

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

**July 18, 2022, 1:30 p.m.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3400 30 Street  
Vernon B.C.**

Mayor and Council  
Members Present:

S. Anderson  
T. Durning  
K. Fehr  
K. Gares  
A. Mund  
B. Quiring

Mayor and Council  
Members Absent:

Mayor V. Cumming

Administration  
Present:

W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer  
P. Bridal, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
K. Poole, Director, Community Safety, Lands and Administration  
J. Nicol, Deputy Corporate Officer  
D. Law, Director, Financial Services  
J. Rice, Director, Operation Services  
C. Poirier, Manager, Communication and Grants  
B. Bandy, Manager, Real Estate  
E. Croy, Manager, Transportation  
C. Isles, Executive Assistant, Real Estate & Corporate Services  
S. Knuhtsen, Manager, Building & Licensing  
S. Melenko, Information Technician I

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**1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

Acting Mayor Quiring called the Regular meeting to order at 8:40 am.

1.a Land Acknowledgement

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.b Move to Committee of the Whole

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Mund

THAT Council move to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

**CARRIED**

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

Acting Mayor Quiring reconvened the Regular Open Meeting at 9:03 am and requested a motion to move to In Camera.

2.a Resolution to Close Meeting

**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:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
- (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**

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C. Poirier, Manager, Communication and Grants  
C. Broderick, Manager, Current Planning  
M. Faucher, Current Planner  
R. Nuriel, Economic Development Planner  
J. Perrott, Manager, Economic Development and Tourism  
E. Croy, Manager, Transportation  
S. Wright, Manager, Community Recreation  
D. Lees, Manager, Protective Services  
M. Dowhaniuk, Manager, Infrastructure  
L. Walker, Manager, Customer Service - Recreation  
C. Isles, Executive Assistant, Real Estate & Corporate Services  
B. Everdene, Long Range Planner  
S. Knuhtsen, Manager, Building & Licensing  
E. Mustonen, Parks Planner  
S. Irwin, Manager, Utilities  
G. Lefebvre, Manager, Aquatics  
G. Mulligan, Infrastructure Management Technician  
K. Kryszak, Manager, Parks and Public Spaces Maintenance  
B. Derrick, Manager, Engineering Dev  
C. Ovens, General Manager Public Works  
S. Melenko, Information Technician I

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

Acting Mayor Quiring called the Regular Open meeting back to order at 1:30 pm.

3.a Land Acknowledgement

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.b Agenda

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT the Agenda for the July 18, 2022, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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

**Moved by:** Councillor Fehr

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gares

THAT the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held June 23, 2022 be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held June 27, 2022 be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Annual General meeting held June 27, 2022 be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Public Hearing held June 27, 2022 be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held June 27, 2022 be received.

**CARRIED**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**5. GENERAL MATTERS**

5.a Presentation - Interior Health Authority Update

Megan Thorne, Director, Clinical Operations and Dr. Karin Goodison, Interior Medical Health Officer, provided Council with an update on the toxic drug crisis and Vernon Downtown Mental Health & Substance Use.

Dr. Goodison introduced Dr. Johnathan Malo who will be taking over as Medical Health Officer for the North Okanagan and Shuswap Area.

The following points were noted:

- Introduction of Dr. Jonathan Malo, North Okanagan Medical Health Officer
- Interior Health illicit drug related deaths
- Coroners Death Review Recommendations
- Strategies for reducing stigma in our services
- Saving lives requires a whole-society effort
- Vernon Downtown Mental Health & Substance Use Centre
- Services offered
- Prescribed Safer Supply Program
- Opioid Agonist Treatment Clinic numbers
- Future of Downtown Clinic

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Mund

THAT Council receive the July 18, 2022 presentation from Megan Thorne, Director, Clinical Operations, Dr. Karin Goodison, Interior Medical Health Officer and Dr. Jonathan Malo, for information.

**CARRIED**

5.b Presentation - Restorative Justice Update

Margaret Clark, Manager, Restorative Justice at the Canadian Mental Health Association, provided Council with an update.

The following points were noted:

- Overview of the referral for 2021
- Outcomes of 16 referrals
- Impact on Vernon/North Okanagan Area Detachments
- Working/Days Summary
- Restorative Justice 2021 Data
- Types of Charges Summary
- Types of Agreement Activities
- Reparation
- Compliance of Agreement
- Presentations and other activities
- Practitioners Acknowledgement
- 2021 Funding and Partners

**Moved by:** Councillor Durning

**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT Council receive the July 18, 2022 presentation from Margaret Clark, Manager, Restorative Justice at the Canadian Mental Health Association, for information.

**CARRIED**

5.c Delegation - Vernon Public Art Gallery (25 minutes)

Dauna Kennedy presented to Council the results of the public consultation process for the 'Behind the Mask' project, including the Vernon Public Art Gallery's recommendations based on the feedback.

Andrew Powell - President of Art Gallery presented.

A documentary featuring the artists and participants was shown.

The following points were noted:

- Public Engagement Questions
- Survey Participant Demographics
- Modified Proposal

5.d Delegation - Culinary Confetti Farm

Councillor Anderson declared a conflict of interest as the owners of the property in question, as well as various neighbours on Harbour Heights Road, are clients of Councillor Anderson's business (DumpRunz). Councillor Anderson left the meeting at 3:25 pm.

Christina Rowland, Culinary Confetti Farm - 8490 Harbour Heights Road, address the public record resulting from a presentation made to Council on June 27, 2022.

The following points were made:

- The Property; The Journey; The Vision
- Operating Framework
- Partnership Working & Economic Spin-Off
- The Coalition Claims
- The Coalition Campaign Strategy
- Harmonizing the way forward

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Council receive the July 18, 2022 presentation from Christina Rowland, Culinary Confetti Farms, for information.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Anderson returned at 3:48 pm.

Acting Mayor Quiring called a recess at 3:49 pm.

Acting Mayor Quiring reconvened the meeting at 3:55 pm.

**6. COUNCIL INQUIRIES**

Smoking Bylaw

Council inquired regarding the enforcement of smoking bylaws within the six meter buffer zone of a storefront. Administration advised that smoking on sidewalks is enforced through the Health Authority.

Recreational Vehicles

Council inquired regarding recreational vehicles on 25th avenue, a number have flat tires which indicates that they have not been moved within the required 48 hours. Administration advised that a complaint was received July 18 and bylaw did investigate, one violation ticket was issued.

Boat Moorage

Council inquired regarding mooring buoys being placed within City lake access water sites. An Admin. update will be provided.

**7. ADMINISTRATION UPDATES**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Mund

THAT Council receive the Administration Updates dated July 18, 2022, for information.

**CARRIED**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.a UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - 2022 EOC and Training Program (1855-20)

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund

**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT Council authorize the expenditure of \$25,000.00 for the Emergency Operations Centre Equipment and Training 2022 project funded entirely from the approved Community Emergency Preparedness Fund provincial grant.

**CARRIED**

8.b Regulation of Non-Farm Use Events in the Agricultural Land Reserve (4000-02-2022)

Councillor Anderson declared a conflict of interest as the owners of the property in question, as well as various neighbours on Harbour Heights Road, are clients of Councillor Anderson's business (DumpRunz). Councillor Anderson left the meeting at 4:02 pm.

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund

**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT Council receives the memorandum titled "Regulation of Non-Farm Use Events in the Agricultural Land Reserve", dated July 10, 2022 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Protective Services, for information.

For (5): Councillor Anderson, Councillor Durning, Councillor Gares, Councillor Mund, and Councillor Quiring

Opposed (1): Councillor Fehr

**CARRIED (5 to 1)**

Councillor Anderson returned at 4:13 pm.

8.c Recreational Vehicle Sani-Dump - Facility Location (5220-01)

**Moved by:** Councillor Fehr

**Seconded by:** Councillor Mund

THAT Council receive the report titled "Recreational Vehicle Sani-dump – Facility Location", dated July 7, 2022, respectfully submitted by the Utilities Manager, Operations;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$175,000 for the construction of a Recreational Vehicle Sani-Dump at 6401 Tronson Road, Lot 2 Plan 19976 District Lot 67 Osoyoos Division Yale District Except Plan KAP83266, to be funded by the Septage Facility Reserve;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to investigate alternative or additional honor system payment methods that can be used at Recreational Vehicle Sani-Dump and report back to Council by December 2022.

**CARRIED**

**9. MATTERS REFERRED**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**



10.a Recreation Services - 2022 Second Quarter Report (7700-01)

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Mund

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "Recreation Services - 2022 Second Quarter Report" and the accompanying presentation, dated July 8, 2022 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Customer Service - Recreation.

**CARRIED**

10.b Child Care Space Creation Projects Progress - July (8215-05)

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled "Child Care Space Creation Projects Progress - July", dated July 15, 2022 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Community Recreation.

**CARRIED**

10.c Event Conversion Fees (7700-03)

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund

**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled "Event Conversion Fees" dated July 6, 2022 and respectfully submitted by the Director, Recreation Services.

**CARRIED**

10.d Impact of Construction Cost Escalation on Infrastructure Replacement (5700-01)

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Mund

THAT Council receive for information the memo titled "Impact of Construction Cost Escalation on Infrastructure Replacement" dated June 18, 2022, and respectfully submitted by the Infrastructure Management Technician.

**CARRIED**

10.e Field Lining (6100-14)

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

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "Field Lining" dated July 4, 2022, respectfully submitted by the Manager, Parks and Public Spaces;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$111,000 for the purchase of a truck, utility trailer and field line painting machine to be funded by the 2021 Unexpended Uncommitted reserve;

AND FURTHER, that Council provide early 2023 budget approval for field line painting services at an annual cost of \$80,000 to be funded from taxation.

**CARRIED**

10.f Horseshoe Pit Lighting (6100-14)

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

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "Horseshoe Pit Lighting" dated July 4, 2022, respectfully submitted by the Manager, Parks and Public Spaces;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$30,000 for the installation of outdoor lighting at the Alexis Park horseshoe pits, to be funded by the 2021 Unexpended Uncommitted reserve;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,500 for temporary lighting at the Alexis Park horseshoe pits if required for the 2022 B.C. Horseshoe Championships to be funded by the 2022 Parks operating budget.

**CARRIED**

10.g Cemetery Update (6100-14)

**Moved by:** Councillor Fehr  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Gares

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "Cemetery Update" dated July 4, 2022, respectfully submitted by the Manager, Parks and Public Spaces.

**CARRIED**

10.h New Board of Variance Bylaw (6480-04)

**Moved by:** Councillor Fehr  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Anderson

1. THAT Council supports proposed Board of Variance Bylaw 5914 as outlined in the report titled “New Board of Variance Bylaw” dated June 30, 2022 and respectfully submitted by the Long Range Planner;

AND FURTHER, that Council rescind Corporate Policies “Process for Board of Variance Applications” and “Policy Guidelines Governing Board of Variance and Development Variance Permit Applications”.

2. THAT Council supports proposed Fees and Charges Bylaw 3909 Amendment Bylaw 5916 to increase the Board of Variance application fee from \$450 to \$825.

**CARRIED**

10.i Semi-Annual Grants Update: January - June 2022 (1855-21)

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

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "Semi-Annual Grants Update: January - June 2022" dated July 7, 2022, respectfully submitted by the manager, Communications and Grants.

**CARRIED**

10.j Wildland Fire Ultra-Early Detection Research Opportunity (7130-01)

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT Council receive the report titled Wildland Fire Ultra-Early Detection Research Opportunity, dated July 11, 2022 and respectfully submitted by the Director of Fire Rescue Services;

AND FURTHER, that Council, direct Administration to complete negotiations on, and execute a “Contribution Agreement” with SenseNet for participation in a research program, for the early detection and reporting of wildland fire using emergent technology, at no cost to the City of Vernon.

**CARRIED**

**11. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

11.a Bylaws for First, Second and Third Readings

11.a.1 Bylaw 5912

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT Bylaw 5912, "4011 32nd Street Rezoning Amendment Bylaw 5912, 2022", a bylaw to rezone the subject property from "C10 - Tourist Commercial" to "C5 - Community Commercial", be read a first, second and third time.

**CARRIED**

11.a.2 Bylaw 5913

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Bylaw 5913, "4013 25th Street Rezoning Amendment Bylaw 5913, 2022", a bylaw to rezone the subject property from "R5 - Fourplex Housing Residential" to "R4 - Small Lot Residential", be read a first, second and third time.

**CARRIED**

11.b Bylaw for First and Second Readings and Set Public Hearing Date

11.b.1 Bylaw 5895

**Moved by:** Councillor Mund

**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT Bylaw 5895, "Official Community Plan (Flood Hazard Development Permit Area) Text Amendment Bylaw 5895, 2022", a bylaw to add Flood Hazard Development Permit Areas, definitions and map to Official Community Plan Bylaw 5470, be read a first and second time;

AND FURTHER, that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 5895 be scheduled for Monday, August 15, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

**CARRIED**

11.c Bylaw for First and Second Readings

11.c.1 Bylaw 5896

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

THAT Bylaw 5896, "City of Vernon Floodplain Management Bylaw 5896, 2022", a bylaw to enact floodplain management pursuant to Section 524 of the *Local Government Act*, be read a first and second time.

**CARRIED**

## **12. COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES**

### 12.a Mayor and Councillors Reports

#### 12.a.1 Councillor Durning

No report

#### 12.a.2 Councillor Fehr

Attended:

- Canada Day at Polson Park
- GVAC Meeting
- A Rally in solidarity with women in the United States for health care
- First ever Blue Jay's game
- Greater Vernon Museum Indigenous Art and Stories.

#### 12.a.3 Councillor Anderson

Councillor Anderson gave the following Notice of Motion to be brought forward to the August 15, 2022 meeting:

THAT Council directs Administration to bring back enforcement options for individuals living in Recreational Vehicles on City of Vernon Streets.

#### 12.a.4 Councillor Mund

No report

#### 12.a.5 Councillor Gares

Appreciation to staff for the great work on the Lacrosse provincials held at Kal Tire Place.

#### 12.a.6 Acting Mayor Quiring

- Attended Special Greater Vernon Advisory Committee Meeting regarding the Cultural Centre.
- Mid Summer Eve of the Arts takes place July 20
- Military Tattoo takes place on July 23rd.

### 13. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 13.a Correspondence

1. Letter dated June 16, 2022 from Kevin Acton, Mayor, Village of Lumby re: Letter of Support 'Canada Community Building Fund' grant application
2. Letter dated June 16, 2022 from William Beamish, Mayor, Town of Gibsons re: Hospice Services Funding - UBCM resolution
3. Letter dated June 21, 2022 from Jonathan X. Cote, Mayor, City of New Westminster re: Library Funding UBCM Resolution
4. Letter dated June 30, 2022 from Robin Cardew, President, Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce re: Decriminalization of drugs in B.C.
5. Letter dated July 12, 2022 from Team of Vernon Pride 2022 re: Request to raise Pride flag at City Hall from August 8 - 14, 2022

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Fehr

THAT Council direct Administration to fly the Pride flag at City Hall for a one week period, August 8-14, 2022.

**CARRIED**

#### 13.b Minutes from Council Committees

1. Economic Development Advisory, January 20, 2022

### 14. CLOSE OF MEETING

Acting Mayor Quiring closed the meeting at 4:56 pm.

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer