

HIGHLIGHTS of AUGUST 23, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- **Rezoning for 1907, 1913 Nunn Road** – Council approved rezoning to allow for two single-family dwellings and four townhouse units at this location. In response to concerns from nearby residents, the maximum height of the dwellings has been reduced to eight metres, and a development covenant requires that the laneway from Simms Road to Nunn Road will be paved for improved townhouse access.
- **City-owned parking lot approved for 1047 South Island Highway**– A chain-link fence has been installed along the eastern (waterfront) boundary of the property to restrict beach access at this location.
- **Medical clinic added as permitted use in commercial eight zoning** – Council approved adding “medical clinic” (includes dental) as a permitted use in this zone.
- **Rezoning considered for secondary residence at 3938 Painter Road** – Council gave first two readings and waived the requirement for a public hearing related to this application.
- **Steep slope development guidelines and Environmental Protection Bylaw update** – Council gave first two readings to update the Official Community Plan hazardous conditions (steep slope) development permit area (DPA) guidelines and corresponding updates to the Environmental Protection Bylaw. Public consultation with affected property owners and development community representatives will be followed by a public hearing before this is reconsidered by Council.

The DPA content addresses:

- human safety (reducing landslide risk) via professional geotechnical/landslide review, and
- improved environmental outcomes through greater tree retention/restoration (informed by existing slope conditions and based on community guidelines).

The City’s environmental and community planning advisory committees endorsed the proposed bylaw content. Support was not unanimous for improving environmental outcomes through tree retention as this can conflict with preserving views. Proposed environmental targets are moderate and include documenting existing conditions on slopes and retaining, or restoring, 25 per cent native tree cover with a range of ages, species and wildlife characteristics and limiting invasive plant coverage to less than 20 per cent.

- **Development at Campbell River Airport (YBL)** – Council requested a report in time for the next meeting on the process for developing additional lots near the airport.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **Support for Island Generation’s contract renewal with BC Hydro** – Following a presentation by Capital Power, Council will work with the company to develop a strategy and action plan to support the renewal of the Island Generation contract with BC Hydro. Council has already written a letter to BC Hydro urging contract renewal. Watch the presentation on the meeting recording at campbellriver.ca/webcasts.
- **Alternative packaging project** – As requested by Brown's Bay Packing, Council will send a letter of support for an Oceans Super Cluster project grant application to provide an alternative to Styrofoam packaging. Alternative packaging will help reduce the amount of micro-plastic particles in the ocean.
- **Truck Loggers Association regarding Old-Growth Technical Advisory Panel** – Following receipt of an email from Bob Brash, executive director of the Truck Loggers Association outlining concerns about bias on the provincial Old-Growth Technical Advisory Panel, Council decided to meet with the association and the local member of the legislative assembly to discuss make-up of the committee.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY

- **Crime prevention design improvements to the Campbell River Courthouse** – In response to ongoing undesirable activity at this location, Council will send another letter to the Ministry of Citizens' Services requesting the timeframe and details for design changes at the entrance to the local court house.
- **2021 Campbell River Homeless Count** – In response to correspondence from the Honourable David Eby, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing regarding the results of the 2021 Campbell River Homeless Count, Council discussed the importance of advocating for additional support to alleviate homelessness during the upcoming Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) convention. Councillor Claire Moglove pledged to pursue sustained funding as part of her role on the UBCM executive.

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Downtown safety

Council discussed options for short-term improvements to provide a safer, cleaner downtown through overnight downtown security patrols. Additional funding would extend the service that currently ends at 8 p.m. An additional security guard would cost approximately \$75,000 per year and the cost for late evening and overnight coverage will be confirmed. Partnering with the downtown business improvement association and the business community will also be considered.

Council also requested a report on options to increase cleanliness in the downtown area (including partnership, contracting out and equipment leasing opportunities).

During financial planning, Council will discuss options to secure a suitable site for community social services and funding required for increased bylaw and RCMP resources (officer or administrative support).

Council also requested a review of safety plans from other communities as many communities in BC and Canada are dealing with similar challenges.

Council will continue to meet with the local member of the legislative assembly to lobby for provincial resources for all of the above.