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Public Nuisance Bylaw amended to address graffiti on waste receptacles

Council is considering a proposed bylaw amendment that would require waste companies to remove graffiti from their waste receptacles within 12 working days or be subject to a fine of \$250. Further to Council's direction at the Dec. 14 Council meeting, staff invited waste collection companies to provide feedback regarding the proposed amendments. One waste collection company has provided comments on the proposed amendments.

Craft brewing now permitted downtown

Further to permitting a craft brewing operation at 594 11th Avenue at the Jan 14 2016 Council meeting, Council has adopted Zoning Amendment Bylaw 3602 to permit craft breweries on any downtown property zoned commercial. A Public Hearing was held on Jan. 11, 2016 to offer citizens an opportunity to provide feedback. The bylaw was given third reading on January 25, 2016.

Proposed changes to Animal Control Amendment Bylaw 3610

Currently, the City does not waive dog licence fees for service dogs. Mindful of the service to the community that such dogs provide, dog licence fees will be waived for Guide and Service Dogs, RCMP Dogs and Search and Rescue Dogs. The bylaw will also be amended to allow such dogs access to otherwise restricted public or park areas, as long as the dog is under effective control of a competent person and is performing its function as a Guide and Service dog, RCMP dog or Search and Rescue dog.

Tickets proposed for open burning and fireworks offenses

Council gave first and second readings to a proposed bylaw amendment that would provide fire department captains and acting captains ticketing capability for violations to the Clean Air, Fire Services and Fireworks Regulation Bylaws. Currently, the fire chief, deputy fire chief, assistant fire chief and fire Inspectors are the only officials with the authority to issue tickets for these violations.

Advisory Planning and Environment Commission's 2015 annual report

Council received with thanks the commission's report, which outlined the following highlights from the last year's work:

- Options for the Ostler Park foreshore restoration project
- Proposed amendments to the Planning Procedures Bylaw
- Draft Soil Removal and Deposition Bylaw
- Proposed invasive plant management and five year implementation plan
- Draft Fire Services Plan
- Request to modify standard road markings and signage
- Zoning Bylaw and Official Community Plan updates
- Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP)

Changes proposed for chauffeur licences

Council gave first and second readings to proposed changes to chauffeur licences that would extend a chauffeur licence expiry for two years from the date of issue. This is consistent with the procedures followed in Nanaimo, North Cowichan and Port Alberni. Ray Lustig, president of Bee Line Taxi shared his impressions of the drawback regarding the existing screening process for

receiving a licence. Staff will provide a follow-up report on the process for RCMP checks and practice in other comparable communities.

Fire Department's 2015 annual report

Council received the department's report, which outlined the stats and services provided by the Campbell River Fire Department. First responder calls are increasing. Without a fire department, the community would pay, collectively, an additional \$7 million in property insurance.

2015 Fourth Quarter Strategic Action progress report received

Council received the report, which outlines progress to date on actions related to Council's Strategic Plan.

Norm Wood Environmental Centre upgrades work awarded

Council approved a contract for the second phase of the City's sewage treatment plant upgrade work valued at \$859,998. Ridgeline Mechanical Ltd. will perform the work to upgrade the Norm Wood Environmental Centre (NVEC), which was commissioned in 1996 and provides secondary treatment and processing of the City's raw sewage.

In 2009, a number of required upgrades were identified to address increased flows and system improvements necessary to maintain regulatory compliance. During the 2013 to 2017 Financial Planning deliberations, Council approved a three-phased approach to completing the necessary upgrades.

Phase 1 was completed in 2014/15. This upcoming work will complete the second phase as approved in the 2016-2020 Capital Plan, funded by the sewer reserve and sewer development cost charges.

The work was awarded in compliance with the New West Partnership Trade Agreement, Agreement on Internal Trade, the City's purchasing policy, and was posted on BC Bid and the City's website.

Official Community Plan consultation process update

On Dec. 14, 2015, Council awarded Modus Planning and Design the contract to complete the City's Official Community Plan (OCP) updates (phase one) and Zoning Bylaw revisions (phase two). Staff has worked with Modus to develop a plan to involve both Council and the Advisory Planning and Environment Commission. The proposed process includes seven consultation sessions over the next 18-month period, with four of the sessions focusing on the review and development of the OCP, with an additional three proposed sessions for the Zoning Bylaw review process. The first two sessions are tentatively booked for the last week of February and last week of March. A more detailed consultation and engagement plan will be finalized by mid-February.

Rollo Residential Supply Report

Council was presented with the final report from G.P. Rollo & Associates, Land Use Economists commissioned by the City to update Campbell River's residential land use assessment. The report provides technical information to inform the discussion and public consultation that will take place as part of this year's scheduled review of the OCP and Zoning Bylaw. *Find the report on the January 27, 2016 Committee of the Whole agenda – click on the blue link at item 2.2.2.*

Council approved Reserve and Surplus Policy

The Reserves and Surplus Policy defines the purpose of the different reserve funds held by the City for cash flow, risk coverage, opportunity or capital needs. The policy ensures that reserve funds are used efficiently with no funds sitting 'idle', by maintaining the minimum and optimum balances. This policy assists the City's asset management process to provide adequate funding for asset maintenance and replacement. The City's Reserve and Surplus Policy is a key step in moving towards long-term financial planning.

Urban Forest Management Plan approved in principle

The plan is a policy document that signals a general intent to increase the level of tree canopy cover within Campbell River's urban area from 33 per cent to 40 per cent by 2035. It is projected that in a "do-nothing" scenario, canopy cover could drop as low as 20 per cent. The plan contains a wide range of various options for Council to consider to increase and improve tree cover. Along with increased property values, improved aesthetics and enhanced psychological well being, urban forests provide a broad array of environmental, economic and social benefits, including: improved air quality; energy conservation through shade, cooling and wind reduction; storm water retention; noise buffering; wildlife habitat.

City to ask Province to ensure water safety

With the indefinite curtailment of mining operations at NVI Myra Falls, the City will write to the Minister of Energy and Chief Inspector of Mines expressing the City's concerns for drinking water safety and requesting the BC Provincial Government's assurance that all reasonable actions will be taken to ensure the safety of the mine tailings dams and continued operation of facilities to prevent pollution to our drinking water supply.

BC Games Society offers Campbell River opportunity to host 2020 BC Summer Games

Council asked staff to provide a report on the feasibility of hosting in partnership with Comox Valley and requirements for bidding.

Forestry Task Force to provide feedback on BC Timber Sales review

The upcoming Forest Task Force will be asked to review and make recommendations on the allowable annual cut — the maximum volume of timber to be harvested for the next 10 years.

Council requests report for options on snow removal on selected primary routes

In response to correspondence from a concerned resident, Council has requested a staff report on costs and feasibility of clearing snow and ice from sidewalks and transit shelters along certain primary routes in the community, to possibly be incorporated into age-friendly planning.