

Council Meeting Highlights February 24, 2020

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and HOUSING

- **Bike lanes on Highway 19A between 5th and 6th avenues** – Parking will be removed on the east side, and bike lanes will be installed on both sides of the road along this block.
- **44-unit development considered for Nikola Road** – Council approved a permit application from Westshore Development Corporation proposing a 44-unit multi-family development at 200 Nikola Rd. The permit is subject to landscaping and environmental security.
- **Downtown Small Initiatives Program** – Council received an update on 2019 projects and programs and endorsed 2020 plans to make the downtown core a more attractive destination for food, leisure and entertainment. Proposed projects include a pop-up library, new bike racks, illumination of downtown features, and additional garbage cans.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **Liquor license transfer** – Considering the location of the new establishment, hours of service and maximum number of people who could be in the building, Council recommended approval of an application to transfer the liquor primary licence from 1140 Ironwood St. to 1620 Island Hwy. The recommendation is subject to conditions that address neighbourhood concerns shared during a public meeting in January. Conditions must be met to obtain a business licence. Conditions include:
 - Hire an independent sound consultant to provide the City with a report confirming that the nightclub operation will not contravene the City's Public Nuisance Bylaw noise regulations.
 - Enter into an agreement with the City stating that failure to comply with the City's noise regulations will result in the City taking steps to suspend or revoke the business license.
 - Retain a security firm to monitor the outside of the nightclub and adjacent parking areas from one hour before until one hour after closing to ensure that patrons do not create noise or cause disturbance that would contravene the City's noise regulations.
 - Erect a fence and landscaping along the north side of the property and parking areas to prevent vehicles from exiting onto the lane and to reduce the transmission of noise between the establishment, parking areas and adjacent residential areas to the north.
 - Registration of a Section 219 covenant securing a shared-parking agreement.
 - Confirmation of an approved building permit.
 - Revised hours:
 - Thursday to Saturday, noon until 2 a.m.
 - Sunday noon until 1 a.m.
 - Monday to Wednesday noon until midnight.
 - Off-sales of alcohol is prohibited.

City support for the application will now be sent to the provincial liquor control board to make the final decision on the transfer of the licence.

- **Technology Attraction Strategy and Partnering agreement with local angel investors** – Council approved a partnering agreement with Campbell River Area Angel Group (CRAAG) to promote the City's tech attraction strategy. Advertising of this intention will be published in the Campbell River Mirror as required by the Local Government Act.
- **INFilm 2018/2019 summary** – Council received an update from the Vancouver Island North Film Commission (INFilm), highlighting local benefits of film and television productions, including SEE, the eight-episode Apple TV+ series that was filmed in the Strathcona Regional District. This series featured Hollywood star, Jason Momoa, and attracted a lot of media attention. Council thanked and complimented INFilm on their valuable work in our community.

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- **North Island College Food Innovation and Processing Hub** – Council will provide a letter of support for this initiative, as requested by Cheryl O'Connell, Dean of the college's Faculty of Trades and Technical Programs.

FINANCE

- **Parks Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw** – Council gave first three readings to an amendment bylaw that will continue the \$37 annual tax on each parcel of land. This fee was established in 2015 and pays for new park space and capital projects. The 10-year financial plan includes parks parcel tax funding.
- **Sewer inspection truck awarded** – An inspection truck equipped with a sewer inspection camera system will be purchased from Rollins Machinery Ltd. The truck will cost \$473,368 and is required for the City's ongoing sewer inspection and maintenance programs.
- **Sanitary sewer maintenance program** – Mar-Tech Underground Services has been awarded the 2020 contract to test and seal 683 sewer line joints. The maintenance work is valued at \$108,069.
- **Property tax write-offs** – Seven property tax accounts, valued at \$33,670.38, will be written off after the City exhausted all efforts to collect taxes on the properties. Properties include demolished mobile homes and Crown or federal properties where the City has no taxing authority.
- **Grant application for Emergency Support Services** – Council endorsed an application to the Union of British Columbia's 2020 Emergency Support Services Grant for \$24,000 that would pay for supplies and training for the Campbell River Emergency Support Services Team.

2020 Council meeting schedule amended:

- reschedules Financial Plan meeting dates to Dec. 9-11
- adds a Nov. 30 Committee of the Whole meeting
- adds a December 16 Council meeting to adopt the Financial Plan Bylaw
- start time for Committee of the Whole meetings is 10:30 a.m. for the rest of the year