



Council Meeting Highlights February 5, 2018

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Council members to participate in this year's Coldest Night of the Year walk

Valery Puetz and Diane Palmer, event directors with Campbell River and North Island Transition Society, made a presentation regarding the upcoming Coldest Night of the Year fundraising event. Mayor Andy Adams read a proclamation declaring Saturday, Feb. 24 as the coldest night of the year and encouraged Campbell River residents to take part in the community walk on that date.

Neighbourhood presentation on Quinsam Heights

Council received a presentation from Paul Murphy requesting changes to the proposed Quinsam Heights Zoning Bylaw amendments and a letter from Heather Clarke opposing proposed zoning amendments for the Quinsam Heights area. Staff will report back to Council on next steps to align the City's Zoning Bylaw with the Official Community Plan.

Height limit considered for proposed two-storey four-unit townhouse on Hilchey Road

Council gave third reading to a zoning bylaw amendment for a proposed four-unit townhouse at 303 Hilchey Rd. Council will consider adopting the zoning amendment subject to assurance that construction will be limited to two storeys, as outlined in plans submitted. This bylaw received first and second readings on Dec. 11, 2017 and went to Public Hearing on Jan. 22, 2018.

Increased regulation considered for noxious weeds and invasive plants

Council gave third reading to a proposed amendment to the Environmental Protection Bylaw that would restrict planting and require removal of noxious weeds and invasive plants on a complaints basis. Council also gave third reading to remove regulation of noxious weeds and invasive plants from the Public Nuisance Bylaw. Council gave first and second reading to the proposed amendment on Jan. 8.

Clean-up for Hilchey Road property

Council authorized Bylaw staff to advise the owners of 359 Hilchey Rd. that they are required to clean up the property to bring it into compliance with Public Nuisance Bylaw. Failure by the owners comply with the remedial action notice will authorize City contractors to enter onto the property to perform the work, with the cost billed to the property owner.

Economic development officer's update

The City's economic development officer provided Council with an outline of 2017 economic development highlights and the 2018 work plan for business retention and expansion, collaboration, opportunities and communication within Campbell River's business sector.

Quarterly financial report – 2017 Q4

Council received the Quarterly Financial Report for Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 2017. The report identifies that the City accomplished much of its work plan in 2017, with 83 of the 142 approved projects completed. Of the remaining projects, 49 are taking place over multiple years and are in-progress and continuing into 2018. Ten were cancelled or delayed due to a focus on other emerging areas or new information obtained on planned projects. Key projects undertaken and completed in 2017 include the first phase of the CRadvantage downtown municipal broadband initiative, new online booking software for recreation services and program management, an expansion and enhancement of Highway 28 cemetery and the new Willow Point dog park.

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The City's Water Supply project has been a key focus over the past five years, and will be completed in 2018. More than 75 per cent of the project funding was supplied by BC Hydro; the project was necessitated by BC Hydro's John Hart generating station upgrade.

The City's operational budget is on trend overall as compared to prior budgets and trends. Revenues were strong in the year with increased activity in the community related to development services, airport, and the new MRDT (hotel tax), with actual revenues at 106 per cent (six per cent more than anticipated). Expenses were in line with budget overall, with actual expenses at 95 per cent of budget that supports work plans including ongoing maintenance in transportation, parks, sewer, water, and core services such as RCMP, fire, tourism, economic development and recreational services provided across the community.

Council renews memorandum of agreement with Immigrant Welcome Centre

Council endorsed the agreement and Mayor Andy Adams will sign a renewed memorandum, originally signed in 2004, which supports all residents enjoying the right to live within a "...*free, welcoming, inclusive, and civil community...*"

Advisory Planning and Environment Commission's 2017 annual report

Council received APEC's 2017 annual report, which outlined the issues considered in 2017 – ranging from wildlife management, feedback on the Zoning Bylaw update and Refresh Downtown, to review of the Environmental Protection Bylaw update and shipping containers on residential properties. The commission also provided a proposed work plan for 2018.

Energy Step Code incentives and consultation with building industry

Council approved the proposed incentives for the Energy Step Code to help prepare the building industry for upcoming changes to the BC Building code, and have directed staff to further consult with the building industry on the Energy Step Code and proposed future training opportunities and regulations.

Letters of congratulations to two aquaculture leaders

Council will send a letter congratulating Ian Roberts on his transfer to Marine Harvest's Scotland operation. Council will also send a letter of congratulations to Jeremy Dunn, executive director of the BC Salmon Farmers Association, welcoming him to Campbell River as he joins Marine Harvest on May 1.

BC Emergency Health Services providing regional community paramedicine

As part of an initiative to bring community paramedicine to rural and remote communities across British Columbia, a new full-time rural advanced care community paramedic will be hired to work in Campbell River. This will provide expanded paramedicine services "...*such as assessing and treating higher acuity patients, and supporting local physicians and nurse practitioners in residential care, clinic and other facilities.*" Council will send a letter of thanks requesting additional details about the role, including anticipated time spent serving in Campbell River and in the surrounding rural communities in the region.

Correspondence regarding proposed Uplands Landfill site

The Campbell River Environmental Committee provided Council with an update regarding the Uplands Landfill site, accompanied by letters from the Ministry of Environment, and the Ministry of Energy and Mines. Council requested a staff report with an update on the site zoning requirements. This action follows previous Council direction that staff provide a report regarding recommendations on Campbell River Environmental Committee's concerns regarding creosoted timbers deposited at the Upland Excavating landfill site. The City will also send a letter to the Ministry of Environment requesting the Ministry change its current practice of



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allowing disposal of hazardous materials prior to completion of the full assessment process and prior to issuing appropriate permits or certificates.

Ministry of Forests public engagement plans for upcoming gypsy moth spray treatment

Council received information from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development outlining their public engagement process for upcoming gypsy moth spray treatment. Further to the notification of Mayor and Council in January, the ministry will hold a public open house early in April, after advising the media and affected residents in March of the public open house. The ministry's website and 24-hour information phone line will be available to the public. Notice will be provided to residents one day before treatment begins, and immediately before spray crews enter property, allowing residents the opportunity to bring pets indoors, and cover items they do not want to be sprayed.

Council approved moving the inaugural meeting to November to coincide with the October election.