

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Secondary suite proposed for 191 Island Hwy** – Council gave first two readings of the proposed rezoning Oct. 7. The proponent has held a neighbourhood public meeting, and the City has received no objections to the proposal.
- **Duplex proposed for 384 Hilchey Rd.** – Council gave first two readings of the proposed rezoning Oct. 7. The City has received some concerns over potential additional traffic, but no objection to the proposal. Building orientation and any measures required to reduce potential traffic impact would be considered during the building application process.

DELEGATION – Presentation on community health

Dr. Charmaine Enns, the north island medical health officer for Island Health gave Council an update on local population health. See the entire presentation by viewing the webcast of the Council meeting (available from the link – top right – on the homepage at campbellriver.ca).

AWARDS

Videographer Awards recognition for five City productions

Mayor Adams announced that the City has been recognized with five honours for recent videos.

- *Budgeting for City Service* – award of excellence
- *Improving Home Energy Ratings and Rebates for Home Energy Evaluations* – award of distinction
- *Step Up Your Home Construction and Budgeting for Property Taxes* – honourable mention

View the videos on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofCampbellRiver/videos>

For more information, see the City's Oct. 22 news release about these awards – posted under What's New at campbellriver.ca.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

- **77 community groups exempt from property taxation totally more than \$1 million** – Council adopted the Permissive Tax Exemptions 2019-2020 bylaw that provides 77 community organizations with property tax exemptions totaling \$1,011,941. The City's Community Partnership Committee recommended the exemptions after confirming that these charitable, philanthropic, and other not-for-profit organizations provide valuable community benefits in the areas of community and social services, religious worship, and public recreation. The committee will report back to Council in 2020 on recommended changes to the evaluation process for future permissive tax exemptions.
- **Sewer treatment building roof replacement** – G&G Roofing Ltd was awarded a \$165,560 contract to replace the roof at the Norm Wood Environmental Centre.
- **Grant for Vancouver Island Motor Sport Association** – Council granted \$34,084.46 to reimburse the Vancouver Island Motor Sports Association for amounts paid while pursuing a motor sports park at the Campbell River Airport. Another \$15,915.54 will be provided to assist with future work to establish a local drag racing strip.

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- **Funding request to support firefighter training** – Council endorsed a funding application requesting a contribution \$25,000 toward training for fire response at the airport. The Fire Department will submit the request to the provincial Community Emergency Preparedness Fund.
- **Property taxation and financial stability and resiliency policies adopted** – Council reaffirmed and adopted the property taxation and financial stability and resiliency policies, which formalize and build on practices to maintain current services, plan for new or enhanced services and continues to invest in renewal and replacement of critical infrastructure.

DEVELOPMENT, PERMITS and ZONING

- **220 Island Highway South now approved for hotel** – Council approved rezoning this two-acre property to permit a proposed hotel.
- **Zoning amendments considered for Midport Industrial Park** – Council gave first and second reading to a zoning amendment bylaw that would allow heavy equipment storage and repairs as permitted uses for properties within the Midport industrial area. A public hearing is scheduled for Nov. 18.

Council to consider how best to support work on Quinsam Heights development proposal while City completes growth strategy review

– Council deferred a decision on how best to continue to review urban growth options while working with Harry Long, who plans to develop 142 acres in Quinsam Heights. Council will consider options based on a report being prepared for the Nov. 4 meeting.

Long aims to apply to rezone 2079 and 2099 Merecroft to permit a combination of housing types, including:

- single family dwellings
- single family dwellings on small lots
- and single family dwellings, duplexes and triplexes

The current estate zoning in Quinsam Heights supports servicing lots that are at least one acre to maintain semi-rural character and “*provide opportunity for hobby farms, equestrian activities, and small-scale agriculture within close proximity to the downtown and other urban amenities.*” Long told Council he is working to establish appropriate wildlife corridors, storm water management and housing distance from natural spaces in the Beaver Lodge Lands.

The City’s urban growth review will report on how best to support future housing development, with recommendations for areas and options for housing growth and whether or not to extend the City’s urban containment boundary. This study is underway, and recommendations are expected in the first half of 2020.

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT – Clean-up ordered for four properties

The owners of four properties have 30 days to clean up their properties, or face a bill from the City for the work. The properties where action is required are at: 80 Westgate Rd; 359 Hilchey Rd; 296 Alder St South and 612 Ash St.



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SUPPORT for COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- Council will send letters for support for:
 - a Vancouver Island Regional Library Board application to Canadian libraries' to enhance electronic access to knowledge and information regardless of socio-economic condition
 - the CR & District Coalition to End Homelessness application for federal funding to support their *Reaching Home* coordinator role
- Council will also send a letter to Island Health supporting a request from Betty Frost to have dialysis blood treatment equipment available at the Campbell River Hospital that could serve people from all over northern Vancouver Island.

Council approved the 2020 meeting calendar – find it at campbellriver.ca (under Your City Hall / City Council)