

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

**March 25, 2024, 1:30 p.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:

T. Barton, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

J. Nicol, Corporate Officer
D. Law, Director, Financial Services
J. Rice, Director, Operation Services
B. Bandy, Manager, Real Estate
B. Everdene, Long Range Planner
B. Parsons, Deputy Fire Chief
C. Isles, Deputy Corporate Officer
J. Winkvist, Communications Officer
R. Nuriel, Acting General Manager, Planning
S. Melenko, Info. Tech I
D. Devries, Transportation Planner
J. Blood, Director, Recreation Services
C. Baldrige, Manager, Communications and Grant
E. Hamming, Director, Financial Services

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Cumming called the meeting to order at 8:44 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 Gares

Seconded by: Councillor Guy

THAT Council move to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED

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E. Hamming, Director, Financial Services

2. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AND RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Mayor Cumming reconvened the Regular Open Meeting at 9:48 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;

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

CARRIED

Mayor and Council
Members Present:

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K. Fehr
K. Gares
B. Guy
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D. Law, Director, Financial Services
J. Rice, Director, Operation Services
B. Bandy, Manager, Real Estate
B. Everdene, Long Range Planner
B. Parsons, Deputy Fire Chief
C. Isles, Deputy Corporate Officer
C. Ovens, General Manager, Public Works
D. Wright, Transportation Technician
G. Lefebvre, Manager, Aquatics
J. Winkvist, Communications Officer
L. Walker, Manager, Customer Service - Recreation
M. Dowhaniuk, Manager, Infrastructure
M. Faucher, Current Planner
R. Nuriel, Acting General Manager, Planning
S. Melenko, Info. Tech I
D. Devries, Transportation Planner
J. Blood, Director, Recreation Services
T. Barton, Director, Planning and Community Services
L. Korolchuk, Current Planner
C. Baldridge, Manager, Communications and Grant
E. Hamming, Director, Financial Services
M. Fyfe, Planner II

3. RECONVENE TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 1:30 PM

Mayor Cumming called the Regular Open meeting back to order at 1:35 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 Durning

Seconded by: Councillor Guy

THAT the Agenda for the March 25, 2024 Regular Open Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

Moved by: Councillor Mund

Seconded by: Councillor Quiring

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held March 11, 2024 be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held March 11, 2025 be received.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5. GENERAL MATTERS

5.a Presentation of Government Finance Officers Association Award

Mayor Cumming recognized the Director, Financial Services, on behalf of the members of the Finance Division, as the recipient of the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

5.b Introduction of new Director, Financial Services

The current Director, Financial Services introduced her replacement, Elma Hamming.

5.c Presentation - Enderby Hockeyville

Enderby Councillor Shawn Shishido and Recreation Administrator, Kaylee Wells presented to Council on Enderby being one of the top four Communities in Canada for Kraft Hockeyville.

The following points were made:

- Enderby Arena suffered a failure in January resulting in closure
- Displaced many teams and programs
- Led to cancellation of 7 minor hockey tournaments
- Seeking support in bid for Kraft Hockeyville
- Voting opens 6 am March 29th and closes at 2 pm March 30, 2024
- People can vote as many times as they choose
- Promotional materials will be shared for distribution

6. COUNCIL INQUIRIES

7. ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

Moved by: Councillor Mund

Seconded by: Councillor Guy

THAT Council receive the Administration Updates dated March 25, 2024 for information.

CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.a Goose Management Program Proposal (5210-01)

Moved by: Councillor Gares

Seconded by: Councillor Mund

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "Goose Management Program Proposal" dated March 12, 2024, respectfully submitted by the General Manager, Public Works;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to follow through with the Goose Harvest program as presented by the Guardians of our Salish Estuaries (GooSE) at the Regular meeting of March 11, 2024 with funding to be provided as presented by staff.

CARRIED

9. MATTERS REFERRED

9.a Committee of the Whole - March 25, 2024

Official Community Plan and Transportation Action Plan Joint Review Engagement Strategy and Funding Request (6480-06)

Moved by: Councillor Gares

Seconded by: Councillor Mund

THAT Council ratifies and confirms the following resolutions adopted at the March 25, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting of Council:

‘THAT Council endorse the Engagement Strategy and Communications Plan for the Joint Review of the Official Community Plan (OCP) and Transportation Action Plan (TAP), as outlined in the memorandum titled "Official Community Plan and Transportation Action Plan Joint Review Engagement Strategy and Funding Request", dated March 12, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Long Range Planner and Transportation Planner; AND FURTHER, that Council approve the expenditure of up to \$1,420,000 funded by \$350,000 from the Infrastructure Reserve, \$120,000 from the Local Government Climate Action Program, and \$950,000 from the Development Excess Revenue Reserve.’

CARRIED

9.b Declassified Motion from the In Camera Meeting Held March 11, 2024

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Membership (0540-20)

THAT Council appoint Jacob Kuiken to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee as a Builder representative for a term to expire January 2026.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.a Tiered Fee Structure for Recurring User Group Bookings (7700-05)

Moved by: Councillor Mund

Seconded by: Councillor Gares

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled “Tiered Fee Structure for User Group Bookings”, dated March 14, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Aquatics.

AND FURTHER, that Council supports in principal amendments to the Fees and Charges Bylaw in support of youth/adult sports, as follows:

1. Minor Sport Organizations listed in the Manual of Fees and Charges Bylaw approved by Vernon City Council, will not be required to verify membership and will receive a fifty (50) percent discount off the Adult Community Rates approved in the Manual of Fees and Charges. These groups will need to apply annually and as part of their application will have to list the previous year’s demographics of membership;
2. Community Youth Organizations must have a membership consisting of eighty (80) percent youths (18 and under) and eighty (80) percent Vernon Resident Pass holders in order to qualify for the thirty-five (35) percent discount off the Adult Community Rates approved in the Manual of Fees and Charges;

3. Community Adult Organizations must have a membership of eighty (80) percent Vernon Resident Pass holders to qualify for a ten (10) percent discount off the Adult Community Rates approved in the Manual of Fees and Charges;
4. Community Youth and Adult Organizations must submit a membership roster seasonally to Recreation Services that lists members names and city/jurisdiction to verify that their membership is made up of eighty (80) percent Vernon Resident Pass holders in order to qualify for discounts. This information will be utilized only for the purpose of which it was collected and in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Privacy Protect Act (FOIPPA).

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to notify the Regular Recurring User Groups of the proposed amendments.

AND FURTHER, that Administration bring forward an amended Fees and Charges Bylaw following notification of the proposed amendments to the Regular Recurring User Groups.

CARRIED

10.b Appointment of Approving Officers (6410-01)

Moved by: Councillor Mund

Seconded by: Councillor Fehr

THAT Council rescind the following motion, carried at their meeting held October 23, 2017:

‘THAT Council appoint the Manager, Current Planning as the Approving Officer and assign the associated powers, duties and functions as per the Land Title Act

AND FURTHER, that Council appoint the Manager, Engineering Development Services as Deputy Approving Officer and assigned the associated powers, duties and functions as per the Land Title Act;

AND FURTHER, that Council appoint the Director, Community Infrastructure and Development as Deputy Approving Officer and assigned the associated powers, duties and functions as per the Land Title Act.’

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Quiring
Seconded by: Councillor Gares

THAT Council appoint the position of Approving Officer in its statutory capacity and associated powers, duties and functions as per the *Land Title Act*;

AND FURTHER, that Council appoint the Manager of Engineering Development Services as Approving Officer and assigned the associated powers, duties and functions as per the *Land Title Act*.

CARRIED

10.c Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendment Applications for 1803 41 Avenue (OCP00100/ZON00406)

Moved by: Councillor Mund
Seconded by: Councillor Durning

THAT Council support, in principle, Official Community Plan Amendment application 00100 (OCP00100) to amend the Official Community Plan land use designation from RLD – Residential - Low Density to PARK – Parks and Open Space for the property at Lot A, Section 2, Township 8, ODYD, Plan EPP121397 (1803 41st Avenue), as shown in Attachment 1 and outlined in the report titled “Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendment Applications for 1803 41st Avenue” dated March 25, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Current Planner;

AND FURTHER, that Council support presenting the proposed Official Community Plan Amendment Application at a public open house in order to seek public input prior to the Public Hearing;

AND FURTHER, that Council support, in principle, rezoning application 00406 (ZON00406) to rezone from R5 – Four-plex Housing Residential to P1 – Parks and Open Space the property at Lot A, Section 2, Township 8, ODYD, Plan EPP121397 (1803 41st Avenue) as shown in Attachment 2.

CARRIED

10.d Predator Ridge Golf Resort - Application for a Structural Change (4320-20)

Councillor Quiring declared a conflict of interest as the applicant is a client of his firm, MQN Architects. Councillor Quiring left the meeting at 2:14 pm.

Moved by: Councillor Mund
Seconded by: Councillor Durning

THAT Council advise the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch that Council supports the application submitted by Predator Ridge Golf Resort

for a structural change (extension of service area into a golf shop with a person capacity of 50) for Licence Number 147391 held by Predator Ridge Golf Resort located at 301 Village Centre Place (Rem Lot 5, Plan KAP65635, Section 2, Township 13, ODYD) as outlined in the report titled “Predator Ridge Golf Resort – Application for a Structural Change” dated March 12, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Planner II, based on the following reasons:

- The subject property is zoned C10A – Tourist Commercial and Residential. It is located at 301 Village Centre Place, adjacent to Resort Commercial/Residential and Park properties. The zone permits the golf course clubhouse and liquor primary use;
- The subject property is designated Tourist Commercial in the Official Community Plan and is located within the Predator Ridge Neighbourhood Plan Area. The subject use is compatible with existing and potential surrounding uses for the area;
- The subject property is adequately served with on-site parking. Traffic in the area is not expected to be impacted by the proposed structural change. Similarly, noise in the area is not expected to change due to the proposed structural change;
- The RCMP and Bylaw Compliance have indicated that the proposed structural change at Predator Ridge Golf Resort does not present any policing concerns; and
- All owners and occupiers of lands and businesses operating within a 60m radius of the subject property were notified of the application, and were provided the opportunity to submit comments to the City. A total of 542 property owners and occupiers, including businesses, were contacted. A Notice of Intent requesting public input was published in the February 29 and March 7, 2024 editions of the Vernon Morning Star newspaper. Two comments from the public were received by the response deadline, both in support of the application;

AND FURTHER, that the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch be advised that Council is in support of the subject amendment to the liquor licence application as it addresses the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch criteria in the following manner:

- Noise in the area is not expected to change due to the proposed structural change;
- The Predator Ridge Golf Resort clubhouse building has been in operation for over 30 years. The proposed structural change is not expected to negatively impact the community; and

- It is not anticipated that a proposed structural change would result in Predator Ridge Golf Resort, located at 301 Village Centre Place (Rem Lot 5, Plan KAP65635, Section 2, Township 13, ODYD), being operated in a manner that is contrary to its primary purpose of a golf course clubhouse.

CARRIED

Councillor Quiring returned at 2:15 pm.

10.e Development Application File Management: Transition to New Zoning Bylaw 6000 (6450)

Moved by: Councillor Mund

Seconded by: Councillor Gares

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled "Development Application File Management; Transition to Zoning Bylaw 6000" dated March 12, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Current Planner;

AND FURTHER, that Council endorse the proposed methodology for processing applications as outlined in the memorandum.

CARRIED

10.f Community Futures North Okanagan Health Care Sector Workforce Housing (3360-20)

Moved by: Councillor Guy

Seconded by: Councillor Durning

THAT Council support entering into a housing agreement pursuant to Section 4.9 of Zoning Bylaw 5000 with Community Futures North Okanagan for non-profit workforce housing rental buildings on Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block Plan EPS9084, Sec 3, Twp 8, ODYD (4408 25th Street) as outlined in the report titled "Community Futures North Okanagan Health Care Sector Workforce Housing" dated March 15, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Acting General Manager, Planning;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$32,822 for the payment of municipal Development Cost Charges for the development of two newly built, non-profit workforce housing rental buildings for Community Futures North Okanagan on Lot 2, Block Plan EPS9084, Sec 3, Twp 8, ODYD (2-4408 25th Street) and Lot 3, Block Plan EPS9084, Sec 3, Twp 8, ODYD (3-4408 25h Street), funded by the Affordable Housing Reserve;

AND FURTHER, that this report be forwarded to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for information.

CARRIED

10.g 46th Avenue Multi-Use Path Connection (5410-30)

Moved by: Councillor Mund

Seconded by: Councillor Gares

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled "46th Avenue Multi-Use Path Connection", dated March 19, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Transportation Technician.

CARRIED

10.h 2023 Year End Results (1830-02)

Moved by: Councillor Gares

Seconded by: Councillor Fehr

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled "2023 Year-End Results", dated March 18, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Director, Financial Services.

CARRIED

10.i Summary of Carryovers from 2023 to 2024 (1700-02)

Moved by: Councillor Fehr

Seconded by: Councillor Durning

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled "Summary of Carryovers from 2023 to 2024", dated March 13, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Director, Financial Services.

CARRIED

10.j Keep It Rural Conference 2024 (BC Rural Centre)(0530-10)

Moved by: Councillor Durning

Seconded by: Councillor Gares

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled "Keeping it Rural Conference 2024 (BC Rural Centre)" dated March 15, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Senior Executive Assistant;

AND FURTHER, that Council ratifies the attendance of Mayor Cumming to the Keeping it Rural Conference 2024 (BC Rural Centre), to be held in Kelowna, BC from May 21-23, 2024.

CARRIED

11. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

11.a Bylaws for Adoption

11.a.1 Bylaw 5981

Moved by: Councillor Mund

Seconded by: Councillor Fehr

THAT Bylaw 5981, "Delegation of Authority Amendment Bylaw 5981, 2024", a bylaw to amend various sections of "Delegation of Authority Bylaw Number 5727, 2018", be adopted.

CARRIED

11.a.2 Bylaw 5982

Moved by: Councillor Guy

Seconded by: Councillor Mund

THAT Bylaw 5982, "Development Application Procedure (Minor Development Variance Permits) Amendment Bylaw 5982, 2024", a bylaw to amend "Development Application Procedure Bylaw Number 4103, 1995" to remove conditions for Minor Development Variance Permits, be adopted.

CARRIED

11.a.3 Bylaw 5987

Moved by: Councillor Gares

Seconded by: Councillor Guy

THAT Bylaw 5987, "Fees and Charges (Annual Updates) Amendment Bylaw 5987, 2024", a bylaw to update various fees in "City of Vernon Fees and Charges Bylaw Number 3909, 1993", be adopted.

CARRIED

11.b Bylaws for First, Second and Third Readings

11.b.1 Bylaw 5988

Moved by: Councillor Guy

Seconded by: Councillor Fehr

THAT Bylaw 5988, "Development Cost Charges (Construction Cost Escalation) Amendment Bylaw 5988, 2024", a bylaw to amend "City of Vernon Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 5233, 2009" by

removing and replacing Schedules A and B, be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

11.b.2 Bylaw 5989

Moved by: Councillor Mund

Seconded by: Councillor Fehr

THAT Bylaw 5989, "Subdivision and Development Servicing (Water Servicing Requirements) Amendment Bylaw 5989, 2024", a bylaw to amend "City of Vernon Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw #3843, 1992", to correct inconsistencies and conflicts with Regional District of North Okanagan Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw 2650, be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

12. COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES

12.a Mayor and Councillors Reports

12.a.1 Councillor Quiring

No report

12.a.2 Councillor Mund

No report

12.a.3 Gares

Attended:

- Dementia interview
- Regional District of North Okanagan board meeting
- Okanagan Regional Library Finance Committee meeting
- Home Show - Active Living Centre presentation

12.a.4 Councillor Guy

Attended:

- Environmental flows conference in Kelowna
- Home Show

12.a.5 Councillor Fehr

Attended:

- Dementia interview

- Regional District of North Okanagan board meeting
- Canadian Citizenship ceremony
- Home Show

Moved by: Councillor Fehr

Seconded by: Councillor Mund

THAT Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, thanking him for the government's support of the B.C. Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in Vernon.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fehr

Seconded by: Councillor Guy

THAT Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter to MP Mel Arnold expressing the City of Vernon's disappointment in not being selected as one of the communities benefiting from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Housing Accelerator Fund.

CARRIED

12.a.6 Councillor Durning

Attended:

- Tourism Commission meeting
- Business after 5 event at O'Keefe Ranch
- Winter Games Legacy Committee meeting
- Arts Council of the North Okanagan Annual General Meeting
- Chamber of Commerce breakfast
- Slavik gathering at Elks hall
- Canada Day Society Annual General Meeting

12.a.7 Mayor Cumming

Attended:

- Advisory Planning Committee meeting
- Water meeting with Mayor Ireland, Dr. Sears and Dr. Guy regarding water policy in the Okanagan
- Beach radio interview
- Speaker at grade 8 class at Vernon Christian School on Local Government
- Global TV interview regarding cemetery changes

- Meeting with Vernon Minor Hockey President and Executive Director
- Tourism Commission meeting
- Regional District of North Okanagan board meeting
- Opening of BC Masters Curling Championships

12.b Notice of Motion

12.b.1 Mayor Cumming - Sidewalk on East Side Mission Road

Moved by: Mayor Cumming

Seconded by: Councillor Fehr

THAT Council directs Administration to add the construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Mission Hill Road from 16th Avenue to 24th Avenue to the 2025 Capital plan to be designed in 2024.

CARRIED (6 to 1)

OPPOSED: Councillor Durning

13. INFORMATION ITEMS

13.a Correspondence

1. Letter dated March 7, 2024 from the District of Hudson's Hope re: Support for Bill-34

13.b Minutes from Council Committees

- Advisory Planning Committee, January 23, 2024

14. CLOSE OF MEETING

Moved by: Councillor Mund

Seconded by: Councillor Quiring

THAT the Regular Council meeting for March 25, 2024 be adjourned.

CARRIED

Mayor Cumming closed the meeting at 3:33 pm.

Mayor

Corporate Officer