

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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COMMUNITY SAFETY, LANDS AND ADMINISTRATION

Recreational Vehicles on City Streets

At its Regular Meeting of September 6, 2022, Council directed Administration to investigate enforcement and location options for individuals living in recreational vehicles on City of Vernon streets. Administration will report back to Council on November 14, 2022.

Conclusion of 2022 Anti-Tag Team Program

Beginning the last week of May and ending in the last week of August, the Anti-Tag Team documented 2,456 individual instances of unwanted graffiti and tagging vandalism in the City of Vernon. In many cases there were several different tags recorded on one surface. A total of 122 private property owners and 98 tenants were contacted in regards to vandalized properties. Of those contacted:

- 63 properties attended to the matter themselves after initial contact by the Anti Tag Team;
- 14 properties were remediated by the Anti-Tag Team;
- 41 properties remain outstanding and have been forwarded to Bylaw Compliance for follow up; and
- 4 properties were re-vandalized after initial clean -up.

City of Vernon furniture and property were documented as having been targeted in 440 locations. The Anti-Tag Team was successful removing what they were physically able to eliminate while forwarding the balance to Operations for their attention. A new disturbing trend in 2022 is the repeated defacement of the historic murals as well as the use of tagged stickers stuck to a variety of surfaces.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (REGULAR)

Fruit Union Plaza Development Permit

The development permit has been issued for the second drive through at the Fruit Union Plaza (3101 Highway 6). The site layout now aligns with City bylaws, and three different transportation engineering consultants have reviewed the site and determined that the site will function adequately. The proposed drive through does not align with the Official Community Plan and City Centre Neighbourhood Plan policies, but drive throughs are a permitted use on the site (C8 Zoning District) according to Zoning Bylaw #5000. As previously reported to Council at its Regular Meeting of January 10, 2022, Administration will report back to Council with proposed amendments to Zoning Bylaw #5000 to prohibit drive throughs in the City Centre to align with the Official Community Plan and City Centre Neighbourhood Plan.

Transit SuperStars

The First Transit team from the Vernon Regional Transit System and Shuswap Transit System were recognized by BC Transit in June 2022 as Transit SuperStars for demonstrating their core value of “safety”. First Transit ensured the safety and well being of communities over several months in the summer of 2021 by providing transportation during wildfire evacuations and to and from cooling centres during heat events, while maintaining daily operations.