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2019-2028 Financial Plan approved

Council approved the 2019-2028 financial plan, which provides long-term stability for existing and future service levels, and provides funding for the maintenance of, and upgrades to, the City's capital assets. The 10-year financial plan reflects Council's commitment towards budget parameters, fiscal stability, and long-term strategic financial planning with a total tax increase of 2.55%, which includes a 0.63% tax increase to provide ongoing funding for renewing and maintaining community infrastructure. Council adopted the financial plan bylaw Dec. 19.

Council expenses bylaw adopted

Council adopted amendments to the Council Expenses Bylaw, which was reviewed by the Council Remuneration Task Force. Highlights of changes include: the removal of combined rates, an elimination of the daily incidental per diem of \$15, a reduction of the breakfast rate to \$20 (formerly \$30), a reduction to the \$25 lunch per diem (formerly \$35). As a result of these changes, a full day per diem can be claimed up to \$85.

Landscaping to enhance streetscape views of over-height retaining wall

Council approved a development variance for an existing, non-conforming retaining wall at 706 Cameleon Dr. after the property owner agreed to install landscaping to enhance the streetscape view of the 6.12-metre block wall. The property owner assured Council the wall had been engineered for safety. The City's bylaw has since been amended to require retaining walls taller than 1.5 metres to be terraced for aesthetics and safety.

Council requested that staff develop bylaws with deterrents to reduce future violations of variances.

Two development variance permit requests deferred

- Council requested additional information about using a covenant to restrict density on the property at 501 Trask Rd. before considering a development variance permit that would vary works and services requirements along Trask Road as part of a future two-lot subdivision.

In August, the proponent requested a development variance to accept rural road standards for recommended improvements along Trask Road as part of the permit approval. Council postponed consideration of the request as part of a pending consultation with Greenways Land Trust and Beaver Lodge Land Trust. The proponent has since revised the application and is now requesting that the City waive requirements for road improvements along Trask Road. Correspondence from neighbours indicates concerns with increased traffic on Edgewood Road to construct and access the new home at 501 Trask Rd.

- Council also deferred discussion of an application to vary zoning requirements at 1160 Shellbourne Blvd. (Prado Verde Manufactured Home Park) to reduce frontage from 10 to 8 metres, and reduce pad size from 300 to 200 square metres, which would allow additional mobile homes to be placed on the property.

Council had questions about standards and best practices for mobile home parks in terms of density and minimum lot size, maximum lot coverage, parking requirements, the anticipated number of additional units after the proposed redevelopment of the property and interim relocation of tenants.



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Ticketing and fines approved to enforce cannabis regulations

Council has adopted amendments to the City's Ticketing Bylaw to provide RCMP and bylaw enforcement officers the ability to issue fines for non-compliance related to cannabis sales and consumption. Store locations are regulated in Campbell River, and cannabis consumption (smoking) is prohibited in public places.

Remedial action approved for two properties

Owners of 984 Shoppers Row and 614 Springbok have 30 days to bring their properties into compliance with respect to overgrown hedges and graffiti. If the work isn't completed within that time, the Public Nuisance Bylaw allows the City to have the work done, and property owners will be billed for the cost.

Traffic signal improvements coming for Hwy 19A and St. Ann's intersection

Council awarded a contract to Raylec Power LP in the amount of \$209,660 to replace the traffic signals at Highway 19A and St. Ann's Road intersection. This will include advance left turn lights for north and south-bound traffic (lanes already in place). Work is scheduled to take place in late January.

Fir Street watermain and storm drain upgrades

Council awarded a contract to Knappett Industries (2006) Ltd. in the amount of \$415,371.55, for the renewal of watermain on Fir Street from 9th Avenue northward to the 1100-block laneway, accompanied by storm drain on Fir Street from 10th Avenue to the 1100-block laneway.

Urban containment boundary expansion analysis update

In November, Council agreed to postpone consideration of an application by Parkway Properties Ltd and E. Maxwell's to extend the City's urban containment boundary south of Jubilee Parkway to provide staff with an opportunity to review City housing growth policies, overall growth management strategy, and implications for infrastructure servicing and long-term maintenance costs and considerations. Staff are currently in the process of assessing the scope and estimated costs for this review and will report back to Council in the near future.

City to seek UBCM child care space planning funding

Council supported a request from the Campbell River Family Network for the City to apply to UBCM for the Community Child Care Planning Program grant funding. If successful, the City will receive up to \$25,000, which will be provided to the Campbell River Family Network to undertake an assessment of community child care needs and develop a community child care space creation action plan. This grant funding would enable the community to collect information on the child care needs in Campbell River and create an inventory of existing child care spaces, as well as identify gaps and service needs and actions moving forward. This will help the community and child care providers plan to address child care needs in Campbell River and secure additional provincial funding for licensed child care spaces.

According to the *Campbell River 2018 State of the Child Report* produced by the Campbell River Family Network, as of 2017, there were 1,137 licensed child care spaces in Campbell River. These spaces include before/after school care as well as day care for children up to five years old. According to Statistics Canada's 2016 Census Information, in the Campbell River census agglomeration, there are 5,820 children under the age of 14 years, and of these children, 1,770 are in the newborn to four-year-old age range. These numbers highlight the significant gap in available child care in Campbell River. The greatest needs in the community are for infant and toddler spaces, facilities that accommodate flexible work schedules, and after school care.



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Additional highlights

- Correspondence in opposition to the Vancouver Island Motorsports Park Association's proposed drag strip received
- Council requested a staff report on Campbell River Environmental Committee's request for a pesticide use bylaw – to be considered at a future meeting
- Correspondence regarding downtown parking referred to bylaw enforcement
- MP's information on funding from the National Housing Strategy to be forwarded to Community Health Network and Second Chance Recovery House
- Council will send a letter to support Greenways Land Trust's application to the Coastal Restoration Fund for continue rehabilitation of Baikie Island Nature Reserve
- Council will send a letter to BC Seafood Alliance encouraging participation in future wild salmon advisory council meetings
- 2019 advertising in Royal Canadian Legion's Military Service Recognition Book approved
- The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy intends to make a presentation as a delegation to Council at a January meeting to provide an overview of their technical analysis of Uplands Excavation's Landfill permit application and pending certificate of operation.