

HIGHLIGHTS of NOVEMBER 15, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

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2022 COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR APPROVED

Council approved the 2022 Council Meeting Calendar.

Council meetings and Public Hearings will begin at the following times in 2022:

- Closed Council meetings will begin at 4:30 p.m.
- Public Hearings will begin at 6 p.m., when required.
- Open Council meetings will begin at 6 p.m., or following a Public Hearing.
- Committee of the Whole meetings will begin at 10:30 a.m.

The Council Meeting Calendar, as well as agendas and minutes, can be viewed on the City of Campbell River's website (<https://campbellriver.ca/council-meetings>).

DELEGATIONS

- **Dementia Awareness Planning Project**—Mary Ashley, Jocelyn Reekie and Mary Catherine Williams, representing the Campbell River Seniors Network and Volunteer Campbell River, provided Council with a presentation about the Dementia Awareness Planning Project. They requested Council's continued support as they pursue funding opportunities, as well as the continued participation of City staff. Both the presenters and Council noted the importance of raising awareness about dementia and how it affects community members. The presentation was recorded as part of the Council meeting and can be viewed on the City's website (campbellriver.ca/webcasts).

Council also received an update about the Recreation and Culture Department's grant-funded Community Dementia Awareness Project activities. The City, in conjunction with the Campbell River Seniors Network, received a \$5,000 Plan H grant from BC Healthy Communities Society in August 2020 to build a foundation for the Community Dementia Awareness Project. The resulting activities laid the groundwork for a community-wide awareness program intended to improve quality of life for individuals living with dementia and their families by building relationships, strengthening partnerships and identifying strategies for engagement. Grant-related project activities have now been completed. Council directed that staff continue to be involved with the Dementia Awareness Project moving forward.

- **Cycling Advocacy Committee**—John Elson of the Cycling Advocacy Committee provided Council with a presentation about the results of the Cycling Advocacy Committee's survey of Campbell River cyclists regarding infrastructure priorities. Council received the survey report later in the meeting. The presentation was recorded as part of the Council meeting and can be viewed on the City's website (campbellriver.ca/webcasts).

CORRESPONDENCE

- **Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs**—Council received correspondence from the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs, announcing the launch of the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030. The CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 is a climate plan that outlines actions for reaching provincial 2030 emissions reduction targets and building a low-carbon economy. Council directed staff to refer a copy of the letter to the City’s Environmental Advisory Committee.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- **Funding for Vital Signs 2022**—In response to correspondence from the Campbell River Community Foundation requesting financial aid, Council approved a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to support the foundation’s Vital Signs 2022 project. Vital Signs is a public resource that makes community data available to the greater Campbell River community. Funds will come from Council’s contingency fund.
- **Funding for Campbell River Maritime Heritage Society**—In response to correspondence from the Maritime Heritage Society requesting financial aid, Council approved a grant of up to \$40,000 for the Maritime Heritage Centre. The funds will support the Maritime Heritage Centre’s operations as it reopens. The Maritime Heritage Centre, which preserves local marine heritage, provides community and economic benefits. Its collections include the BCP45 vessel, which is a designated National Historic Site. Funds will come from the COVID-19 Relief Fund provided to the City by the Government of British Columbia.
- **Letter of support for new Cedar Elementary School building**—In response to correspondence from Andrea Craddock, president of CUPE 723, SD 72 Support Staff, Council endorsed a letter of support to the Ministry of Education requesting approval and funding for construction of a new Cedar Elementary School building in School District 72.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

- **Crime prevention and restorative justice grant applications**—Council authorized staff to submit two applications for the 2021/2022 Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program. If approved, these grants would help with crime reduction efforts in the downtown area and support School District 72’s Restorative Justice Program. Council requested a presentation from staff at a future meeting to provide further program information.

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

- **Remedial action for three properties**—Council directed that the owners of the following properties bring their properties into compliance with the City’s Public Nuisance Bylaw:
 - 376 McLean St
 - 6-1335 Creekside Way
 - 1868 Nunn’s Rd

City contractors will be authorized to enter onto the properties to perform the work required to achieve compliance in the event that the property owner does not comply with the remedial action notice.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

- **Council Purchasing Policy adopted by Council**—Council adopted the revised City of Campbell River Council Purchasing Policy, which includes amendments made at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Nov. 2. The purchasing policy applies to all employees and any third parties hired by the City that are involved with procuring goods, services or construction on behalf of the City. It is used in conjunction with the City's administrative purchasing procedures. The purchasing policy has been established to ensure that the City's purchasing decisions are consistent, follow best practices and offer the best value possible to the City. The City periodically reviews the purchasing policy and purchasing procedures to evaluate their effectiveness and ensure that best-value procurement practices are being followed and updated.

LONG RANGE PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

- **Electric vehicle charging at municipally owned stations**— Council gave first, second and third readings to a proposed amendment to the Miscellaneous Fees and Charges Bylaw. This amendment would allow 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. Use of a City owned and operated EV charging station would be free for the first 30 minutes; a user fee of \$2 per hour would be charged thereafter. The Miscellaneous Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw will be presented to Council for adoption at the Council meeting on Dec. 13, and, once adopted, will take effect on Jan. 1, 2022.
- **Survey of Campbell River cyclists**—Council received the Cycling Advocacy Committee's survey of Campbell River cyclists regarding infrastructure priorities for cyclists. Council directed that the survey be referred to staff for future consideration as part of the Master Transportation Plan, and that staff report back to Council about cyclist signage at the Rockland Road Roundabout. The survey has been referred to a future Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

- **Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) workshop panel proposal**—In response to correspondence from the AVICC, regarding AVICC's 2022 Annual General Meeting and Convention, Council directed that staff submit a proposal to AVICC for a workshop panel to provide North Island Mayors with an opportunity to share the impacts that recent resource sector decisions have had on their communities.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

- **Rezoning proposed for 1241 Shellbourne Blvd.**—Council gave first and second reading to a Zoning Bylaw amendment to allow for a secondary suite at 1241 Shellbourne Blvd. The Public Hearing was waived because the application is consistent with the Official Community Plan.
- **Rezoning proposed for 670 Westmere Rd.**—Council gave first and second reading to a rezoning application for 670 Westmere Rd. The City received a Zoning Bylaw Amendment and a Development Variance Permit application to amend the Zoning Bylaw for 670 Westmere Rd. The proposal is to allow for the construction of a new secondary residence at the rear of the property and to prevent creating a non-conforming front-yard setback to the existing duplex.

- **Zoning amendment for 2175 Campbell River Rd. adopted**— Council adopted the bylaw for the rezoning of the property at 2175 Campbell River Rd. to allow for site-specific permitted use as a lumber yard. The application was received on Jan. 22, 2020. It received first and second reading on May 11, 2020, and proceeded to a Public Hearing on June 29, 2020. On July 20, 2020, the application received a third reading, subject to two conditions:
 - that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) endorse the proposed bylaw, and
 - that a Statutory Right of Way (SRW) for an existing storm pipe be registered on the title of the subject property to establish legal conditions for the storm line.The SRW has been registered on the title of the subject property, and the MOTI has endorsed the bylaw.
- **Development of an eight-unit apartment building at 702 Alder St. approved by Council**—Council approved a Major Development Permit with Variance application to allow for construction of a two-story, eight-unit apartment building at 702 Alder St. The proposal includes a variance to the Zoning Bylaw to reduce the adjoining side yard setback along 7th Ave. from 4.5 metres to 3.5 meters, so that the apartment can be constructed within the side yard, and a variance to the minimum number of required parking spaces.
- **Rezoning proposed for 645 Thulin St.**—Council gave first and second reading to a Zoning Bylaw Amendment to allow for construction of a duplex at 645 Thulin St.