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Recognition for the deputy city manager

Mayor Andy Adams announced Ron Neufeld's Long Service Recognition Award for 10 years of municipal service in a management capacity, received from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA).

CAMA's mission statement is "to champion excellence in municipal administration through professional development, networking and advocacy" and the association provides a national forum for Canadian local governments to foster and maintain municipal excellence. The long service award recognizes dedication to public service and municipal management.

Ron Neufeld has worked almost 25 years with the City, and the Mayor noted that Ron has continually demonstrated unfailing commitment to excellence through attention to detail and passionate commitment and service to the city.

"We are very fortunate to have Ron as part of our senior management team," the Mayor added.

Council encourages community participation in Plaid for Dad fundraiser

Prostate Cancer Canada's fundraiser is Friday, June 15, and Council and senior managers wore plaid to the June 11 Council meeting to promote participation in the event.

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among Canadian men, and more than 23,000 new cases are anticipated in 2018. (One in seven Canadian men will be diagnosed in their lifetime.)

This event raises funds for ongoing discovery, diagnosis, treatment and support.

Mayor Andy Adams said that he had this cancer, and that early detection saves lives.

Find more information online at plaidfordad.ca

Update on Destination Campbell River marketing

Kirsten Soder, executive director of Destination Campbell River updated Council and provided samples of marketing materials, merchandise and videos, including the new official community map, Discovery Guide and Top 10 Thing To Do brochure. The presentation showcased digital promotions for Campbell River that focus on eight local landmarks and with tagline Discover Your True Nature and look at the new website. [YouTube links](#) to playlist of completed videos. Destination BC has committed to an additional three years of base funding for the Visitor Centre (historically \$30,000), which will assist the Centre through March of 2021.

Letter of support for proposed Discovery Islands Marine Trail project

Following a presentation, Council endorsed a letter of support and will refer information to Destination Campbell River, the Tourism Advisory Committee and the City's Recreation and Parks staff to work in collaboration with the proposed Discovery Island Marine Trail project.

John Kimantas, project manager for the BC Marine Trails Network Association, provided Council with a presentation on the three-year project, which includes a regional review of the area between Sayward, Campbell River and Powell River, and how this area could be part of a paddling route extending from Washington State to Alaska.

Campbell River has the potential to be a key waypoint on the Inside Passage portion of the marine trail to access the network of marine launch points and campsites.

Through this project, the association aims to showcase the value of ecologically-diverse environment on BC coast, and to protect cultural and historic sites.

A meeting will be held in Campbell River to discuss values and planning at the Maritime Heritage Centre, 7 p.m., June 19. Find more information online at bcmarinetrails.org.

Council will not consider rezoning to allow secondary suite at 217 Strathcona Way

Council rescinded first two readings and rejected the application for a zoning amendment that would have allowed a secondary suite in a single-family dwelling currently under construction at 217 Strathcona Way, a predominantly single-family neighbourhood. A public hearing was held May 28, where one person spoke in favour, and Council received a 38-signature petition in opposition and eight letters of non-support. The rezoning application received first and second reading at the May 7 Council meeting.

Rezoning considered to permit South Island Highway hotel

Council gave first and second reading to a proposed amendment to the City's Zoning Bylaw to allow future development of a hotel on a vacant parcel at 220 South Island Highway. The City's Sustainable Official Community Plan supports new commercial developments along the waterfront highway to serve the tourism industry.

The project would require confirmation of bank stability and could include a stairway connecting Pinecrest and the waterfront. Council has directed staff to hold a public hearing.

Waterfront sewer upgrade contract awarded

Council awarded a contract to J. Cote & Son Excavating Ltd. in the amount of \$2,990,979 for installation of a new gravity sewer main along the Island Highway between 1st Avenue and the Maritime Heritage Centre. This contract represents the first of three phases in necessary upgrades to the City's sanitary sewer system connecting Lift Station No.7 at Rockland Road to the Maritime Heritage Centre. The contract amount aligns with the engineer's estimate and is within the project budget to replace aging infrastructure and expand capacity on the system to allow for projected growth and relocate critical infrastructure away from the foreshore. During construction, all efforts will be made to maintain traffic through the corridor through the use of alternating single-lane traffic. The City is providing community notification about project timelines and anticipated effects on traffic, which will be managed with flaggers and signs as necessary.

Larwood-Erickson sewer upgrade awarded

Council awarded a contract to Windley Contracting Ltd. in the amount of \$3,028,885 for renewal and upgrade of sanitary sewer mains on Erickson, Harrogate and Larwood roads. These upgrades are required to repair aging infrastructure and meet anticipated growth related-demands in the Jubilee Heights neighbourhood.

The project was originally anticipated to cost approximately \$3.1 million, assuming the sewer could be installed with shallow burying. Due to underground conflicts discovered during the project design stage, some sections of this project will require excavations up to 5 metres deep, increasing the anticipated cost of the project to approximately \$3.9 million.

The City's financial plan will be amended accordingly.

While the project is limited to sewer work and road surface repairs, City staff will consider this area for the ongoing sidewalk infill program.

City requires graffiti removal at 1342 Shoppers Row

Council has authorized staff to issue the owners of 1342 Shoppers Row with a remedial action notice, requiring that the graffiti on the property be removed. If the owner does not comply, the City will have the work done, and recover the costs for the work from the property owner.

Community feedback sought on downtown food truck pilot program proposed for 2019

Council has authorized staff to continue their outreach work with local businesses and plan for a downtown food truck pilot program in the summer of 2019. Food trucks will continue to be invited to serve during downtown events. (Find more details in City news release dated June 13, 2018.)

Council requests transportation plan for Dogwood Street corridor

Council requested that staff bring back a report by September 2018, on the long-term transportation plan of the four-lane arterial Dogwood Street corridor for future property acquisition to accommodate left-hand turning lanes, bus pullouts, and increased traffic flow. A funding strategy to be included in the 2019-2028 financial plan would be included in the report.

Council requests report on recommendations to reduce speeds on local roads

Council noted that other municipalities have reduced the speed limits on local roads to improve livability and increase safety, and requested that staff present a report by July 2018 on options and recommendations for neighbourhood pilot projects to reduce speed on local roads. Focus would be along single-lane routes with cars parked on both sides that are particularly used by seniors and children walking and biking. Report recommendations would be developed to generate public feedback on pilot projects for future Councils to consider.

Letter of support for CR Hospice Society for seniors education

Council will provide a letter of support to the CR Hospice Society to accompany a grant application for the New Horizons seniors program, which will provide seniors education and volunteer opportunities at the new hospice.

Grant for youth engagement art project to spark public feedback at CR Live Streets

The Tidemark Theatre Society has received a provincial grant for \$5,000 and has been selected to participate in a provincial Community Resilience Through Arts and Culture pilot program to carry out a youth engagement art project with indigenous youth.

The Tidemark's project includes a series of art sessions for up to 15 indigenous youth ages eight and older, who will be mentored by and working alongside internationally-renowned local indigenous artist Sonny Assu to create a mural-style art piece on canvas under the theme of Truth and Reconciliation.

The Tidemark Theatre plans to showcase the art during the CR Live Streets events this summer and then display it in the Tidemark's lobby. The City will seek opportunities to gather community feedback for the public art master plan during these events.

More exposure for Campbell River's economic profile

Campbell River has been profiled in the BC Business magazine's BC City Guides 2018, which takes a closer look at the three dozen communities on the Best Cities for Work list, plus a few others. (<https://www.bcbusiness.ca/BC-City-Guide-2018---Campbell-River/>).

Campbell River is also featured as a community undergoing an economic renaissance in the June 4 issue of Business View magazine, an international publication.

(<https://www.businessviewmagazine.com/campbell-river-british-columbia/>)

Federation of Canadian Municipalities update – City employee named one of 10 in Canada

Councillors Babchuk and Cornfield attended that annual FCM conference this year. Highlights included workshops on connectivity, engagement, reconciliation and waste-to-energy facilities. They also represented Campbell River when Amber Zirnhelt, the City's long range planning and sustainability manager was recognized as one of 10 national municipal innovators. As a Best for Canada Municipal Innovator award recipient, Zirnhelt will join a network of 10 staff and Council representatives from across the country focused on sharing best practices in innovation in municipal planning, policy, and service delivery. Zirnhelt's award acknowledges her work on sustainability initiatives, youth engagement, and her team's most recent focus on climate adaptation/sea level rise planning. Through this process, Zirnhelt hopes to share information on climate adaptation and sea level rise with neighbouring communities including the Strathcona Regional District and local First Nations.



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City to nominate new water supply centre for community recognition award

In response to a letter from Wood WORKS! BC, asking that the City identify a recently completed civic structure with architectural or structural wood use, the City will nominate Campbell River's new water supply centre building as a candidate for the 2018 Community Recognition Awards.

In response to a request by Heather Hughson-Magee, Council and staff will work to promote bus commuting in Campbell River by having a Bus to Work Week annually. Bus to work week events were held in Campbell River in 2015 and 2016.

Nighttime fencing for Courthouse steps

In response to Council meeting with RCMP E Division during the Union of BC Municipalities convention to discuss ways to reduce downtown disturbances, Council received a letter confirming that the Campbell River Courthouse will be retrofitted with drop down fencing to prevent people sleeping on the steps at night. Staff is currently work with the Province to find a fencing solution that will add to the character to the area with the potential of integrating art and colour into the design.

Presentations on proposed logging, mountain bike trail use in Snowden Forest

At the Committee of the Whole meeting June 12, 2018, Council received two presentations on proposed logging and mountain biking trail use in the Snowden demonstration forest.

A presentation from BC Timber Sales, which has been operating in the Snowden Demonstration Forest for 25 years, outlined how working forest management plans aim to incorporate a balance of economic benefit, taking into account non-timber values such as drinking water, wildlife habitat and recreation, in cooperation with River City Cycle Club and Recreation Sites and Trails BC to establish legal trails that do not prevent future development.

Squamish and Cumberland were cited as examples of communities with popular recreation amenities in a working forest setting.

Proposed logging would see road construction next spring, with harvesting to follow.

Garry Ullstrom, a chartered accountant who formerly ran a logging company and presented a 5,200-signature petition opposing the proposed logging to Council earlier this year, urged Council to ask BC Timber Sales to delay plans for logging to provide time for an economic analysis of the value of preserving the wilderness feel in the most-used recreational section.

Council emphasized the importance of community involvement in developing a long-term plan for use of this area.