



Council Meeting Highlights November 19, 2018

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Presentations highlight opportunity for Campbellton improvements

Community planning students from Vancouver Island University, Alan Cavin and Sarah Holden, outlined a five-year plan to use beautification funding in the Campbellton neighbourhood. The plan was developed based on community consultation that took place in January and July. Recommended annual beautification projects include: establishing trees and landscaping in large planter boxes along the highway; entrance signage; lighting; public art (murals, street pole beautification and alley-way signs); bike lanes and bike racks; street furniture.

Funding would come from an annual \$10,000 grant from the City for neighbourhood beautification, matched by cash contributions or in-kind donation from the Campbellton Neighbourhood Association.

Brian Shaw, chair of the Campbellton Neighbourhood Association, said that additional tree planting and river viewing locations would be long-term goals for the area. He requested an additional one-time grant of \$10,000 for Vancouver Island University students to expand on existing studies that would help make the neighbourhood a destination. Council will discuss this request during financial plan deliberations, scheduled for the first week of December.

Council approves Community Partnership Committee's 2019 grant recommendations

Council approved the Community Partnership Committee's grant recommendations for inclusion in the 2019 Financial Plan. Grants for 2019 totaled \$646,800. This amount falls within Council's grant policy cap of 1.6 per cent of general revenues, which totals \$715,594 for 2019.

Each year the City receives applications for grants from a number of community arts and culture organizations. The majority of these applicants have been receiving annual grants for many years. Organizations such as the Tidemark Theatre, Museum, Art Gallery, and Arts Council, operating out of City-owned facilities, receive multi-year grant commitments. Grants were also awarded for arts and culture community events such as the Salmon Festival, Shoreline Arts Carving Festival, Words on the Water, Shoreline Musical Theatre, and the River City Arts Festival. Other long-standing organizations recognized with a grant for providing a valuable benefit to the community include Volunteer Campbell River, Citizens on Patrol, CR Volunteer Search and Rescue and Greenways Land Trust.

The Community Partnership Committee makes recommendations to Council after reviewing annual applications. The Committee recommended approval of all 15 applications.

Council also approved the committee's recommendation to allocate \$20,000 for grants that would assist local organizations with the cost of renting City facilities. Mary Storry and Dennis Fitzgerald, from the Community Partnership Committee, presented an overview of their report and answered questions.

Amendments to City's ticketing bylaw for cannabis consumption

Council has adopted new bylaw regulations related to cannabis sales and consumption, including store locations and prohibition of cannabis consumption (smoking) in public places. To enforce these regulations, amendments are required in the City's Ticketing Bylaw to provide RCMP and bylaw enforcement officers the ability to issue fines for non-compliance. The ticketing bylaw amendment was given three readings and will be brought back for adoption on Dec. 17.

Council approves 17-unit, multi-family development on Homewood Road

With Council's approval, the City will issue a major development permit for proposed a strata development of 17 single-family homes on the property at 681 Homewood Rd. City staff will now work on a preliminary review for subdivision pre-approval. This application included evaluation of form, character, and performance (for a multi-family development), energy use and emissions (for a strata development) and hazardous conditions (due to the steep slope).

Community groups share parking space as solution to expand gymnastics club

Council approved a variance to reduce parking and loading stall requirements as part of a future planned expansion of the Campbell River Gymnastics Club at 1981 14th Ave.

The Gymnastics Club has secured an agreement with the adjacent Fraternal Order of Eagles allowing the Gymnastics Club to use eight of the Eagles' parking stalls (for a total of 19 parking stalls). The variance submission included a study from an engineer confirming that the building expansion is not anticipated to create additional parking demand over and above existing conditions and there is sufficient overlap between the Gymnastics Club and Eagles Hall to justify a shared parking arrangement. Council's approval permits a reduction of parking spaces on the Gymnastics' Club property from 32 currently required stalls to 11, and loading from two stalls to zero.

SOCIP decision re: urban containment boundary review

Council deferred consideration of an application by Parkway Properties and E. Maxwell to amend the Official Community Plan and extend the urban containment boundary to include three properties south of Jubilee Parkway.

This will allow wider review that considers the potential for infill development to meet demand for housing, as well as all potential options for expanding the boundary and associated infrastructure and servicing implications.

Staff set out a process over up to 10 months to explore this issue, which would culminate in an Official Community Plan update that may – or may not – contemplate potential extension of the urban containment boundary. While the main focus will be on locations for housing, there will also be consideration of suitable types of housing, including secondary suites and tiny homes. Toward the end of this process, the deferred Parkway/Maxwell application can be brought back for consideration in relation to the preferred direction for revised Official Community Plan policies.

Council supports BC Soccer Association's #respectall campaign

Council directed staff to demonstrate Campbell River's support for the BC Soccer Association's #respectall campaign by posting signs at the Robron turf field. BC Soccer's #respectall initiative is designed to remind players, coaches, referees, parents, and spectators to be respectful of each other in hopes of reducing/eliminating negative behaviour within the game to create an even more positive environment for all.

Community Resiliency Investment Program

Council supported an application by fire chief Thomas Doherty and Strathcona Regional District emergency program coordinator Shaun Koopman for grant funding under the Community Resiliency Investment Program administered by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for FireSmart initiatives. Funding would be used to update the current Community Wildfire Protection Plan, provide a FireSmart Guide to landscaping specific to the Campbell River area; and to fund a FireSmart professional to attend Campbell River's Fire Safety Day in May 2019.



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Council receives third quarter financial report

Financial results between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30 are within expectation for this time of year, with revenues at 89 per cent of budget and operating expenses at 60 per cent of budget. Of the 40 operating projects approved by Council for the year, 21 are in progress and eight have been completed. Of the City's 2018 approved capital plan to renew and enhance infrastructure for community growth, 58 projects are in progress, 34 have been completed and 22 have been cancelled or delayed. Total capital spending in the first three quarters was \$9.2 million on an annual budget of \$30.8 million. The full report will be posted in the *Financial Reports* section of the City's website.

CAT request

Council will send a letter of support for the Community Action Teams' funding request to support additional community dialogue and engagement on harm reduction related to opioid use. The funding application will be sent to the University of Victoria's Centre for Addictions Research, which administers funding on behalf of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. If the application is successful, the City would hold and administer the grant funding, similar to its role in managing \$100,000 received by the Community Action Team for work to date.

2019 Council meeting schedule and assignments approved

City Council's 2019 meeting schedule will be advertised in upcoming editions of the Mirror newspaper. Find the calendar, along with acting mayor and alternates assignments, and additional City Council information online at: www.campbellriver.ca/your-city-hall/city-council

Pre-budget meeting presented business cases for City service changes

Business case decision making has become an integral aspect of the City's *Financial Stability & Resilience Program*. Business cases are presented during pre-budget meetings to provide supplemental information for consideration during financial planning. Business cases presented on economic development, strategic human resource management and building inspection were presented to aid Council with prioritizing City needs and determining resources for the 2019-2028 Financial Plan. City budget deliberations are scheduled to take place from Dec. 3 to 5.

Update on back country access

Council received a letter with a report on access across private forest lands to public recreation resources. Find the details in the Nov. 19 Council meeting agenda, available from the link to agendas, minutes and webcasts – on the homepage at campbellriver.ca