

Council Meeting Highlights September 6, 2016

Please note Council meeting highlights are not a substitute for the City's comprehensive Council meeting minutes, found on the City website at: www.campbellriver.ca. Council meeting agendas, minutes and webcasts are available from the link on the homepage. Find archives of Council Meeting Highlights at: www.campbellriver.ca/councilmeetinghighlights

Public hearing held for proposed rezoning of 1521 and 1581 Vanstone Rd.

A public hearing was held on the proposal to rezone the parcels to allow for the removal of the older existing single-family dwelling and the construction of a new single-family dwelling or bed and breakfast accommodation at 1521 Vanstone Rd. The proposed rezoning also reflects the existing single-family dwelling that was recently built at 1581 Vanstone Rd. The parcel at 1521 Vanstone Road is relatively large at 1670m². The parcel at 1581 Vanstone Road is also relatively large at 2060m².

Campbell River Youth Soccer Association and Rotary Community Field House

The Campbell River Youth Soccer Association (CRYSA) is currently raising funds to construct the Rotary Community Field House at Robron Park and presented their proposed design for the facility to Council. The community field house will include a small multi-purpose banquet/meeting space, concession, change rooms, storage space, office space and public washroom and will be designed to take advantage of the exceptional views from the park. CRYSA will hand over ownership and operation of the facility to the City for community use. The CRYSA will host a fundraising event at the Campbell River Community Centre early in February, 2017, and use of the facility by CRYSA for fundraising will be at no charge.

Council approves amended procedure bylaw

Council adopted amendments to its procedure bylaw, which outlines how meetings should be run. The amendments are drafted based on the Ministry of Community Services Best Practices Guide and procedure bylaws from other communities including Burnaby, Kelowna, Nanaimo, Prince George, Saanich, Surrey and Victoria. Based on best practices and Council feedback, it was recommended that various sections of the bylaw be updated to streamline current practices. This bylaw was given first and second reading on July 25 and third reading on Aug. 22, 2016.

First and second reading for nuisance odour regulations

Public Nuisance Amendment Bylaw No. 3636, 2016 was given first and second reading. The amendments to this bylaw provide the City with the authority to request any owner or operator of a commercial or industrial business that discharges or emits a nuisance odour to supply the City with a report prepared by an independent odour control specialist recommending ventilation system improvements and methods and a letter confirming that the methods approved by the City have been implemented. Staff was also directed to review which parts of the community might generate similar areas of conflict, to consult with the business community and to have recommendations to be incorporated with the zoning bylaw review/amendments Ticketing for Bylaw Offences Amendment Bylaw No. 3638, 2016 was also given first and second reading and would provide the Bylaw department with recourse should someone complain of offensive odours emanating from a commercial or industrial operation.

Willis Road improvements begin in September

Wacor Holdings was awarded the contract of \$262,931 for the installation of storm culverts, allowing for a two-metre wide paved shoulder on Willis Road between Petersen and Carolyn roads. During the 2016 budget deliberations, Council determined this project to be a priority to

create safer cycling and walking access on this road, which currently has a narrow shoulder and deep storm water ditches. Work will also include maintaining fish habitat on Fisher Creek and future spawning ground enhancements downstream of Willis.

Because the storm water in this area feeds into the upper Nunns Creek, planning the work involved extensive design and environmental review to widen the southern part of that stretch; Approval was received earlier this summer, allowing this project to progress this year. To protect fisheries and related habitat, the in-ditch work must occur during August and September.

Upgrades coming for sewer pump station at Maritime Heritage Centre

Council approved the award of a contract to Ketza Pacific \$111,833 for upgrades to the sewer pump station, including aesthetic improvements that will remove the infrastructure from public view.

Discovery Passage Sealife Society Pier Screen

Council endorsed the installation of an outdoor touch screen kiosk on the Discovery Pier by the Discovery Passage Sealife Society. The screen – which will be installed in the spring of 2017 – will be accessible year round to the public and support the society's work to increase opportunities for people to learn about Campbell River's marine and coastal life. Council referred the discussion of funding support for the screen to December's financial planning discussions.

2016 Regional Emergency Support Services Director's workshop

Councillor Marlene Wright will represent the City at the 2016 Regional Emergency Support Services director's workshop, which is organized by North Island Emergency Preparedness and takes place Oct. 29. Councillor Wright took part in last year's workshop.