

Council Meeting Highlights March 21, 2016

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North Island College

John Bowman, president of North Island College, provided an update on the college's strategic plan and focus for the Campbell River region. Council was encouraged to join with NIC and other similar regional community organizations this fall to advocate to the provincial government for changes to policies and the college funding system to address the opportunities and challenges of a rural college serving a large geographic area and widely-dispersed population.

Support for Community Foundation's *Vital Signs*

Council will fund \$10,000 of the \$24,000 project to produce a local *Vital Signs* report that features statistics about the strength of Campbell River's social, economic and environmental features. The publically available data provided by federal, provincial and local sources will be updated every two years. Similar reports are being produced with support of community foundations across Canada, and the comprehensive and up-to-date local data informs planning and decisions by local governments, chambers of commerce, businesses, service clubs, school districts and other organizations to improve quality of life in local communities. Council's contribution will come from its contingency budget, funded by proceeds from local gaming.

Proposed landfill for Upland Excavating

Representatives of Upland Excavating presented plans to Council regarding a proposed new landfill on its property at 7295 Gold River Highway. The landfill would accept non-hazardous solid waste and contaminated soil, construction, demolition and land clearing material, including asbestos. The landfill would be designed and constructed to meet current BC Ministry of Environment landfill criteria for municipal solid waste, including providing appropriate water management and leachate collection, treatment and monitoring and hold 500,000 cubic metres of material, with anticipated capacity for 20 years. Upland Excavating is submitting a waste discharge application to the Ministry of Environment to obtain an operational certificate for the proposed landfill.

The City will submit comments from staff's technical review to Uplands and the Province. The wide range of comments focus on ensuring potential impacts to the watershed, including both drinking water and aquatic habitat, are addressed by the applicant.

The applicant will also be required to obtain a watershed development permit from the City, which involves an environmental impact assessment, including a risk assessment, and may require Uplands to apply to rezone the property to accommodate landfill uses on site. Staff's comments on this application will be provided to Council at the April 11 meeting.

Deadline extended to April 25 for Jubilee Wetlands remediation

The deadline extension was granted to allow the property owner's qualified environmental professional adequate time to respond to feedback from the City and the Province.

Proposed policy for naming parks and facilities to be reviewed by second commission

The City's Advisory, Planning and Environment Commission will review a proposed policy for naming existing and future assets and potentially providing parameters for generating revenue for the City. The draft policy was developed by the Community Services, Recreation and Culture

Commission and compared policies from other communities as part of the process. The proposed policy includes an application form and a process for public consultation that include input from the general public, community groups, First Nations and groups that significantly contributed to the facility.

Public art inventory funding

As proposed by the Community Services, Recreation and Culture Commission, Council approved an expenditure of up to \$5,000 from the \$25,000 2016 Public Art budget to complete a public art inventory. The inventory would be placed on the City's web site and would serve as a public record of the City's art collection, as well as form the basis of any marketing plan for the City's public art. Discussion: The Public Art Committee plans to have volunteers visit sites throughout the community to photograph the art and collect information including: location, site conditions, artist name, title of the work, context and descriptive information. Additional research will compile associated documentation such as artist statements of the work, purchase price or donation value and previous photographs. The inventory will be updated with full documentation of any future public art pieces.

Storm Water Management Parcel Tax to be renewed

Council gave third reading to the draft bylaw amendment to renew the Storm Water Management Parcel Tax Bylaw for 10 years in support of the recently approved 10-year capital plan. The tax would apply to all land parcels in the City at a rate of \$12 per parcel and raise approximately \$165,000 annually to fund improvements to the City's network of storm drainage infrastructure. First and second reading occurred at the March 7 meeting.

Major development permit approved for 2699 and 2701 Soderholm Road

Council approved a major development permit for construction of a 25 unit multi-family development consisting of five individual buildings and associated parking and landscaping. A minor development permit for development within 50 metres of an identified watercourse (stream) was issued on March 4, 2016. The proposal meets the intent of the development permit guidelines.

City to register Section 57 Notice – Willis Road Property

City Council instructed staff to file a bylaw contravention notice with the Land Title Office on 1885 Willis Road, unless an application for a permit is received by the end of the week. Under Section 57 of the Community Charter, a municipality may register a notice on title for contravention of a municipal bylaw or provincial building regulation with respect to building safety. In November 2015 staff inspected the property at 1885 Willis Road and found that significant alterations to an ancillary building and the plumbing on site had been undertaken without appropriate permits, and, to date, the property owner has taken no action to apply for a building permit. Since the City is responsible for ensuring that all buildings are constructed or altered in compliance with municipal bylaws and the BC Building code, staff have sought out Council's permission to file a bylaw contravention notice on the title of this property.

Major development permit for Tyee Plaza

The proposal involves the demolition of two long-vacant commercial buildings within the Tyee Plaza shopping centre to be replaced with a four-storey, 46 unit multi-family building. The existing parcel would be enlarged through subdivision to accommodate the development's parking area. The proposal meets the form and character parameters specified within the multi-family development permit guidelines.

National RCMP Auxiliary Constable Program Changes

Staff have advised Council of immediate and pending changes to the National RCMP Auxiliary Constable Program. As a result of a one-year safety review following the fatal shooting of an RCMP constable and the injury of an RCMP auxiliary constable in St. Albert, Alberta, ride-

alongside and firearms familiarization training for auxiliary constables have been discontinued. The RCMP will be creating national standards for duties of auxiliary constables, instituting a national training standard and reviewing uniform options.

Auditor General for Local Government report on Campbell River

This positive report validates the City's direction in asset management and capital procurement. With the public release of the AGLG's findings, staff will continue to pursue further implementation of the actions and initiatives praised for being already underway and recommended to be continued within the report.

In May of 2013, the City received correspondence from the Auditor General for Local Government advising that Campbell River was selected for a performance audit. The AGLG selected 18 local governments for various reviews with Campbell River's review to be on capital procurement projects and asset management programs between 2010 and 2012.

The overall conclusion of the performance audit is that the City of Campbell River has demonstrated best practices in its capital procurement and has progressed towards strong stewardship over its capital asset management practices and protecting the interest of taxpayers by ensuring value for money in our activities.

New trucks purchased locally

The City of Campbell River will purchase four light-duty pickup trucks from Steve Marshall Motors for \$155,479. The purchases were approved in the 2016-2026 Capital Plan for the supply of four separate light duty pickup trucks. Three of the trucks replace equipment in the City's roads, parks, and water departments. The fourth truck is new equipment for the water department, approved in the 2016 Capital Plan. Steve Marshall Motors offer provided the best overall value. The request for offers on this purchase was issued in compliance with the provisions of the New West Partnership Trade Agreement, Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) and the City's Purchasing Policy, and was posted on BC Bid and the City's website.

City to send Province feedback on the Climate Leadership Plan

In response to the Provincial Government's request for feedback on the BC Climate Leadership Plan, City Council decided to join 98 other local governments and stakeholders in the call to action on energy and climate in the building sector. The call outlines key provincial policies and actions that are considered necessary to lower greenhouse gas emissions, develop a low carbon economy, achieve low carbon buildings and the Province's legislated goals to reduce GHG emissions by 80 per cent by 2050.

Among its eight recommendations, Council wants to see the Province establish climate action as a top objective, with significant investments in public transit and active transportation infrastructure as well as continued financial support for local government climate initiatives, including development of climate adaptation plans and continued investment in energy-efficiency retrofits and incentives for buildings.

The City of Campbell River is one of 182 (nearly all) local government signatories on the BC Climate Action Charter. The City's Community Energy and Emissions Plan sets community-wide greenhouse gas emission reduction targets at 25 per cent below 2007 levels by 2020 and 40 per cent by 2060.

Community care/social care facility assessment

An assessment of the OCP and Zoning Bylaw has been completed to determine areas within the community that permit community care and/or social care facility uses. This discussion was initiated due to the notice of potential funding from Island Health for a sobering assessment centre for Campbell River. The preliminary review suggests that the area between Dogwood and Ironwood Street is generally a suitable area for community care and/or social care facility uses. However it is suggested that proponents for any proposal of this nature consult with the surrounding community. Council directed staff to incorporate into policy, that any proponent of a

community care/social care facility undertake community consultation prior to Council being asked for any form of support.

Discovery Passage SeaLife Society sign application fee waived

Council waived a \$100 application fee for a sign that will bear the logo for the aquarium's explorer lab. Discovery Passage SeaLife Society is a charitable organization and indirect tenant of the City (renting from the Maritime Heritage Centre Society, which leases the building from the City of Campbell River).

Report coming on potential properties for donation to Habitat for Humanity

Council directed staff to provide a report summarizing opportunities for donation of City land to Habitat for Humanity. The organization has suggested more affordable housing in Campbell River could be provided with the donation of the following sized properties:

- .15 to .25 Acre = 2 Families partnering in Home Ownership
- .25 to .50 Acre = 4 Families partnering in Home Ownership
- .50 to .75 Acre = 6 Families partnering in Home Ownership
- .75 to 1 Acre = 8/10 Families partnering in Home Ownership

Minister of Energy and Mines letter on environmental protection at Nyrstar Myra Falls

Minister Bennett assured Council that it is absolutely imperative that the Myra Falls tailings facilities, and all facilities throughout the province, be maintained to ensure protection of the environment, including the drinking water for the City of Campbell River. The Minister wrote that Nyrstar's Myra Falls environmental staff have been maintained at the same levels as prior to layoffs to fulfill monitoring requirements, engineering consultants have a daily presence on site, and additional staff have recently been hired to oversee water management at the site, including the tailings facilities. Nyrstar continues to implement the needed capital investment and are continuing with additional investigations and work related to improving water management and tailings facilities.

Letter to support Homalco First Nation application for an FM radio station

Council will send a letter supporting the Homalco First Nation's initiative to start a new Native FM radio station in Campbell River. This will provide communication services and an opportunity for local aboriginal people to train and work in the radio broadcast industry, as well as promoting local aboriginal artistic talent and supporting efforts to retain local aboriginal heritage and culture.

Vista Expo 2017 support letter

The Vancouver Island Sustainable Technology Association (VISTA) EXPO team selected Campbell River as the host community for the 2017 VISTA EXPO. Council thanked the Green Tech Exchange for their enthusiasm for the event, and for the Campbell River's commitment to green energy initiatives.