

HIGHLIGHTS of DECEMBER 13, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

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PROTOCOL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE WEI WAI KUM FIRST NATION

Mayor Adams announced that the City and the Wei Wai Kum First Nation signed a protocol agreement on Dec. 13, recognizing a true government-to-government relationship that is based on respect, shared values and a mutual commitment to work towards reconciliation, in the spirit and intent of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The City values and appreciates the spirit of friendship and collaboration that this agreement represents.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Support for the Campbell River Community Action Team—Council approved the Campbell River Community Action Team's (CAT) request, dated Nov. 16, that the City continue to act as the organization's funding host through its 2022 funding cycle. CAT helps to address the toxic drug crisis regionally through community-based, action-oriented strategies. CAT is funded on an annual basis through provincial grants, for which the City acts as the funding host.

Funding for Canada Day fireworks—Council approved a request, dated Nov. 25, from the Campbell River Canada Day Committee for \$30,000 for the purchase of fireworks, if the Canada Day fireworks display proceeds in 2022. This amount will be matched by Quality Foods.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

Funding for improved curbside collection—The City has received a \$633,431 provincial grant to help support improved collection of household organic materials through the City's curbside collection program. The grant will cover approximately one-third of the City's costs to provide collection carts (or totes) for future curbside collection services of garbage, recycling and organics. The new organics processing facility that's currently being constructed by Comox Strathcona Waste Management will be in service in late 2022. Once completed, it will provide the City with the opportunity to start curbside residential organic collection to more than 10,600 Campbell River residents as early as 2023.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

2021-2030 Ten-Year Financial Plan amendments confirmed—The amendments incorporate initiatives approved in 2021 that were unknown when the budget was adopted in December 2020.

2022-2031 Ten-Year Financial Plan deliberations conclude—Council completed its final day of financial plan deliberations, following three days of financial planning from November 29 to December 1. Following two readings of the proposed financial plan, Council voted to move new Downtown Tax Revitalization funds from a reserve for downtown capital to the operating budget, to reduce taxation. The proposed 2022 budget includes a 3.13 per cent tax increase. This equates to approximately \$37 on a Campbell River home of average value (estimated at \$622,000).

Significant community growth and inflationary pressures continue to add pressure to existing City budgets and service provision to residents. This pressure was partially relieved by additional building permit revenues of \$300,000 and non-market change (tax revenues from new construction) of \$549,000. The proposed 2022 budget includes funding for renewal and replacement of aging infrastructure and provision of services that meet

community needs and expectations. The budget also includes significant investment in recreation facilities and services, and focuses on downtown revitalization and transportation, with up to \$200,000 of funding for cycling infrastructure, funding for the rehabilitation of the Sportsplex and \$100,000 of funding for enhanced CR Live Streets programming.

The City anticipates another challenging year in 2022. The proposed budget focuses on strengthening the stability and resiliency of the 10-year plan, as the City works to ensure Campbell River is in a position to adjust. Council will meet early in the new year to adopt the 2022-2031 Financial Plan.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

2021 destination marketing highlights—Council received a report outlining Destination Campbell River's (DCR) 2021 highlights. DCR is the dedicated destination marketing organization for Campbell River. DCR reported that international travel was limited for more than three-quarters of the year, but demand for domestic travel has been strong; Campbell River has the third-highest occupancy rate on Vancouver Island. DCR's marketing initiatives included a Campbell River awareness campaign, co-op marketing initiatives (Mountain Biking BC, Golf Vancouver Island, BC Freshwater and Saltwater Fishing Associations, BC Ale Trail), and niche marketing initiatives (Coldwater Diving, Fishing 2.0). The Visitor Information Centre received 6,670 visitors in 2021.

LONG RANGE PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Electric vehicle charging at municipally owned stations—Council adopted a proposed amendment to the Miscellaneous Fees and Charges Bylaw. This amendment allows the City to move to a pay-for-use fee structure for municipally owned and operated electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, as directed by Council. Beginning on January 4, 2022, use of a municipal EV charging station will be free for the first 30 minutes; a user fee of \$2 per hour will be charged thereafter.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Rezoning application for a secondary suite at 132 McCarthy Street South—Council gave first and second readings to an application for a Zoning Bylaw Amendment to rezone the property at 132 McCarthy Street South to allow for a secondary suite. The Public Hearing was waived, because the application is consistent with the Official Community Plan (OCP).

Application for a Downtown Revitalization Tax Exemption for 801 Island Highway—Council authorized staff to issue a Downtown Revitalization Tax Exemption Certificate for a mixed-use building at 801 Island Highway, as per Downtown Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw 3506, 2013. As the property is located within the designated exemption area, the applicant is eligible for a municipal tax exemption on the increased property tax as a result of the new construction. The term of the exemption is five years, at 100 per cent of the municipal property tax increase resulting from the improvements. The total anticipated municipal tax exemption for the property owner is approximately \$248,000 over the five-year exemption period, starting after building occupancy, which is expected in summer 2022.

Proposed rezoning to allow for a future low- and medium-density subdivision at 2337, 2341 and 2365 Quinsam Road—Council gave first and second readings to a proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment to rezone 46.92 hectares at 2337, 2341 and 2365 Quinsam Road to allow for a future low- and medium-density subdivision. The proposal includes a conceptual road and trail layout, parkland areas, environmental buffer areas and preliminary utility

servicing information. Conditions of rezoning approval relate to transportation upgrades in the area, Community Amenity Contributions and a Conservation Covenant. A public hearing will be scheduled for January 2022.

Zoning amendment for 1241 Shellbourne Boulevard adopted—Council adopted the bylaw for the rezoning of the property at 1241 Shellbourne Boulevard to allow for a secondary suite. The Public Hearing was waived because the application is consistent with the OCP.

Zoning amendment for 645 Thulin Street adopted—Council adopted the bylaw for the rezoning of the property at 645 Thulin Street to allow for a duplex.

Public Hearing on proposed rezoning of 670 Westmere Road—The City's public hearing was held to gather feedback on a proposed rezoning of 670 Westmere Road to allow for construction of a secondary residence at the rear of the property. Council will consider the proposal, and public hearing feedback, at a future meeting. See the entire public hearing as part of the webcast available on the City's website at campbellriver.ca/webcasts.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs—Council received correspondence, dated Oct. 29, from Tara Faganello, Assistant Deputy Minister and Inspector of Municipalities, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, regarding proposed amendments in Bill 26 that would affect public notice requirements and public hearing requirements, and would introduce a new requirement to consider a code of conduct. Council will consider these changes further at a Committee of the Whole meeting in the first quarter of 2022.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ACTIVITY UPDATE

(Received by Council during the Dec. 13 Council meeting.)

Since the last report was provided to Council on Nov. 4, there have been:

- 10 new applications received
- 8 applications completed

Currently, there are 75 active files. Of those files:

- 43 require action from the applicant
- 32 require action from the City
- 0 require action from the Province

Of the 75 active files, there are:

- 23 fee simple subdivisions
- 7 bare land strata subdivisions
- 0 temporary use permits
- 17 Zoning Bylaw amendments
- 1 combined OCP and Zoning Bylaw amendments
- 7 Major Development permits
- 2 Major Development Permit amendments
- 3 Major Development with Variance permits
- 11 Minor Development permits
- 1 Minor Development Permit amendment
- 1 Development Variance permits
- 2 Board of Variance permits