



## Council Meeting Highlights August 27, 2018

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### **Public hearing re: Zoning Bylaw review and recommended administrative changes**

An incremental review of the City's zoning bylaw is currently being conducted. No significant amendments or changes to any zone designations will be proposed until 2019; however, in the meantime, legal review has resulted in an initial set of recommended administrative changes of that primarily address unclear language, changes in relevant provincial or federal legislation, and areas of potential ambiguity in wording and definitions. Further administrative changes to regulate issues such as shipping containers, residential ancillary building size/height, and "panhandle" lots may be brought forward subsequently, but do not form part of this amendment bylaw.

At the public hearing, several speakers presented concerns to Council about property-filling to change the grade and increased construction heights on properties that block views, especially in established neighbourhoods. Staff confirmed that some of the proposed wording changes will clarify exactly how grade/height are to be determined, and that future amendments to the zoning bylaw could help regulate this sensitive issue further.

First and second reading of the proposed amendments took place Aug. 13.

### **City's Long Range Planning and Sustainability Manager one of Canada's Top Ten**

Mayor Andy Adams announcement that Amber Zirnhelt, the City's long range planning and sustainability manager, has been selected one of 10 municipal leaders invited to join a national innovation network, sponsored by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

Joining FCM's Best in Canada Municipal Innovation Network, is both an award and an opportunity to access a network of collaborative local government peers from across Canada. The FCM announcement stated, *"These leaders are solution-focused, committed to change, and always willing to share lessons learned with their peers. Each one has addressed a need from the community; demonstrated leadership; encouraged multi-sector collaboration. They have made a long-term impact in their communities with significant social, environmental and economic benefits."*

Zirnhelt is excited to showcase the City's recent sea level rise planning, including the innovative work led by senior planner Chris Osborne with support from co-op student Natasha Guillo and environmental specialist Terri Martin.

This award is in addition to the Vancouver Island Top 20 Under 40 award that Zirnhelt received in April of this year.

### **Development variance permit for Trask Road**

Council postponed consideration of a development variance permit to reduce road improvement standard from an urban local classification to a standard that reflects the rural context of the neighbourhood, as proposed by the applicant for a property at 501 Trask. Typically, a condition of a variance permit would be for the applicant to fully construct improvements along the roadside of the property. In this case, future development is not anticipated along the 80-metre section of Trask Road, and the modifications will turn an existing ditch into culvert to accommodate a wider paved roadway. Council asked staff to advise the Nunns and Simms Creek stewards as well as Beaver Lodge Lands Trust committee of the plans for this property and report back to Council.

### **Boundary realignment considered for McPhedran property**

Council gave first and second reading to a proposed zoning bylaw amendment to realign boundaries at 28 McPhedran Rd. to better reflect the alignment of Nunns Creek, which bisects the property. This will provide clarity for future land development. A public hearing will be held Sept. 17.

### **Anticipated cannabis legalization prompt proposed changes to City bylaws**

In response to the Federal government's plan to legalize recreational cannabis, the City is reviewing local legislation that need to be updated to accommodate this change, including bylaws governing: zoning, business licensing, planning procedures, parks control and municipal smoking regulations. A public hearing will be held for feedback on proposed changes. First and second reading of the proposed changes to City bylaws occurred at the July 16 Council meeting, and the City's solicitor has completed a review and provided suggested revisions.

Highlights of proposed changes:

- Establish a buffer between cannabis retail stores (300 metres)
- Establish a buffer between schools and cannabis retail stores (200 metres)
- Amend references to "marijuana" to "cannabis"
- Clarify wording to permit cannabis retail stores on commercial properties west of Dogwood Street
- Similar to the review of Provincial Liquor Licence applications, require a fee for the review of referrals from the Province for cannabis-related licenses
- The solicitor also recommended that the review process for liquor license applications and cannabis retail stores be separated.

### **2018-2027 Ten Year Financial Plan amended**

Council adopted the 2018-2027 Ten Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw.

At the Aug. 13 meeting, Council gave first, second and third readings to proposed 2018-2027 Ten Year Financial Plan amendments. The proposed amendments result from decisions made by Council throughout 2018 for initiatives that were unknown when the 2018-2027 financial plan was adopted in December 2017. These initiatives are:

- increase to Council Contingency to fund items that Council supports
- increase in federal grant revenues to support the City's sea level rise initiatives
- transfer from the City's gaming reserve to fund downtown safety initiatives
- increase in funding for the Big Rock Boat Ramp project
- increase in reserve funding for the Larwood-Erickson sewer renewal project
- increase in reserve funding for the next phase of the Municipal Broadband Network
- increase in reserve funding towards the Rotary Robron Fieldhouse project
- increase in reserve funding for the 3.5 acre seawalk
- increase in federal grant revenues towards the purchase of a new airport snowblower
- increase in reserve funding for the Community Energy & Efficiency Program initiatives

Public notification, including the opportunity to comment to Council, was published in the City Currents section of the Mirror newspaper, which meets the legislative requirements of Section 165 of the Community Charter. Appropriate reporting will be provided to the Province.

### **Council to consider RiverCity Players Society's liquor licence application**

Council postponed consideration of an application by RiverCity Players Society to receive a Liquor primary licence to allow the Society to hold more productions, events, workshops and host rentals without requiring special event permits. Council agreed it is unlikely that the surrounding area would be adversely affected by the change in their licence. They expressed preference that



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the licence be granted to the society rather than the property. Staff will report back to Council on Sept. 17, to outline the process required to transfer a liquor license to another owner.

### **Council supports Beach Fire Brewing's application for change to liquor licence hours**

Council supported a change of operating hours to Beach Fire Brewing's existing liquor primary licence as it is an established and well-run business with no known history of noise and disturbance. The proposed licence change would allow Beach Fire Brewing to change operating hours where alcohol could be sold or served from (9 a.m. to midnight), similar to operating hours for private liquor stores. The license currently permits the following operating hours:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Open	10:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	10:00am
Closed	8:00pm	9:00pm	9:00pm	9:00pm	10:00pm	10:00pm	8:00pm

### **Campbell River to offer to host AVICC convention again**

Council endorsed a recommendation by the Tourism Advisory Committee (TAC) and supports hosting the 2020 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) convention in Campbell River.

The City of Campbell River hosted the AVICC Convention in April 2017. The event received positive feedback from the community, filling hotel rooms during the tourist shoulder season. Campbell River was invited to host the event again in either 2020 or 2021.

### **City to seek projects eligible for BC Hydro Beautification Fund**

In response to correspondence from BC Hydro about the \$1 million in annual financial assistance available to support municipal beautification projects, Council requested a report from staff on projects that would be eligible and timing to apply.

Municipalities wanting to convert existing overhead electrical distribution lines to underground equipment or to place decorative wraps on BC Hydro pad-mounted equipment are welcome to apply for funding. Previous projects include beautifying areas prone to graffiti, as well as high traffic or visible areas such as village centres, parks, commercial districts and civic squares.

### **Green Communities congratulates Campbell River**

Green Communities Committee wrote to congratulate and acknowledge the City of Campbell River for its significant action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in 2017.

As a charter signatory who has achieved level one and two recognition and demonstrated significant reduction, Campbell River was awarded level three recognition. Green Communities noted that Campbell River has accelerated its progress and applauded the City's and community's leadership.

### **City endorses BC Soccer Association's #respectALL initiative**

The BC Soccer Association's #respectALL initiative was introduced in 2016 to remind players, coaches, referees, parents and spectators to be respectful of each other in an effort to reduce and eliminate negative behaviour within the game and create positive environment for all. Council requested that staff work with the BC Soccer Association and the Campbell River Minor Soccer Association and report back on a recommendation to work together to advance this initiative.



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### **Howie Meeker commended by Council for Special Olympics golf tournament fundraiser**

For his 30 years of support for Special Olympics through lending his name and attending a local golf tournament fundraiser, hockey legend Howie Meeker was commended by Council.

A letter to Meeker read in part, *"The support this event delivers to Campbell River Special Olympics athletes, to provide intellectually disabled individuals with the opportunity to enrich their lives and celebrate personal achievements through positive sport experiences brings a positive impact to our whole community. Thank you again for your commendable generosity and commitment to the Annual Howie Meeker Special Olympics Golf Classic."*

### **Mayor Adams elected Island Coastal Economic Trust treasurer**

At its Aug. 24 Board meeting, the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) elected Mayor Andy Adams as treasurer. Josie Osborne, Mayor of Tofino, is the new chair. Mayor Aaron Stone of Ladysmith was elected vice-chair, provincial appointee Dallas Smith, director at large and Bill Veenhof of the Regional District of Nanaimo, secretary. The ICET Board of Directors consists of 13 directors, eight of whom are elected by two regional advisory committees representing the Central South Island Region and the North Island Sunshine Coast region. The remaining five directors are appointed by BC's Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Through a community centered decision-making process, more than \$50 million in funding has been approved for more than 180 economic infrastructure and economic development readiness projects over the past 11 years. These investments have leveraged more than \$270 million in new investment into the region creating more than 2,500 construction phase jobs and 2,600 long-term permanent jobs.

Learn more about ICET at [www.islandcoastaltrust.ca](http://www.islandcoastaltrust.ca).

### **September proclaimed as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month**

Mayor Andy Adams signed a declaration marking September as prostate cancer awareness month. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer risk to affect Canadian men. One in seven Canadian men will be diagnosed with the disease, and an estimated 11 Canadian men die from prostate cancer every day, while the survival rate for prostate cancer can be close to 100 per cent when detected early.