

**HIGHLIGHTS of NOVEMBER 1, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING**

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE**

- **2021 Evacuation Route Planning Grant Application**—As part of the City of Campbell River’s ongoing initiative on the risks of wildfires and evacuation plans, Council authorized staff to submit an application for the 2021 Community Emergency Preparedness Program grant to the Union of BC Municipalities, in collaboration with the Strathcona Regional District. Strathcona Regional District would provide overall grant management on behalf of the City of Campbell River if the application is successful.

This project would build on the City’s foundation emergency plan by developing a wildfire-specific evacuation route plan for high-risk areas within the city and neighbouring communities.

- **Downtown Safety Office lease renewed**—Council directed that the Downtown Safety Office lease (1302 Shoppers Row) be extended until June 30, 2022, and advised staff to provide Council with a report analyzing the effectiveness of the Downtown Safety Office for Council discussion and a determination on next steps by Mar. 1, 2022.
- **Rotary Club of Campbell River’s Annual Rotary TV Auction**—Council directed that the City make the Campbell River Community Centre available to the Rotary Club for their Annual Rotary TV Auction, with funding of up to \$2,000 to come from the Community Partnership Reserve.
- **Correspondence from the Campbell River and District Coalition to End Homelessness**—Council received correspondence from Stefanie Hendrickson, coordinator, Campbell River and District Coalition to End Homelessness, requesting that the City provide a staff liaison to work with the Coalition, and to provide a location and staff for an Extreme Weather Shelter for the 2021-2022 winter season.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

- **2021-2030 Ten Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw**—Council gave first, second and third readings to the 2021-2030 Ten Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw to include transfers and amendments authorized by Council throughout the year. The 2021-2030 Financial Plan was adopted by Council on Dec. 14, 2020. The amendments result from decisions made by Council since the plan was adopted. The amendments to the approved financial plan are required in order to comply with section 165(1) of the Community Charter. The authorized expenditures have either been funded through the various City reserves or result in a net-zero impact on the operating budget and, therefore, do not have an impact on taxation.
- **TeenFlight Campbell River requests funding for the 2022 Wings 'n' Wheels event**—Council received correspondence from William J. Alder, president of TeenFlight Campbell River, requesting funding for the 2022 Wings 'n' Wheels event. This event supports TeenFlight Campbell River, the only program of its kind in Canada. Through the program, Campbell River high school students are mentored by pilots and work together to build a plane, which they then sell to fund more projects. Staff confirmed that \$15,000 is in the draft financial plan to host 2022 Wings ‘n’ Wheels.

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- **Correspondence from Guardians of Mid-Island Estuaries Society**—Council received correspondence from Tim Clermont, executive director of Guardians of Mid-Island Estuaries Society, requesting funding to support restoration of the Campbell River Estuary. Council directed staff to prepare a report about how the project would affect greenways and fit with the City’s Estuary Management Plan, and referred the letter to the Environmental Advisory Committee.
- **Community Partnership Grants**—Council approved the Community Partnership Committee’s recommended \$694,300 for community groups in 2022. That includes new funding requests in the amount of \$306,000, which were approved for inclusion in the 2022 Financial Plan. The Community Partnership Grant program supports arts and culture in our community, enhancing quality of life for our citizens. Grants sponsor several important community functions that the City may be expected to offer if these were not provided by community organizations.

The following Community Partnership Committee Grants were approved for inclusion in the 2022 Financial Plan:

**Category 1 Grants (Core Operating Assistance)**

Campbell River Community Arts Council (Operations)	\$29,000
Tidemark Theatre Society	\$207,500

**Category 2 Grants (Ongoing event and/or service)**

Salmon Festival	\$25,000
Shoreline Arts Society	\$10,000
Volunteer Campbell River	\$1,500
Campbell River Community Arts Council (Banners)	\$6,000
North Island Cruisers	\$5,000

**Category 3 Grants (Discretionary)**

Citizens on Patrol	\$4,000
Campbell River Volunteer Search and Rescue	\$9,500
Greenways Land Trust	\$35,000

**Category 4 Grants (One-off special event and/or service travel grants)**

Shoreline Musical Theatre Society	\$3,500
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Council also approved the multi-year grants recommended by the Community Partnership Committee.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

- **Correspondence from Capital Power**—Council received an email from Brian Vaasjo, president and chief executive officer, Capital Power, with an update regarding the Island Generation facility.

**DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

- **Major Development Permit application for a 42-unit apartment at 1470 South Island Hwy**—Council reviewed a Major Development Permit application for a 42-unit apartment building located at 1470 Island Hwy South. Council referred the application back to staff so they could work on design changes with the developer to reduce the overall height of the building. An associated Steep Slope (Hazard Conditions) and Bald Eagle Nest Minor Development Permit application for this proposed development is being reviewed separately.
- **South Campbell River sewer update**—The Phase 1 project involving the upgrade of the sewer main along Highway 19A between Maryland Road and Twillingate Road is complete. The new 600 millimetre-diameter main is in service and operational, all residential service connections have been switched over and the old sewer main has been fully decommissioned, and the asphalt resurfacing is complete. A number of factors, including challenging construction conditions, contributed to higher-than-anticipated project costs. The original project estimate was \$575,000. The final project costs are \$1.162 million.

Council authorized an increase in the approved budget for Phase 1 of the South Campbell River Sewer project to \$1.162 million, with funding from the Sewer Capital Reserve.

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ACTIVITY UPDATE**

(Received by Council during the Nov. 4 Committee of the Whole meeting.)

**Since the last report was provided to Council on Sept. 21, there have been:**

- 7 new applications received
- 10 applications completed

**Currently, there are 74 active files. Of those files:**

- 40 require action from the applicant
- 34 require action from the City and
- 0 require action from the Province

**Of the 74 active files, there are:**

- 26 Fee simple subdivisions
- 8 Bare land strata subdivisions
- 0 Temporary use permits
- 13 Zoning Bylaw amendments
- 1 Combined OCP and Zoning Bylaw amendments
- 6 Major Development permits
- 4 Major Development with Variance permit
- 13 Minor Development permits
- 1 Minor Development permit amendment
- 1 Development Variance permits, and
- 1 Board of Variance permit