

# Council Meeting Highlights February 11, 2019

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## Feb. 23 proclaimed Coldest Night of the Year

For the second year in a row, the Campbell River and North Island Transition Society will host this fundraising walk to help some of our community's most vulnerable residents. Mayor Andy Adams' proclamation noted that homelessness affects people of all ages and that finding appropriate housing is extremely difficult for people battling poverty, addiction and mental health issues. Feb. 23 is proclaimed the Coldest Night of the Year and is an opportunity for community members to walk together "to experience a hint of the challenge faced by those experiencing homelessness during winter."

Due to weather, the delegation from the North Island Transition Society was unable to attend the council meeting as planned.

#### Habitat for Humanity Vancouver Island North presentation

Pat McKenna, executive director and Tom Beshr, resource development, Habitat for Humanity Vancouver Island North, presented to Council an overview of their program. In January 2019, Habitat for Humanity dedicated their tenth home in Campbell River to a local family. They plan to build seven more homes at 477 Hilchey Road over the next two years. They continue their work to find land to build additional homes and made a formal request to City Council for further land donations.

#### **Duplex rezoning considered for Dalton Road property**

Council gave the first two readings for an application to rezone 2270 Dalton Road to allow for construction of a duplex. The property is currently zoned for single family residential dwelling, and the applicant has also applied to the City to create one new parcel, which, if the rezoning is approved, would result in the owner building two duplexes, intended for rental use. Rezoning would result in an addition of three new dwelling units, increasing the rental stock in Campbell River, at a time when the community is experiencing 0.04 per cent vacancy rates. The next step for this application will be a public hearing.

#### Council approves request to waive frontage improvements at 501 Trask Road

In exchange for the registration of a density-limiting covenant on the properties, Council approved a development variance permit application to waive required frontage improvements along an 80-metre portion of Trask Road in advance of a two-lot subdivision application.

# Major development permit approved for 525 South Dogwood

Council approved a major development permit application for a proposed 28-unit townhouse development at 525 Dogwood Street South, subject to a variety of infrastructure improvements. Phase 1 of this project, a 70-unit apartment building, was approved by Council in July of 2017. The proposed development aligns with Campbell River's *Sustainable Official Community Plan*.

#### Finance Department's 2018 fourth quarter report and year-end audit services plan

Financial results for the City's departmental operating budgets are within expectation for the fourth quarter of 2018 and no areas of concern have been identified. Year-end adjustments continue as finance staff finalize reconciliation of 2018 balances. Council will be updated and provided a detailed analysis of the City's final 2018 financial results once the year end audit is complete. MNP LLP has been selected as the City of Campbell River's external auditors and will present audit findings in early May so that the City can meet its legislative requirements to file statements with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.



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# **Councillor Cornfield to join Marine Plan Advisory Committee**

The Marine Plan Partnership North Vancouver Island requested Council representation on the Marine Plan Advisory Committee . Council nominated Councillor Cornfield as the main representative and Councillor Dahl as the alternate.

#### Council supports Wei Wai Kum Polar Bear Swim fundraising

Council will donate \$500 in support of a fundraising challenge from the Wei Wai Kum First Nation for a Polar Bear Swim fundraiser. As of February 1, 11-year-old Sylas Thompson will swim every day in Discovery Passage until he raises \$30,000 to share between two local community groups, the Women's Resource Centre and the Grassroots Kind Hearts Society.

### Provincial development approvals process review update

Council received an update on a committee responsible for providing ideas to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local government development approval processes and systems across the province.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing initiated the Development Approval Process Review in late 2018 to review current development approvals processes as permitted legislation such as the Community Charter, Local Government Act, Building Act and to identify challenges and best practices.

The City's development services department was invited to participate with the Vancouver Island Development Approval Process Technical Committee.

The review process will wrap up in April, with the Province's identification and initiation of solutions to begin in June of 2019.

#### Resolutions endorsed from Jan. 29/19 Committee of the Whole meeting

#### **Revised direction for Maritime Heritage Centre entrance**

Council reviewed alternative concepts for improvements at the Maritime Heritage Centre and directed staff to continue with design work that maximizes the efficient flow of through traffic while providing for safe access to and from this popular downtown location.

The design will consider a better defined entrance to the parking lot, the addition of bicycle lanes, modified center meridians, new signage for the Maritime Heritage Centre and the addition of a new crosswalk at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The new design will not include a roundabout at this location. Work is expected for be underway later this spring.

### 2019 Centennial Pool repairs

Council reviewed three options for long-term plans to rehabilitate the outdoor pool in Centennial Park and provided support to consider option one in the 2020 financial plan. Council has already approved \$590,000 of work in 2019, focusing on immediate requirements for repair and maintenance of the lap pool, which are included in option one and will occur before the pool opens for the 2019 season. Other option one items include updates to mechanical and electrical components as well as enhancements to the change house building to make it more accessible and easier to clean.



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## Feb 12 Committee of the Whole meeting highlights

#### Sea Level Rise update, Phase 3 report, and public engagement

Council received an update on the City's sea level rise planning work, including the latest primer in the City's series of explanatory booklets. Building on primers one and two published in November, which illustrate flood risk and range of options to address the anticipated impact of rising sea levels in Campbell River, primer three presents the shortlist of technically-feasible potential adaptation options in different areas. This primer will form the basis of the next public engagement event (scheduled for March 19 at the Maritime Heritage Centre), when residents will be asked to express their preferences for different approaches.

Council also received a copy of the technical phase three report from *Northwest Hydraulic Consultants*, which contains a higher-level analysis of Campbell River's urbanized shoreline outside of the detailed study areas and recommends appropriate flood construction levels. This analysis will be used to create a flood management bylaw and development permit areas.

#### Urban containment boundary analysis: project scope and funding

Further to the November 2019 deferral of an application by Parkway Properties to amend the Official Community Plan's urban containment boundary, and the decision by Council to direct a City-led review during 2019 of all options for future housing growth, Council was presented with an itemized package of proposed analyses to comprise this review.

To complete the review by fall 2019, a budget of \$80,000 was requested, and Council will consider funding options at the next meeting. This allows for a detailed, focused assessment of infill capacity and policy, reconciling the Official Community Plan and zoning bylaw, updating residential growth policies and testing various options for extending the urban containment boundary.