

HIGHLIGHTS of JULY 12 COUNCIL MEETING

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Opening Remarks by Mayor Andy Adams

"I want to open tonight's meeting with a tribute to Police Service Dog Gator, who was stabbed and killed in the line of duty last week.

Our empathy goes to our local RCMP members, especially Gator's handler and partner, Constable England, who was also stabbed in the tragic incident.

We recognize that a man's life was lost during this event, and send our deep and sincere condolences to his family.

Campbell River was extremely fortunate to have Gator spend his entire five years of duty with his partner/handler, here in Campbell River.

Gator's services proved to be invaluable to our citizens in a variety of RCMP files.

He helped find a man lost during a significant snowfall, and assisted with the arrest of a knife-wielding man who had robbed a store.

He was even chosen to be Mountie of the Month last September.

Gator played a significant role in our community. His loss will resonate with us and his RCMP members well into the future."

Mayor Adams also thanked people for participating in the tribute for Gator and for sending suggestions on how to honour him in our community.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

- **Medical Clinic considered for Rockland Road commercial zone** – Council gave first two readings and waived the requirement for a public hearing on a proposed zoning amendment to add *medical clinic* as a permitted use to the commercial C-8 zone. This addition is consistent with similar service and commercial uses in this zone and consistent with the Official Community Plan's neighbourhood land use designation. If approved, this amendment will permit a medical clinic to be developed at 521 Rockland Rd. and any other C-8 zoned property in Campbell River.
- **60-unit apartment building considered for Dalton Road** – Council gave third reading to a zoning bylaw amendment that proposes an increase in density at 2221 Dalton Road. Council also voted in support of a restrictive covenant registered on title for the applicant to construct extended frontage improvements to connect sidewalks and install a painted crosswalk for future development at this location. Current zoning permits a six-storey building with 37 units. The applicant intends to build an apartment building with approximately 60 one and two-bedroom suites in a five-storey building.
- **28 patio homes proposed for Arizona Drive** – The City has received an application on behalf of Parkway Properties for a 28-unit patio home development (in the form of duplexes) at 351 Arizona Dr. The proposal includes a variance to increase the lot coverage for 27 of the 28 strata lots from 50 to 60 per cent. The development received conditional approval, requiring submission of a revised landscaping plan that shows lighting placed at the visitor parking area, seating within the outdoor space, and associated landscape securities.

- **Variance for reduced parking at Argonaut Road compost facility** – Council approved a request to reduce the number of parking spaces from 25 to 11 at the future compost facility at 6300 Argonaut Rd. This regional facility will be constructed and operated by the Comox Valley Regional District. The conditional permit ensures landscaping, primarily fronting Argonaut Road, is planted as designed, as well as completion of an encroachment agreement with the City and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure approval.
- **Development approved for 19th Avenue** – Council approved a variance application for a proposed mixed-use commercial and residential development at 2000 19th Avenue. The variance reduces the side (west) setback to 1.5 metres and removes the front (south) setback. The property is located immediately adjacent to the Campbell River and the Highway 19 bridge northbound ramp, which restricts the allowable building footprint. Given the potential for erosion and flooding on this property, environmental and provincial regulations will also affect development. A major development permit will be required for the building, parking area and landscaping. Council praised this proposal as a positive contribution to Campbellton Neighbourhood Association vision.
- **Housing Growth Review Developer Forums Results** – Council received the *Housing Growth Review Developer Forums Results* report. A comprehensive report and on the findings of this consultation, along with policy recommendations, will be presented at a future Council meeting.
- **Sewer and storm drainage flow monitoring equipment** – Council authorized up to \$100,000 to purchase flow monitoring equipment (\$80,000 from the City's sewer capital reserve and \$20,000 from the storm water reserve).

PARKS and RECREATION UPDATE

- **Temporary parks modifications for minor baseball 2022 season** – Council approved temporary modifications to Willow Point Park and Nunns Creek Park to support the relocation of minor baseball for the 2022 season. Changes are budgeted at \$272,100 (\$70,000 from the existing Nunns Creek Park capital budget and the remaining funds from the Community Works (Federal Gas Tax) Fund). Ongoing annual maintenance costs of \$65,000 will be included in the draft 2022-2031 financial plan.
- **New ticketing option to enforce park hours** – In response to concerns about the use of the Penfield Dog Park after hours, Council approved an amendment that allows bylaw officers to write tickets for this offence. Signs at the dog park indicate hours of use are from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Proclamation for National Drowning Prevention Week** – Council supported declaring July 18-24 as National Drowning Prevention Week in Campbell River. Along with our indoor and outdoor pool, Campbell River surrounded by water (ocean, lakes, river), and drowning is still the third leading cause of death in Canada, taking the life of more than 400 people each year. To help reduce the chance of drowning, remember to:
 - Supervise children in and around the water
 - Enroll in a learn-to-swim program
 - Swim with a buddy
 - Wear a lifejacket when boating.
 - Refrain from drinking alcohol during water activities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

- **Capital Power lease renewal** – Council will send a letter to BC Hydro supporting lease renewal for Capital Power's operations in Campbell River.

- **Billboard signs supporting local industries** – Council directed that two signs be installed to signal community support for major contributors to the local economy. The signs will be posted on City property at the Norm Wood Environmental Centre and at the corner of Dogwood and Hilchey. The signs will highlight support for aquaculture and forestry, with an option to include tourism, depending on the outcome of further consultation with the local Tourism Advisory Committee. Council also directed the City’s economic development team to pursue a social media campaign to demonstrate community support.
- **Correspondence with Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard re: aquaculture** – In response to a July 2 reply from the federal Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, Council will send a response to Minister Jordan regarding aquaculture. The letter will be drafted in collaboration with other north island mayors and the industry. Council also wishes to see a targeted social media campaign to generate awareness in the minister’s riding on east coast of Canada.
- **National Forest Week** – In response to correspondence about National Forest Week from the Canadian Institute of Forestry and Resource Works Society, Council directed that the City’s economic development department work with local industries to celebrate National Forest Week, coming up in September.