

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON  
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**November 6, 2023, 8:40 a.m.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3400 30 Street  
Vernon B.C.**

Mayor and Council  
Members Present: Mayor V. Cumming

T. Durning  
K. Fehr  
K. Gares  
B. Guy  
B. Quiring

Mayor and Council  
Members Absent: A. Mund

Administration  
Present: P. Bridal, Chief Administrative Officer

K. Poole, Director, Corporate Administration  
J. Nicol, Corporate Officer  
D. Law, Director, Financial Services  
J. Rice, Director, Operation Services  
D. Lind, Chief, Fire Rescue Services  
B. Everdene, Long Range Planner  
B. Bandy, Manager, Real Estate  
C. Isles, Deputy Corporate Officer  
C. Ovens, General Manager, Public Works  
D. Lees, Manager, Protective Services  
E. Croy, Manager, Transportation  
J. Winquist, Communications Officer  
J. Perrott, Manager, Economic Development and Tourism  
M. Dowhaniuk, Manager, Infrastructure  
R. Nuriel, Acting General Manager, Planning  
S. Patterson, Director, Human Resources  
S. Melenko, Information Tech. I  
T. Scott, Manager, Infrastructure Projects

D. Devries, Transportation Planner  
J. Blood, Director, Recreation Services  
T. Barton, Director, Planning and Community Services

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**1. CALL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Cumming called the Committee of the Whole to order at 8:45 am.

1.a Agenda

**Moved by:** Councillor Guy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT the Agenda for the November 6, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

1.b Adoption of Minutes

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council held October 23, 2023 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**3. GENERAL MATTERS**

3.a 2024 Infrastructure Program (5205-01)

The Manager, Infrastructure provided an overview on the 2024 Infrastructure Program, the following points were noted:

- Breakdown of \$29 Million budget
- Becker Park Phase II - received \$500,000 from Destination Development Fund
- Parks Irrigation Renewal - funding through Growing Communities
- DND Playground Renewal
- Priority Drainage Improvements - Eastside Road @ Kokanee Road, Foothills - partially funded through Development Cost Charges

- 43rd Street Vernon Creek Crossing - replace existing culvert, include multi use path, channel improvements
- Polson Park Vernon Creek Naturalization Phase I - additional funding request \$1.3M
- Storm Maintenance and Asset Renewal
- Pleasant Valley Road (PV) at 39th Avenue - Roundabout - to include left hand turn onto 20th Street, reduction of grade into flattened intersection
- 32nd Avenue Reconstruction - 20th Street to 18th Street - Phase II of III, Council concern with traffic impact on residents of East Hill - same consultant allows for better coordination of projects, ensure detour routes are well designed and explained
- Infrastructure program support - additional resourcing
- Land Acquisition - PV Road at 39th Avenue roundabout
- Capital Design - complete design plans one year prior to construction - allows for permitting process
- Projects for 2025 include - Phoenix Drive Roundabout, 32nd Ave Phase III, Kal Lake Road - 14th Ave to Hwy 6, Polson Park Phase II
- Pipe Video Inspection - equipment upgrade, second camera
- Priority Sanitary Replacement - includes renewal and potential expansion of odor control devices - additional scrubbers
- Sanitary Flow Monitoring and Modelling - Okanagan Landing Road/Eastside Road one of key locations
- Sanitary Trunk Main Inspection
- Okanagan Landing Sewer Municipal Fee
- Spray Irrigation Infrastructure Replacement and Renewal - leak at Rose's pond to be repaired
- Vernon Water Reclamation Centre Asset Renewal - annual program
- Transportation Asset Renewal and Maintenance
- Transportation Safety - support to improve 20 collision prone locations identified through ICBC
- Transit and Active Transportation Infrastructure improvements - bus stop on eastside of Mission Hill south of 17th, isolated, no sidewalk
- Pleasant Valley Road to 20th Street Multi Use Path connection

Council inquired regarding a sidewalk connection between 24th and 25th Street along the east side of 43rd Avenue. An Admin update will be provided.

Council inquired regarding whether carriage houses would be required to connect to the City sewer. An Admin update will be provided.

**Moved by:** Mayor Cumming

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Hon. Lana Popham, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport thanking them for the \$500,000 grant from the Destination Development Fund for the revitalization of Becker Bike Park.

**Moved by:** Councillor Quiring

**Seconded by:** Councillor Guy

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled “2024 Infrastructure Program” dated October 30, 2023 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Infrastructure;

AND FURTHER, that Council support the 2024 Infrastructure Program as presented and detailed in the memorandum titled “2024 Infrastructure Program” dated October 30, 2023;

AND FURTHER, that Council endorse early budget approval for Project #2024-08 Pleasant Valley Road At 39th Avenue Roundabout, Project #2024-09 32nd Avenue Reconstruction – 20th Street to 18th Street and Project #2024-18 Spray Irrigation Infrastructure Replacement and Renewal.

**CARRIED**

3.b Workforce Attraction Pilot Update #2

The Manager, Economic Development and Tourism provided a second verbal update on the Workforce Attraction Pilot Program.

The following points were noted:

- England and Ireland - October 2023
- Historical job postings in Vernon explained
- Regional Thompson Okanagan unemployment rate 3.2%
- Evolving Immigration Landscape overview
- Workforce attraction mission defined

- Workforce attraction pilot goals outlined - 4 trips
- Revised Pilot - Collaborative Approach with local industry representatives, neighbouring municipalities and the Province of BC
- Trip Itinerary overview
- Outcomes from Pilot #2 identified
- Looking ahead to plan for 2024
- Proposed 2024 collaborative schedule

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Durning

THAT Council receive the Workforce Attraction Pilot Program - Update #2, from the Manager, Economic Development and Tourism, as presented at the November 6, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting.

**CARRIED**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**6. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**7. COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES**

**8. RDNO / GVAC REGULAR MEETINGS**

8.a North Okanagan Cycling Society / Vernon Hill Bike Area

The North Okanagan Cycling Society is proposing a new cycling area to formalize the trail network east of the Grey Canal connection in Area C (east of Cypress Drive and Galiano Road). Trail plans can be viewed in the Greater Vernon Advisory Committee agenda.

8.b Harbour Heights Comprehensive Water

Greater Vernon Advisory Committee has approved 8485 Harbour Heights to connect to Greater Vernon Water for domestic use, there will be no fire flow. This decision will also impact 8399 Okanagan Landing Bench Road.

8.c Preliminary 2024 Capital Budget (Early Approval)

Pre approval has been provided in the amount of \$400,000 to fund pipe work for the water system at the 39th Avenue roundabout project.

An additional \$420,000 has been pre approved for phase II of the 18th Street to 20th Street pipe replacement.

8.d Greater Vernon Athletic Scoreboard

\$180,000 has been allocated towards funding a scoreboard at the Greater Vernon Athletic Park.

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**10. CLOSE OF MEETING**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gares

**Seconded by:** Councillor Quiring

THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 6, 2023 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Cumming closed the Committee of the Whole at 10:41 am.

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer