



Council Meeting Highlights April 24, 2017

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Partnering agreements with local business groups approved

Council approved partnering agreements with both the Campbellton Neighbourhood Association and the Pier Street Association to help fund work completed to benefit those areas under the City's beautification grant program.

The Campbellton Neighbourhood Association continues to add and improve existing planting beds within the Campbellton Community Garden, and the association plans to erect banners featuring local salmon species on City light standards along both 14th and 16th avenues.

The Pier Street Association has installed new piling wraps around several street signs in the area, and completed maintenance and replacement of several planter boxes.

The beautification grant program provides for up to \$10,000 annually to each of the four local business groups to enhance the key areas in the City including the Willow Point Business Improvement Area Society, Downtown Heart of the City Business Improvement Area Association, Pier Street Association and Campbellton Neighbourhood Association.

Council endorses floatplane entrance in Campbellton

The City endorsed the Campbellton Neighbourhood Association's proposal to proceed with the first phase of a floatplane feature at the entrance to Campbellton from the Inland Island Highway. This project is subject to Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure approval of the phased approach.

City staff will help confirm final requirements and a budget estimate for the second phase of the project, to be considered during the 2018 Financial Plan discussions.

The Campbellton Neighbourhood Association would donate the floatplane feature to the City once it has been installed.

Discovery Pier concession award

Council approved the award of Discovery Pier concession operations to Vancouver Island North Women's Resource Society for a five-year term. The concession will open in late May and offer a fun menu and fishing rental services.

City's participation in the 2017 Canada Day Parade

Council directed staff to develop and implement an enhanced City presence in the 2017 Canada Day parade with a maximum of \$5,000 allocated from the Council contingency fund. Councillors Kerr and Cornfield will be Council liaisons to the staff committee designing and developing the Canada Day parade plans.

Visitor Information Centre re-opened downtown

Mayor Andy Adams praised the April 19 tourism open house held by Destination Think! and an April 20 tourism workshop on what makes Campbell River special and memorable. On April 21 the visitor information centre re-opened downtown, supported by Museum staff. On Monday, April 24, 62 visitors dropped in at the Visitor Information Centre.

Campbell River estuary wildlife management area

Council received an information update on the proposed provincial designation of the Campbell River estuary wildlife management area (WMA). The process involves connecting 80 hectares of untenured foreshore into a single unit under the authority of the *Wildlife Act*. A WMA is a collaborative process to restore fish and wildlife habitat involving the Province, conservation partners, local government and First Nations.



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Municipal broadband network project awarded

Council awarded a contract to TeraSpan Networks Inc. for the installation of micro-duct conduit to service strategic locations in the downtown core with broadband fibre. The work is valued at \$155,384. Promotion of this new service is underway through a brochure, video and in-person meetings with prospective business participants.

First three readings for 2017 tax rates bylaw

Council gave first three readings to enact the 2017 property tax rates. Upon approval of the tax rates bylaw, tax notices will be printed and delivered by the end of May with a tax due date of July 4 in 2017.

New street sweeper

Vimar Equipment will supply a new street sweeper valued at \$288,128.23. The City's current street sweeper is at the end of its serviceable life. This equipment sweeps City roads, parking lots and hard surfaces and is used extensively as part of the Roads and Drainage Department's preventive maintenance program.

Fire Department rescue pumper contract awarded

Fort Garry Fire Trucks will design, supply and deliver one rescue pumper for the use of the Campbell River Fire Department. The contract is valued at \$898,835.31, excluding GST. The Rescue Pumper is required for first line response from No.2 Fire Hall.

Rezoning approved for two secondary suites in Willow Point

The properties at 1550 and 1822 Island Highway South will be rezoned to permit the installation of a secondary suite.

Both zoning amendments allow the subject parcels to have a single family dwelling with or without a secondary suite and are consistent with the applicable Sustainable Official Community Plan policies and guidelines relating to housing and the neighbourhood designation.

Secondary suite approved on Country Aire Drive

Council approved rezoning to permit a secondary suite in a single-family dwelling at 134 Country Aire Drive. The applicant held a neighbourhood public meeting Feb. 19 and gained three letters from neighbours supporting the application.

Frontage improvements required for subdivision on Anne Road

Frontage improvements will be required in the event of a subdivision at 231 Anne Road. Council refused the property owner's application for a development variance permit to waive the works and services requirements along Anne, Croation and Fisher roads adjacent to the subject parcel.

Public utilities definition updated

Amendments to the Zoning Bylaw will update the public utilities definition, which clarifies how and where public utilities are permitted in Campbell River.