

# ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

## FEBRUARY 24, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### OPERATIONS

#### Infrastructure

##### **Building Facility Renewal – City Hall & RCMP HVAC Controls Renewal Project** **([Project 2025-01](#))**

The contract to provide and install new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) controls to City Hall and the RCMP buildings has been issued and will close in late February. Work is planned to take place during the heating and cooling transition periods in either the spring or fall, depending on contractor availability. The project will reduce temperature fluctuations and improve indoor comfort for occupants. The new controls are also expected to slightly reduce energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions through more efficient operation of the HVAC system.

##### **Pleasant Valley Road at 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue Roundabout Project ([Project 2025-06](#))**

The contractor will be hosting a block meeting for local residents to discuss traffic flows, occasional planned interruptions to utilities, and access. This will be held on February 24, 2025 at Girouard Park from 4 pm to 5 pm. Representatives from Administration will be present. Construction is planned to commence March 10, 2025.

#### Parks

##### **Cricket**

Administration is currently reviewing a request from the Vernon, Coldstream, Lumby Cricket Club Society, the North Okanagan Cricket Club and the Okanagan United Sporting Club to construct a cricket field in the Greater Vernon area. A report will be presented to Council at the March 24, regular meeting once Administration has completed the review.

##### **Carlson Park**

As part of the 2024 operating budget, Council approved an additional \$10,000 for additional maintenance at Carlson Park. Regular maintenance at this site now includes the following:

- line trimming the front entrance and parking lot area (biweekly);
- litter control, garbage removal and refilling dog bag disperser (weekly);
- mowing of roadways (3 x per year);

- tree pruning around the entrance area;
- plowing and sanding the parking lot; and
- sweeping and flushing the parking lot in the spring.

The trimming of the new west trail at Carlson Park was not completed in 2024. Administration will make the necessary changes to ensure that this is completed moving forward.

## **FIRE RESCUE SERVICES**

### **Wildfire Mitigation Work – Longacre / Apollo Road Area**

As part of the City of Vernon's ongoing efforts to reduce wildfire risk in the community, in March 2025, a prescribed burn will take place in the area of Longacre and Apollo Road. The burn provides an opportunity for Vernon Fire Rescue Services to collaborate with BC Wildfire Service, strengthening interagency operations.

The City's FireSmart team held public info sessions on January 25 and February 11, 2025. The date of the burn will be determined based on resource availability and weather conditions and will be communicated to the public through a media release.

