

Council Meeting Highlights July 22, 2019

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Public hearing for proposed rezoning to allow duplex at 634 Thulin St.

One letter was received in opposition to the proposed duplex at 634 Thulin Street from a nearby property. A side yard lot line adjustment is required to ensure setbacks comply with all City bylaws. Council gave first two readings to a proposed zoning bylaw amendment at the July 8 meeting. Council will give third reading and consider adopting the proposed bylaw amendment at an upcoming meeting.

Presentations to Council about laboratory services at Campbell River hospital

Council heard two presentations on this topic, one from concerned community members and one from Island Health. Both presentations can be viewed through the City's website (access archived webcast of the meeting from the link on the home page at campbellriver.ca). Council committed to reviewing all of the documentation that was provided by both parties and continuing to advocate where needed to ensure a high level of care is available to Campbell River residents.

Public consultation in the works for secondary suites

Council gave first reading to a proposed amendment to the City's zoning bylaw to allow secondary suites in all single-family residences – and approved a plan for extensive community consultation to gather feedback to address potential concerns. Consultation will seek input on any concerns and share information about how secondary suites can help increase the supply of affordable housing options. Along with directly contacting members of the developers and realtors, non-profit housing groups and neighbourhoods associations, public feedback opportunities will include open house events and an online survey. Information will be posted on the City's website and advertised in the Campbell River Mirror as well as on social media.

(For more details, see news release issued June 27 http://www.campbellriver.ca/docs/default-source/news/community-consultation-on-secondary-suites-june-2019.pdf?sfvrsn=bd9e6a08_0)

- Three open houses are to be scheduled (Aug. 7 Campbell River Community Centre; Aug. 20 Willow Point Hall, Sept. 5 Sportsplex)
- Online Survey – late August to early September

The City's Community Planning Advisory Committee will review the draft bylaw and a summary of community feedback and provide their recommendations to Council. A public hearing is anticipated to be held in October.

Bylaw changes considered to reduce staff resources and costs in dealing with abandoned vehicles

Council gave first two readings to proposed changes to the Traffic and Highways Regulation Bylaw that will reduce the costs in disposing of abandoned vehicles by removing the need for unnecessary towing, storage and disposal methods. Several recent instances of abandoned vehicles highlighted that the disposal mechanisms in the existing bylaw regulations reflected older provincial legislation and incurred unnecessary staff time and costs. The proposed amendments are consistent with current provincial legislation and offer efficiency and fairness in the process.

Development and Permits

- **Parking requirements reduced for Campbellton cannabis retail store** – In recognition of the amount of parking available near the store at 1861 Island Highways, Council agreed to reduce

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the amount of on-site parking from seven to five required spaces provided that a public access corridor is constructed.

Community requests for City support

- **Tyee Clubhouse replacement project** – Council requested a report to outline how the City can best support the Tyee Club with its clubhouse replacement project. The club aims to have a new building in place in time for its 100th anniversary in 2024.
- **Pitch for cricket** – Council received correspondence from Dr. Aadil Dhansay, requesting provision of a cricket pitch. Council requested a report outlining options for developing a cricket pitch in Campbell River.
- **Ripple Rock school access** – In response to correspondence from a Ripple Rock Elementary teacher and students, Council requested that staff work with SD72, the RCMP and BC Transit to identify potential solutions.
- **Focus continues on proposed Uplands Landfill** – Council received a copy of a letter from the Campbell River Environment Committee (CREC) to the Province regarding the Uplands Landfill requesting answers to water-quality questions posed by the group. Council will send a follow-up letter to the Ministry of Environment supporting CREC's concerns over impacts due to lowered water levels.

Community open house to discuss road markings along Island Highway

Council reviewed a report outlining several options for road markings along the Island Highway between 5th and 6th Avenue, and directed that a public information event will be held. The open house will share information about the City's Master Transportation Plan and gather community input on pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access along this block. Public input and ideas on how best to balance the many uses along this route (cyclist, pedestrians, vehicle and on-street parking for the local residents and businesses in the area) may result in changes to the existing configuration. Once the community open house arrangements are complete, the details will be made available to the public.

Design work for the Sportsplex to follow Strathcona Gardens complex design

In 2018, the City conducted a needs assessment of the Sportsplex and stemming from it, the facility will see immediate improvements to the main gym and storage areas. To ensure recreation facilities in Campbell River provide complementary services, Council directed that any future improvements of the Sportsplex will be considered once plans for Strathcona Gardens are confirmed. Upgrades to the Sportsplex roof, heating system and gymnasium are scheduled for 2020.

Highlights from July 23 Committee of the Whole meeting

(A committee of the whole meeting is a Council meeting with the usual limits on debate relaxed to allow a more open exchange of views without the urgency of a final vote.)

Rockland roundabout landscape feature

Council received an update on options for landscape features within the Highway 19A / Rockland roundabout. Council requested that staff work with stakeholders, including the Arts Council, the Art Gallery and the Museum to undertake a community consultation and bring back recommendations to Council.