

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

**May 26, 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  
T. Barton, Director, Planning and Community Services  
S. Wood, Corporate Officer  
C. Isles, Deputy Corporate Officer  
C. Ovens, General Manager, Public Works  
G. Nicol, Exec. Assistant, Real Estate & Corp. Admin.  
J. Hewitt, Manager, Communications and Grants  
R. Nuriel, General Manager, City Planning  
S. Irwin, Manager, Utilities  
T. Silverthorn, Manager, Tourism  
W. Miles, Senior Planner  
H. Lucich, Coordinator, Tourism Marketing  
J. Reeves, Senior Project Manager  
T. Atwood, Senior Planner

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**1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Cumming called the meeting to order at 8:43 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 Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

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 8:45 am and requested a motion to move to In Camera.

**Moved by:** Councillor Quiring

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gares

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

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

**CARRIED**

**3. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Cumming reconvened the Regular meeting at 10:17 am

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Council move to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

**CARRIED**

**4. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AND RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

Mayor Cumming reconvened the Regular meeting at 11:55 am and requested a motion to move to In Camera.

**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; and

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

**5. RECONVENE TO OPEN COUNCIL**

Mayor Cumming reconvened the Regular meeting at 12:14 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.

5.a Agenda

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of May 26, 2025 be amended to include the following corrections:

Item 11.a 'Bylaw 6012 - Zoning Text (General Updates) Amendment' - Section 9.1.4 (page 95) 250 m<sup>2</sup> (0.125 ac) should be 250 m<sup>2</sup> (0.06 ac); and

Item 11.b 'Bylaw 6038 - Traffic Amendment Bylaw - corrected the reading dates on the cover page.

**CARRIED**

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

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2025 be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2025 be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**7. GENERAL MATTERS**

**8. COUNCIL INQUIRIES**

Council inquired about various topics.

**9. ADMINISTRATION UPDATES**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Mund

THAT Council receive the Administration Updates dated May 26, 2025 for information.

**CARRIED**

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

10.a 2025 Canada Day Celebration and Activities

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Council endorses the Vernon Okanagan Inspired Community Events Society (VOICE) to host the July 1, 2025 Canada Day celebration and activities in Polson Park;

AND FURTHER, that Council directs Administration to provide the following items in support of the event:

- Event tables and chairs;
- A business license, events permit and rental fees to the Vernon Inspired Community Events society at no cost;
- A parks key for gate and pavilion access;
- A parks employee on site from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm;
- Six porta potties, placed behind the bandshell;
- Onsite traffic control to assist with parking;
- Temporary permit for entertainment (including skate competition);

AND FURTHER, that approval is subject to the provision of adequate liability insurance with the City named as additional insured.

**CARRIED**

**11. MATTERS REFERRED**

11.a Declassified Motion from the In Camera Meeting Held February 10, 2025

**Primary Licence Agreement - RDNO (0911-03)**

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the Primary Licence Agreement, as shown in Attachment 1 in the report titled, "Primary Licence Agreement - RDNO", dated January 31, 2025 and respectfully submitted by the Land Agent;

AND FURTHER, that Council declassify the resolution and this report and remove from In Camera after the Primary Licence Agreement has been signed.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

12.a Funding Request for 42nd Avenue Hydrant Infill

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Mund

THAT Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$65,000 from the Infrastructure Reserve to install four (4) fire hydrants on 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between 20<sup>th</sup> Street and 27<sup>th</sup> Street as part of the Regional District of North Okanagan's planned capital improvement project for this area.

**CARRIED**

12.b Robotic Sports Field Line Painter Purchase

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Quiring

THAT Council approve the purchase of a robotic sports field line painter at a cost not to exceed \$75,000 to be funded from the Prior Year Unexpended Uncommitted Balance.

**CARRIED**

12.c 2025 Tourism Vernon Visitor Guide Update

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled 2025 Tourism Vernon Visitor Guide, dated May 26, 2025.

**CARRIED**

12.d BC Hydro Power Smart Commercial New Construction Incentive

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gares

THAT Council authorize Administration to execute the grant agreement with BC Hydro for the Power Smart Commercial New Construction Incentive Program, provide overall grant management, and update the Active Living Centre Project budget to include the \$444,951 grant.

**CARRIED**

12.e Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) Non-Farm Use Application for Okanagan Avenue

**Moved by:** Councillor Durning

**Seconded by:** Councillor Mund

THAT Council authorize Agricultural Land Commission Application 00025 (ALR00025), for the Northwest ¼. Section 28, Township 9, Plan B3667 and that part of Lot 2, Block F, Section 28, Township 9, Plan 210, all of Osoyoos Division Yale District (Okanagan Avenue), to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission.

**CARRIED**

12.f 2024 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gares

THAT Council approve the 2024 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) as presented.

**CARRIED**

12.g 2025 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Resolution Submission

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled 2025 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Resolution Submission, dated May 26, 2025.

**CARRIED**

**13. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

13.a Bylaw 6012 - Zoning Text (General Updates) Amendment

Councillor Mund left the meeting at 2:27 pm and returned at 2:30 pm.

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund

**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT Bylaw 6012, "Zoning Text (General Updates) Amendment Bylaw 6012, 2025", a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw 6000, be read a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> time;

AND FURTHER, that a Public Hearing be scheduled for Bylaw 6012 on June 23, 2025 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers;

AND FURTHER, that final adoption of Bylaw 6012 be considered subsequent to the approval of the Ministry of Transportation and Transit.

**CARRIED**

13.b Bylaw 6038 - Traffic Amendment Bylaw

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT Bylaw 6038 “Traffic Amendment Bylaw 6038, 2025”, a bylaw to amend Traffic Bylaw 5600 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

13.c Bylaw 6039 - Fees and Charges (City Surcharge) Amendment

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund  
**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 adopted.

**CARRIED**

**14. COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES**

14.a Mayor and Councillors Reports

The meeting recessed at 3:16 pm and reconvened at 3:17 pm.

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

**15. INFORMATION ITEMS**

15.a Correspondence

15.a.1 Response Letter dated May 7, 2025, to the City's Letter dated May 3, 2024, from the Honorable Randene Neill, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship re: Increased Prevention of Invasive Species Spreading in Waterways

15.b Minutes from Council Committees

15.b.1 Finance Committee - November 27, 2024

15.b.2 Economic Development Advisory Committee - December 5, 2024

15.b.3 Tourism Commission - April 16, 2025

15.b.4 Tourism Commission - March 19, 2025

15.b.5 Climate Action Advisory Committee - March 27, 2025

**16. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Regular Council meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm.

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer