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### **Proposed bylaw for social care facilities to be replaced with good neighbourhood agreement**

Based on the correspondence from the community and presentations made at the public hearing on July 25, Council elected to maintain the current zoning designation related to social care facilities within the downtown area. Council also directed staff to develop a process for the creation of good neighbourhood agreements with community members and service providers to establish appropriate operating procedures and management plans for proposed community care and social care facilities that would be sensitive to local neighbourhood issues and concerns. Staff will prepare recommendations for Council to consider as part of the zoning bylaw update scheduled to start in early 2017.

### **Accommodation tax bylaw adopted**

Further to this bylaw receiving first, second and third readings on July 25, 2016, Council adopted a bylaw that allows the City to enact a tax on short-term guest room accommodation under the provisions of the Provincial Sales Tax Act. The bylaw will enact a three per cent tax on short-term accommodation from providers offering four or more rooms within the City of Campbell River. The Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT), which is included in fees charged for accommodation, raises revenue for local tourism marketing, programs and projects. Correspondence dated Aug. 3 from John MacDonald, Chair, Strathcona Regional District, supports the establishment of the tax.

The City currently contributes \$250,000 on an annual basis to local tourism marketing, programs and projects. The MRDT application would provide an additional funding stream of up to \$290,000 for local tourism marketing, programs and projects.

### **Temporary use permit approved for 961 13th Ave.**

A warehouse/distribution centre will be permitted to operate within the existing building on this property for up to three years, with the option to apply for an extension for a further three years. The proposal is consistent with the Official Community Plan and the Business and Industrial Service Centre land use designation, which aims to concentrate the City's key employment areas where the majority of jobs and services are located. Council approved the temporary use permit and required a landscaping plan for the site and that the hours of operation are restricted to between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

### **Commercial development at 1400 Dogwood St. approved**

The proposal involves the development of a commercial/retail building within the Mariners Square Shopping Centre. The building will contain two commercial/retail units with a total area of 560m<sup>2</sup> (6028ft<sup>2</sup>). The proposed tenants are an insurance broker office and an optometrist. The development includes minor alterations to the parking and landscaped areas immediately surrounding the building. The development is consistent with the intent of the Official Community Plan and addresses the development permit guidelines.

### **Public hearing set for proposed rezoning of 1521 and 1581 Vanstone Rd.**

The parcels were rezoned to allow for the removal of the older existing single-family dwelling and the construction of a new single-family dwelling or bed and breakfast accommodation at 1521 Vanstone Rd. The proposed rezoning also reflects the existing single-family dwelling that was recently built at 1581 Vanstone Rd. The parcel at 1521 Vanstone Road is relatively large at

1670m<sup>2</sup>. The parcel at 1581 Vanstone Road is also relatively large at 2060m<sup>2</sup>. The public hearing date for this proposal will be held Sept. 6.

**Brewery lounge endorsement and licence for Beach Fire Brewing, 594 11th Ave.**

Council issued a resolution in support of Beach Fire Brewing's application to the provincial liquor control and licensing board for a licence to serve alcohol with food at their new premises at 594 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Council did not identify any significant concerns with the location and the proposal to serve alcohol and food until 8 p.m. Sunday and Monday, 9 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Notice was issued to properties within 100 metres of the site and two supportive responses were received. The liquor control and licensing board will take Council's resolution into account when determining the application.

**Remedial Action Resolution.**

Council passed a resolution that the owners of the following properties be given 30 days to bring the properties into compliance with the public nuisance bylaw, and that City contractors be authorized to enter onto the properties to perform work in the event that the property owner(s) do not comply with the remedial action notice:

- **1000 Hemlock St.**
- **826 7th Ave.**
- **291 Thulin St.**
- **303 Hilchey Rd.**
- **681 Homewood Rd.**
- **541 Dogwood St.**
- **410 Quadra Ave.**

The *Community Charter* prescribes that for other than urgent matters, the time limit to comply with a notice must not be earlier than 30 days. Unpaid costs may be added to the owner's property tax account.

**Adjustments to Council meeting schedule**

Council amended the 2016 meeting schedule by:

- 1) changing the start time for the Committee of the Whole meetings from 9:30 to 9 a.m.
- 2) deleting the Oct. 26 Committee of the Whole meeting
- 3) adding the following meetings:
  - Sept. 20 Committee of the Whole – noon to 1:30 p.m. (Pre-Budget)
  - Nov. 8 Committee of the Whole – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Pre-Budget)
  - Dec. 5 Financial Planning – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
  - Dec. 6 Financial Planning – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
  - Dec. 7 Financial Planning – 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**Quarterly progress report received**

Council received the staff report regarding the corporate progress report for the second quarter of 2016 (April 1 to June 30), and as of June 30, both operating and capital expenses are within expectation.

Operating revenues are at 75 per cent of total budget, the same as at the end of the second quarter in 2015, and operating expenses at the end of June are at 41 per cent of the total budget, the same as it was at the end of the second quarter in 2015.

Overall, if expenses continue to be similar to 2015's, they will be slightly under budget by the end of the fiscal year, primarily a result of staff vacancies and budgeting labour models in full.

The second quarter has seen significant progress and some recalibrating delivery of 2016 programs and infrastructure projects. To date, 49 initiatives and/or projects have been completed from the 183 featured in the report.

The capital spend by the end of the second quarter is at 18 per cent of budgeted expense, slightly higher than in 2015's 16 per cent. More projects are expected to be underway over the summer months, when the majority of construction for capital projects takes place. Approximately 15 per cent of \$1,684,670 budgeted in 2016 for service level change requests (\$258,078) has been delivered, with remaining projects started and/or completed in the second half of the year.

Budget variances are related to planned future activity, seasonal operations, and timing for significant invoices yet to be received for RCMP, transit, and solid waste.

**Bus bench request**

In July 21, 2016 correspondence, Darlyne Shane requested the City make arrangements for a bench to be placed at the bus stop on Larwood Road, adjacent to Willow Point Supportive Living. Council asked staff to reach out to service clubs with an invitation to sponsor benches, and staff confirmed the City's legacy furniture donation program allows benches to be located beyond parks and trails, as long as safety is not a concern.