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City advisory committee members announced

New members have been confirmed for City of Campbell River advisory committees to launch new work and fill vacancies on existing committees.

“Council looks forward to the participation of the new and returning volunteers on the three new advisory committees that begin work this year, and to their input focused on a long-term vision for Campbell River through community planning, environmental protection and healthy community, including public safety,” says Mayor Andy Adams. *“These three committees are the result of a review and re-structure and will help Council with carefully considered input on widely-held community priorities.”*

Members of the Community Planning Advisory Committee include: David Atkinson, Ken Blackburn, Glenn Blake, Glenn Cooper, Cal Grunerud, Jordanna Holmes, Tanille Johnston, Sehleeah Schevers, Gerrit Keizer and Robert Rounds.

Members of the Environmental Advisory Committee include: Steve Cooley, Chuck Desorcy, Stacey Larsen, Stuart Masterman, Bruce Murdoch, Christine Petrovic, Nigel Ross and Robert Walker.

Members of the Community Health and Public Safety Advisory Committee include: Chris Callanan, Tara Fitzgerald, Keith Hopkins, Camille Lagueux, Dale Peterson, Wendy Richardson, Leanne Wingert, Lynn Wood, Douglas Vater and Christina Rozema.

Membership on the Tourism Advisory Committee (including re-appointments and new members to fill vacancies): Sandra Allen, Sukhy Bains, Paul Dowler, Harley Elias, Stephen Gabrysh, Heather Gordon-Murphy, Bev Herperger, Sarah Nicholson, Wayne Nikolaisen, JP Obbagy, Tom Olsen, Brian Shaw, Jonathan Shead and Phyllis Titus.

Mayor Adams adds *“We extend our deep appreciation to all our current volunteers and thank them for their interest and hard work on behalf of the entire community.”*

Three new advisory committees and their focus:

- Community Planning Advisory Committee – visioning such as long-range and parks planning, Official Community Plan and Zoning bylaws, affordable housing, development issues and opportunities, public art, community wellbeing through sustainable neighbourhood development and downtown revitalization
- Environmental Advisory Committee – issues of concern related to the waterfront and estuary, landfills, organic waste (composting), energy and emissions, effects of climate change (storm severity, sea level rise, etc.), foreshore restoration and protection, natural and conservation areas, passive parks and ecosystem services
- Community Health and Public Safety Advisory Committee – downtown security, homelessness, affordable housing and related social services, assisting social service providers, opioid crisis

“The City welcomes input from interested community members who would like to share information with or sit in on advisory committee meetings,” adds deputy city manager Ron Neufeld. *“For example, we’re working with representatives of the Downtown BIA to ensure its membership is kept current with work by the Community Health and Public Safety Advisory Committee.”*

There are no changes at this time for the City’s other advisory groups (Airport Advisory Committee, Board of Variance, Community Partnership Committee and Youth Advisory Committee). Council will continue to seek the expertise of the local arts community for planning and placement of public art, particularly during the development of the Public Art Master Plan.

To learn more about advisory commissions and other volunteer opportunities, check out the City of Campbell River’s website at www.campbellriver.ca (search under Your City Hall / City Council / Advisory Committees & Commissions) or contact the City Clerk Elle Brovold at 250-286-5709.

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