

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

JULY 14, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RECREATION SERVICES

Memory Café Delegation – Request for Rental of Creekside Conference Room

At their June 9, 2025, meeting, Council were presented with a request from the DB Foundation for Health Research, for an in-kind donation of the rental costs for the Creekside Conference room and kitchen on September 19, 2025, for their Memory Café event. Following this request, Administration connected the group with the Halina Centre who are now working with the Foundation to support this event. This is a fantastic partnership and aligns with the mandates of both groups as they collaborate to bring a wonderful event to the community.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

OCP and Transportation Plan Drafts Released for Public Review on Engage Vernon

The draft Official Community Plan (OCP) and Transportation Plan documents are now available on Engage Vernon for residents to review and provide feedback. The public comment period runs from **12:00 p.m. on July 7 to the end of the day on July 21**.

The opportunity for public feedback is part of the project's on-going Phase 3 Engagement process. This also includes referral of the draft documents to the Province, partner agencies, neighbouring municipalities and several Council committees.

Residents have been informed of this opportunity for input through the Engage Vernon newsletter, City social media channels, and advertising in the *Vernon Morning Star*.

The draft plans will be presented to Council at a Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting in early September.

OPERATIONS

Parks Irrigation Renewal ([Project 2024-02](#))

Work is underway to renew the irrigation system at Alexis Park. Park closure information signs have been posted and the park will be closed, except for the playground, from July 7, 2025, until September 30, 2025.

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

Paving is now complete on the 32nd Avenue and 38th Street Reconstruction project. Landscape restoration and clean-up will continue into July.



32nd Avenue looking west

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

The contractor has completed the retaining wall and is working on the fence and road construction. Fortis Gas is on site to install new gas mains in the lane and along 39th Avenue. All traffic is detouring around the site, and the contractor is coordinating access with emergency services and affected residents as well as transit, garbage, and recycling services. The project is currently ahead of schedule, and could be open earlier in the fall than originally planned.



Pleasant Valley Road looking south the 39th Avenue

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

The contractor has installed the curbing, half of the roundabout, and is finalizing completion of the road for paving on the west side. Traffic will then be detoured through the completed west side so that work can start on the east side of the roundabout. The project is on schedule and is planned to be completed in September 2025.



Silver Star Road looking north to Phoenix Drive

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

Phase 2 of the Polson Park Naturalization Project is on schedule, with construction expected to be completed by November 2025. Since mobilization in early June, completed work includes the installation of a heavy-equipment bridge, removal of sluice gates, trees, and concrete demolition. Environmental protection measures, including sediment control fencing and root protection, are in place with oversight from Stantec and Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB) representatives. Public access through the park is maintained via a temporary pedestrian bypass and bridge, while the internal park road remains closed to vehicles. Administration continues to coordinate with user groups to minimize disruptions during construction. Administration continues to work with OKIB and Fisheries and Oceans Canada to establish a habitat bank, the first of its kind in the Okanagan and with Phase 2 being the first deposit into the habitat bank. Once established, habitat credits can be withdrawn from the bank to aid in future flood mitigation projects.

Vernon Water Reclamation Centre (VWRC) Flood Mitigation ([Project 2025-21](#))

The VWRC bank armouring portion of the VWRC Flood Mitigation project is scheduled to begin in the last week of July 2025, and is expected to be complete by the end of November. This project is a continuation in a series of flood mitigation efforts identified in the 2023 VWRC Flood Hazard Assessment as part of the City's flood mitigation work and efforts toward adaptation to changing climate. It focuses on stabilizing the north bank of Vernon Creek adjacent to the Vernon Wastewater Reclamation Centre, where ongoing erosion has exposed an abandoned storm main. The project includes rip rap armouring, native plantings, and the creation of a small floodplain to accommodate larger flows.

Active Living Center Site Servicing

Construction on 43rd Avenue at the Active Living Center (ALC) started in July to improve drainage servicing for the ALC. Construction of the electrical and communication services for the Vernon Active Living Centre is set to begin later in July with work expected to be complete in August. Construction activities throughout the fall of 2025 on 43rd Avenue are being coordinated to help expedite further transportation and utility improvements to support the ALC. During this period, intermittent traffic detours will be in place and the public will be kept informed of any detour updates through official media releases.