

## **Council Meeting Highlights January 27, 2020**

### **Council defers recommendation, supports extension on application to transfer liquor licence**

Following public comments, Council deferred making a recommendation to the Province on an application to transfer the existing liquor licence from 1140 Ironwood to a new facility at 1620 Island Highway in Campbellton. As currently written, the application seeks a licence from noon to 2 a.m. seven days a week in a building that would hold up to 600 people.

There were a variety of public comments on the proposed transfer (both in support and in opposition). Concerns were raised about parking and the potential for noise, vandalism and violence near the venue, which is adjacent to a residential neighbourhood.

The proponent outlined an intention to run a take-out kitchen facing the highway, with live entertainment Thursday through Saturday and rental opportunities the rest of the week. The proponent confirmed there would be no off-site liquor sales and expressed a willingness to hire security and adjust hours and occupancy numbers to accommodate community concerns.

Council will send a letter to the provincial liquor control board requesting an extension for the liquor permit application. Council also requested a report with details on plans for building renovations and permitted occupancy, options for hours of operation and anticipated effects on nearby homes and Campbellton revitalization.

### **Land donation considered to support affordable housing complex for women and children**

Council gave three readings to the Housing Agreement Bylaw that would donate land to support a BC Housing project to build a 40-unit complex for women and children at 1180 Fir St.

Half the building will be second stage housing, and the other half long-term affordable rental housing, with a mix of unit sizes and types. All adult tenants will be women, and their children, male and female, would be allowed to live in the complex. Men would be allowed to visit the long-term rental side of the building. For more details, see the Jan. 23 news release.

Public notification of the intended land donation will be published in the Campbell River Mirror and any comments will be considered at the Feb. 10 Council Meeting, the same meeting that Council would consider adoption of the Housing Agreement Bylaw.

### **Development update**

- Rezoning for second home on McIvor Lake property considered – Council gave first and second reading to a rezoning request for 7050 Gold River Highway to allow a second residence on the lakefront property. A public hearing will take place once Council has discussed concerns about watershed protection and the lakeshore residential zoning designation at a future committee of the whole meeting.
- Zoning amendment considered for 2794 Vallejo – Council gave first and second reading to a proposed zoning amendment at 2794 Vallejo to allow the replacement of an existing single-wide mobile home. A public hearing will take place on Feb. 10.

### **Finance update**

- Facilities services awarded – Council awarded a contract to Clean Team Janitorial Inc. valued at \$326,895.48 for a three-year term with the option of two additional one-year extensions, for a potential total of \$544,825.80. The City facilities served by the contract are the airport, Dogwood Operations Centre, Evergreen Water Department Facility, Norm Wood Environmental Centre and Downtown Safety Office.
- Council will send a letter in support of a grant application to the Physical Literacy for Communities BC. The funding is for ongoing Play Campbell River initiatives, with partnership organizations including School District 72, Strathcona Regional District, Island Health, Kwakiutl District Health, local sporting teams and the City. Council has budgeted \$5,000 for Play Campbell River over the next two years and will consider funding for a third year during December 2020 budget discussion.

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- Social Grants funding – Council finalized grant support for local social purpose agencies.
  - 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
  - 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. 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. 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](http://campbellriver.ca/social-grants).

### Support for community organizations

- In response to the Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island requesting that the City waive building and development fees for the Qwlayu House/Home Away from Home Project, Council requested a report outlining options.
- Council will send a letter in support of the Haig-Brown House Fall Festival grant application.
- In response to a request for park land donation from the Campbell River and District Association of Community Living, Council requested a report on equipment location options.
- In response to a funding request, Council confirmed a donation of \$2,500 for the 2020 Wounded Warrior Run of BC.
- Council confirmed that the City will support Kin Canada's Founders Day (Feb. 20) to mark the service club's centennial with a sunrise flag raising at Spirit Square and a proclamation of Kin Canada Week from Feb. 16 to 22 and National Day of Kindness on Feb. 22.
- Council reaffirmed their commitment to advocate on behalf of the community for solutions to the forestry labour dispute that will get people back to work.
- Council referred a letter suggesting Campbell River could be marketed as part of the Four Cs (with Comox, Courtenay and Cumberland) to the City's economic development department.
- Council endorsed the *Spaces for Children: Planning for Child Care Space Needs in Campbell River* report. School District 72 is using the data to apply for grant funding to create local child care spaces. Council will send a letter in support of this application.

### Council endorses RCMP Appreciation Day

To mark the centennial of the naming of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Mayor Andy Adams read a proclamation declaring Feb. 1 RCMP Appreciation Day in Campbell River. As a permanent commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Council also approved painting the fire hydrant in front of the RCMP detachment later this spring to resemble a Mountie. The RCMP flag is flying at Spirit Square from Jan. 27 to Feb. 2.