



Council Meeting Highlights June 19, 2017

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Public hearing on proposed rezoning for land north of Jubilee Parkway

A public hearing was held to consider rezoning parts of land north of Jubilee Parkway in anticipation of future housing development. The applicant, Parkway Developments, requested proposed adjustments from single-family residential to multi-family and from multi-family to single-family residential to align with proposed subdivision. First and second readings were given in May.

City wins marketing innovation award

Mayor Andy Adams congratulated Rose Klukas, the City's economic development officer, on an award from the BC Economic Development Association. The City recently received the marketing innovation award for the Campbell River Investment Portal, which launched in February this year. The award recognizes that businesses rely increasingly on online information, and the investment portal makes data more accessible to investors and others interested in Campbell River. The investment portal can be viewed on the City's website (www.campbellriver.ca) under Business-Economy / Investment Portal.

Frank James Park Master Plan adopted

Council has adopted the Frank James Park Master Plan as a long-term guiding document for future improvements after a presentation by David Reid of LANARC Consulting. Mr. Reid relayed the public's desire for Frank James Park to be a showcase park for the Willow Point neighbourhood that embraces and enhances its unique waterfront location as a destination along the Seawalk that encourages relaxation, artistic creation, heritage celebration and community. Changes would also take into account the need to accommodate sea level rise. Based on public feedback, priorities include new washroom facilities, Seawalk upgrades and parking relocation. Additional proposed future changes include redeveloping the festival lawn, event and plaza look-out, new park entry, crosswalk, picnic lawn, beach seating, a celebration space, art feature, landscaping and Sybil Andrews walk. Full construction cost would be \$1,300,000. Changes could be built in phases as funding and senior government grants become available.

The Master Plan process began in 2005 and has included considerable community engagement and endorsement. The success of Transformations on the Shore Chainsaw Carving Competition, Sybil Andrew Cottage and Walter Morgan Shed, Willow Point Community Centre and Rotary Seawalk all depend on a future vision for Frank James Park. The Master Plan is guided by Mayor and Council and considers the park's uniqueness and importance to the community, tourism and the environment.

Council approves City's 2016 Annual Report

The 2016 Annual Report features spectacular Campbell River photos, a By-the-Numbers section highlighting key community service statistics, graphic icons for information at a glance throughout departmental reviews and an ever-growing Awards and Milestones section. The document also contains historical and demographic information. The City is required by law to produce an annual report that includes audited financial statements before June 30 each year. The City of Campbell River's 2016 Annual Report is available under What's New on the City's website (www.campbellriver.ca) and will be archived with previous annual reports under Your City Hall / Financial Plans Reports.

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2016 Statement of Financial Information

Council approved the 2016 Statement of Financial Information, which demonstrates the City's continued investment of time and financial resources to support a diverse and resilient economy for a thriving community in the short and long term.

Expenses were up from the previous year, reflecting Council efforts to position Campbell River favourably for approval for the local hotel tax, which will support tourism marketing as well as grant funding from senior governments. Recent funding announcements (total \$12,926,826):

- Hwy 19A Build Canada (Build Canada) - \$6,431,332
- Airport Fueling Facility (BCAAP) - \$903,750
- Municipal Broadband Network (ICET) - \$50,000
- Organics Facility (for Regional Solid Waste, via Build Canada) - \$5,541,744

Payments to suppliers reflected City investment in infrastructure projects to accommodate a growing community and ensure reliable service delivery, in particular, the ongoing water supply project with BC Hydro, which will be completed in 2018.

Total remuneration paid in 2016 was \$17.49 million, a \$270,000 decrease from 2015 remuneration of \$17.76 million. 2015 was an unusual year in that it included retroactive payments for the firefighters and alarm room operators, as well as an extra pay period which occurs approximately once every eleven years on a bi-weekly pay cycle. Other key variances from 2015 included filling vacant positions for City manager and in development services, fleet and finance departments. To meet service demands, new positions for water, capital works and recreation were filled.

To attract qualified employees while maintaining costs of service delivery, Council's policy requires the City maintain exempt staff salary in the mid range of salaries compared with municipalities of similar size across the province.

Remedial action approved for five Campbell River properties

Council confirmed that the owners will be required to clean up properties at: 710 9th Ave., 397 Hilchey Rd., 421 Hilchey Rd., 1940 Nunns Rd., 666 8th Ave. In accordance with the Public Nuisance Bylaw, City contractors will be authorized to perform work on the properties in the event that the owners do not comply with the remedial action notice within 30 days.

Rezoning and definition changes considered for Sequoia Springs property

Council gave third reading to a zoning amendment application to change property zoning and allow for expansion of the Campbell River Golf and Country Club, located at 2200 Shetland Rd. A public hearing was held on this bylaw prior to the June 5 Council meeting.

City thanked for Dalton Road neighbourhood party support

Council received June 8, 2017 correspondence from Jeanelle Fischer and Mary Ashley, outlining how much the neighbours enjoyed the Dalton Road neighbourhood party, supported by City staff.

Concerns over helipad at new hospital

Through the regional hospital board, Council will seek clarification and investigate options related to the helipad designation at the new hospital. In 2016, the Campbell River Airport Commission hired Mobius Architecture to address concerns they received about the helipad at the new Campbell River hospital. The *North Island Hospital Projects Heliport Design* report identified that the design of the building and geographic features of the site would limit helicopter approach options. Council subsequently wrote the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board for clarification and confirmation on requirements for the previously approved helipad design and requirements to fulfill the construction contract language.



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Council seeks information about cost of burying transmission lines

Council requested that staff provide a report in July outlining options on relocating transmission lines underground along Hwy 19A from Hidden Harbour to Maritime Heritage Centre and from the 4th Ave. right of way to the north side of 5th Ave.