Council Meeting Highlights
July 11, 2016

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Commendation for Carol Bear

Mayor Andy Adams presented a letter of commendation to local resident Carol Bear for her legacy of sharing knowledge and cultural traditions with her community.

"Council was inspired to recognize Mrs. Carol Bear for leading by example, sharing her traditional knowledge, and creating a legacy of contribution to her family and community," the Mayor said. *"Mrs. Bear's own personal values set an example for her children, grandchildren and her entire community. Her commitment to sharing and teaching her cultural knowledge – whether it be native dancing, singing, or sewing the traditional button blankets – inspires others to learn and share them with future generations."*

Deputy City Manager honoured for leadership excellence

Ron Neufeld, the City of Campbell River's deputy city manager and general manager of operations has been recognized with a professional service award for excellence in leadership from the BC Local Government Management Association (LGMA).

The award highlights his achievements over more than 20 years of service to Campbell River, contributions that have brought the City of Campbell River to the forefront of award-winning innovation and creativity in the local government sector and established many industry best practices along the way.

Ron is a strategic thinker and has been instrumental in enabling all city departments to focus on strategic priorities and consistently challenged departments to consider better ways of delivering community services.

Sewer main rehabilitation project awarded

Insituform Technologies Ltd. was awarded the contract to renew sewer lines in 10 priority locations. The sewer lines are at the end of their service life and due for replacement. This work will be done using trenchless technology rather than the digging and disruption traditionally associated with replacing underground pipes.

As part of its strategic goal to proactively plan for the maintenance of the City's infrastructure, these renewal projects were allocated $1 million during the 2016-2020 budget deliberations, funded from sewer reserves.

Insituform Technologies met all the requirements and offered the lowest bid on the tender that closed July 5.

BC Spill Preparedness and Response in BC Updates

Council received an informational update on the BC Ministry of Environment Spill Preparedness and Response in BC: Proposed Amendments to the Environmental Management Act and proposed regulations including future consultation opportunities.

Campbellton Day – August 1

The Campbellton Neighbourhood Association (CNA) will celebrate the first Campbellton Day on Aug. 1. Events include an open public meeting at 10 a.m. at the Fusilli Grill, 1760 Island Highway, followed by site visits to showcase the focus of key CNA initiatives. The day will also include a free music show featuring local artists in the playground area at the Campbellton Community Garden on 15th Ave. near Petersen Rd., as well as a barbecue and beverage service inside the garden area.

Open access municipal broadband network coming to Campbell River
A new open access municipal broadband network in Campbell River, funded by the City and the Island Coastal Economic Trust, will provide businesses in the downtown core with affordable access to high-speed internet. High-speed internet is a necessity for most of today's growth-oriented businesses, and people who depend on this technology are working beyond the boundaries of the tech sector of the economy.
ICET is providing a $50,000 investment in the project, which will include the infrastructure requirements to complete an existing broadband ring and to set up a co-location space for service provider companies. The ring will provide the network integrity and capacity to deliver reliable enterprise level broadband services and will support the integration of businesses located along the perimeter.