



Council Meeting Highlights August 28, 2017

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Welcome, Ishikari exchange students

Mayor Andy Adams and Council provided a special welcome to Ruka Hoshino and Kyoka Imaeda, this school year's senior exchange students to Campbell River from Ishikari. Victoria Hall, who introduced the two students, has recently returned from her time in Japan as the first second-generation participant in the senior exchange program. Since the formal twinning relationship between Ishikari and Campbell River was formalized in February 1983, more than 900 students have participated in the year-long senior exchange and shorter-duration Young Ambassadors programs.

Council receives Campbell River's local health area profile

Medical Health Officer Dr. Charmaine Enns presented a North Vancouver Island Health report to Council. The report compared the local health area that includes Campbell River with the rest of the province, and with 13 other Island Health local health areas. The report included statistics on anticipated growth in aging population, life expectancy, alcohol consumption, cancer incidence, household income, child development and number of deaths related to the fentanyl overdose crisis. See the entire presentation as part of the Council meeting webcast available from the homepage of the City's website (www.campbellriver.ca)

Council considers first affordable housing density bonus application

Council approved first and second reading to rezone 531 9th Ave. for higher multi-residential density that would permit 27 units of mixed rental housing, including 10 units allocated to Campbell Head Injury residents and 17 rentals units for low to moderate-income residents. This is the first proposal to apply for Council's recently adopted affordable housing density bonus for the multi-residential land use zones, and the application is consistent with the Official Community Plan and surrounding area of multi-residential buildings. A public hearing will be held Sept. 11.

Tax exemption approved for downtown improvement

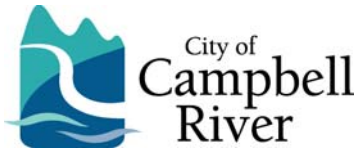
Council has approved another application for the City's downtown revitalization tax exemption program. The property owned by Cronk Holdings Ltd. and West-Jensen Chiropractic Corporation at 1241 Dogwood St. will be taxed at the pre-improvement rate for five years, giving the property owners a tax holiday on the value of new construction, beginning with occupancy of the building. According to the City's downtown revitalization tax exemption bylaw, renovation and new construction of multi-family or commercial projects located within the downtown area (map at www.campbellriver.ca) are eligible for a 100 per cent tax exemption (municipal taxes only) on the value of improvements for five years. This is the sixth property to have been approved for the tax exemption since 2012.

Amendments considered for park control bylaw

Council gave first and second reading to amendments for the parks control bylaw, which was first adopted more than 20 years ago. Recommended changes include conditions for temporary park closures and signs restricting hours, smoking, parking and use of barbeques, an updated list of non-permitted activities and clarification of activities requiring a permit as well as the ability to recover costs associated with damage or removal of items from parks.

Water conservation plan

Council supported a plan to reduce community water consumption by 15 per cent by the year 2028. Program costs will be considered during the December budget deliberations.



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Airport snowblower purchase

Council approved the purchase of a self-propelled snowblower to remove windrows from aircraft maneuvering surfaces at the Campbell River Airport. This purchase will replace the unit purchased in 1954. Majority funding for the \$425,948 equipment from J.A. Larue Inc. comes from the Government of Canada's Airports Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) – covering 95 per cent to a maximum of \$393,737.

New airside security doors for Airport

Council approved the purchase of two new electric security doors at the airside terminal entrance. Transport Canada requires all airside restricted access doors to be monitored and secure at all times. Replacement parts are no longer available for the existing 23-year-old sliding glass doors. Funding for the estimated \$40,000 cost will come from the Airport Reserve.

Council urges all ball players to wear helmets

In response to correspondence from Chad Braithwaite, president of Campbell River Slo Pitch, Council will send a letter to urging players to wear helmets while playing on City fields. Council also requested a staff report on liabilities and possibilities of enforcing a requirement for mandatory use of helmets.

Council considers year-round information screen on Discovery Pier

Council requested a staff report on a proposal to install an information screen on the Discovery Pier. The Discovery Passage Aquarium Society wants to install the year-round outdoor touch screen kiosk highlighting images, graphics, animations and short video documentaries of the local marine world, ocean science projects and technology, the adjacent Discovery Passage Aquarium and Explorer Lab, Maritime Heritage Centre, and the history of the Pier and Pier Street. The kiosk would also feature remotely-controlled underwater video cameras that stream live images to the pier screen, as well as to the nearby Aquarium and the new Explorer Lab classroom. Real-time weather and oceanographic data of the newly installed Ocean Networks Canada Ocean Observatory at the Pier would also be available.