Bylaw 6015, 2024 and issuance of a Development Permit;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to bring forward “6092 Okanagan Landing Road Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 6014, 2024” and “6092 Okanagan Landing Road Zoning Amendment Bylaw 6015, 2024”, for initial readings and scheduling of a Public Hearing.

CARRIED

10.f Development Permit Exemptions for Multi-Unit Housing and Riparian Assessment Areas (6480-04)

Moved by: Councillor Mund

Seconded by: Councillor Guy

THAT Council support in principle an amendment to the Official Community Plan Bylaw 5470 to amend the Development Permit exemptions for multi-unit housing and Riparian Assessment Areas as outlined in the report titled "Development Permit Exemptions for Multi-Unit Housing and Riparian Assessment Areas", dated September 4, 2024;

AND FURTHER, that Council has considered appropriate consultation opportunities for "Official Community Plan (Development Permit Exemptions for Multi-Unit Housing and Riparian Assessment Areas) Amendment Bylaw 6013, 2024" and supports the following consultation opportunities in addition to the statutory public hearing:

- a. Referral to the City of Vernon Advisory Planning Committee for review and a recommendation to Council; and
- b. Posting on the Engage Vernon platform.

CARRIED

10.g UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - Indigenous Cultural Safety & Cultural Humility Training 2024 Program (1855-20)

Moved by: Councillor Mund

Seconded by: Councillor Gares

THAT Council authorize Administration to apply for a \$40,000 grant from the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training 2024 Program as attached to the memorandum of the same title, dated September 23, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Emergency Program Coordinator;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, Council authorize Administration to execute the agreement and amend the 2025 Budget contained in the 2025 to 2029 Financial Plan to include \$40,000 for the 2024 Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training Program funded from the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Grant.

CARRIED

10.h Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw Number 6016, 2024 (1970-16)

Moved by: Councillor Quiring

Seconded by: Councillor Durning

THAT Council receive the report titled "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw Number 6016, 2024" dated September 9, 2024 respectfully submitted by the Manager, Financial Operations;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to prepare the 2025-2029 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw Number 6016, 2024 as recommended by the Finance Committee during their September 9, 2024 meeting.

CARRIED

10.i Grant Lifecycle Process - Technological Change Update (1880-03)

Moved by: Councillor Gares

Seconded by: Councillor Quiring

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled "Grant Lifecycle Process - Technological Change Update", dated September 9, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Director, Financial Services.

CARRIED

11. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

12. COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES

12.a Mayor and Councillors Reports

All members in attendance provided an update on their activities and meetings attended.

12.b Notice of Motion

Mayor Cumming stated that a Notice of Motion will be presented at the October 7, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council to allocate 5 acres of Hesperia Lands adjacent to Apollo Drive and Longacre Drive for attainable income qualified co-op housing and direct staff to engage with Co-Op Housing BC to prepare a feasibility study for potential development.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS

14. RECESS MEETING TO 5:30 PM FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cumming recessed the Regular Open Meeting at 3:53 pm.

15. RECONVENE MEETING

Mayor Cumming reconvened the Regular Open Meeting at 5:39 pm.

15.a Bylaw(s) for Third Reading

15.a.1 Bylaw 6009 - Overlay: Drive-Through Services and Minor Fuel Station for Existing Operational Businesses

Moved by: Councillor Mund

Seconded by: Councillor Gares

THAT Bylaw 6009, "Zoning Text (Drive-through Services and Minor Fuel Stations) Amendment Bylaw 6009, 2024", a bylaw to authorize the use of Drive-through Services and Minor Fuel Stations on lots with existing businesses, be read a third time.

CARRIED

16. CLOSE OF MEETING

Mayor Cumming adjourned the Regular meeting at 5:40 pm.

Mayor

Corporate Officer