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City receives second Government Finance Officers Association of North America Awards

The Government Financial Officers Association of North America has again honoured Campbell River with a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. This award, recognizing exemplary practises within the 2016 to 2025 financial plan is the highest form of recognition in government budgeting.

The City's finance manager and chief financial officer, Myriah Foort, was honoured with a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation as the leader of the team responsible for this achievement. Mayor Andy Adams extended praise to finance reporting supervisor Alaina Maher, general manger Ron Bowles and the entire finance team for setting Campbell River on a well-structured and financially sound foundation.

Council adopts first affordable housing density bonus application

Council approved rezoning for 531 9th Ave. for higher multi-residential density that would permit 27 units of mixed rental housing, including 10 units allocated to Campbell Head Injury residents and 17 rentals units for low to moderate-income residents. This is the first proposal to apply for Council's recently adopted affordable housing density bonus for the multi-residential land use zones, and the application is consistent with the Official Community Plan and surrounding area of multi-residential buildings.

The application received first and second reading on Aug. 28. A public hearing was held Sept. 11.

8040 Gold River Highway lot variance approved

Council approved the Development Variance Permit application at 8040 Gold River Highway to increase the maximum permitted lot coverage from two to three per cent to enable the construction of a larger single family home.

Similar to nearby properties, this lot is zoned lakeshore residential, and Council has approved this variance for other lots in this area. The applicant held a neighbourhood meeting, and no concerns were raised.

Parks control bylaw amendments adopted

Council adopted amendments for the parks control bylaw, which was first adopted more than 20 years ago. Recommended changes include conditions for temporary park closures and signs restricting hours, smoking, parking and use of barbeques, an updated list of non-permitted activities and clarification of activities requiring a permit as well as the ability to recover costs associated with damage or removal of items from parks.

This bylaw received first and second readings on Aug. 28 and third reading on Sept. 11.

Campbell River Economic Development Corporation dissolved

Council has authorized dissolving the former Campbell River Economic Development Corporation (Rivercorp). The corporation has been inactive since mid-2015, and earlier this year Council gave direction to begin the process of dissolution. A number of legal steps were required to complete the process, and the City is now in a position to take the final step.

2017 Homeless Count Results.

Council received a 2017 Homeless Count Survey report to help assess needs, identify service delivery improvements and support funding requests.

This year's count occurred between Sept. 1 and 3. In comparison to results obtained in 2015 where it was noted that 52 people slept outdoors and 33 were in a shelter, the 2017 survey found



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47 people sleeping outdoors and 32 living in a shelter. These results do not include the individuals who declined to participate in the survey.

Council plans to allocate sufficient funds to conduct a homeless count in 2019 and every two years thereafter.

Council will assist local dancers with travel grant

Council will contribute \$500 to assist 10 local dancers to travel and compete on Team Dance Canada's delegation to the 2017 IDO World Hip Hop Championships in Denmark. The group did not meet qualification for a grant-in-aid, and Council will provide funding through the Council contingency fund.

Campbell River considers regional housing affordability and availability plan

Council considered a request to contribute \$20,000 to the Strathcona Regional District initiative, to be discussed after the Union of BC Municipalities meeting at the end of September.

Letter of support for North Island College's robotics summer camp

Council will send a letter of support for continued delivery and expansion of North Island College's robotics summer camps for north island youth. Spaces available fill quickly, and this summer, 149 students learned how to build, program and control Lego robots during nine camps, held throughout the northern Vancouver Island.

Request for reduced speed zone, crosswalk and cleanup in Willow Point

In response to a letter from Willow Point residents requesting a reduced speed zone, crosswalk and clean-up in Willow Point, Council confirmed the letter has been forwarded to the City's transportation department.