

HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPT. 14, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

New safety requirements for Council meetings help prevent spreading the coronavirus.

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MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Andy Adams emphasized that the continuing increase of COVID-19 case numbers is very concerning for Campbell River and British Columbia. He reminded people that schools re-opening will create closer connections and urged everyone to continue to follow precautions to avoid a spike in infections that could lead to greater restrictions on activities, and even more hardship for businesses. He added that the City continues to take precautions when delivering City services, and that everyone must do their part to keep the community healthy as the pandemic "is not going to end any time soon."

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

- **Secondary suite approved for 1261 Shellbourne Blvd.**
- **Rezoning approved for secondary suite or residence at 171 Larwood Rd.**
- **10-year affordable housing covenant confirmed for 850 Dogwood Street**
- **Housing Needs Report** – Council approved the August 2020 Housing Needs Report and will review and discuss recommendations at a future meeting. The report will be submitted to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to receive a \$15,000 grant to offset the City's cost of developing this report.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

- **Equipment purchases**
 - Inland Group will provide a backhoe loader valued at \$142,697 for underground utility maintenance and loading dump trucks. It will replace the existing 1999 Case 580SL backhoe loader, which will be traded-in as part of the purchase.
 - Rollins Machinery will supply a four-wheel drive commercial mower valued at \$111,140. The mower will be used at the Campbell River Airport (YBL), to mow, sweep and provide snow removal. This new unit will replace an existing Hustler 4600 mower, which will be traded in on the purchase. A Kubota F3680 will also be traded-in as part of the purchase.
- **Hotel Tax renewal** – In 2021, the City's Destination marketing organization will undertake the Municipal Regional District Tax (hotel tax) renewal process required by the Province, including consultation with the local accommodation sector, Tourism Advisory Committee and Council, and development of a five-year tourism strategy. This will be incorporated into Destination Think!'s work plan and budget. Reports will be reviewed by Council before they are submitted to Destination BC.
- **Sportsplex Rehabilitation next steps** – Detailed design for the Sportsplex rehabilitation project will take place in 2021. Public consultation and conceptual design for future upgrades to the Sportsplex will be part of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Planning Initiative.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- **Canada Post pausing mail service to Quinsam Road** – Mail delivery has been temporarily discontinued due to mailbox vandalism. Council requested RCMP and Bylaw Enforcement review and recommendations to address negative behavior in this area.
- **Funding for Campbell River residents displaced from homes by apartment fire** – In response to correspondence from the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, regarding funding for Campbell River residents displaced by the apartment fire earlier this year, Council expressed appreciation for the quick response and assistance, along with gratitude for BC Housing’s support for other local housing projects.
- **Request for expanded food and beverage patio service** – In response to email from the Alliance of Beverage Licensees, BC Restaurant & Foodservices Association and BC Craft Brewers Guild requesting support for expanded patio permissions, Council requested a staff report on how best to support expanded patio permissions over winter and for 2021 in anticipation of ongoing health and safety precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- **Heron protection update**– In response to correspondence from Gillian Anderson, Chair, BC Great Blue Heron Society regarding heron protection, Council requested an update on the local heron nesting program, tree protection bylaw and urban forest plan. A report will be reviewed at a future meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS – Council confirmed that:

- **September 20 to 26 will be declared National Forest Week in Campbell River.** This proclamation is in response to a request by the Resource Works Society and the Canadian Institute of Forestry and will mark the 100th anniversary of National Forest Week in Canada.

HIGHLIGHTS from SEPT. 15 COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING

Watershed protection

Council received a report proposing an amendment to the Official Community Plan that would designate residential properties around Mclvor Lake as part of a green and protected area. The change would discourage lakeshore densification, minimize development impact and provide greater shoreline protection to prevent soil erosion and environmental damage that could affect drinking water quality. Consultation with the Province, Council’s advisory committees and interested community members would take up to eight months. In the meantime, a staff review of watershed policies will continue. Council will consider an application to permit another residence at 7050 Gold River Highway on Oct. 5. An online public hearing was held for a proposed zoning amendment. The property is zoned for rural neighbourhood use. It borders crown land and Mclvor Lake and was subdivided from a larger parcel in 2012. The current rural neighbourhood land use designation requires a site-specific amendment to permit a second residence and increase in lot coverage. The proposed second residence is a 1,300 square-foot home for relatives of the current owners. It would be set back 75 metres from the highwater mark of lake. The City has received three letters in support of the proposal.

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Council recessed the public hearing to allow for a discussion about watershed protection and policies to discourage lakeshore densification before considering a final decision on this application.

Next meeting to discuss downtown issues will be Oct. 6

Building on the special meeting Council held in August and discussion at a September meeting regarding concerns about negative activity in the downtown core, Council will hold a follow-up meeting on this topic Oct. 6. The meeting will be held in the afternoon, following the committee of the whole meeting.

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