



Council Meeting Highlights November 7, 2016

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Public hearing for Sustainable Official Community Plan amendments

The public hearing for the Official Community Plan amendment bylaw is the culmination of a seven-month policy review and consultation process. During this time, the City held five public consultation sessions to review the four focus areas of the review:

- secondary residences
- commercial designations
- development permit clarification and streamlining
- Quinsam Heights

Council will review comments provided at the public hearing and consider adoption of proposed amendments at the Nov. 21, 2016 Council meeting.

Youth soccer proposes Cermaq Canada naming rights for Robron artificial turf

Cermaq Canada is offering to contribute \$100,000 for construction of a field house in Robron Park in return for naming rights. A prominent sign would be displayed at the park. Sid Shook of Campbell River Youth Soccer Association asked Council to budget \$50,000 so that the association can begin construction of a field house prior to donation money being received from the company. Cermaq provided a presentation about the salmon farming company.

Campbellton Neighbourhood Association proposes plan for end of Spruce Street

On behalf of the association, Ross Sharp, described a concept plan for a riverfront park at the end of Spruce Street. The pocket park would have blackberry plants removed and a bench installed under a prominent tree. Council referred this request to financial planning in December.

Council adopts zoning to incorporate Quinsam Coal property into city

This bylaw received first and second readings Oct. 11 and a public hearing was held Oct. 24 to designate and zone the subject lands as business and industrial service area and industrial to be consistent with adjacent Quinsam Coal properties. The subject lands were formerly part of Strathcona Regional District, brought into City of Campbell River's boundaries in December 2015. These lands were designated and zoned appropriately to align with the City of Campbell River's Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw.

Third reading for Tourism Advisory Committee bylaw

The City is advertising for members to serve on the new tourism advisory committee, whose purpose is to provide policy advice and recommendations to Council that will advance the City's tourism vision, and deliver measureable returns in destination marketing, visitor services and destination development. This bylaw received first and second readings Oct. 24.

Property change approved for 35 Rockland Rd.

This bylaw was given first and second readings Oct. 11, 2016 and a public hearing was held Oct. 24 on a proposal to rezone a portion of land to be subdivided from 35 Rockland Rd. and consolidated with 1345 Galerno Rd. The City and the applicant have entered into a purchase and sale agreement with the condition that this land be rezoned from public area to residential and that a covenant be placed on this land that prohibits future development or construction to protect trees surrounding an area where there was previously an eagle tree.



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Beautification partnership agreements approved for downtown and Willow Point

Council approved partnering agreements with the Downtown Heart of the City Business Improvement Area, and with the Willow Point Business Improvement Area that will allow each BIA to access funding provided through the City's Beautification Grant program. The Downtown BIA will undertake pressure washing and leaf clearing of sidewalks in the downtown core, and the Willow Point BIA will supply and install seasonal Christmas lighting on streetlight fixtures throughout the Willow Point business district. The Beautification Grant program offers up to \$10,000 in City funding for each of four local business areas including the Downtown BIA, Willow Point BIA, Pier Street Association and the Campbellton Neighbourhood Association.

Contract awarded for sewer line maintenance

Superior City Contracting will perform chemical grouting and trenchless point repairs to sewer lines throughout the city. The grouting will prevent groundwater from entering the pipes and the point repairs will address localized pipe defects. The value of the work (which prevents the need to excavate pipes) is \$141,820, excluding GST.

Automated airport parking machine approved

Robbins Parking Service Ltd has been awarded a contract to provide an automated parking payment machine located inside the airport terminal for \$11,054.44, excluding GST.

City to conduct long-range assessment of condition and space plan for facilities

Council approved a contract to undertake a long-range City facilities master plan and engineering condition assessment. This work will provide detailed information on the condition of major building systems and provide information for an integrated facilities asset management plan extending out 20 years – for improved capital replacement planning and decision making. The space planning will recommendations for the City's operational needs for the next 10 years. Also included in the work is an assessment of fall safety systems on City facilities. The work will be done by Facility Condition Assessment Portfolio Experts Canada Inc. (FCAPX) for \$178,647, excluding GST.

City to apply for grant from Clean Water and Wastewater Fund

Campbell River will apply to the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund for the installation of two storm water treatment systems at 5th Ave. and Hwy. 19A and at McCallum Park adjacent to the Big Rock boat ramp.

The City's portion of the project costs, valued at approximately \$225,000, would be funded through the Storm Water Parcel Tax. The project could not proceed without this program funding and would not otherwise be undertaken in 2017-18.

There is \$373.6 million available for distribution to communities in British Columbia. The Clean Water and Wastewater Fund offers funding up to a maximum of 83 per cent of the total eligible project costs. Fifty per cent is contributed by the Government of Canada and 33 per cent by the Province of British Columbia. Projects receiving this funding have to be completed by March 31, 2017. Projects already included in the financial plan are considered ineligible for this funding.

Island Coastal Economic Trust sharing information on value-added wood sector

The City's Forestry Task Force contributed \$5,000 to a \$60,000 project by Island Coastal Economic Trust that will collect and share information on the value-added wood sector across Vancouver Island.

Third reading for odour regulations bylaw

The proposed amendments to the public nuisance bylaw would address noxious odours and include provisions for inspection and assessment by an independent odour control specialist, a credentialed professional with odour control qualifications, licensed to practice in British Columbia. The regulation would not apply to the operation, maintenance and construction of the City's wastewater system. Staff will provide a future report to Council on samples of odour bylaws from other communities in British Columbia.

Campbell River Bike Park Society

The Campbell River Bike Park Society provided an amended plan and budget for the development of a bike skills park, in three phases:

Phase 1: pump track

Phase 2: tots/development area

Phase 3: jump and drop lines

Phase one and two, located on the west side of the development, require the least amount of land and investment.

The society aims to obtain funds for phase one and possibly phase two for the 2017 operating year, and requested that their revised budget of \$8,870 be included in the City's 2017 budget. Council referred this request to financial planning deliberations in December.

Salmon Kings swim club requests that outdoor pool open a month early in 2017

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Upland landfill operations certificate process update

Council received an information report from City staff outlining the provincial process for reviewing, referring and approving the Upland landfill operations certificate. The provincial process is underway, and it is anticipated that it will be referred from the Province to City staff in early 2017. Uplands Excavating has initiated their own community engagement process, which has provided technical documents regarding the proposed changes to the community. City staff are currently reviewing these documents and will provide comments for consideration at the Nov. 21 Council meeting, prior to submission to the applicant. A copy of comments will be provided to the Province.

Third quarter progress report presented to Council

The third quarter 2016 corporate report (July 1 to Sept. 30) shows operating expenses are at 66 per cent of total budget at the end of September. Budget variances are largely related to planned future activity, seasonal operations, delayed projects and timing for significant invoices yet to be received for RCMP, transit, and solid waste. Expenses are trending similarly to 2015, with the expectation is that the City will be slightly under budget by the end of the fiscal year, primarily a result of staff vacancies.

The capital spend by the end of the third quarter is at 24 per cent of budgeted expense, which is lower than 2015's 34 per cent. This is primarily related to the significant water supply project that has approximately \$15.5 million of works remaining in 2017 and 2018. The fourth quarter will result in many more projects and initiatives completed for fiscal 2016, as well as some expected project carryforwards into 2017, which will be discussed during the upcoming 2017 financial planning deliberations.

Grant-in-Aid applications awarded

Council approved the Community Partnership Committee's recommendations to award \$578,214 across 14 grants to local organizations to assist with important community services and events. Successful organizations provide arts and cultural events and services to the community and many other important local functions. Total requests for the grant program were \$596,254 with some organizations receiving only partial funding and others who did not meet Council's eligibility criteria. The amount awarded for 2017 is a decrease of approximately 3.2 per cent from 2016 – when several one-time grants were made to successful applicants. The Community Partnership Committee is tasked annually with making recommendations to Council for both Permissive Tax Exemptions and Community Grants. Council reserves 1.7 per cent of its overall operating budget to dedicate to this program.

Council approved the following Community Partnership Grants for inclusion in the 2017, 2018 and 2019 Financial Plan:

CR & District Public Art Gallery (Operations)	\$56,500
CR Community Arts Council	\$25,000
CR Museum & Archives (Haig-Brown House Operations)	\$44,500
CR Museum & Archives (Museum Operations)	\$179,214
Tidemark Theatre Society (Operations)	\$175,000
Greenways Land Trust	\$21,000
Recreation & Culture Facility Rental Grants	\$15,000
Salmon Festival	\$25,000
Shoreline Arts Society	\$5,000
Volunteer Campbell River	\$1,500
Citizens on Patrol	\$3,000
CR Volunteer Search & Rescue	\$9,500
Tidemark Theatre Society (30th Anniversary)	\$16,000
Words on the Water Writer's Festival	\$2,000

Forestry Task Force recommendations adopted

Council directed staff to work with the local sawmill sector to determine whether the City could use sawmill wood waste (i.e. in parks and playgrounds).

Council also requested staff to report back to the Forestry Task Force on industrial tax rates in Campbell River and neighbouring municipalities and identify which incentives may be legislatively available for retaining and/or attracting industrial properties to Campbell River.

Staff will also report to the Forestry Task Force on the proposed changes to the Sustainable Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw with respect to light and heavy industrial zoning.

The Mayor and a task force representative will meet with Chief Robert Pollard of the Campbell River Indian Band to discuss the possibility of partnering in a Community Forest.

Council will send a formal response to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities resolution regarding protection of old growth forests, reiterating that BC is known worldwide for having some of the most stringent forest management practices that aim to ensure coastal forests are harvested sustainably, and urging that this topic be discussed in the AVICC forum. Council will also request that forestry be considered a topic for the policy session at the 2017 conference.