



## HIGHLIGHTS of AUG. 17, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

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### OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Andy Adams opened the meeting with a reminder for everyone to take COVID-19 seriously. With an increasing number of cases on Vancouver Island, including northern Vancouver Island, the Mayor urged community members to please be careful, respectful, maintain physical distance and do what we can to keep our community safe.

### DELEGATION TO COUNCIL

**Cermaq Canada** representatives Brock Thomson, innovation director; and Amy Jonsson, communications and engagement manager, provided Council with an overview of their **new semi-closed containment fish farming technology trial**.

Council also received a news release from Cermaq Canada, regarding the new technology. (A recording of the presentation is included in the archived webcast of the Council meeting.)

### DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- **79-unit apartment building considered for Dogwood Street** – Council gave third reading for a rezoning application to permit an affordable housing complex at 850 Dogwood St. The five-storey building will be constructed in partnership with BC Housing and include 79 units. A bus shelter would be installed at this location, and the development would remain a rental building for at least 10 years, with rental rates that meet provincial guidelines for affordability. Council noted that this is not a low-cost housing project. Council gave first and second reading at the June 29 meeting, and an online public hearing was held July 20.
- **Patio homes for Arizona Drive** – Council approved rezoning for a portion of the property at 351 Arizona Dr. to allow for the whole property to be developed as patio homes. The approval will add seven units to the entire 6.5-acre property, which is already zoned for multiple residences. In response to questions from community members, Council confirmed that a stormwater management plan would be part of developing the property.
- **Secondary suite considered for Larwood Road** – Council gave first and second reading to a zoning bylaw amendment to allow for a secondary suite or a secondary residence at 171 Larwood Rd. The public hearing will be waived as the application is consistent with the Official Community Plan. A development proposal sign was posted, and letters were sent to surrounding neighbours. No public comment has been received.
- **Secondary suite considered for Shellbourne Boulevard** – Council waived the need for a public hearing for the application and provided a \$2,625 grant-in-lieu for the application fees related to 1261 Shellbourne Boulevard rezoning to permit a secondary suite.
- **Reduction in service requirements approved for development on Hilchey Road** – Council approved reducing the financial contribution required to support installation of future underground wiring in front of a multi-family development at 327 Hilchey Rd. The developer

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**Please note:** We are gradually – carefully – resuming in-person services and limited public access to City facilities. For the most recent information on City services, please see our website ([campbellriver.ca](http://campbellriver.ca)). Reach us with general inquiries by email ([info@campbellriver.ca](mailto:info@campbellriver.ca)) or telephone 250-286-5700.

will pay \$59,735 (50 per cent of the estimated cost, plus contingency funding). Council requested a report on the process for amendments to the section of the subdivision and development bylaw that covers installation of wires underground.

#### **BYLAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE**

- **Amendments considered for animal control bylaw** – Council gave first three readings to an amendment that would permit partial-year purchase of dog licences and would require vicious dogs to be muzzled while in public spaces.
- **Remedial action for 90 Masters Rd.** – Council directed that the owners of 90 Masters Rd. be required to bring the property into compliance with the City’s public nuisance bylaw. City contractors will be authorized to enter onto the property to do the required work if the property owners do not comply with the remedial action notice.

#### **PROJECTS UPDATE**

- **Norm Wood Environmental Centre biosolids management upgrade** – Upland Contracting Ltd. was awarded a contract valued at \$235,303 to strip organic material from one field, remove and relocate an access road and improve drainage management at the Norm Wood Environmental Centre. This work includes construction of drainage channels, installation of new culverts, restoration of existing ditches and enhancing drainage control devices.
- **Three new waterfront sewer lift stations** – Knappett Industries Ltd. was awarded a contract valued at \$2,191,980 for the construction of three new sanitary sewer lift stations as part of the City’s Waterfront Project 2018-2020 between Rockland Road and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Two will replace existing lift stations. A new lift station will be located on the Anchor Inn property. During construction, the contractor will be required to maintain two-way traffic on Highway 19A and access to all properties located within the project limits. The work is scheduled to begin in September and expected to take approximately eight months.

#### **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

- **Financial compensation for Council** – Council gave first three readings to make retroactive adjustments to Council compensation. This change corrects a minor calculation error and maintains the guiding principles and intended changes to compensation recommended by a 2018 Council Remuneration Task Force. The task force reviewed the compensation of Mayor and Council in advance of the 2018 municipal election in light of a change in federal income tax policy, regular annual Community Price Index adjustments, and the amount comparator communities pay Council members. Compensation for Campbell River’s City Council is based on the average paid by comparator communities.
- **Grant opportunity for recreation infrastructure** – The City will not apply for an Investing in Canada infrastructure grant, paving the way for the scaled-back Strathcona Gardens Recreate project to be the only application from Campbell River. Council requested a report on the Sportsplex envelope repairs project.
- **Update on COVID-19 business restart resources** – Council received a report from the City’s economic development department outlining the variety of tools recently developed to support the local business community. Programming is designed to connect with local businesses, provide business recovery tools and to embed resilience in business plans.

- **Second quarter financial report** – During the second quarter of 2020, the City of Campbell River began to experience the financial impact of COVID-19. To minimize revenue lost due to temporary facility closures, as well as gaming and hotel tax shortfalls, Council identified various cost-saving measures, including reducing the number of planned operating and capital projects for 2020. The majority of projects that haven't been delayed or cancelled are well into the planning or construction phase. The second and third quarters are typically the busiest for the City, with capital project works and operations crews completing a majority of their work during these months. Quarterly financial reporting provides regular information on the progress of the work plan approved during financial planning.

### **Destination Campbell River's 2020 second quarterly summary report**

Council received a report from the City's economic development department with Destination Campbell River's 2020 second quarter summary report. The report outlines continued destination marketing initiatives and adjustments made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

- **Concerns regarding homeless camp and negative activity on Quinsam Road** – In response to correspondence from a number of concerned citizens regarding the homeless camp on Quinsam Road, Council requested a report from the provincial government and member of the legislative assembly regarding the use of Crown land in this area. The City Manager confirmed that local RCMP officers have been responding on a regular basis to incidents and concerns about potential criminal activity in this area, and that there are no plans to remove people from this area unless there is an immediate risk to public safety. Council requested a comprehensive report with recommendations for the Sept. 1 meeting, which will inform a written request to the Province for additional action.
- **Concerning behaviour at Ken Forde boat ramp beach and parking lot** – Council received correspondence from the Willows Oceanside strata council regarding concerning behaviour at the Ken Forde boat ramp parking lot and beach. Council requested a report outlining measures the RCMP, fire department and bylaw enforcement could take to discourage negative behavior at this location.
- **Traffic calming on Nodales Drive** – In response to an email from Stephen Sohmer regarding traffic speed and volume on Nodales Drive, Council directed staff to install appropriate traffic calming measures along this route. Council also requested a report on traffic calming options and methodology at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development timber supply review** – Council received correspondence from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development regarding the timber supply review being undertaken to determine a new allowable annual cut for the north island region. Council will write to the Ministry requested additional time to review the data. The review will be completed with input from members of the former forestry task force to ensure as much benefit as possible for the entire community. Council will continue to request

information on options for a community forest and community involvement in recreation planning for Snowden Demonstration Forest.

- **North Island COVID-19 testing and assessment centres** – Council received an email from Island Health providing a list of North Island COVID-19 testing and assessment centres.

## **HIGHLIGHTS of AUG. 18, 2020 COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING**

### **Council meeting time confirmed**

Council confirmed 3 p.m. meeting starts for remainder of 2020. In-camera meetings will take place first, with open meetings beginning at 3:30 p.m. Meetings can be viewed live and are recorded and available through the City's website. Meetings are also aired on Shaw TV.

### **2021 Financial Planning and Strategy**

In light of COVID-19 financial and operational impacts, Council endorsed a strategy to move forward established budgets and new projects in the 10-year plan by one year. This will provide relief to reserve funds and to increasing capacity constraints, allowing for the City to start to recover from financial losses. This strategy will also help prepare the City for currently unknown impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, helping to maintain predictable property tax increases within policy parameters, while assisting long-term financial planning. City budget deliberations and financial planning meetings will be held in October this year.

## **HIGHLIGHTS of AUG. 13, 2020 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (recording available on City website)**

### **OPENING REMARKS from MAYOR ANDY ADAMS**

*I'd like to open today's special Council meeting by thanking everyone in advance who's arranged to take the time to make presentations today, and to others who have sent in correspondence. Myself, and Council, are extremely concerned with the escalating issues that are occurring throughout our downtown.*

*The increase in unacceptable and inappropriate behavior must be addressed as this cannot continue. As the reports included in today's meeting confirm, Council has invested significantly in attempts to address the ongoing issues downtown, however this does not seem to be working.*

*We need your insight and assistance in how and what to do to help.*

*This is an important opportunity for Council to hear your concerns, suggestions and recommendations for solutions about issues occurring downtown.*

*As people with direct and ongoing experience of what's happening, we appreciate you have important input that will help identify opportunities for improvement.*

*We recognize that these issues are complicated and have been compounded by COVID-19, and we look forward to hearing your ideas for ways we can potentially help. What you share with us will complement and provide additional context to the information we have from the City's bylaw officers and the RCMP as well as the data from downtown surveys.*

*Again, I want to emphasize that Council shares your desire to maintain the heart of our community as a welcoming, attractive location for everyone.*

*This is an opportunity for Council and City Staff to formally hear and listen from the community.*

*Our goals for this meeting are to identify any gaps and opportunities for future actions. While we won't be making decisions today, your input will help inform future decisions on downtown partnerships and projects.  
Thank you for your participation and contributions to this special Council meeting.*

Council received and discussed a report on current activity, downtown initiatives and updates on program and services to address issues and concerns.

The following delegations presented to Council:

- BC Housing, Director of Regional Development, Malcolm McNaughton
- Campbell River and District Coalition to End Homelessness
- Vancouver Island Mental Health Society (VIMHS), Executive Director, Taryn O'Flanagan
- Grassroots Kind Hearts Society, Diane Palmer
- CBI Health Centre, Darcy Lawley
- Campbell River and District Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director, Mary Ruth Snyder
- Heart of the City Business Improvement Area Society (BIA) Chair, Heather Gordon Murphy
- Campbellton Neighbourhood Association (CNA) Chair, Brian Shaw
- Tye Apartments Manager, Patti Webster
- Econo Ezy Box Storage, Ted Arbour
- Berwick by the Sea Retirement Community (Campbell River) General Manager, Gareth Wood
- Crowne Pacific Development Corporation, Brett Giese

#### **CLOSING REMARKS by MAYOR ADAMS**

*Thank you again to everyone for your time, your patience and for the open and constructive comments and ideas you shared during today's meeting.*

*These will help Council as we review opportunities and consider how to be most effective moving forward on downtown issues.*

*We appreciate that there are many challenges, and we share your sense of urgency.*

*We will continue to work with the many partners involved to seek the best possible solutions, both to meet immediate needs, and for the long term.*

*Again, thank you all.*

Council has requested a summary of all ideas proposed during the meeting and will discuss options and opportunities at a future meeting.