



Council Meeting Highlights April 9, 2018

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Council congratulates CR Storm on Vancouver Island Junior Hockley League championship

Members of the CR Storm Hockey Team were in Council Chambers for congratulations on winning the VIJHL Championship and best wishes as they travel to compete in the provincial championship for the Cyclone Taylor Cup.

The CR Storm team is continuing a winning tradition and looking forward to hosting the provincial championship in Campbell River next year.

Following the praise for Campbell River's local junior hockey team, Mayor Andy Adams asked for a moment of silence to acknowledge the Humbolt Broncos team bus crash in Saskatchewan last week and encouraged people to wear a sports jersey April 12 to show support for the people affected by the terrible loss.

Secondary suite approved for 599 Birch Street

Council gave third reading and adopted a zoning amendment bylaw to approve a secondary suite contained within the existing dwelling at 599 Birch Street. The proposed zoning amendment is consistent with Campbell River's Sustainable Official Community Plan and there is ample on-site parking available. A public hearing was held for feedback on the application on March 19. First and second reading of the proposed amendment took place at the March 5 Council meeting.

Aquaculture industry approved for medium industry/manufacturing zone

Council approved adding aquaculture industry to the approved activities in the medium industry/manufacturing zone. The zoning amendment allows aquaculture only on I-2 zoned properties with at least half a hectare and/or with ocean or foreshore access. Other existing and permitted uses in this zone include shipyard, marine industries, industrial wharf and log storage. The zoning amendment is the first step in multi-step approval process for proposed land-based aquaculture pens for smolt production at 6501 Island Highway.

Site development is anticipated to include a building measuring approximately 60 by 200 metres and a wharf. It is anticipated that groundwater would provide the primary source of water for this facility, and that sewage and wastewater would be treated on site.

Additional approvals would come from the City (servicing plans and building permits), the Province (environmental impacts) and the federal government (for the wharf).

The proposal is consistent with Campbell River's Sustainable Official Community Plan, which also encourages expansion of the fish farming industry and the expansion of industrial uses along Highway 19.

A public hearing was held for feedback on an application to add aquaculture to the list of activities permitted in the Industrial Two (I-2) zone. First and second reading of the proposed zoning amendment took place at the March 5 Council meeting, with the public hearing held March 19.

Council hears summary of Community Conversations on Salmon Farming report

Vanessa Scott, researcher and analyst for Headwaters Community Conversations, presented a summary of results from the Community Conversations on the Salmon Farming Report on community meetings held in February this year.

See the presentation slides in the minutes of the April 9 council meeting and view the full presentation in the archives of meeting webcasts via www.campbellriver.ca.



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Approval for an office/warehouse building near airport

Council approved a major development permit for an office/warehouse building at 2220 Airport Drive. The planned development is a 507.33 square-metre building that integrates west coast architectural features such as a sloped roof line and wood accents throughout the building. Council's approval is subject to receipt of a performance security for landscaping.

Sea level rise assessment contract awarded

Council awarded a contract to Northwest Hydraulic Consultants for up to \$205,000, to undertake an assessment of sea level rise risks at a number of key sites along the city's waterfront. Work will include modeling tide, wave, current and weather conditions taking into account likely sea level rise. This will help assess impacts to property, infrastructure and slope stability at these locations. The study will also provide high-level options available to the City for addressing impacts.

The City of Campbell River budgeted \$180,000 to conduct sea level rise assessment work in 2018 and has received supplemental grant funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (\$175,000) and the Union of BC Municipalities (\$150,000) to expand/complete a sea level rise planning program.

Animal Control Services Awarded

Council awarded a contract to Coastal Animal Control Services of BC in the amount of \$138,000 per year for another five-year agreement. The company has been providing qualified animal control and pound services for the City of Campbell River and area for the past five years. Coastal Animal Control Services of BC has been serving communities for more than 40 years and combines active enforcement and educating city park users concerning dog bylaws and leash requirements. In Campbell River, additional evening and weekend patrols are conducted May through September. Stray dogs from Campbell River that are not claimed are sent to the company's Duncan location to be re-homed.

The company currently has contracts with Duncan, North Cowichan, Lake Cowichan, Ladysmith, the Regional District of Nanaimo and Snuneymuxw and Stz'uminus First Nations.

Next steps for Larwood/Erickson sanitary sewer upgrade project

Council directed staff to proceed to tender the upgrade project, which will increase sewer capacity in support of a development works agreement between the City and TimberWest Forest Company. The agreement includes cost-sharing for the upgrades, to be completed in advance of the developer's Jubilee Heights project.

Invasive plant species information campaign coming this spring

Council approved staff's proposed communications strategy to support the Environmental Protection Amendment Bylaw and regulation on noxious weeds, such as giant hogweed, yellow flag-iris, and four species of knotweed as well as invasive plants, such as scotch broom. News releases, advertising and social media posts will provide images and details around proper disposal of invasive plant species.

Council confirms support for mini-roundabout at Maritime Heritage Centre intersection

Council discussed and confirmed support to pursue design of a mini-roundabout to accommodate large vehicles and ensure traffic flow and traffic calming at the south entrance to downtown near the Maritime Heritage Centre. The design work will be done by Highland Engineering and will take into consideration additional safety for cyclists and pedestrians.



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Council seeks more information on access to Dogwood from 9th Avenue development

Further to Council approving a major development permit for the Campbell River Head Injury Society to build a four-storey apartment building at 531 9th Ave, traffic concerns were expressed, especially regarding access onto Dogwood.

Council requested a report with options to consider new signs to make drivers aware of restrictions for vehicles entering Dogwood from the lane south of 9th Avenue. Staff will also discuss use of the lane with the School District.

Waste audit reports more garbage could be diverted from landfill

Council received a waste composition study from the Comox-Strathcona Waste Management Board. Results from the two-week study period last fall indicates a decrease in solid waste diverted from the landfill for both Campbell River and the Comox Valley. Waste diversion in both areas has dropped to less than 50 per cent.

A portion of the waste not diverted could be captured through additional recycling programs offered through Recycle BC at the Return-it Depot and in through potential future curbside organic collection.

MLA and MP congratulate City on receiving provincial Open for Business Award

Council received a letter from the Honourable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and MLA for North Island congratulating the City on winning the 2018 provincial Open for Business Award. Council also received a card with congratulations from MP Rachel Blaney.

Ishikari visitors in Campbell River during Spring Break

Visitors from sister city Ishikari, Japan visited Campbell River over three days during Spring Break. The 68 young ambassadors (aged 10 to 15 years) took part in a welcoming party, Easter brunch, a tour of Shelter Point Distillery, an afternoon at Mount Washington and a Sayonara party before leaving for Vancouver.

This year marks the 35th anniversary of Campbell River's twinning with Ishikari.

Campbell River invited to become a Blue Community

Murray Ety, Joanne Banks and Richard Hagensen representing the Council of Canadians Campbell River chapter requested that Campbell River become a Blue Community, which involves:

- recognizing water and sanitation as human right.
- promoting publicly financed, owned and operated water and wastewater services
- banning or phasing out the sales of bottled water in City facilities and at City events

The City of Campbell River typically does not offer bottled water during events and follows low-waste, green event guidelines.

During its committee of the whole discussion, Council confirmed that Campbell River is going in the right direction to protect drinking water with the commissioning its own water treatment facility and does not see the need at this time to sign on to the Blue Community initiative.

Local government election date confirmed as Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018