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### Public hearing re: Jubilee Heights Neighbourhood Plan

Three people spoke in favour of increasing the potential size of a grocery store during the public hearing to consider amending the Jubilee Heights comprehensive mixed use neighbourhood development zoning. The speakers asked Council to consider endorsing the developer's original application for a grocery store up to 4,000 square metres (approximately the size of the Thrifty's food store in Campbell River). The proponent clarified that the total proposed commercial retail space is 6,600 square metres to provide greater flexibility for future commercial uses and to enable an increased grocery store floor area.

This public hearing follows the June 10 public hearing, held to reflect the most current subdivision plans, including road alignments that changed as part of the detailed design of the project.

The proposed changes:

- realign the Official Community Plan and zoning boundaries to reflect recently-created lot boundaries and road alignments
- permit duplexes in existing residential zones to provide a mix of affordable housing types
- increase the maximum size of a grocery store from 2,400 to 4,000 square metres

At the June 24 Council meeting, Council determined another public hearing would be held for proposed zoning amendments, with the maximum permitted size of a grocery store up to 3,200 square metres.

### Development, zoning and permits

- **Duplex considered for 634 Thulin Street** – Following a July 22 public hearing for proposed rezoning, Council gave third reading to permit the duplex at this address. A side yard lot line adjustment is required to ensure setbacks comply with all City bylaws. Council gave first two readings to the proposed rezoning bylaw at the July 8 meeting, and it will be considered for approval at the Aug. 26 meeting.
- **Permit renewed for a freestanding sign at 1231 Spruce Street** – Council renewed approval of a variance permit for a freestanding sign at 1231 Spruce Street, the clock tower that previously stood at the Tye Plaza. Council's previous variance approval expired after two years, and will now be renewed. The permit required approval of a variance because the City's Sign Bylaw restricts the maximum height to 7.5 m. All variances expire within two years if project work has not been substantially completed. The applicant intends to install the sign to advertise Econo Ezy Box Storage.

### Changes considered for cemetery management

Changes are proposed to comply with new provincial regulations and provide new and improved services at the Elk Falls Cemetery. Updates to the City's Cemetery Bylaw include:

- new language and legal protection for the City through alignment with the *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Authority* and the *Cremation, Interment & Funeral Services Act*
- updated fees – to comply with legal and best practice regarding contributions to the perpetual care fund, in some cases, fees are minimally lower (up to \$3 dollars). In the case of marker placement, fees are reduced by approximately \$50. The new marker reset fee (lifting and replacing the marker for additional inscriptions) is \$50.
- new services – The revised bylaw incorporates current and potential future additions.
  - A green burial section was developed in response to public request for an interment alternative that leaves minimal impact on the environment.
  - In response to requests for alternative forms of memorialization received during the 2015 public forum, during last year's cemetery upgrades, a section was developed to incorporate standing markers.
- The green burial meadow and standing marker areas can be in operation once the bylaw is approved.

## **Council Meeting Highlights August 12, 2019**

### **Purchases and contracts**

- **Fire rescue pumper truck** – Council awarded a contract to Fort Garry Fire Trucks for the design, build, and delivery of one rescue pumper truck, valued at \$995,635, to replace the 1999 Smeal rescue pumper that is a primary emergency used by the No.2 fire station. The Fire Underwriter Survey, which sets insurance grading in BC communities, does not recognize a pumper's water pump capacity beyond 20 years. The 1999 Smeal will move into a reserve role for the next five years, once the replacement engine arrives.
- **Centennial Pool roof replacement for change and mechanical buildings** – Council awarded a contract to Nelson Roofing & Sheet Metal Ltd. for the roof replacement of the Centennial Pool change building and mechanical building. The work is valued at \$106,310, scheduled to start the week of Sept. 3 and be completed this year.

### **Cost reduction opportunity for dealing with abandoned vehicles**

Council gave third reading to proposed amendments to the Traffic and Highways Regulation Bylaw regarding vehicles abandoned on City streets and boulevards. The draft changes:

- align with current provincial legislation
- reduce staff resources and costs in disposing of abandoned vehicles
- ensure efficiency and fairness in the process

The revised process would include one-time towing and direct disposal of abandoned vehicles after 14 days notice to the registered owner. This reduces costs related to multiple tows and storage.

Proceeds, if any, from vehicle sales, would reimburse City costs, with the remainder returned to the registered owner.

Council gave first two readings to proposed bylaw changes at the July 22 meeting.

### **Council seeks input from advisory committee on single-use plastic bags**

While the federal government intends to regulate single-use plastics by 2021, an extensive list of local governments have begun initiating legislation in an effort to reduce the consumption and improper disposal of single-use plastics. The recent BC Appeal Court decision has struck down most, if not all, local bylaws banning single-use plastic bags, and compliance is being encouraged on a voluntary basis where it cannot be enforced. Council referred this issue to the Environmental Advisory Committee for review and comment. Council previously made a decision to monitor action by other communities.

### **Support for Island Metis Association**

In response to a request by Charlotte Lever, Vice President, North Island Metis Association, Council will write a letter of support for nomination of the Metis Nation of British Columbia for Outstanding Chartered Community Award. The North Island Metis Association offers events and culture activity, particularly on Remembrance Day (Nov. 11), Indigenous People Day (June 21) and honouring Louis Riel's memory and celebrating Metis people on Nov. 16.

*(A committee of the whole meeting is a Council meeting without the usual limits on debate and urgency of a final vote, to allow a more open exchange of views.)*

### **Highlights from Aug. 13/19 Committee of the Whole meeting**

#### **Pickle ball request**

Graham Hughes made a presentation to Council about the opportunity to provide space to accommodate current and future demand for the popular, multi-generational sport of pickle ball. He proposed converting the existing north tennis courts at Centennial Park to create six pickle ball courts. (Centre basketball and south tennis court spaces would remain.) Tennis courts are also available at Robron and Willow Point parks. Council directed staff to report back in time for financial planning with estimated costs and other considerations on converting some tennis space for pickle ball.

#### **Council re-thinks roundabout design – considers postponing plans for centre feature**

Council is rethinking its previous direction to staff to proceed with community consultation on options for a centre feature in the Highway 19A-Rockland Road roundabout. Council may opt to proceed with building the roundabout, including electrical capacity for lighting a potential future centre feature, and leave that space empty at this time. This decision will be considered for endorsement by Council at the Aug. 26 meeting.