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Commendation for Layne Marshal's dedication to Canadian Blood Services

Mayor Adams recognized Dr. Layne Marshal for his commitment and support of the Canadian Blood Services in Campbell River. Marshal has been a blood donor since 1965 and supports Canadian Blood Services by organizing donation events, training volunteers, promoting blood donation and recruiting donors in the community.

Marshal was honoured by Canadian Blood Services for his service as a Campbell River community and clinic volunteer, at their 19th annual Honouring Our Lifeblood event.

A letter from Canadian Blood Services stated:

Ever resourceful and always friendly, his hard work is just one of the reasons that blood collection does so well in Campbell River. People respond to him. He is just as comfortable speaking to high school students as he is to government employees or local business owners. As a dedicated volunteer and a long-time donor, his position is that no collection event should see an empty donor bed.

Award from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Mayor Adams announced the City of Campbell River received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 2018-2027 budget. This is the City's third Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, which is the highest form of recognition in government budgeting. The award is in recognition of the exemplary practices within the City's financial plan. (For more details, see the City's news release, in the newsroom at campbellriver.ca.)

Cannabis bylaw amendments adopted

Council adopted amendments to the City's regulatory bylaws to control retail sales and regulate public consumption in response to the legalization of cannabis.

Details of amendments:

- Business Licence Bylaw
 - One sign only
 - proof of monitored security alarm system;
 - 24/7 video surveillance;
 - completed CPTED review of premises;
 - supply RCMP with name, age, address of every person employed
 - supply RMCP all information for any new or change in employees within two business days
 - fee of \$2,500/ year
- Planning Procedures Bylaw – The Province's Cannabis Control and Licensing Branch will refer cannabis license applications to the City for comment. The amendment reflects the Provincial process.
- Municipal Smoking Regulation Bylaw – Adds a section to explicitly prohibit possession of burning cannabis in public places, work places and education institutions unless permitted under licence.
- Parks Control Bylaw – Prohibits consumption of cannabis within the City's parks

The City will write to the Province to express concern over publication distributed by mail to households regarding where it's legal to smoke cannabis.

At the Oct. 1 meeting, Council adopted amendments to the Zoning Bylaw that prohibits the establishment of Cannabis Retail Stores within 300 metres of schools and from other



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Cannabis Retail Stores. Cannabis Retail Store has been added to permitted uses in commercial areas zoned C-1 on lots west of Dogwood, north of Roberts Reach and east of Hwy 19A, C-2 Zone, C-3 Zone and C-4 Zone on lots south of Campbell River

Council adopts Permissive Exemption from Taxation Amendment Bylaw

Council adopted the 2018 Permissive Exemption from Taxation Amendment Bylaw. The bylaw moves a 100 per cent permissive tax exemption from the Campbell River Common mall to the portion of 1691 Island Highway, occupied by Total Change Christian Ministries. It also removes permissive tax exemptions on 544 Dogwood Street South, 562 Dogwood Street South and 81 Dogwood Street. The removed exemptions include a residential apartment building that previously provided affordable housing for seniors, but was recently sold and is now privately owned for market housing, as well as some undeveloped land that is being held for future development by a local charitable organization. Property owners were notified when Council made policy amendments earlier this year that made these undeveloped properties ineligible for permissive tax exemptions.

Advisory Committee and Council Procedure Bylaw amendments adopted

Council adopted the Advisory Committee Amendment Bylaw and the Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw related to three new advisory committees. The bylaw amendments confirm membership and terms of reference for the Community Planning, Environmental and Community Health and Public Safety advisory committees. There are no mandate or membership changes for Campbell River City Council's other advisory groups (Airport, Tourism, Community Partnership and Youth advisory committees).

Spirit Square event planning and management contract awarded

Council awarded a contract for 2019 Spirit Square event planning and management to Jim Creighton Enterprises valued at \$73,835. Spirit Square programming offers approximately 30 events in the downtown core May through September. Events include the music series on Tuesdays at noon and Thursday evenings, the Jazz and Blues Weekend, Theatre in the Square, River City Artsfest, National Indigenous Peoples and Canada Day activities, Pumpkinfest, as well as rentals to other community groups for their events. Attendance at these events varies and has been known to exceed 1,000 visitors depending on the event.

Mobile wireless devices and data services contract awarded

Council awarded a contract to Rogers Communications Canada Inc., at an estimated value of \$230,376, for the supply, delivery, implementation, and support of wireless devices and data plans for a 48-month period. The contract provides increased value through new devices and enhanced data packages used for City work purposes.

Wastewater inspection and flushing contract awarded

Council awarded a contract to Mar-Tech Underground Services Ltd. in the amount of \$143,285.33 for closed circuit television inspection, flushing of sanitary utility pipelines and manhole inspection surveys.

UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – evacuation grant application

Council endorsed an application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) Evacuation Planning Grant. The fund offers a valuable and timely opportunity to support evacuation planning related to flooding. Should the application be successful, the plan will focus on three different evacuation scenarios in Campbellton and downtown:



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- Overland flooding with sufficient warning
- Dam failure with little warning
- Dam failure following a major earthquake

The evacuation plan would be based on realistic scenarios, strategies, resources and timelines for greatest effect in practice. Council directed that community consultation be part of the planning process.

Destination Campbell River 2019 Tactical Plan

Council approved Destination Campbell River's 2019 tactical plan, aligned with the City of Campbell River's five-year tourism strategy.

Destination Campbell River is starting its third year leading tourism marketing in Campbell River. The first year (2017) established a foundation, which included hiring staff and getting the Visitor Information Centre running. The second year (2018) focused on destination development, creating better alignment with industry and stakeholders while solidifying the Campbell River brand story. In 2019, the priority will be promotional activities among target audiences, including growth in off-season visits.

Visitor services will continue to be a priority, helping people find products and experiences that will encourage extended stays and increase tourism spending in Campbell River.

The plan was reviewed and endorsed by the Tourism Advisory Committee (TAC) at their September meeting. The TAC recommended Council approve the 2019 plan, which aligns with the City's five-year tourism strategy. Tactical plans must be filed with Destination BC by Nov. 30 of each year.

Congratulations and thanks to Samson and Wright for service on Council

Mayor Andy Adams congratulated and thanked councillors Marlene Wright and Larry Samson for their service on Council. The Councillors gave parting remarks. Watch the webcast from the link on the homepage at: campbellriver.ca.