

DELEGATION – Port Alberni

Mayor Sharie Minions of the City of Port Alberni thanked Campbell River and the Strathcona Regional District for use of Strathcona Gardens ice facilities to host an Alberni Valley Bulldogs game when an ammonia leak shut down the Port Alberni arena for three weeks. Mayor Minions presented an Alberni Valley Bulldogs jersey to Mayor Andy Adams, who noted that this summer, Strathcona Gardens switched from using ammonia to carbon dioxide in the arena. Mayor Adams also thanked Koreen Gurak, manager of Strathcona Gardens, and members of the Strathcona Garden Commission who were not in attendance: Brenda Leigh and Cal Grunerud.

DEVELOPMENT, PERMITS and ZONING

- **Zoning amendment for Midport industrial area** – Council adopted a zoning amendment to permit heavy equipment storage and repairs on properties within the Midport industrial area. No correspondence was received on the proposed change, which is consistent with uses in other heavy industrial areas. Council gave first and second reading to the zoning amendment bylaw on Oct. 21 and held a public hearing Nov. 18.
- **Consideration for golf resort and community in Official Community Plan and Zoning** – Council gave first two readings to consider bylaw amendments to enable development of a golf course resort community at 620 and 700 Petersen Rd. A proposed amendment would add golf community and resort designation to the Official Community Plan, and golf course comprehensive development zone to the Zoning Bylaw. A public hearing will be held in early 2020.
- **Secondary suites reports considered in January** – Council will discuss two reports on secondary suites at a committee of the whole meeting on Jan. 28. One report compares how other communities approach regulating secondary suites. The other report summarizes results of 2019 public consultation on secondary suites in Campbell River. A public hearing would be held if proposed rezoning for secondary suites is given second reading.
- **Ocean Shores correspondence** – Council requested a report regarding traffic safety concerns outlined in correspondence from the multifamily complex at 169 South Island Highway.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

- **Water fees confirmed for Strathcona Regional District bulk water** – Council adopted a bylaw that sets full cost recovery rates for bulk water delivered to the Area D water service area of Strathcona Regional District. The fees compensate the City for costs due to growing service demand in the electoral area. Council gave first three readings to the bylaw Nov. 18.
- **Solid waste user fees, charges** – Council adopted a bylaw to increase solid waste rates (garbage, recycling and yard waste collection and disposal) to fully recover costs. A new contract for curbside collection and increased landfill tipping fees have increased service costs.
- **10-year financial plan (2020-2029) bylaw adopted** – See Dec. 18 news release for more detail.
- **Centennial Pool contract** – Council awarded a contract to Campbell River District Contracting to replace the gutter for the Centennial Outdoor Pool. The work, valued at up to \$252,000, is scheduled to be completed ahead of the 2020 summer season and will address longstanding leaks in the upper portion of the basin and gutter system.
- **2020 Military Service Recognition Book** – Council approved purchasing a quarter-page colour ad in the 2020 publication by the BC/Yukon Command, Royal Canadian Legion. Council's contingency budget will pay for the \$595 ad.
- Council will donate \$20,000 from their contingency budget to the Loonies for Loggers fundraiser to support forestry workers and their families during difficult times.



Council Meeting Highlights December 16, 2019

ECONOMIC and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – City to attend 2020 resource industry events

- Council accepted an invitation and offer of complimentary registration for a City representative to attend the Council of Forest Industries 2020 convention in Prince George in April.
- Council also endorsed sending a City representative to the BC Natural Resources Forum in Prince George in January.