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OCP and Zoning Bylaw review and second consultation update

Approximately 70 community members attended a second consultation event for the OCP/Zoning review, over April 28 and 30. Access to an online survey was also provided, which gathered approximately 200 community responses.

The events and online survey discussed inconsistencies between the OCP policies and zoning bylaw regulations, focusing on Quinsam Heights land use plan, policies for secondary dwellings, streamlining development permit area guidelines, commercial land uses in northern Campbell River – focusing on gateways – and the need for a hierarchy of commercial centres.

Recent consultation events focused on community discussion and feedback to develop draft policy direction for the third consultation event – 6 to 9 p.m. June 22 at the Sportsplex.

A summary report of public engagement is available at <http://www.campbellriver.ca/planning-building-development/bylaw-updates/ocp-review>

Water supply project update

The final stage of the City's new \$26.2 million water supply project will proceed to tender this summer, with construction expected to start before the end of the year. Council directed staff to complete the design and tender package. Staff will report to Council with recommendations for award following the close of tender later this summer.

City submits grant application for Big Rock Boat Ramp upgrade

Council endorsed a grant application to the Canada 150 funding program, requesting the maximum amount, \$500,000, for the Big Rock Boat Ramp upgrade project. Should the Canada 150 grant be received, funding for the City's share of the project work would come from the City's Parks Reserve and the Capital Lending Reserve. The City hopes to have a response to the application before the end of the year and the project, if approved, could take place in either 2017 or 2018.

Annual transit operating agreement and service expansion options

Council endorsed the current operating agreement as provided by BC Transit, and will advise BC Transit that proposed changes to improve service would be considered during Council's annual financial planning meetings in December, should additional transit funding be available from the provincial government.

City's asset management strategy approved

City Council adopted an asset management strategy to address current shortcomings and safeguard City assets as well as save long-term infrastructure costs through strategic investment, planned preventative asset maintenance, renewal or replacement. The strategy will also manage the impacts of climate change and risks associated with infrastructure failure and service disruption, providing more efficient community service and more stable and predictable costs associated with these services. Council will determine how to launch and fund the strategy through future budget deliberations.

Council confirms correct steps being taken regarding Jubilee Wetlands remediation

In response to a letter from Greenways Land Trust, the Mayor will provide a letter confirming that Council is following the professional advice of City staff and following all due diligence and freedom of information procedures related to Jubilee Wetland remediation.

Oversized shop approved for 2060 Willis Road

The applicant is proposing to construct an oversized garage/shop at this address. The proposed ancillary building is 208 metres squared, exceeding the maximum 80 metres combined floor area for all ancillary buildings on a lot according to the zoning bylaw. The property is designated Estate in the Official Community Plan (OCP), a designation that promotes small-scale farming and low density, rural residential neighbourhoods. In contrast, the property is zoned Residential Multi-Family Two (RM-2), a zone that permits up to 50 dwelling units (such as apartments, triplexes, etc.) per hectare. This is an example where the OCP and zoning bylaw are inconsistent, and one of the key objectives of the current OCP review is to address the inconsistencies this application highlights. Since that review has not yet been finalized, staff recommended that the application be deferred pending the outcome of the OCP review.

Oversized and over height garage approved for 3674 Vermont Place

Council approved the application to construct an oversized and over height garage at this location. The proposed ancillary building is 89.2 metres squared, and has a height of 5.51 metres, a variance from the zoning bylaw, which states that the maximum combined floor area for all ancillary buildings on a lot is 80 metres squared and the maximum height is 5 metres. City staff recommended approval of the variance as the effect on the neighbourhood and adjacent properties would be minimal.

City supports BC Elders Communication Centre Society and BC Elders Council

Council will send a letter of support and a Campbell River information package for the BC Elders Communication Centre Society and BC Elders Council's bid for the 2017, 41st annual BC Elders Gathering, which they hope to hold in Campbell River. The BC Elders Council advises that the Annual Gathering would bring 3,000 First Nations elders and additional support people to our community for a minimum of four days.

Council supports 2016 UBCM resolution for free prostate cancer testing

A 2016 Union of BC Municipalities resolution regarding eliminating fees for prostate cancer testing in B. C. and declaring September Prostate Cancer Awareness Month was endorsed by Council. One in eight men in the province will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime representing the number one cancer risk to men. The resolution states that the economic, family, and social costs to our province would be significantly diminished through increased awareness and early detection, and that free testing would ensure all men have the opportunity for prostate cancer to be diagnosed as early as possible, thus improving survival.

Forest Stewardship Plan to be referred to Forestry Task Force

Council will forward a letter from Western Forest Products Inc. regarding the new Forest Stewardship Plan to the Forestry Task Force, and a thank-you letter will be sent to the company for their awareness of the task force's role. The Forestry Task Force will be asked to review the plan, assess its local impact and report back to Council.

Support for Excel Career College

Council will provide a letter of support for expanded aquaculture training on Vancouver Island in Campbell River, considered the regional hub of the aquaculture industry in western Canada.

Support for Canada Day committee grant application

Council will send a letter of support for the Canada Day organizers for their application to the Canada 150 fund for financial support for the 2017 July 1st community event.

Vancouver Island Crisis Society could apply for future social grant funding

The Vancouver Island Crisis Society requested a donation from the City to support its work. Council will advise the organization when criteria and a process have been determined for social grant funding applications and invite the organization to apply at that time.