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Upland Excavating Ltd. proposed landfill, draft operational certificate peer review

Council received a second technical peer review from Waterline Resources on the Upland proposed landfill and resolved that both of the Waterline Resources reports be provided to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy as the City of Campbell River's official comments on the draft operational certificate for the proposed landfill. Council also requested that the Ministry address the recommendations contained within the reports before issuing an operational certificate.

The Waterline peer review noted concerns that the groundwater monitoring testing to date is not adequate to characterize the hydrogeological conditions at the site. Even with additional sampling presented and summarized by Upland's consultant, Waterline is of the opinion that groundwater monitoring should be long-term and continuous to confirm that the landfill criteria for municipal solid waste can be met. Other technical concerns include the lack of on-site infiltration testing. Further, the draft operational certificate requires two of the applicant's technical documents to be updated on or before 90 days before waste is discharged to the new landfill.

Spirit Square safety plan

In an effort to balance the availability of tents to support summer events and help curb unwanted behaviour in the downtown core, Spirit Square tents will be up from May 22 to September 21 this year. RCMP patrols will also be increased to address illicit activity, and the City's Code of Conduct will be enforced. Council also approved covering the costs of erecting tents required for already-scheduled events after Sept. 21 on an as-needed basis.

Licenses and permits

- Council denied a provincial cannabis license referral for a property at Unit D – 1423 16th Ave. While the proposed location for a cannabis retail store is located in a neighbourhood that has a mix of commercial uses and meets all applicable zoning regulations, the license was denied based on concerns received from nearby organizations that provide social services to vulnerable clients. As part of Council's decision, staff were directed to draft amendments to the City's Planning Procedures Bylaw that would provide additional policy guidance for the evaluation of prospective cannabis retail stores and the potential impact on vulnerable and at-risk populations.
- Council approved structural change application for the existing liquor primary licence at the Storey Creek Golf Course. The Provincial Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch requires Council's recommendation regarding these applications. In this case, the change is to the service area of the Liquor Licence, with no change to occupancy or seating capacity.

Finance approvals

- Council approved the 2019 tax rates bylaw, which enacts the approved 2.55 per cent increase to support the City's 2019-2028 Financial Plan. In accordance with the Community Charter, the City's annual tax rates bylaw must be adopted by Council before May 15. The 2019 tax rate supports the City's inflationary and contractual increases to its base operating budget, investment in the capital infrastructure deficit as well as incremental enhancements the services the City provides to citizens.
- Auditors, MNP LLP announced a "clean" audit, confirming that the City's financial statements conform with accounting standards for the public sector, and audited financial statements are in close alignment between actual financial results and the City's 2018 Financial Plan. *"The City of Campbell River financial statements are prepared in accordance with the appropriate accounting standards, and the 2018 year-end audit ran more smoothly than ever before,"* says finance manager Alaina Maher. *"The auditor praised staff's work to prepare for the audit, which*

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led to the shortest amount of time auditors spent on site. The auditors also found no outstanding issues and had no concerns to bring to Council's attention."

Year-end results demonstrate the success of the City's Financial Stability and Resiliency Plan, with continued re-investment in infrastructure built on stable, predictable tax and user fee rates. Council approved the Statement of Financial Information Report, which includes the City's audited financial statements, as well as additional financial disclosure, including the detail of payments made to City suppliers and employee remuneration information. Council must approve the statement before the June 30 filing deadline.

- The first quarter 2019 financial report update to Council also indicated no concerns on the progress of work approved during December's financial planning. This report ensures that the actual results align with approved operating, one-time and capital budgets and that variances are investigated and explained.

Mayor Andy Adams noted that confirming the City's budget in December allows projects to be planned and underway as soon as possible. He added that, since much of the construction work requires warm, dry weather, early budget confirmation helps minimize disruption for citizens during peak construction season.

Contracts awarded

- Centennial Pool mechanical repairs and replacement contract was awarded to Ed Rosse Plumbing Ltd. The work is valued at \$107,800 and includes a variety of mechanical repairs, including replacement of the boiler, chemical injectors and storage, hot water tanks, and several distribution pumps.
- Norm Wood Environmental Centre biosolids management phase one construction was awarded to Wacor Holdings Limited. The work is valued at \$268,358, and will refurbish fields where organic matter left over from waste water treatment is applied.

City applies for Urban Communities Partnering for Reconciliation funding

In partnership with the Strathcona Health Network, Laichwiltach Family Life Society and Sasamans Society and the City of Campbell River will apply for funding to advance collaborative plans and future projects that support reconciliation. The Union of British Columbia Municipalities *Urban Communities Partnering for Reconciliation* grant offers \$10,000 to support events and activities related to exploring indigenous housing needs. The partners recently received funding through a Plan H Healthy Communities Grant for *Health and Wellness for Indigenous Communities* to initiate housing dialogue and planning work. Additional funding will assist the region to have relevant and culturally appropriate responses to our collective complex housing needs.

Council to consider curbside and boulevard recreation vehicle and boat parking

At an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting, Council will discuss a report by the City's Bylaw Enforcement department about parking and storing of vehicles, trailers, boats and RVs on City roads and boulevards.

Advisory committee updates

- Council approved amendments to the Advisory Committee Bylaw that incorporate administrative updates for the Airport Advisory and Community Partnership committees.
- Council approved the Environmental Advisory Committee's work plan, which includes reviewing the Urban Forest Management Plan and a recommendation to prohibit bottling groundwater as a commercial activity.