

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

**April 28, 2025, 8:40 a.m.**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER**  
**3400 30 Street, Vernon BC**

Mayor and Council  
Members Present:

Mayor V. Cumming

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

Administration  
Present:

P. Weeber, Chief Administrative Officer

D. Lind, Chief, Fire Rescue Services  
E. Hamming, Director, Financial Services  
J. Rice, Director, Operation Services  
K. Poole, Director, Corporate Administration  
T. Barton, Director, Planning and Community Services  
S. Wood, Corporate Officer  
C. Isles, Deputy Corporate Officer  
D. Devries, Manager, Transportation  
D. Lees, Manager, Protective Services  
G. Nicol, Exec. Assistant, Real Estate & Corp. Admin.  
J. Hewitt, Manager, Communications and Grants  
J. Perrott, Manager, Economic Development & Partnerships  
J. Winkvist, Communications Officer  
R. Crosson, Manager, Financial Operations  
R. Nuriel, General Manager, City Planning  
S. Khaddar, Transportation Technician

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**1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

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

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.a Move to Committee of the Whole

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund

**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 Meeting at 8:42 am and requested a motion to move to In Camera.

**Moved by:** Councillor Fehr

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Section 90 (1) of the Community Charter as follows:

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting 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;

(m) a matter that, under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* Section 16(1)(a)(ii) and Section 18, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting;

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**

Mayor Cumming reconvened the Regular meeting at 10:25 am and recessed to 11:04 am.

**Moved by:** Councillor Durning  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Guy

THAT Council move to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Cumming reconvened the Regular meeting at 11:40 am and recessed until 1:30 pm.

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.a Agenda

**Moved by:** Councillor Durning  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Guy

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of April 28, 2025 be amended as follows: Item 9 'Matters Referred' to follow Item 13 'Information Items'.

**CARRIED**

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

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Mund

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2025 be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2025 be received.

**CARRIED**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**5. GENERAL MATTERS**

**6. COUNCIL INQUIRIES**

Council requested information on the status of a proposed crosswalk located at Silver Star Road and McDonald Road. Administration will provide an update at a future meeting.

**7. ADMINISTRATION UPDATES**

**Moved by:** Councillor Quiring  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Mund

THAT Council receive the Administration Updates dated April 28, 2025 for information.

**CARRIED**

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **8.a Protective Services 2024 Year End Follow-up**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled Protective Services 2024 Year End Follow-up, dated April 28, 2025.

**CARRIED**

**Moved by:** Councillor Quiring

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Council approve the implementation of a Downtown Clean Team 2-year pilot project from June 1 to September 30, to enhance the overall cleanliness and appearance of the downtown core, at a cost not to exceed \$88,000 per year to be funded from the Prior Year Unexpended Uncommitted Balance in 2025 and 2026;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to bring forward a Service Level Adjustment for the Downtown Clean Team for consideration during the 2027 budget deliberations.

**CARRIED**

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **10.a 2025 Development Activity Update**

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Quiring

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled 2025 Development Activity Update, dated April 28, 2025.

**CARRIED**

## **11. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

### **11.a Bylaw 6037 - 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Quiring

THAT Bylaw 6037, "Tax Rates Bylaw 6037, 2025", a bylaw for levying of rates for Municipal, Hospital, Regional District and Specified Area purposes for the Year 2025, be read a first, second and third time.

**CARRIED**

11.b Bylaw 6038 - Proposed Amendments to Traffic Bylaw 5600

**Moved by:** Councillor Fehr

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Bylaw 6038, "Traffic Amendment Bylaw 6038, 2025", a bylaw to amend Traffic Bylaw 5600, be read a first, second, and third time.

**CARRIED**

**12. COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES**

12.a Mayor and Councillors Reports

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

**13. INFORMATION ITEMS**

13.a Correspondence

Councillor Mund declared a conflict of interest as he is a member of the Funtastic Sports Society board and left the meeting at 3:20 pm.

13.a.1 Email dated April 15, 2025 from the Funtastic Sports Society - Request for Letter of Support re: Destination Events Program Application

The Funtastic Sports Society is requesting a letter of support for their grant application to the Destination Events Program for funding for the 40th anniversary Slo Pitch and Music Festival in 2026.

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT Council provide a letter of support for the Funtastic Sports Society's application to the Destination Events Program for grant funding for their 2026 Festival.

**CARRIED**

13.b Minutes from Council Committees

13.b.1 Joint Biosolids Advisory Committee - October 9, 2024

**Moved by:** Councillor Durning  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Gares

THAT Council move to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

**CARRIED**

The meeting recessed at 3:21 pm and reconvened at 5:06 pm.

**9. MATTERS REFERRED**

Councillor Mund returned at 4:10 pm during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

**14. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Regular Council meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer