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Welcome!

to the **City of Vernon Budget Open House**

Your feedback matters!

Earlier this year, residents and businesses helped set priorities for City spending. This next stage of public consultation will be shared with Council prior to final deliberations on the Draft 2026 Budget.

View the boards

Ask questions

Share your feedback

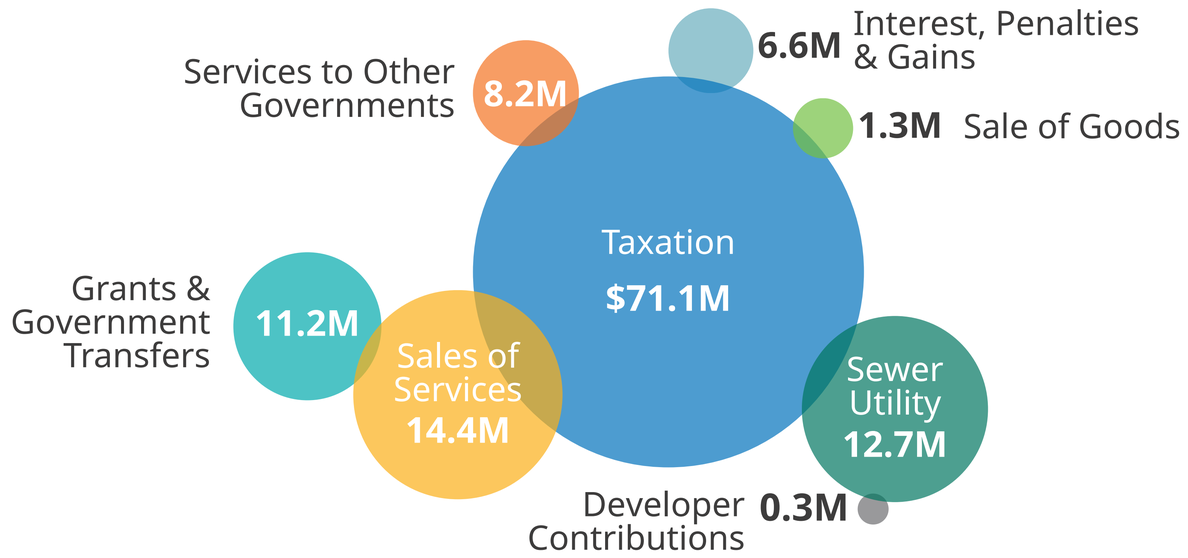
Your voice helps shape Vernon's future!

Budget at a glance

The following charts provide a summary of the key parts of this year's proposed budget.

Revenues

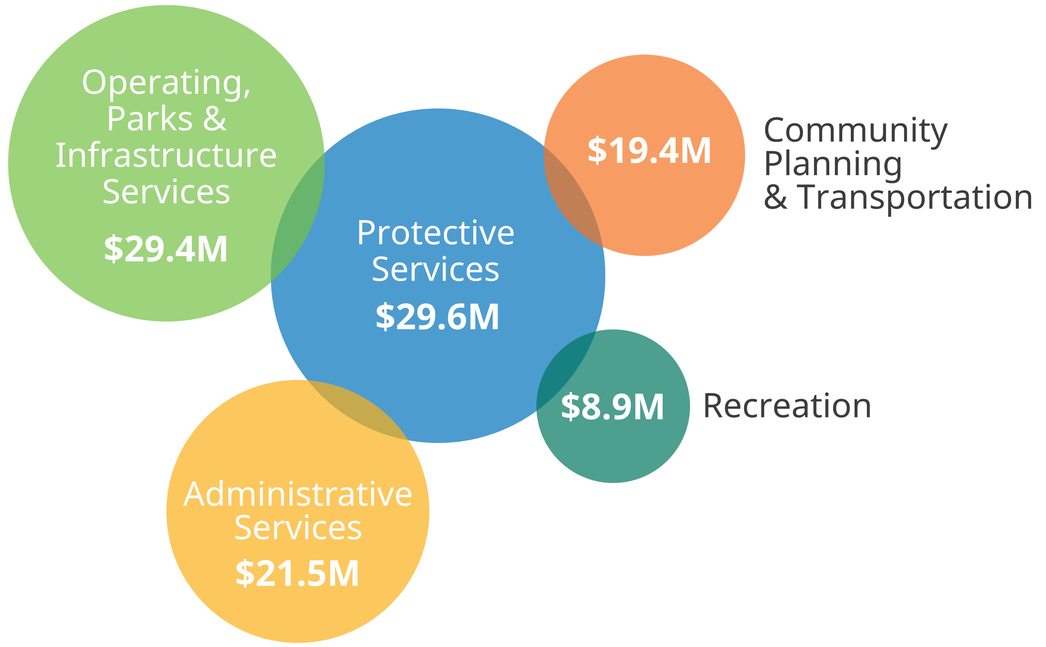
125.8 Million



Expenses

The difference between Revenues and Expenses transfers into reserves and funds capital.

108.8 Million (net of amortization)



The 2026 Draft Financial Plan includes a 6.74% operational tax increase to maintain service levels and address inflationary and contractual cost pressures.

Your voice matters

Budget Timeline



May 2025: What we heard

51% Supported increasing user fees to help fund City services.

51% Were open to reducing or eliminating some services.

56% Agreed the City should use technology to improve efficiency.

60% Supported prioritizing less essential services to focus resources on key priorities.

Community input helped us understand how residents value Council priorities, how satisfied they are with current City services, and their attitudes toward service changes, user fees, and property taxes. It also highlighted areas where future investment is most needed.

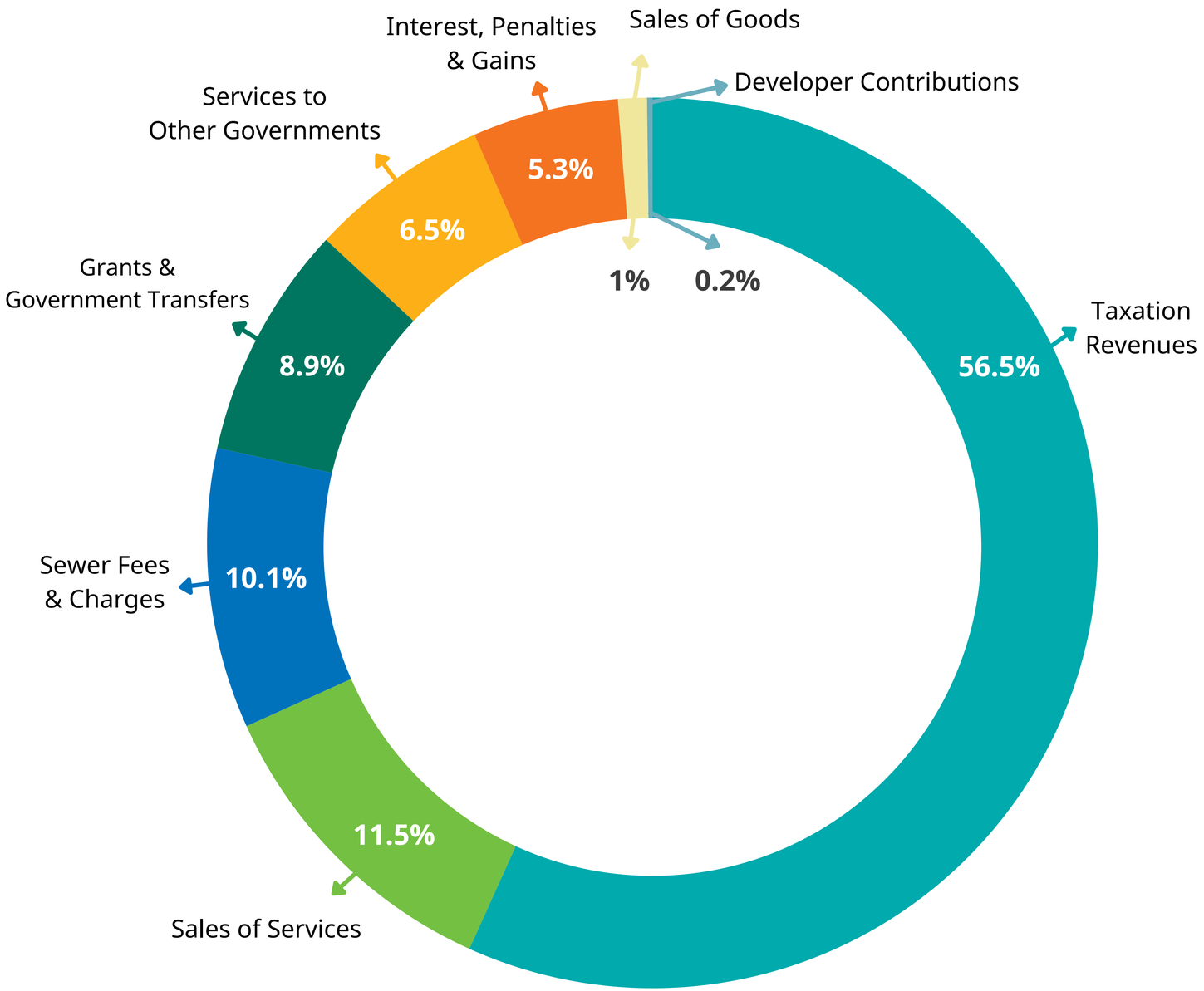
November 2025: Draft 2026 Budget

Your feedback matters!

We want to hear your feedback on the Draft 2026 Budget.

Get involved! Review proposed allocations, ask questions, and provide feedback before the 2026 Budget is approved.

Where the money comes from



- Taxation Revenues - $71,080,074 - 56.5%
- Sales of Services - $14,413,824 - 11.5%
- Sewer Fees & Charges - $12,746,904 - 10.1%
- Grants & Government Transfers - $11,182,180 - 8.9%
- Services to Other Governments - $8,200,486 - 6.5%
- Interest, Penalties & Gains - $6,639,843 - 5.3%
- Sales of Goods - $1,307,914 - 1%
- Developer Contributions - $299,684 - 0.2%

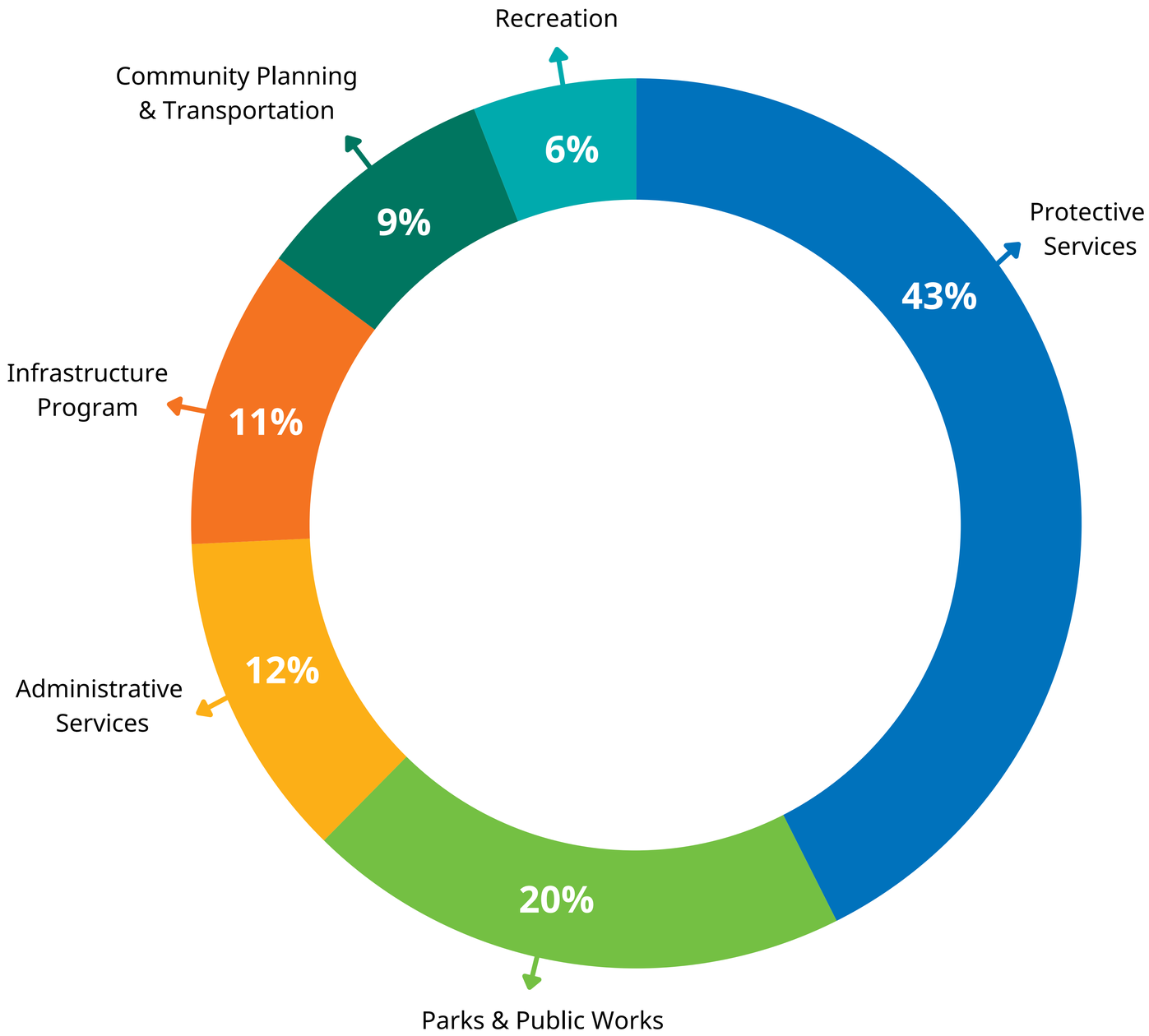
Through careful financial management and a balanced mix of funding sources, the City of Vernon ensures high-quality services and sustainable growth for the community.

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Where the money goes

The numbers below show how your tax dollars are allocated after the City's other revenues (like fees and grants) are accounted for.



- Protective Services - $29,112,846
- Parks & Public Works - $13,590,955
- Administrative Services - $7,930,160
- Infrastructure Program - $7,508,148
- Community Planning & Transportation - $6,098,845
- Recreation - $4,078,001

Every dollar collected by the City of Vernon helps deliver the services and programs that keep our community safe, vibrant, and growing. From maintaining roads and parks to supporting recreation, protective services, and community planning, your tax dollars work hard every day to improve quality of life for residents.

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Community safety and connection

43% of budget

Protective Services: Investing in a safe and livable community

Vernon is committed to creating a community where residents can feel safe, protected and supported in their neighbourhoods. Police, Fire Rescue, Bylaw and Community Safety teams work each day to help ensure the well-being of everyone in the city.



RCMP and Support Services

60 officers + 28 staff (26% of budget)

- 24/7 policing to keep our streets, homes and businesses safe
- Emergency response
- Crime prevention and planning



Fire Rescue Services

42 Firefighters + 8 staff (16% of budget)

- Fire Rescue Services
- Emergency Management & Emergency Support Services
- Fire Prevention & FireSmart

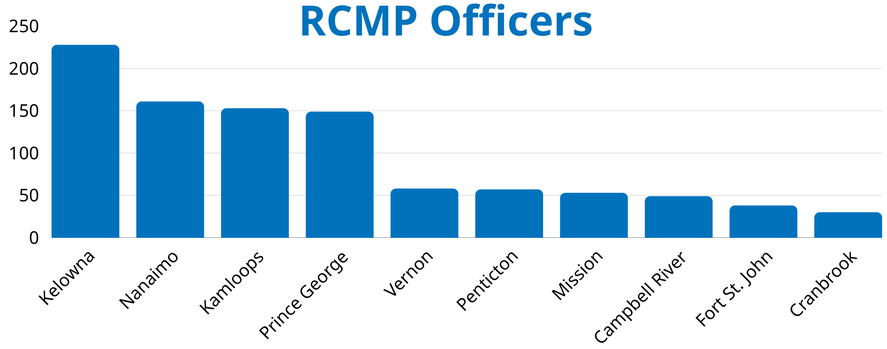


Bylaw and Community Safety

17 members (1% of budget)

- Maintain clean, safe and accessible public spaces
- Address community concerns (noise, property, parking, other)
- Work collaboratively with residents to resolve issues

RCMP Officers



For consideration:

Do you think the City should invest more in community safety initiatives?

Laying the groundwork

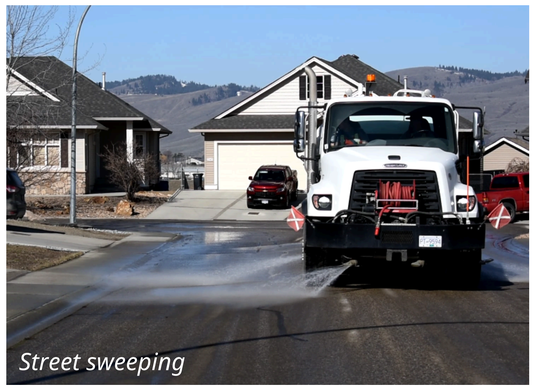
20% of budget

Parks & Public Works: The foundation of a thriving community

From maintaining roads and sidewalks to ensuring our parks and green spaces are safe, clean, and welcoming, these dedicated teams manage the essential infrastructure that supports daily life. Whether you're commuting to work, enjoying a walk in the park, or attending a community event, their efforts help ensure you can do so safely, efficiently, and with pride in our shared spaces.



Road maintenance & repairs



Street sweeping



Airport operations



Parks & trails

Road maintenance & repairs

Snow & ice control

Street sweeping & pothole repair

Sewer & storm drain

Traffic signs, signals & line painting

Parks & trails

Airport operations

Fleet management

These essential services ensure our streets, pathways, and transportation systems remain safe and reliable for everyone in Vernon.

For consideration:

What is your level of support for the City's ongoing investment in infrastructure and capital projects, including upgrades to public facilities, utilities, transportation systems, and other essential community assets?

Building a more connected community

9% of budget

Community Planning & Transportation: Planning for livable, inclusive neighbourhoods

The City of Vernon is planning for a future that is connected, accessible, and sustainable. Intentional planning guides balanced growth that supports housing diversity and local businesses while creating safe, reliable, and efficient travel options throughout our community that can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.









By encouraging balanced growth, with more people living and working in mixed-use areas, we can help create a vibrant, walkable city with lively centres, thriving local shops, and accessible public spaces. This approach also helps make better use of existing infrastructure and services, leading to a more diversified tax base and long-term savings for taxpayers.

Planning & Development

- Implement the new Official Community Plan with actions focused on housing, the economy, and climate action
- Streamline development approvals to help lower the cost of housing
- Review business licensing to support local businesses and economic growth
- Advocacy to make public land available for affordable housing projects

Transportation Planning

- Implement the new Transportation Plan with actions focused on safety, reliability, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Expand and improve transit service in the community
- Design and implement transportation projects that improve day-to-day travel across the City

For consideration:

What is your level of support for the City's continued investment in planning for sustainable growth that supports housing development and transportation improvements such as sidewalks, bike lanes, and transit?

Investing in the future

$19.6M (24 Capital Projects)

Infrastructure & Capital Projects: Building a brighter tomorrow

The City of Vernon invests in critical infrastructure to keep our community moving, connected and prepared for the future. Capital projects ensure that roads, sewer systems, stormwater management, and public facilities meet the needs of today and tomorrow.

The following initiatives highlight key capital projects proposed for 2026, including ongoing multi-year investments that support Vernon's growth and community well-being.



43rd Avenue Corridor Improvements



Building Facility Renewal



Water Reclamation Plant Renewal



Parks Renewal

Funding sources for capital projects:

Infrastructure Levy: 32%
Sewer: 21%
Canada Community-Building Fund: 15%
Development Cost Charges: 10%
Growing Communities Fund: 7%
Gaming: 6%
Recreation Facility: 5%
Other: 4%

For consideration:

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A vibrant, healthy community

6% of budget

Recreation: Creating meaningful opportunities for residents to connect, play, and stay active

Recreation helps build a healthier, more connected Vernon. By maintaining and enhancing our fitness and aquatics centres, rinks, programs, and events, we create spaces where residents of all ages can stay active, meet others, and enjoy a vibrant community.



Health, Fitness & Recreation Programs



Aquatic Services



Events & Community Rentals



Early Childhood Programs

Investment in active community spaces, programs, and events is vital to the future health of our community.

For consideration:

Would you support introducing or increasing user fees (such as pay parking, recreation rates, or facility rentals) if it meant a lower property tax rate?

Active Living Centre

The Active Living Centre (ALC) will be a cornerstone of Vernon's recreation system, expanding access to aquatics, fitness and community programming while creating new opportunities for residents to connect, stay active, and improve their health and well-being. Scheduled to open in Fall 2026, the ALC represents the City's most significant recreation investment to date and will position Vernon as a regional hub for health, wellness, and community life.



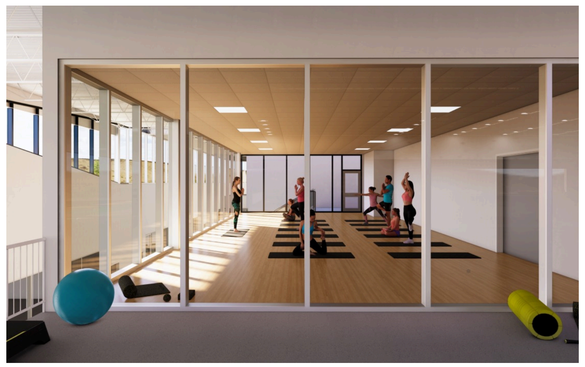
Exterior



Northwest Entrance



Leisure Pool



Multi-purpose Room



50-metre Pool



Fitness Centre, Running Track, Gymnasium

Stay up to date with the Active Living Centre **at vernonalc.ca**

Your ideas for the City Budget

We want to hear from you!

Your ideas help shape the City of Vernon's budget and priorities for the year.

Write your idea about the budget on a sticky note and post it on the board.
See what others are suggesting — your voice is part of the conversation!

Does the Draft Budget reflect what's most important to you?

Where would you like to see funds directed?

What projects or services would you like the City to prioritize?

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Your say, your city



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Thanks for coming!