



Council Meeting Highlights October 23, 2017

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Campbellton Neighbourhood Revitalization Action Plan update

Vancouver Island University masters student, Keltie Chamberlain, briefed Council on the implementation of the Campbellton Neighbourhood Revitalization Action Plan, which presented clear goals and objectives to build community and contribute to the neighbourhood of Campbellton and larger community of Campbell River through connections to citizens, staff and Council. The plan includes a recommendation to involve more Campbellton residents and businesses and undertake a strategic community vision and long-range planning initiative.

Proposal to create more affordable housing in Campbell River

Jan Hesselting, vice president of Affordable Housing Vancouver Island Society, made a presentation to Council regarding the opportunity to build more affordable housing in Campbell River by working with credit unions, BC Housing and private investors. The presentation proposed the development of quality, higher-density affordable rental housing owned by not-for-profit organizations to minimize housing costs in Campbell River.

BC Salmon Farmers Association update

Jeremy Dunn, executive director of the BC Salmon Farmers Association, presented an overview of the Association's 2017 Sustainability Progress Report and results of its recent economic impact study. The industry generates the province's highest-value agricultural product and contributed \$1.5 billion to the provincial economy and 6,600 British Columbia jobs in 2016. Mayor Andy Adams emphasized the community's interest in maintaining sustainable regional fisheries, both wild and farmed, and thanked the BC Salmon Farmers Association for community and charitable contributions.

Council approves flashing pedestrian light at Ironwood and 14th Ave.

Council supported Councillor Colleen Evans' motion to install a pedestrian-activated flashing light on Ironwood Road at 14th Avenue. Flashing lights alert motorists that a pedestrian wishes to cross. Council directed the upgrade take place this year at a cost of \$15,000, funded from the Community Works Fund.

Major development permit approved for Campbell River Golf & Country Club

Council approved a major development permit for construction of an operations building, a driving range building, an academy building and renovation to the clubhouse at the Campbell River Golf & Country Club located at 700 Petersen Rd. An anticipated permit application for a future phase would cover a hotel and spa.

Council grants 2018 permissive tax exemptions

Council granted either full or partial permissive tax exemptions in 2018 for 87 community groups and 120 properties, saving these organizations approximately \$476,000 in City taxes and \$387,000 in other government taxes annually. The Community Charter allows Councils to grant permissive tax exemptions for property that is either owned or held by a church, charitable, philanthropic, non-profit organization or community group that adds to community quality of life by delivering economic, social, recreation and cultural programs.



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Council approves Community Partnership Committee's 2018 grant-in-aid recommendations

Council approved the Community Partnership Committee's grants-in-aid recommendations for inclusion in the 2018 Financial Plan. Grants-in-aid for 2018 totaled \$591,411. This amount falls below Council's grants-in-aid policy cap of 1.7 per cent of general revenues, which would total \$713,939 in 2018.

Each year the City receives applications for grants-in-aid from a number of community arts and culture organizations. The majority of these applicants have been receiving grants for many years primarily for City-owned facilities including the Art Gallery, Museum, Haig-Brown House and Tidemark Theatre. Grants were also awarded for arts and culture community events such as the Salmon Festival, Words on the Water, Shoreline Musical Theatre, and Campbell River Art Expo. Other long-standing organizations recognized with a grant for providing benefit to the overall community include: CR Arts Council, Volunteer Campbell River, Citizens on Patrol, CR Volunteer Search and Rescue and Greenways Land Trust.

The Community Partnership Committee makes recommendations to Council after reviewing annual applications. The Committee recommended approval of 13 of 14 applications.

Council also approved the committee's recommendation to allocate \$20,000 to the community fund reserve for emerging arts and culture opportunities throughout the year. Poppy Steele, chair of the Community Partnership Committee, was on hand to answer questions.

Amendments considered for derelict vehicles, public walkways in Public Nuisance Bylaw

To better address complaints about derelict vehicles and vegetation encroaching on public walkways, Council gave first and second reading to proposed amendments to the Public Nuisance Bylaw.

Although, the City's Public Nuisance Bylaw includes "unlicensed or inoperable motor vehicles" under the definition of "discarded materials," proposed amendments include a specific definition for derelict vehicles and a requirement to store derelict vehicles indoors to prevent complaints about unsightly premises.

Because "public walkways" are not defined in either the City's Public Nuisance Bylaw or Traffic & Highways Bylaw, the addition of "walkway" within a new definition for "sidewalk" in the Public Nuisance Bylaw will allow enforcement officers to require property owners to cut back any overgrown vegetation.

Ticketing for parks control offences adopted

Council adopted a number of regulatory provisions to the amended Parks Control Bylaw on Sept. 18. These changes are reflected in the ticketing bylaw, which provides the option of issuing fines for non-compliance in the event that enforcement officers are unable to obtain voluntary compliance. This bylaw was given first, second and third readings on Oct. 10.

Remedial action approved for 220 Island Highway South

The owners of 220 Island Highway South will be required to bring a shed into compliance with the vacant premises building maintenance and security standards in the City's Public Nuisance Bylaw. City contractors will be authorized to enter onto the property to perform the work in the event that the property owner does not comply within 30 days of the remedial action notice.

Five-year contract for street lights and traffic signal maintenance awarded

Council awarded a five-year contract to Raylec Power, up to \$120,000 per year, for street light and traffic signal services on a "as need when needed" basis. The estimated value of the contract is based on previous annual costs and new contract rates for these services.



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City to seek UBCM funding for sea level rise planning

The City will apply to UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for \$150,000 for sea level rise planning. If successful, the City would receive 100 per cent funding to complete studies and develop images and information related to potential impacts of sea level rise in Willow Point and Painter-Barclay neighbourhoods. This work would complement the City's overall sea level rise planning efforts along Campbell River's coastline, with more detailed focus in Willow Point and Painter-Barclay, which have significant City infrastructure as well as public and private property. A funding decision is expected by early January, and the City is applying for additional funding for detailed studies on downtown and estuary areas.

Provincial grant supports infrastructure planning

The City received a \$10,000 grant from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for planning that will guide repair, replacement and renewal of downtown wastewater infrastructure. The grant will fund part of the estimated \$22,780 cost to assess sewer main pipe and service connection conditions, including analysis of images captured through closed-circuit television during inspection of the sewer system this summer. The downtown sewers were last assessed approximately 10 years ago.

Findings will help the City plan for sewer maintenance, such as flushing, root cutting, or grouting cracks. The assessment will also help identify locations to use trenchless technology to install new pipe lining rather than excavating and replacing pipes. Trenchless technology is less expensive, less time and energy consuming, and less disruptive for the public.

The City completed its first cured-in-place pipe lining on a main sewer line in 2016.

From the Committee of the Whole meeting, October 24, 2017

Zoning Bylaw Review – Public Consultation November 1

Council endorsed a revised timeline and program of public consultation to bring the ongoing Zoning Bylaw review to completion by April 2018.

The next public consultation opportunity takes place November 1 from 5 to 8 pm at the Maritime Heritage Centre and will focus on key topic areas including secondary dwellings, urban agriculture, shops and services, the estuary, and plans for development in Quinsam Heights.