

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

APRIL 11, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Public Participation on E-Scooters in Vernon

Since 2021, the City of Vernon has been participating in the Province's Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Program, which is set to end on April 5, 2024. Administration would like to inform Council that the City will be launching public participation, including a community survey, regarding e-scooters in late April 2023. The purpose of the public participation is to gather feedback for the City and Province to consider for future e-scooter regulations. Further communications will be released in late April to coincide with the launch of the community survey.

Laneway at 3-1704 39th Avenue

At its Regular Meeting of March 27, 2023, Council inquired regarding what could be done to improve the laneway and access at 3-1704 39th Avenue. The property at 1704 39th Avenue was subdivided into four bare land strata lots in 2007 (Figure 1). The subdivision allowed for two of the four single family homes (3-1704 and 4-1704 39th Avenue) to have laneway frontage only. At the time of subdivision, road dedication was acquired along the south edge of the property to provide future connectivity of the laneway east to 38th Avenue (Figure 1). Additional road dedication would be acquired through future development to increase the laneway width to standards and to connect to 38th Avenue. The laneway surface is a combination of gravel and asphalt chip seal consistent with most residential lanes within the community. Operations will complete minor repairs to the laneway this spring. Larger improvements to the laneway are not recommended as the laneway is consistent with other residential laneways in the community.



Figure 1: 3-1704 39th Avenue Access at Laneways

Electric Vehicle Charging Bylaw Review of Other Communities

At its Regular Meeting of March 27, 2023, Council directed Administration to review how other communities are handling the safety, cost, and process of requiring installation of electric vehicle charging stations in residential dwellings. Administration will provide the requested information for Council's consideration by its Regular Meeting of June 26, 2023.

OPERATION SERVICES

Deer Park

Design work is nearly complete. Procurement of the construction contract is planned to commence in the coming weeks. Construction completion is scheduled for fall 2023. A more detailed memorandum will be provided to Council in late spring 2023.

Kin Race Track Athletic Park

The transportation study, preliminary geotechnical study, archeology work and stormwater management plan are all on schedule for completion in the spring of 2023.

The scope of the environmental assessment has increased to accommodate species-specific field studies, which are required to inform the Environmental Impact Assessment submitted to the provincial regulator. The results of the species surveys is scheduled to be complete by early summer 2023.

A comprehensive update, including the findings of the above reports, is forthcoming, as per the memorandum titled Kin Race Track Athletic Park - Project Update, dated December 1, 2022. Timing of the update is planned for late June 2023.

Civic Park

Design is nearly complete for the shade structure (pavilion), water feature, public washroom and meeting room, and Emergency Operations Centre area renovation. Tendering and award of the construction work is scheduled for this spring, with construction completing by the fall of 2023.

Silver Star Road Multi-Use Path - Phase 2

Tendering of the construction contract is underway. The tender process will be closing before the end of April, and construction is anticipated to start in mid to late May, and be complete in the fall 2023.

Silver Star Road Median – Star Rd to Phoenix Drive

The project team is working to complete the existing concrete median and construct streetlights from Star Road to Phoenix drive to finish the work started by development. The project is anticipated to start in early summer and completion is planned for fall 2023.

Okanagan Landing Road Drainage Improvement Project

The Section 11 environmental permit has been received for a new stormwater outfall at the 8100 block of Okanagan Landing Road. However, Crown Land Tenured is still required for the portion of work that is below the Okanagan Lake high water mark. Crown Land Tenure is expected to be received in the fall of 2023.

30th Avenue BX Creek Culvert Rehabilitation Project

The construction contract has been awarded, and work is scheduled to take place during the Least Risk Timing Window for Fish and Wildlife in late summer 2023.

28th Avenue Rail Crossing Upgrade Project

Agreements with CN Rail for the crossing have been finalized. The design has been finalized. The tendering process to hire a contractor is underway. The project is on schedule for completion by fall 2023.

Okanagan Landing Area Sewer Extension-Claremont & Ogata Way

Engineering for the proposed sewer collector pipe was completed late 2022. The directional drilling component was tendered in March 2023 and recently awarded to Ironman Directional Drilling. Construction is expected to commence in the spring with the overall project complete later in 2023. City forces will be installing manholes and completing road restoration similar to the sewer extension projects in 2021 and 2022.

O'Keefe Ranch

Work is underway to develop a work plan and cost estimate for a high-level building condition report, asset management plan and historical value assessment. Some of this work is not typical for building related projects so will take some time to develop a work plan, estimated cost and to source a qualified service provider. The results will be reported to Council as soon as the work is complete.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Procurement Policy

At the regular meeting of Council on Monday, March 27, 2023 Council inquired about the City's procurement policy, legislation regarding municipal procurements and a specific question about the City utilizing local contractors for project work. An updated procurement policy is in progress and will be presented to Council at the Monday, April 24th, 2023 meeting. Administration will be prepared to answer questions from Council about the policy at that meeting.

COMMUNITY SAFETY, LANDS AND ADMINISTRATION

The Community Safety Coordinator - Public Programs has connected with the Manager of the People Place located at 3402 27 Avenue in regards to ongoing safety concerns around the property. While preliminary discussion focused on the day to day occurrences, more comprehensive solutions will be explored in an upcoming Community Safety Security Audit using the principals of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.