

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

**August 11, 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  
J. Blood, Director, Recreation 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  
K. McCarty, Specialist, Climate Action  
L. Walker, Manager, Customer Service - Recreation  
M. Austin, Current Planner  
R. Crosson, Manager, Financial Operations  
R. Nuriel, General Manager, City Planning  
A. Hoolsema, Acting Manager, Financial Planning

Also Present:

Superintendent Blake MacLeod, OIC, Vernon RCMP

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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 Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

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 9:53 am and requested a motion to move to In Camera.

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Mund

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

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality; and

(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.

**CARRIED**

**3. RECONVENE TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 1:30 PM**

Mayor Cumming reconvened the Regular Open meeting at 10:18 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 August 11, 2025 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

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

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

AND FURTHER, that the Special Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2025 be adopted;

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

**CARRIED**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**5. GENERAL MATTERS**

5.a Introduction of Social Planning Council Executive Director

Lisa Church, Chair of the Social Planning Council for North Okanagan, introduced Roger Parenteau as the new Executive Director.

5.b Presentation - RCMP 2025 Second Quarter (April - June) Report, Superintendent, B. MacLeod

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

THAT the RCMP Second Quarter Report for 2025 (April - June), provided by Superintendent, Blake MacLeod, OIC, Vernon RCMP, be received.

**CARRIED**

5.c Delegation - Youth Climate Corps BC

**Moved by:** Councillor Durning  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT the presentation from the Vernon Youth Climate Corps, provided by Ryan Koelwyn and her team, be received.

**CARRIED**

5.d Compost Presentation - Joint Biosolids Team

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT the Regional Biosolids Compost Facility presentation provided by Scott Hoekstra, Manager, Landfill & Composting with the City of Kelowna be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. COUNCIL INQUIRIES**

**7. ADMINISTRATION UPDATES**

**Moved by:** Councillor Quiring

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Council receive the Administration Updates dated August 11, 2025 for information.

**CARRIED**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8.a Council Policy Review Second Report – Rescind 1999 - 2009**

**Moved by:** Councillor Durning

**Seconded by:** Mayor Cumming

THAT the following policies be rescinded:

1. Bylaws with Financial Effects – Adopted October 30, 2006
2. Government Funding – Council Support of – Adopted June 7, 1999
3. Grant to Organizations for Enhancement of City Property - Adopted June 7, 1999
4. Legal Services – Adopted February 4, 2004
5. Non-Profit Organization Funding – Adopted January 4, 2000
6. Professional Services – Adopted June 7, 1999
7. Sign Bylaw – Enforcement of
8. Tours of City Facilities – Adopted June 7, 1999
9. Vandalism – Civic Property – Adopted June 7, 1999

**CARRIED**

**9. MATTERS REFERRED**

**9.a DECLASSIFIED MOTION FROM THE IN CAMERA MEETING HELD JUNE 23, 2025**

- 9.a.1 Regional District of North Okanagan Access and Construction License for the Greater Vernon Cultural Centre

THAT Council direct Administration to grant to the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) a license over approximately 9,332 sf (867 m<sup>2</sup>), on City of Vernon owned land legally described as Lot C, Section 34, Township 9, Osoyoos Division Yale District, Plan EPP126965; PID: 032-350-520; and a section of laneway, all as shown in Attachment 1, in the report titled "Regional District of North Okanagan Access and Construction License for the Greater Vernon Cultural Centre" under the RDNO Primary License Agreement, as shown in Attachment 2, for \$15,600 per year, concurrently with the transfer of the Greater Vernon Cultural Centre site, legally described as Lot B, Section 34, Township 9, Osoyoos Division Yale District, Plan EPP126965; PID 032-350-511, to the RDNO;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to include as conditions of the License that, prior to occupying the license area, the RDNO reconfigures the City's remaining parking area as shown in Attachment 1, and obtains the written support of Vernon Lodge No.45 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Canada (Elks) for the RDNO's use of the laneway adjacent to the Elks property located at 3101 30 Street, Vernon, legally described as Lot 15, Block 60, Section 34, Township 9, Osoyoos Division Yale District, Plan 327;

AND FURTHER, that Council declassify the resolution and remove from In Camera.

9.b DECLASSIFIED MOTION FROM THE IN CAMERA MEETING HELD  
JULY 14, 2025

9.b.1 Mutual Aid Agreement - City of Vernon and District of Lake Country

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute a Fire Services Mutual Aid agreement with the District of Lake Country commencing August 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2030;

AND FURTHER, that the resolution and agreement be declassified upon execution by both parties.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

10.a Sustainability Grant 2025 Spring Applications

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gares

THAT a 2025 spring intake Sustainability Grant be awarded to the Canadian Mental Health Association in the amount of \$2000 to create indoor tower gardens with youth to improve mental health and food security;

AND FURTHER, that a 2025 spring intake Sustainability Grant be awarded to the Okanagan Village Housing Society in the amount of \$2000 to provide waste management education and materials for affordable housing residents;

AND FURTHER, that a 2025 spring intake Sustainability Grant be awarded to the Caetani Cultural Centre in the amount of \$2000 for the installation of rainwater catchment barrels to conserve water for landscaping.

**CARRIED**

10.c Downtown Vernon Association – 2024 Financial Statements

**Moved by:** Councillor Quiring

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Council receive the Downtown Vernon Association 2024 Financial Statements;

AND FURTHER, that Council approve payment of the second and final instalment of the 2025 Business Improvement Area tax levies for the total amount of \$243,905.50 in accordance with the Bylaws 5584, Downtown Vernon Business Improvement Area – Primary (2017-2027) and 5585, Downtown Vernon Business Improvement Area – Secondary (2017-2027).

**CARRIED**

10.d Appointment of Acting Mayor during the 2025 UBCM Annual Convention

**Moved by:** Councillor Durning

**Seconded by:** Councillor Guy

THAT Councillor Mund be appointed as Acting Mayor from September 21, 2025, at 8:00 am until September 26, 2025, at 10:00 pm.

**CARRIED**

10.b 2025 Financial Report to June 30

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gares

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled 2025 Financial Report to June 30, dated August 11, 2025.

**CARRIED**

10.e Affordable Housing Advisory Committee – Social Planning Council Appointment

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gares

THAT Roger Parenteau be appointed to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, as the Social Planning Council Representative for the North Okanagan for the term ending December 31, 2025.

**CARRIED**

10.f Inter-municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee – North Okanagan Accessibility Plan

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT the North Okanagan Accessibility Plan, dated July 2025, be endorsed.

**CARRIED**

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT City of Vernon Council recommend that the Regional District of North Okanagan Board amend the Terms of Reference for the Inter-Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee to include a member of the Vernon Seniors Action Network.

**CARRIED**

10.g 2025 Application to Fly the Truth and Reconciliation Flag

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gares

THAT the application from the Vernon and District Immigrant and Community Services Society to fly the Truth and Reconciliation flag on the Community flag pole September 12 to October 10, 2025, in recognition of their Indigenous Learning Tour, is approved.

**CARRIED**

## **11. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

11.a Fees and Charges - Recreation and Parks Services Bylaw 6034 – 2026 to 2028

**Moved by:** Councillor Quiring  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Bylaw 6034 “Fees and Charges - Recreation and Parks Services Bylaw 6034, 2025”, be read a first, second, and third time.

**CARRIED**

11.b Bylaw 6040 – Housing Agreement for the Okanagan Village Housing Society for 6545 Okanagan Landing Road

**Moved by:** Councillor Quiring  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT Bylaw 6040, “6545 Okanagan Landing Road Housing Agreement Bylaw 6040, 2025” be read a first, second and third time.

**CARRIED**

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

THAT Council approve up to \$519,135.38 from the Affordable Housing Reserve to cover municipal Development Cost Charges for the affordable rental apartment building for the Okanagan Village Housing Society on Lot 1, DL 62, ODYD, Plan 9738 (6545 Okanagan Landing Road), as outlined in the report titled “Housing Agreement for the Okanagan Village Housing Society for 6545 Okanagan Landing Road”, dated August 11, 2025.

**CARRIED**

11.c 7295 Okanagan Landing Road and 2525 Lakeshore Road Zoning Amendment Bylaw 6046

Councillor Quiring declared a conflict of interest as the applicant is a client of his firm MQN Architects and left the meeting at 3:09 pm.

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Mund

THAT Bylaw 6046, " 7295 Okanagan Landing Road and 2525 Lakeshore Road Zoning Amendment Bylaw 6046, 2025", a bylaw to rezone lands from “MUA – Multi-Unit Acreage: Small Scale” to “RCC – Resort Commercial Centre” and “PANS – Parks and Natural Spaces”, be read a first, second and third time.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Quiring returned at 3:10 pm.



- 11.d Bylaw 5991 - 7025 Herbert Road/7110 Bates Road Official Community Plan Amendment (OCP00088)

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund

**Seconded by:** Councillor Guy

THAT Bylaw 5991, "7025 Herbert Road/7110 Bates Road Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 5991, 2024", a bylaw to redesignate the subject lands from "Country Residential" to "Residential Low Density" be adopted.

**CARRIED**

- 11.e Bylaw 5992 - 7025 Herbert Road/7110 Bates Road Zoning Amendment Bylaw (ZON00369)

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT Bylaw 5992, "7025 Herbert Road/7110 Bates Road Rezoning Amendment Bylaw 5992, 2024", a bylaw to rezone the subject lands from "CR NORD - Country Residential" to "R5 - Four-plex Housing Residential", be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **12. COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES**

- 12.a Mayor and Councillors Reports

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

Councillor Quiring declared a conflict of interest with the Public Hearing to be held at 5:30 pm, as the applicant is a client of his firm MQN Architects, and will not be in attendance.

## **13. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 13.a Minutes from Council Committees

13.a.1 Affordable Housing Advisory Committee - November 14, 2024

13.a.2 Climate Action Advisory Committee - May 28, 2025

13.a.3 Advisory Planning Committee - May 27, 2025

13.a.4 Tourism Commission - June 18, 2025

## **14. RECESS MEETING TO 5:30 PM FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Cumming recessed the Regular meeting at 3:18 pm.

## 15. RECONVENE MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 5:39 pm.

### 15.a Bylaws for Third Reading

15.a.1 Bylaw 6042 - Official Community Plan Amendment for 8800 Rising View Way (OCP00099)

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gares

THAT Bylaw 6042 "Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 6042, 2025", to amend Official Community Plan Bylaw 5470, be read a third time;

AND FURTHER, that adoption is subject to:

- a. The required Environmental and Hillside Development Permit be ready for issuance;
- b. The required conceptual servicing agreement be in place; and
- c. Ensure zoning is limited to match the intended use of the site.

**CARRIED**

15.a.2 Bylaw 6043 - Zoning Amendment Bylaw for a Portion of 8800 Rising View Way (ZON00399)

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Bylaw 6043 "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 6043, 2025", to amend Zoning Bylaw 6000, be read a third time;

AND FURTHER, that adoption is subject to:

- a. The required Environmental and Hillside Development Permit be ready for issuance;
- b. The required conceptual servicing agreement be in place; and
- c. Ensure zoning is limited to match the intended use of the site.

**CARRIED**

## 16. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Regular Council meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer