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#### **City receives awards of distinction, honourable mention for video works**

Mayor Adams announced that the City of Campbell River has been recognized with two Videographer Awards of distinction for *At Your Service, Campbell River* and *Our Forests, Our People, Our Future* and an honourable mention for *Work Where You Love to Live*. The City has issued a news release with additional details.

#### **New Community Garden approved for Charstate Park**

Council approved an application by Greenways Land Trust to establish a community garden in Charstate Park, and directed staff to draft a License of Use Agreement for development of the first phase.

The garden will be located in the north portion of the park to create accessible gardening space for nearby residents. Community gardens are supported by the City's Sustainable Official Community Plan and Agriculture Plan.

#### **Council rejected proposal for property on Penfield Road**

In response to significant neighbourhood concern, a proposal to rezone a portion of three parcels at 2405 Penfield Road was denied first and second reading, and no public hearing will be held to consider the proposal.

The proposed rezoning would have permitted a combination of building single-family dwellings, secondary suites, and secondary residences on the parcels. The applicant had also applied to subdivide the three parcels into a total of eight parcels should the zoning amendment be approved.

#### **Council adopts user fee changes for water, sewer, garbage and recycling – and parcel tax for storm water management and funding**

Council approved increases to user fees for water, sewer, garbage and recycling services and a parcel tax for storm water management and funding. The additional funding over the next five years supports the City's Financial Stability & Resiliency Program, which aims to provide long-term service delivery with stable and incremental tax and user fee rate increases. Council directed staff to budget for increased fees in 2018 to provide funding for:

- ongoing operation of these services
- required capital upgrades
- increasing storm water infrastructure upgrades over the 10-year capital plan
- increasing annual water and sewer pipe renewal from \$1 million to \$2 million, to upgrade

up to two kilometres of service

The changes result in a \$39 annual increase for each household in 2018, and a \$42 annual increase from 2019 to 2022. The City operates and maintains approximately 250 kilometres of sewer pipe, 300 kilometres of water pipe, and 188 kilometres of storm water pipe.

#### **Patio homes approved for 600 Maryland Road**

Council approved rezoning of 600 Maryland Rd. from single residential to multi residential to permit a strata patio home development. During a public hearing held Nov. 6, Greenways Land Trust expressed support for a solid fence with one regulated trail access from this development to protect the Willow Creek Nature Trust from illegal dumping and construction. This will be addressed as part of the subdivision of the property. Transportation staff have reviewed neighbourhood traffic concerns, and the proponent has been asked to revise plans to address



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water pressure. The proposal meets the objectives of the City's Sustainable Official Community Plan.

### **Commercial production of medical marijuana proposed for Middle Point location**

Council approved a major development permit to allow for the construction of two buildings for commercial production of medical marijuana at 4430 and 4466 Middle Point Road. The two metal buildings, will each have a 669-square metre footprint and proposed construction will not affect the nearby environmentally sensitive areas.

Approval of the permit is subject to the receipt of the following:

- landscaping security at 125 per cent of the estimated cost (\$29,280.26);
- cost estimate and security for environmental monitoring and reporting;
- confirmation of registration of a covenant and easement to facilitate shared parking between 4430 and 4466 Middle Point Road.

Council also approved a reduced number of off-street parking stalls (from 31 to 10) as the facility will generally be closed to the public.

Health Canada approval is also required as part of the development.

### **Donation of retired fire truck**

Council authorized the donation of a retired 1986 fire truck to the nationally-registered charitable organization Firefighters Without Borders Canada, for redeployment to a developing country. In Canada, a fire vehicle is considered front-line for the first 20 years. After that, depending upon suitability, it may be kept in reserve for another five years to be used as needed in the event another vehicle needs repair or for training. These timelines are industry standards established by the National Fire Protection Association.

The City has kept this fire truck in service as a reserve unit to cover the extended refurbishment of the 1993 aerial truck, which has recently returned to service.

### **New location to be considered for region's emergency operations centre**

Council directed staff to work with the Strathcona Regional District Operations Manager in identifying location options for the Emergency Operations Centre in Campbell River. The Campbell River Emergency Operations Centre is currently located at the Timberline High School, and the superintendent of School District 72 has asked the City's Public Safety Sub-Committee to review options for an alternative location.

### **Destination Think! 2018 Tactical Plan**

Council approved the Tourism Advisory Committee's recommendation to accept the Destination Think! 2018 one-year tactical plan, aligned with the City's five-year tourism strategy plan. The plan includes tourism-supporting initiatives such as:

- Market research and evaluation including a regional audit of online and social media presence and ongoing measurement
- Marketing support, workshops and toolkits for regional tourism providers
- Paid advertising, social media and website investment

Council has also approved an increase in the tourism 2018 budget to \$721,500 from \$600,000. The increase will be funded \$50,000 from surpluses in Municipal and Regional District Tal (hotel tax) revenues and \$71,500 through a partnership with Destination BC.

### **Allocation of hotel tax funding approved**

Council approved the Tourism Advisory Committee's recommendation to allocate any 2017 Municipal and Regional District Tax funds over \$250,000 as follows:



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- 60 per cent to Destination Think! for projects approved by the City and identified in Destination Think!'s annual tactical plan based on the City of Campbell River's five-year tourism strategy;
- 40 per cent to City of Campbell River for projects related to the City of Campbell River's five-year tourism strategy;

Council also agreed that allocation of surplus these funds be reviewed annually.

### **Council support *Be More Than a Bystander* program**

Council supported a request from Campbell River Victim Services and Family Services Society with a contribution of \$2,500 from the 2017 council contingency fund to help sponsor the *Be More Than a Bystander* program, which increases awareness of the impact of men's violence against women, and works to create healthier and safer relationships and communities.

### **Letter of support for Discovery Passage Aquarium**

Council will send a letter of support for the society's application to the BC Gaming branch.

### **Letter for credit for Big Rock Boat Ramp**

As a key step for moving forward the Big Rock Boat Ramp project, Council approved a letter of credit valued at \$98,000 to guarantee underwater works required by the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The construction of the underwater works, including the addition of floating ramps, is scheduled for late spring/summer of 2018.

**Vancouver Island Economic Alliance's 2017 *State of the Island* report** is available at <http://viea.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/2017-VIEA-Economic-Report-WEB.pdf>