



Council Meeting Highlights November 4, 2019

AWARD – Honourable mention for City’s Rising Seas project

Climate Action Energy’s executive director, Dale Littlejohn recognized the City with Climate & Energy Action honourable mention for the Campbell River Rising Seas project. See the City’s news release dated Nov. 5/19 for more details about this award and other City climate action projects.

DELEGATION – Update on North Island College expansion and request for funding support

North Island College vice president of strategic initiatives Randall Heidt, and Freeman Mary Ashley provided Council with an update on the campus expansion. They asked Council to donate the value of development-related fees already paid to the City (approximately \$65,000) for reinvestment by the college foundation to support local students. See the entire presentation under Council Meeting Webcasts at campbellriver.ca.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Community Partnership grants approved

Council approved 13 grants to community arts and culture groups in 2020 with a total value of \$651,800 (2019 grants under this program totalled \$634,300).

Each year, the Community Partnership Committee reviews applications to determine eligibility and provides recommendations to Council based on established policy. The grant program also sponsors several important functions provided by community organizations, which the City could be expected to offer if these organizations did not exist.

Additional funding for Robron fieldhouse

Council authorized an additional \$500,000 grant to support the Robron fieldhouse project, paid from the Community Works Funds (Federal Gas Tax rather than property taxation). The total City contribution will be \$1,242,990, and the additional funding is subject to Council approval of a construction and donation agreement and a licence of occupation agreement between the City and the Campbell River Youth Soccer Association.

Amendments to 2019-2028 Ten-Year Financial Plan considered

Council gave first, second and third readings to proposed 2019-2028 Ten-Year Financial Plan amendments. The proposed amendments result from decisions made by Council throughout 2019 for initiatives that were not anticipated when the 2019-2028 financial plan was adopted in December 2018. These initiatives are:

- Initiation of a Housing Growth Review study
- Billing corrections to a utility account
- New property tax for the City’s sewer lift station 11 on Wei Wai Kum territory
- Airport development servicing and fencing
- Increased funding for the Robron fieldhouse

Public notification, including the opportunity to comment to Council, was published in the City Currents section of the Mirror newspaper, which meets the legislative requirements of Section 165 of the Community Charter. Council will consider adopting the amendment at the Nov. 18 Council meeting. Following adoption, appropriate reporting would be provided to the Province.

DEVELOPMENT, PERMITS and ZONING

- **Secondary suite approved at 191 Island Hwy**
- **Rezoning approved for duplex at 384 Hilchey Rd.**
- **Council approves variance for subdivision at 175 Evergreen Rd.** – As part of the development of a four-lot residential subdivision, the applicant will not be required to bury overhead wires or construct a sidewalk along the portion of the property fronting McLean Street south. The variance permits road paving to align Evergreen East with Evergreen West.
- **Rezoning approved for duplex at 634 Thulin St.**
- **Plans for 2079 and 2099 Mercroft Rd. while City continues housing growth strategy** – Council has directed City staff to assist where possible as the developer of these properties continues to prepare a conceptual design to support an application for Official Community Plan and zoning amendments. The developer will work with the City to review environmental, servicing, housing typologies, density and parkland options, on the understanding that the application will not be brought to Council until the housing growth strategy has been presented. The City's urban growth review will report on how best to support future housing development, with recommendations for areas and options for housing growth and whether or not to extend the City's urban containment boundary. This study is underway, and recommendations are expected in the first half of 2020.
- **Rezoning for 6300 Argonaut Rd to permit a compost facility** – Council has adopted the zoning bylaw amendment to permit a site-specific use for a compost facility at this location. The proposed compost facility received approval by the Agricultural Land Commission and is supported by Regional Solid Waste Management Plan and the City's Sustainable Official Community Plan. Council confirmed that Comox Valley waste management staff intend to keep nearby residents informed about project progress and address concerns expressed during public hearings.
- **Westurban Developments shares City staff appreciation** – Council received correspondence from Sean Roy, chief executive officer of Westurban Developments Ltd., expressing appreciation for City planning staff services.
- **Report requested on secondary suites** – Council requested a report on blanket zoning for secondary suites in other communities before a public hearing is held on any proposed bylaw.



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SUPPORT for COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Community Centre rental waived for Rotary Father's Day event

Council has approved a request by Steve Nagle (president of the Rotary Club of Campbell River) to waive all fees for Community Centre rental for the 2020 Father's Day Breakfast. An existing policy allows 50 per cent of fees up to \$1,000 to be waived in support of charitable fundraising. The difference will be funded from Council's contingency budget.

New Vancouver Island Regional Library board appointee

Councillor Colleen Evans will be the City's new representative on the library board for a one-year term in 2020. Councillor Ron Kerr has been Council's representative on the board for the last eight years. The board policy requires that eight years is the maximum uninterrupted term for any representative.

Council adjusted 2020 meeting schedule to hold July meetings only one week – week of July 20