

HIGHLIGHTS of MARCH 14, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

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MAYOR'S REMARKS

Conflict in Ukraine—Acknowledging the continuing conflict in Ukraine, Mayor Adams expressed concern and sympathy for Ukrainians and their friends and relatives around the world during this difficult time.

Congratulations, Tyler Turner—Mayor Adams congratulated Campbell Riverite Tyler Turner, a medallist at the Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games.

Rogers Hometown Hockey coming to Campbell River—Mayor Adams announced that the City of Campbell River and several community partners will be hosting the *Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour*, which is coming to Campbell River April 16 to 18, in the parking lot at the Maritime Heritage Centre. Returning in a reimagined format, the free festival will feature a weekend full of hockey-themed activities, local vendors and live entertainment—all in compliance with provincial health regulations. Ron MacLean and Tara Slone will be live on site on Monday, April 18. Visit campbellriver.ca/crhometownhockey for more details.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SUPPORT

Bylaw Offences Penalty Bylaw considered—Council gave first, second and third readings to the Bylaw Offences Penalty Bylaw. When adopted, this bylaw will update the penalty clauses in the City's regulatory bylaws to reflect the current maximum penalty provided for in the *Community Charter*. This will provide the Provincial Court with the discretion to impose a greater penalty for prosecuted offences.

Support for Cups for Cancer—In response to correspondence received from Kandi Wood, founder and president of Cups for Cancer, Council approved a donation of \$1,000 from Council's contingency fund. Marking its 25th anniversary in 2022, Cups for Cancer raises funds for Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock and Camp Goodtimes at equine events.

FINANCE UPDATE

Consideration given to bylaws to reinstate user fees and charges that were temporarily suspended as a COVID-19 relief measure—Council gave first and second readings to the User Fees and Charges and Miscellaneous Fees and Charges amendment bylaws. If approved, these bylaws would reinstate user fees and charges that were temporarily suspended for 2020 and 2021 as a COVID-19 relief measure. At the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Council waived non-sufficient funds fees for returned payments made to the City, as well as late payment penalties on metered water and sewer fees, in an effort to address pandemic-related economic uncertainties. As a number of COVID-19 health orders are now being eased and some of the economic uncertainties are becoming clearer, bylaw amendments are now being proposed to reinstate the waived user fees and charges. If these bylaw amendments are adopted, the community will be notified in advance of the changes.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Closure of laneway adjacent to 325 Beech Street—Council adopted a road closure bylaw to close a portion of the laneway adjacent to 325 Beech Street to consolidate the laneway with this City-owned property. Since 2015, the City has been working to develop the vacant land and further the City's goal of creating a vibrant and prosperous downtown core. In early 2021, Alder Heights Holdings Ltd. approached the City to discuss the potential sale of this property to facilitate a development. Since then, the two parties have been working on due diligence and working through various conditions of sale, including the condition to close the laneway and clean up some of the property lines.

Public hearing for proposed rezoning of 2955 Quinsam Road—The City's public hearing was held to gather feedback on a proposed rezoning of 2955 Quinsam Road to allow for a secondary suite and a secondary residence. Council will consider the proposal, and public hearing feedback, at a future meeting. See the entire public hearing as part of the webcast available on the City's website at campbellriver.ca/webcasts.

Public hearing for proposed rezoning of 1940 Nunns Road—The City's public hearing was held to gather feedback on a proposed rezoning of 1940 Nunns Road to permit construction of an apartment building with a maximum of 20 units. In response to public feedback, Council directed staff to report back with additional information about mechanisms to control density, environmental impacts and whether there is space for emergency vehicles to turn around. Council will consider the proposal, and public hearing feedback, at a future meeting. See the entire public hearing as part of the webcast available on the City's website at campbellriver.ca/webcasts.

Application to rezone 2175 Campbell River Road approved—Council approved an application for a Major Development Permit for the construction of commercial buildings (self-storage units and a store/warehouse and lumber yard sales building) at 2175 Campbell River Road. A condition of the permit is receipt of a performance security in the amount of \$40,685.63 for general landscaping and fencing.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence about recreational activities at Mclvor Lake—In response to correspondence from Don Neill expressing concern about the use of wake surf boats on Mclvor Lake, Council directed staff to consider the potential impact to water quality at the lake.

HIGHLIGHT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ON MARCH 15

Lease renewed for Downtown Safety Office—Council approved extending the lease for the Downtown Safety Office's office space at 1302 Shoppers Row until June 30, 2023, with an option to extend further pending future Council direction.