



Council Meeting Highlights

January 13, 2020

DEVELOPMENT, PERMITS and ZONING

City withdraws appeal to Environmental Appeal Board re: Upland Excavating landfill

The City has withdrawn its appeal related to the operational certificate for a new Upland Excavating landfill at 7925 Gold River Road. Council will explore options to regulate the operation and expansion of the landfill through the municipal zoning bylaw, which stipulates where commercial and industrial activities are permitted in the community.

Last August, in response to the decision by the provincial Ministry of Environment and Climate Change to issue an operational certificate for a new landfill, the City filed an appeal to the Environmental Appeal Board. The operational certificate permits the construction and operation of an engineered landfill for discharging certain waste, including demolition, construction and land clearing waste.

The Ministry of Environment has since provided documents to address some of the City's technical concerns and questions about landfill operations. The City's decision to withdraw the appeal is based on legal advice and review of these documents.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Council received a 2019 year end report from the economic development department.

Highlights discussed included the employment land and tech attraction strategies, and the food incubator program that supports local food business development. In 2020, a second food incubator session will be launched.

City of Campbell River economic development positions the community for business investment based on strategic location, diverse opportunities and the strength of partnerships between various levels of government, the business community and our First Nations neighbours.

In 2020, the City's economic development department will prepare a long-term strategic plan to continue to build on the department's efforts and collaboration with other City departments, North Island College and community organizations.

SUPPORT for COMMUNITY GROUPS

City to apply for grant to support assistance for seniors with fruit trees

The City will apply for an Age-Friendly Communities grant through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to support a program for seniors who need assistance to harvest their fruit trees.

If the application is successful, the City will manage the funding, and the Long Range Planning & Sustainability Department will work with Greenways Land Trust to provide this program.

A similar program was run successfully by Greenways Land Trust in 2019 using funding from Island Health and the Community Foundation.

Funding support

- Council approved the following funding support from its contingency budget:
 - \$15,000 to the North Island Supportive Recovery Society for their Second Chance Support Group Program
 - \$5,000 to the Campbell River Alano Club for its Social Rehabilitation program
- Through a Community Partnership Grant, Council approved \$4,000 for North Island Cruisers for the Labour Day Car show and Cruise.



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CORRESPONDENCE

Salish Sea herring fishery moratorium

Council received a copy of correspondence sent from Ted Assu, We Wai Kai Councillor, to the Honourable Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, regarding the Salish Sea herring fishery moratorium and total allowable catch.

Council will send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Assu, who requested that the federal Ministry make science-based decisions. In the letter, Council will include a copy of a resolution that was proposed by the City and endorsed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities that also requested science-based fisheries decisions.

Strathcona Regional District appointments

City Council members, in their role on the Strathcona Regional District board, have been appointed to the following committees:

- Homalco Treaty Advisory Committee – Mayor Adams
- We Wai Kai Treaty Advisory Committee – Councillor Cornfield (alternate)
- Wei Wai Kum Treaty Advisory Committee – Councillor Cornfield
- Municipal Finance Authority – Mayor Adams
- AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste – Councillor Cornfield
- North Island 9-1-1 Board – Councillor Moglove (Mayor Adams, alternate)

Review of British Columbia police detention facilities, practices and standards

In response to a province-wide review, RCMP inspector Jeff Preston and deputy city manager Ron Neufeld will provide information on local facilities and law enforcement practises to confirm these meet required standards.

From Jan. 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting

(A committee of the whole meeting is a Council meeting without the usual limits on debate and urgency of a final vote.)

Consideration of Social Grant Applications

At its next meeting, Council will finalize a decision to provide support to local social purpose agencies. As proposed, the first \$100,000 will come from budgeted funds for social grants. The additional \$6,837 will come from Council's contingency budget.

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| • Willow Point Supportive Housing | \$5,000 |
| • North Island Metis Association | \$10,000 |
| • United Way (supports Seniors Hub) | \$7,500 |
| • Habitat for Humanity Vancouver Island North Society
(supports Campbell River Coalition to End Homelessness) | \$11,000 |
| • Greenways Land Trust | \$10,000 |
| • Campbell River Literacy Association | \$10,000 |
| • Campbell River Family Services | \$6,500 |
| • Campbell River Air Youth Association | \$5,717 |
| • Campbell River Hospice Society | \$7,125 |
| • Navy League of Canada, Campbell River Branch | \$6,000 |
| • KDC Health | \$8,695 |
| • Mental Health Recovery Partners North Island | \$5,000 |

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- Multicultural & Immigrant Services Association of North Vancouver Island \$14,300

This funding supports social initiatives ranging from a youth carving program and kitchen upgrade, to mental health support addressing homelessness. The City developed the Social Grant Program to support local solutions to social challenges facing Campbell River. The program will be further refined and formally established as an annual program.

Find more information at campbellriver.ca/social-grants.