

Council Meeting Highlights

October 19, 2015

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Update on hospital construction

Tom Sparrow, Chief Project Officer, provided Council with Vancouver Island Health Authority's update on the North Island Hospitals Project (NIHP) for the new Comox Valley Hospital and the Campbell River Hospital.

- 262 people are currently working on the Campbell River hospital project site, and 257 in Comox 78% of the workers were hired locally, with the majority from Vancouver Island
- 74 apprentices have been employed across both construction sites

Mr. Sparrow noted traffic congestion concerns on Evergreen Rd. and emphasized that the North Island Hospitals Project team and the City are working to resolve the situation as soon as possible.

Mr. Sparrow also shared a flyover video of the Campbell River construction site, which showed a variety of aspects of the new hospital, including a view of the central courtyard, which will provide patient rooms with windows.

A replacement plan for Logger Mike

Sandra Allen, Shoreline Arts Society Treasurer, told Council that the society is interested in helping have a new Logger Mike replace the aging carving installed at Spirit Square. The proposal includes the existing carving being removed and trucked to Frank James Park for a carver to copy. The old and new Logger Mikes would be featured in the July 1, 2016 Canada Day parade. The chainsaw carving competition will take place as usual, after the original Logger Mike is copied. City staff will provide additional information to Council at a future meeting.

Mayor Adams also congratulated Shoreline Arts on their upcoming 20-year anniversary.

New addition for New Horizons

Council approved the construction of a three-storey addition to the New Horizons care facility on 14th Ave. Agent Patrick Wheeler explained that this construction will add 54 beds to the existing 93-bed facility, increasing the total number of beds to 147. The design of the addition extends the original building, while incorporating the City's Official Community Plan guidelines to use cedar, subtle colours and more windows. The design will also feature landscaping improvements along 16th and 14th Ave. and a secure outdoor courtyard with a gazebo and walking loops for residents.

Construction will begin as soon as possible.

Council adopted Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw No. 3593, 2015

The new bylaw designates the City Clerk as the administrator of the bylaw, and stipulates that the City's fees will increase in alignment with the British Columbia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act fee increases. This bylaw received first and second readings on Sept. 14 and third reading on Oct. 5.

2015 third quarter Strategic Action Plan progress report

Council received City staff's 2015 third quarter Strategic Action Plan progress report, which highlights progress to date on the City projects associated and aligned with Council's 2015-2019 Strategic Plan.

Multi-bin recycling centre at the Sportsplex

Council continues to support the Sportsplex multi-bin recycling location at 1800 South Alder St. as the recycling service centre for the south of Campbell River. Council requested that staff from the Comox Strathcona Waste Management Service present the City with a maintenance and screening plan for the site. Council welcomed options for wrapping the multi-bins in photos or artwork.

Social planning initiatives

A report highlighted the City's social planning initiatives completed to date. Since social planning is essential to the social well-being of the community, Council endorsed a plan to have staff develop a report with a comprehensive review. The City's Official Community Plan has objectives to improve public safety, reduce crime rates, increase accessibility of places and services, increase education levels, reduce obesity rates, support cultural diversity and encourage affordable housing. The ground work for many of the City's initiatives has been outlined in other plans such as the Affordable Housing Plan.

Support letter for Campbell River Family Services

Council will provide a letter of support to Campbell River Family Services (CRFS) in a funding request to BC Housing that will help CRFS deliver Homeless Outreach and Prevention programs in Campbell River.

Public Hearing held for Foursquare Gospel Church property

A public hearing was held to receive comments regarding rezoning the property next door to the Foursquare Gospel Church on 5th Ave. Rezoning the property, which is owned by the church, would permit children's and Sunday school programming to take place next door to the church.

Increase floor area for garage at 2624 Coho Road

Council approved an increase to the maximum permitted floor area of a garage at 2624 Coho Rd. Owner Mark Nazaruk attended the Council meeting to answer any questions, and indicated the garage will be used for storage of personal vehicles and a camper trailer. The proposed garage will be located next to a similar building on the neighbouring property.
