

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

**July 15, 2024, 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
A. Mund
B. Quiring

Administration
Present:

K. Poole, Director, Corporate Administration

J. Rice, Director, Operation Services
D. Lind, Chief, Fire Rescue Services
B. Bandy, Manager, Real Estate
C. Isles, Deputy Corporate Officer
J. Perrott, Manager, Economic Development & Partnerships
L. Walker, Manager, Customer Service - Recreation
T. Martens, Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting
J. Blood, Director, Recreation Services
T. Barton, Director, Planning and Community Services
K. McCarty, Specialist, Climate Action
C. Baldrige, Manager, Communications and Grants
E. Hamming, Director, Financial Services
S. Wood, Corporate Officer
L. Korolchuk, Manager, Current Planning
N. Mirsky, Land Agent
W. Miles, Planner

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Cumming called the meeting to order at 8:40 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.

3. RECONVENE TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 1:30 PM

Mayor Cumming called the Regular Open meeting back to order at 1:40 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 Quiring
Seconded by: Councillor Mund

THAT the Agenda for the July 15, 2024 Regular Open Meeting of Council be amended as follows:

- Add Item 10.i New Business - 2024-2034 Canada Community - Building Fund Agreement.

CARRIED

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

Moved by: Councillor Durning
Seconded by: Councillor Guy

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held June 24, 2024 be adopted;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held June 10, 2024 be received.

CARRIED

5. GENERAL MATTERS

5.a Delegation - Vernon Girls Trumpet Band Alumni

Request to place a Memorial stone with placard at Civic Memorial Park.

Moved by: Councillor Gares
Seconded by: Councillor Guy

THAT Council receive the July 15, 2024 presentation from Donna Cornell of the Vernon Girls Trumpet Band Alumni for information and direct Administration to report on their request, to place a Memorial Stone with

placard at Civic Memorial Park with all costs covered by Vernon Girls Trumpet Band Alumni, R.E. Postill & Sons Ltd. and Legacy Memorial, at the August 12, 2024 Regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

6. COUNCIL INQUIRIES

Lakeview Wading Pool

Council inquired about the possibility of extending the Lakeview Wading Pool hours of operation and the reason for the midday closure. Administration will provide an update.

Beach Closures

Council requested an update on the recent beach closures. Administration will provide an update.

Cooling Stations

Council asked about public notifications for cooling stations. Administration will provide an update.

7. ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

Moved by: Councillor Guy

Seconded by: Councillor Durning

THAT Council receive the Administration Updates dated July 15, 2024 for information.

CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.a City of Vernon Parks & Recreation Fees Implementation - Additional Information (7700-16)

Moved by: Councillor Guy

Seconded by: Councillor Fehr

THAT Council receive the report titled “City of Vernon Parks and Recreation Fees Implementation – Additional Information” dated July 4, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Customer Service – Recreation;

AND FURTHER, that the fees for 2025 be increased by 5% to maintain the cost of providing the service;

AND FURTHER, that rental category definitions be updated to reflect current facility usage;

AND FURTHER, that School District fees be reviewed with a future Joint Use Agreement;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to report back in 2025 with additional information regarding Parks and Recreation Fee options for Council's consideration.

Opposed (1): Councillor Gares

CARRIED (6 to 1)

9. MATTERS REFERRED

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.a 2023 - 2026 Council Strategic Plan: Mid-Term Report (0530-05)

Moved by: Councillor Gares

Seconded by: Councillor Mund

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled "2023 - 2026 Council Strategic Plan: Mid-Term Report" dated July 4, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Director, Planning and Community Services.

CARRIED

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

Moved by: Councillor Mund

Seconded by: Councillor Gares

THAT Council appoint Wesley Miles, Current Planner as an Approving Officer and assign the associated powers, duties and functions as per Section 77 of the *Land Title Act*.

CARRIED

10.c Sustainability Grant Applications (5280-01)

Moved by: Councillor Mund

Seconded by: Councillor Gares

THAT Council direct Administration to award the Sustainability Grants to 11 applicants for a total of \$20,161 as presented in the memorandum titled "Sustainability Grant Applications" dated June 26, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Specialist, Climate Action.

CARRIED

10.d Vernon Community Workshop: Build Your Own Home Air Filter (5280-01)

Moved by: Councillor Guy
Seconded by: Councillor Durning

THAT Council approve up to \$1,500 from the Local Government Climate Action Program fund to purchase materials needed for the community air filter workshop, as outlined in the memorandum titled "Vernon Community Workshop: Build Your Own Home Air Filter" dated June 26, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Specialist, Climate Action.

CARRIED

10.e Property Insurance Appraisal (1895-02)

Moved by: Councillor Guy
Seconded by: Councillor Mund

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "Property Insurance Appraisal" dated June 14, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize Administration to obtain a property insurance appraisal of City-owned buildings at a cost no greater than \$66,000 with funding from the Civic Buildings Reserve.

CARRIED

10.f Development and Real Estate Update (6750-01)

Moved by: Councillor Fehr
Seconded by: Councillor Guy

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled "Development and Real Estate Update" dated July 5, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Economic Development and Partnerships.

CARRIED

10.g Economic Development Strategy Introduction (6750-01)

Moved by: Councillor Gares
Seconded by: Councillor Durning

THAT Council direct Administration to issue a Request for Proposal in August 2024 to hire a consultant for the development of a new multi-year Economic Development Strategy;

AND FURTHER, that Council approve an estimated amount of \$50,000 for the development of the Economic Development Strategy, funded using unspent funds from the 2024 Economic Development department budget

as outlined in the memorandum titled “Economic Development Strategy Introduction” dated July 5, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Economic Development and Partnerships.

CARRIED

10.h Road Closure and Consolidation of the Vernon Block

Moved by: Councillor Fehr

Seconded by: Councillor Guy

THAT Council direct Administration to close that 687 m2 (7,395 sf) portion of laneway, as shown on Plan EPP126964, Attachment 2 in the report titled, “Road Closure and Consolidation of the Vernon Block” dated July 5, 2024, and respectfully submitted by the Land Agent;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to consolidate the closed laneway with the properties listed in Attachment 3 into three (3) lots as shown on Plan EPP126965, Attachment 4, both attachments in the report titled “Road Closure and Consolidation of the Vernon Block” dated July 5, 2024, and respectfully submitted by the Land Agent;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize Administration to fund the survey fees, legal fees and other administrative costs up to \$10,000 from the Land Sale Reserve.

CARRIED

10.i 2024-2034 Canada Community - Building Fund Agreement (1850-02)

Moved by: Councillor Gares

Seconded by: Councillor Durning

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "2024 - 2034 Canada Community - Building Fund Agreement" dated July 15, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Director, Financial Services;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the '2024-2034 Community Works Fund Agreement under the Administrative Agreement on the Canada Community - Building Fund'.

CARRIED

11. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

11.a Bylaws for Adoption

11.a.1 Bylaw 5986

Moved by: Councillor Guy
Seconded by: Councillor Fehr

THAT Bylaw 5986, "Recreation and Parks Services (2024 Tiered Fees and Charges) Amendment Bylaw", a bylaw to amend "Recreation and Parks Services Fees and Charges Bylaw Number 5472, 2013", be adopted.

CARRIED

11.a.2 Bylaw 5988

Moved by: Councillor Fehr
Seconded by: Councillor Durning

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

CARRIED

11.b Bylaws for First, Second and Third Readings

11.b.1 Bylaw 6001

Moved by: Councillor Quiring
Seconded by: Councillor Gares

THAT Bylaw 6001, "Snowberry Road Closure Bylaw 6001, 2024", a bylaw to authorize closure and removal of the dedication as highway located at Snowberry Road, be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

11.b.2 Bylaw 6002

Moved by: Councillor Mund
Seconded by: Councillor Fehr

THAT Council rescind first and second reading of Bylaw 6002, "6092 Okanagan Landing Road Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 6002, 2024", a bylaw to redesignate the subject lands from "Public & Institutional" to "Residential Medium Density".

CARRIED

12. COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES

12.a Mayor and Councillors Reports

All members in attendance provided on update on their activities and meetings attended.

Moved by: Councillor Guy

Seconded by: Councillor Durning

THAT Council notify all BC municipalities of their UBCM Resolution submitted to the 2024 UBCM Convention regarding "Eliminate Fossil Fuels Funding".

CARRIED

13. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

13.a Correspondence

13.a.3 Minister of Housing, Infrastructure & Communities response letter to SilverStar Mountain Exemption Request

Moved by: Councillor Quiring

Seconded by: Councillor Durning

THAT Council authorize the Mayor to send a response letter to the Honourable Sean Fraser, Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities' letter dated July 2, 2024, regarding the City's SilverStar Mountain Exemption Request letter dated May 2, 2024, asking for a further explanation of their rationale.

CARRIED

14. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

Mayor Cumming adjourned the Regular meeting at 3:52 pm.

Mayor

Corporate Officer