

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

MAY 23, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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COMMUNITY SAFETY, LANDS AND ADMINISTRATION

Spring Go By Bike Week May 29 – June 4

This year's spring GoByBike Week campaign takes place from May 29 to June 4, 2023. GoByBike Week is an annual province-wide challenge that motivates people to explore their communities on bikes, e-bikes, and small wheels like e-scooters, scooters, roller blades and skateboards. Anyone can participate by riding and recording their trip online at gobybikebc.ca. Any trip counts whether to work, to school, running errands, or just for fun. Mayor and Council are cordially invited to join and attend events throughout the week, which will be posted on the Vernon & North Okanagan website at www.gobybikebc.ca/vernon-north-okanagan.

RECREATION SERVICES

Priest Valley Arena – Garbage Dumpsters

At the Regular meeting of May 8, 2023, Council inquired about garbage dumpsters that were improperly located at the Priest Valley Arena. The dumpsters in question had been mistakenly placed onto several parking spots, including one which was designated for people with disabilities. The company responsible has been contacted and the dumpsters have been relocated.

OPERATION SERVICES

Rainbow Crosswalk

Rehabilitation of the rainbow crosswalk on 30th Avenue began on May 11, 2023. In order to apply new durable thermoplastic markings, the existing crosswalk must be removed to provide a clean surface for the new markings to adhere to. High pressure water blasting removal was attempted, but after removal of the first bar the surface was too deteriorated for reapplication and a new asphalt surface is required. The work is expected to be completed before the sunshine festival on June 17, 2023. The life expectancy of the crosswalk is approximately 5 years depending on traffic volumes.

Vernon Water Reclamation Centre Capacity

Currently, the Vernon Water Reclamation Center (VWRC) operates over 100% of its bioreactor design capacity in the treatment of biological oxygen demand (BOD) and nutrients. Estimations from the 2017 High Strength Waste Study, predict that once the High Rate Anerobic Digester is operational bioreactors will operate at 67% capacity. It should be noted more accurate numbers will be available after the first year of operation and that estimations were derived from the current influent characteristics being maintained. With current growth predictions the bioreactor capacity is estimated to reach 83% capacity in 2036.

Installation of Buoys

The beaches and parks are ready for the long weekend. All swim and standard buoys were installed mid-May at Hurlburt Park, Kin Beach, Lakeshore Park and Paddlewheel Park.



Photo of buoys at Paddlewheel Park