



Council Meeting Highlights February 19, 2018

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Wharf Loading Facility Upgrade

Phyllis Titus, manager of the Campbell River Harbour Authority, presented to Council regarding the north wharf loading facility upgrade at Pier Street's Fisherman's Wharf. A floating, concrete, drive-down dock will replace creosoted pilings and the north wharfhead, some of which is 75 years old. The Coast Guard will move to this harbour once the project is complete.

Immigrant Welcome Centre Update

Jim Brennan, executive director of the Immigrant Welcome Centre, provided an overview of the last year and encouraged people to volunteer with the organization in 2018. The organization served 987 people from 96 countries last year. Find out how to support this community-building service at immigrantwelcome.ca

Changes for Pier Street parking time limits

In response to requests by local business owners and customers, Council directed staff to reduce on-street parking from two hours to one hour on the west (upland) side of Pier Street from the intersection with St. Ann's to the crosswalk at the Fisherman's Wharf. Staff will review enforcement options, including costs for increasing frequency of patrols per day.

Apartment block approved for South Dogwood Street

Council approved a development permit application for a five-storey, 68-unit multi-family building at 575 Dogwood Street South. The proposal includes a modern west coast contemporary building using corrugated steel combined with charcoal, and grey siding with cedar coloured accents. The design also includes a varied roofline and façade, making the building visually appealing from the street. The overall building design combined with the landscaping, parking and pedestrian connections create a proposal that meets the vision of the Sustainable Official Community Plan and development permit guidelines.

Spruce Street park development plan

Council approved the proposed plan for the Campbellton Neighbourhood Association's pocket park at the end of Spruce Street. The association aims to make a naturally-landscaped, accessible seating and river viewing area. The park will be built in the spring of 2018. Funding comes from a \$15,000 FortisBC grant and matching funding from the City of Campbell River.

Variance approved for Quinsam Heights golf course development

Council has approved a development variance to maintain rural road standards along the portion of the CR Golf & Country Club property bordering Shetland Road. The portion of the property along Petersen Road will be upgraded to an urban standard. The applicant's request to waive the requirement to bury the overhead power lines was approved. Staff advised that the road standards are acceptable, given the context, policy direction and future development potential in the area.



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Public hearing will consider rezoning for Meadowbrook Drive secondary suite

The owner of 589 Meadowbrook Dr. has applied to rezone the single-family property to permit construction of a secondary suite connected to, or contained within, the existing dwelling. Council directed staff to arrange a public hearing for March 5.

City applying for grant to assess community wildfire risks

Council endorsed an application to the 2018 FireSmart grant program offered by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative. The grant would provide \$9,000 to assess how best to mitigate wildfire risks in the community.

Information campaign on invasive plants

Council requested a strategy to increase awareness about invasive plant species in Campbell River. Staff will report on a strategy that will include visuals and yard waste information for Council's information and direction. This strategy will complement the City's efforts to treat and remove noxious weeds such as yellow flag iris, knotweed, giant hogweed and Scotch broom. Scotch broom is an invasive species that the City, Greenways Land Trust and Broom Busters are actively working to remove. The City is dedicating an additional \$10,000 annually to strategically target the removal of Scotch broom on municipal land with project partners.

Infrastructure Canada Smart Cities Challenge

Council supported participation in Infrastructure Canada's Smart Cities Challenge, with \$5,000 from the Council contingency fund. The City will compete for \$10 million available for Canadian cities that use data and connected technology to address local issues and livability through improved communication, transportation and environmental protection.

This initiative was launched by Infrastructure Canada late in 2017, and Campbell River's application will be supported by community input. Residents will be asked to share their ideas answering questions like:

- Do you see a problem in your neighbourhood?
- How can technology improve life in Campbell River?
- What kind of community do we want to be?
- How can we be more connected?

Community members will be invited to share ideas at www.connect.campbellriver.ca. The site will launch Feb. 23. Deadline to submit ideas is April 2.

Meeting to discuss forest companies restricting access to backcountry, provincial parks

Council will take part in a discussion hosted by MLA Scott Fraser about private managed forest companies restricting access to backcountry/provincial parks. The meeting will take place in Port Alberni on Feb. 23.

Council to sign petition for increased emergency medical services in B.C.

Mayor Andy Adams will sign a petition by the B.C. Helicopter Emergency Rescue Operations Services to support increased emergency medical services in B.C. The petition is available for individual community signatures. Find out more at <https://www.change.org/p/to-save-more-lives-and-save-billions-for-taxpayers-b-c-must-finally-move-to-a-modern-prehospital-care-system>



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Deputy chief election officer appointed

Council appointed deputy city clerk Tracy L. Bate to be deputy chief election officer for the City of Campbell River's 2018 general local election, which takes place Oct. 20 this year.

Council to contribute to national legal defense fund

Council agreed to contribute annually to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Legal Defense Fund. Based on the set per capita contributions, the amount would be \$826.35, funded from the Mayor and Council base operating budget.