

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

**May 12, 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

E. Hamming, Director, Financial Services  
J. Rice, Director, Operation Services  
K. Poole, Director, Corporate Administration  
S. Wood, Corporate Officer  
C. Isles, Deputy Corporate Officer  
G. Nicol, Exec. Assistant, Real Estate & Corp. Admin.  
J. Hewitt, Manager, Communications and Grants  
R. Nuriel, General Manager, City Planning  
L. Price, Manager, Parks Projects and Community Initiatives  
E. Nicoloyannis, FireSmart Coordinator  
T. Atwood, Senior Planner

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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 Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Mund

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 10:50 am and requested a motion to move to In Camera.

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

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;

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 12:00 pm 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 Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of May 12, 2025 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund

**Seconded by:** Councillor Guy

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2025 be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2025 be received.

**CARRIED**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**5. GENERAL MATTERS**

- 5.a Presentation - RCMP 2025 First Quarter (January - March) Report, Superintendent, B. MacLeod

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Quiring

THAT Council receives the RCMP First Quarter Report for 2025 (January - March), as provided by Superintendent, Blake MacLeod, OIC, Vernon RCMP.

**CARRIED**

- 5.b Delegation - VOICE Society, Canada Day Activities, Budget and Requests for Support, M. Janzen

Mayla Janzen of the Vernon-Okanagan Inspired Community Events Society (VOICE) presented their planned Canada Day activities, budget and requests for support.

**Moved by:** Councillor Durning

**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT Council receive the May 12, 2025 presentation from Mayla Janzen of the Vernon-Okanagan Inspired Community Events Society (VOICE) regarding the plans for Canada Day celebrations for information and refer to Administration for a report back to Council.

**CARRIED**

**6. COUNCIL INQUIRIES**

Council requested updates on two items at the DND fields:

- when the washroom facilities would be open regular hours; and
- additional safety options for fencing around the playground, as balls continue to go over the fence.

**7. ADMINISTRATION UPDATES**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Mund

THAT Council receive the Administration Updates dated May 12, 2025 for information.

**CARRIED**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9. MATTERS REFERRED**

9.a Ratified from the Committee of the Whole Meeting Held May 12, 2025

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Council ratifies and confirms the following resolution adopted at the May 12, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting of Council:

‘THAT Council accept the 2024 Audited Financial Statements as presented.’

**CARRIED**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

10.a 2024 UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Grant – Additional Funding

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund

**Seconded by:** Councillor Quiring

THAT Council authorize staff to apply for additional funding of up to \$100,000 under the current 2024 Union of BC Municipalities Community Resiliency Investment Grant to support wildfire risk reduction and community resiliency initiatives;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, Council authorize Administration to execute the grant agreement, provide overall grant management, and amend the 2025 budget contained in the 2025-2029 Financial Plan for the expenditure.

**CARRIED**

10.b Zoning Bylaw 6000 General Amendments – Phase 2 Refine

Councillor Durning left the meeting at 2:31 pm and returned at 2:32 pm.

**Moved by:** Councillor Quiring

**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT Council directs Administration to prepare Bylaw 6012 (General Amendments), being a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw 6000, for consideration.

**CARRIED**

## **11. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

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

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

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 adopted.

**CARRIED**

### **11.b Fees and Charges (City Surcharge) Amendment Bylaw 6039, 2025**

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT Bylaw 6039, "Fees and Charges (City Surcharge) Amendment Bylaw 6039, 2025", a bylaw to amend Fees and Charges Bylaw 3909, be read a first, second and third time.

**CARRIED**

### **11.c Proposed Amendments to Traffic Bylaw 5600**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Mund

THAT Council rescind Third Reading of Bylaw 6038, "Traffic Amendment Bylaw 6038, 2025", a bylaw to amend Traffic Bylaw 5600.

**CARRIED**

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Bylaw 6038 " Traffic Amendment Bylaw 6038, 2025" be amended by:

- adding "Traffic Control Plans & Traffic Control Devices" to the section subtitle before C.30;
- removing the section subtitle "Traffic Control Plans & Traffic Control Devices before C.33;
- removing "based on the risk assessment and shall" in section C.33; and

- removing “the” and replacing with “all” before WorkSafeBC regulations in the last paragraph in section C.33;

AND FURTHER, that Bylaw 6038 “Traffic Amendment Bylaw 6038, 2025”,  
a bylaw to amend Traffic Bylaw 5600 be read a 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**

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Council move to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

**CARRIED**

**14. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Regular Council meeting reconvened at 4:49 pm and adjourned at 4:50 pm.

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer