



Council Meeting Highlights February 25, 2019

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Presentations to Council on aquaculture and hydro operations

Chris Read, communications manager for Mowi Canada West (formerly Marine Harvest Canada), gave a presentation and detailed the guiding principles of the Aquaculture Stewardship Council certification process.

Stephen Watson, stakeholder engagement advisor for BC Hydro, reviewed 2018 hydroelectric operations and capital projects, including the John Hart generating station replacement project, three large dam safety projects (John Hart, Ladore and Strathcona).

Both presentations are included in the archived webcast for the Council meeting.

Green light for downtown food truck pilot program

With Council's approval of the business licence bylaw amendment, recruiting up to four vendors for the 2019 downtown food truck pilot program will proceed. Vendors will be permitted to operate in specified downtown locations for approximately 12 weeks, beginning in June.

The pilot program is based on feedback received during community consultation, and food truck locations were selected to avoid conflict with downtown restaurants.

The amended business licence bylaw sets a \$300 business licence fee for mobile vendors operating on public lands and establishes provisions for permit conditions and restrictions.

Coalition to End Homelessness coordinator funding

Council agreed that the approved one-time seed funding of \$10,000 to support a part-time coordinator position at the Campbell River and District Coalition to End Homelessness will be funded from the City's 2019 Social Grants budget.

Housing growth analysis in 2019

Council endorsed a plan for a comprehensive review of housing needs, available land and infrastructure requirements to accommodate new growth both within the urban containment boundary, and possible future growth scenarios that could include expanding the boundary in the North, South or West areas of the community. This analysis will consider land available for new development, redevelopment and infill, as well as the variety of housing – from single family, duplexes, patio and town homes, to multi-family buildings such as condos and apartments – that could be developed within Campbell River. The housing growth analysis will also review development potential and infrastructure conditions in Quinsam Heights and the Kingfisher areas. The results of the analysis will inform updates to the Zoning Bylaw and potentially the Official Community Plan. Once the initial technical analysis is complete, opportunities for public input will be scheduled and advertised.

The City's Sustainable Official Community Plan prioritizes new growth inside the urban containment boundary, increased housing densities and a range of housing types close to village centres to concentrate residential and commercial buildings close to amenities such as transit, schools and park spaces. Examples of village centres include Merecroft, Willow Point, Campbellton and downtown.

An application (submitted by Parkway Properties and E. Maxwell) to amend the Official Community Plan and extend the urban containment boundary to allow development south of Jubilee was denied, as Council deemed it necessary to undertake a comprehensive assessment of housing growth needs and scenarios.

Funding for the housing growth analysis requires a Financial Plan Amendment, with \$80,000 to be provided through the City's financial stabilization reserve fund and gaming reserve fund.

Development and land use applications

- Council gave third reading and adopted a zoning amendment to legalize an existing second suite at 810 Greenwood.
- Council approved a request to remove a covenant stipulating a maximum number of units for multi-family development on three properties at 11, 23 and 35 Dogwood Street. The applicant advised the City that there are no specific development plans at this time, and that the request to remove the covenant (which related to a 1985 proposal that was never constructed) would facilitate future development at this location.
- Council gave first two readings in consideration of an application to rezone 2188 Park Rd. to allow for a secondary suite and a secondary residence. Rezoning would result in an addition of two new dwelling units, increasing the rental stock in Campbell River, at a time when the community is experiencing low vacancy rates. The next step in the process will be a public hearing.

Community events support

- Council will provide a letter of support to the We Wai Kai Nation to assist in their bid to host the U16 and U19 provincial aboriginal soccer tournament from August 26 to 28.
- In response to correspondence from Susanne Grundison advising that the former Royal LePage Salmon Derby will now be known as the Campbell River Salmon Derby, Council directed staff to work with the group to secure the park location for the June 8 event.

Potential funding opportunity for multi-community electric vehicle charger corridor

Councillor received a letter from Will Cole-Hamilton, City of Courtenay Councillor, inviting Campbell River to collaborate on an application for senior government funding to establish a multi-community electric vehicle charger corridor along Highways 4 and 19. Council directed staff to bring back a report for future consideration.

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Sportsplex Renovation/Expansion

Based on a 2016 conceptual design for renovating/expanding the Sportsplex to accommodate increasing demands on the facility, Council received a presentation that revisited options for weight room expansion and for the lobby, social space and administration area of facility. A future discussion with the consultant will give Council the opportunity to ask questions and confirm the preferred direction for updating the conceptual design.

2019 Fraser River chinook conservation measures

Jeremy Maynard provided a verbal update on the February 5, 2019 letter from Fisheries and Oceans Canada Pacific Region regarding 2019 Fraser River chinook conservation measures. He spoke on the potential economic impacts of the proposed scenario A and B identified in the letter, which would prohibit chinook retention. Council passed a motion to send a letter to the Ministry, articulating the City's concerns.

Update from Campbell River Community Action Team

Allan Campbell presented an update on the Community Action Team activities which includes hiring a coordinator, preparing a community report, naloxone training and distribution, street outreach, outreach to community services / partners and housing outreach.