

## **ADMINISTRATION UPDATES OCTOBER 28, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

### **RECREATION SERVICES**

#### **Ice Resurfacers Naming Contest**

With the procurement of three electric ice resurfacers, Recreation Services is holding a naming contest with local elementary schools.

If they choose to participate, each school can submit one name to Recreation Services which will then be voted on by the public through Engage Vernon.

The winning schools will have their name put onto the ice resurfacers and have the winners announced at the Vernon Vipers Game on November 24.

#### **Kal Tire Place North Parking Lot Rentals**

With the increase in rentals at Kal Tire Place and Kal Tire Place North, parking has become a premium, especially in the larger, back parking lot at Kal Tire Place North. This is anticipated to increase more with the addition of the Active Living Centre on the adjacent property.

Starting in 2026, the parking lot at Kal Tire Place North will not be available for evening and weekend rental times, as these are the times the facility is most used. This will not affect the Vernon Farmers Market. Administration may entertain one-off requests, depending on the activity in both Kal Tire Place and Kal Tire Place North.

Administration will notify the few renters this will affect, that 2025 will be the last year their rentals can occur in the parking lot of Kal Tire Place North and work with these groups, as able, to determine other appropriate places for their rentals to take place

### **OPERATION SERVICES**

#### **43rd Street Vernon Creek Crossing ([Project 2024-05](#))**

Work continues on the road reconstruction and new bridge structure with the girders and bridge deck installation. Paving is planned for the first week in November. Traffic continues to detour around the site and the contractor continues to work with the adjacent businesses and residents regarding the change in traffic and pedestrian patterns.

DND Playground Renewal ([Project 2024-03](#))

Work continues on the DND Playground Renewal project. The project still has work to be completed around the site, which may require short-term closures of the playground area until the end of October.

Reports of softballs landing near and in the playground area have been received. The 2024 softball season has concluded. The City is reviewing fencing and net alternatives and locations with installation planned before the start of the 2025 softball season.

32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 38<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction: ([Project 2023-05](#))

The first lift of asphalt for the 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 38<sup>th</sup> Street intersection was completed on October 15. The project team is working with the contractor to have asphalt on 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue by the end of the 2024 construction season. The project is on budget and approximately 3 weeks behind schedule. Administration is working with our consultant and contractor to address this issue.

32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue – 15<sup>th</sup> Street to 18<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction (Phase 3) ([Project 2024-24](#))

Construction of this phase of the project is planned for completion in October 2024 with paving planned for the last week of October. The project is currently on schedule and on budget.

2024 Okanagan Landing Sewer - Longacre Drive ([Project 2024-17](#))

Construction of the sewer collector pipe in Longacre Drive area continues with completion expected later in 2024. The project is currently on schedule and on budget.

BX Sediment Pond ([Project 2019-02](#))

City of Vernon crews have completed modifications to the existing BX Sediment Pond following previously reported vandalism to the site. Modifications included a revised exclusion fence to isolate planting areas, revised access ramp, new water service for irrigation (irrigation distribution lines will be installed in Spring 2025), and new signage. City crews were also able to dredge approximately 210 m<sup>3</sup> (25 dump truck loads) of sediment from the new sediment pond.



The revised fencing design allows public access to the sediment pond while isolating planted areas. Replanting the site is required to meet permitting requirements. Fencing is expected to remain in place until the plants become established in 2026/2027. City crews completed fencing October 11. Unfortunately some vandalism of the fencing continues to occur. Administration will continue to work on ways to address this issue.

#### Polson Park Vernon Creek Naturalization Phase 1 ([Project 2024-06](#))

Vernon Creek is now flowing through the Naturalized Channel. Kokanee spawning within the newly created channel could be seen during the first two weeks of October. The floodplain grading has been completed, with irrigation and plantings going in starting mid-October. The Project is on budget and on schedule to be complete by the end of November with the following exceptions:

- The bridge may be delayed to December or early in the new year;
- Extensive groundwater from the south side of the creek has impacted the planned multi use pathway. Construction of the pathway will be reevaluated in the spring following a more in-depth geotechnical investigation and may be combined with Phase 2.

Administration will provide Council with an exclusion fencing plan and signage plan for Phase 1 for the November 12 Council Meeting using lessons learned from the BX Sediment Pond project.

Vernon Water Reclamation Center and Spray Irrigation Asset Renewal (Project 2024-18 and 2024-19)

Roof replacements at five buildings at the Vernon Wastewater Reclamation Centre are in progress. Roof insulation is being upgraded. Work is seventy percent complete with anticipated completion in early November 2024. Roof replacement at MacKay Pump Station on Commonage Road has been completed. Additionally, roof repairs and upgrades are being completed on two buildings.



VWRC final section torn off.



VWRC two completed roof sections.