

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES MAY 26, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

GoByBike Week

As part of the 2025 Climate Action Community Outreach Strategy, the City will participate in **GoByBike Week (GBBW)** - a province-wide initiative promoting non-motorized transportation such as biking, scooters, skateboards, and rollerblades. Participants can register at [GoByBikeBC's Vernon page](#) and log their kilometres to track greenhouse gas savings.


The City has created a team named "**City of Vernon Velocity**", and Council and staff are encouraged to join and attend local events throughout the week.


Full details available at: [GoByBike Vernon & North Okanagan](#)


Vernon & North Okanagan | May 30 – June 8, 2025

For full descriptions, please check out each event listing on this website


CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
Fri	MAY 30	KICK OFF EVENT: BIKE MARKET POLSON PARK 4PM-8PM, BEACHY BIKE PARADE 6PM	RAIL TRAIL SCAVENGER HUNT ONGOING
Sun	JUN 1	HOTCAKES & HANDLEBARS NOCS PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BIKE DEMO ELLISON PROVINCIAL PARK, BIKE PARKING LOT 10AM-2PM	
Mon	JUN 2	COMMUTER APPRECIATION PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUN COUNTRY CYCLE 7AM-9:30AM	GUIDED RIDE CIVIC PLAZA 10AM
Tue	JUN 3	CELEBRATION STATION NATURE'S FARE 7:30AM-9AM	
Wed	JUN 4	CASTANET LUNCH 2906 30 th Ave 12PM-2PM	BIKE ROAD/TRAIL SIDE FIXES OLYMPIA CYCLE & SKI 6PM-7PM
Thu	JUN 5	CELEBRATION STATION QUALITY INN & SUITES VERNON 9AM-11AM	EVERYBODY BIKES START @ SUN COUNTRY CYCLE 6PM-7PM
Fri	JUN 6	CELEBRATION STATION SILVER STAR 7:30AM-9AM	PRIDE PARADE POLSON PARK 6PM
Sun	JUN 8	WRAP UP EVENT CIVIC MEMORIAL PARK 12PM-5PM PRIDE MARCH 12:45PM, ACNO PLEIN AIR ART EXHIBIT & PRIZES 3PM-5PM	

**RAIL TRAIL SCAVENGER HUNT | KALAVIDA | ANYTIME MAY 31-JUNE 8**
Drop in for scavenger map anytime during GBBW

**GUIDED E-BIKE RIDE | CIVIC PLAZA | 10AM-11AM, JUNE 2-JUNE 6**
Please arrive by 9:45AM. Limited E-bikes available to those who register in advance @ <https://gobybikebc.ca/vernon-north-okanagan/> Helmets required. All ages and skill levels welcome

**LIBRARY GOBYBIKE STORY TIME**
Drop by the library for bike themed story time | **JUN 2, 10:30AM**

For more event details scan QR code or visit <https://gobybikebc.ca/vernon-north-okanagan/>



Highway 97 & 30th Avenue Improvements

Administration is working on final revisions of the Highway Corridor Study, which includes an assessment of active transportation crossings along Highway 97 and Highway 6. This study will be shared with Council in June.

OPERATIONS

DND

Operations is reviewing operational hours of the DND washrooms and continued safety concerns relating to diamond 1, since the completion of the new playground. Administration will report back to Council at the next meeting with more information.

Rock Slope Stabilization ([Project 2025-08](#))

The contractor has finished at Crosby Road and was scheduled to start on Eastside Road, however, the environmental monitor discovered occupied nests at all the Eastside Road locations and the work will now be postponed until the nests are no longer in use. The contractor will start work at 35th Street, from 31st Avenue to 30th Avenue from May 26 to May 29. The road will be closed from 7am to 6pm with traffic detouring around the site. Bus access will be permitted through the site.

Pleasant Valley Road at 39th Avenue Roundabout Project ([Project 2025-06](#))

The contractor continues to work on the underground utilities and is on schedule. All traffic is detouring around the site, and the contractor is coordinating access with emergency services, affected residents as well as Transit, garbage, and recycling.

Silver Star Road at Phoenix Drive Roundabout ([Project 2025-06](#))

Construction is underway. The contractor finished the temporary road and retaining wall work on the east side of the intersection. Traffic will be diverted to the east side of the intersection to allow the contractor to work on the west side of the roundabout.

32nd Avenue and 38th Street Reconstruction: ([Project 2023-05](#))

Progress continues on the 32nd Avenue and 38th Street Reconstruction project. The Regional District North Okanagan is renewing the watermain at Alexis Park Drive and Gateby Place, as part of the project. Unexpected complexities with existing underground water infrastructure have extended the timeline for commissioning the new watermain.

The new watermain is scheduled to be in service by end of May. The contractor is actively working to complete the remaining components of the project, with overall completion targeted for July 2025.

Polson Park Naturalization Phase 2 ([Project 2025-03](#))

The contractor will begin mobilizing to site on May 26, with construction fencing scheduled to be set up that week. Efforts are being made to minimize construction impacts on the park, but extensive fencing is required for public safety. The internal road will be closed from June to November, restricting vehicle access to the south side of the park, and through traffic will be closed to the public during this period. Public parking will be available by the fountain and tennis court areas.

CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

Vessel at Paddlewheel Park

During their Regular Meeting on March 10, 2025, Council requested further information from Bylaw Compliance regarding a grounded vessel on the foreshore at Paddlewheel Park. Bylaw Compliance considered several enforcement options and worked collaboratively with the area Transport Canada Navigation Protection Officer and the registered owner to have the vessel relocated. As a result, the owner has now removed the vessel from the Paddlewheel Park foreshore licence area to private property dryland storage.