

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS of APRIL 11, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

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OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Capital and Operating Projects to delay or cancel

Council received a report from the Finance department outlining projects within the 2022-2031 Financial Plan that could be deferred or cancelled. Council directed staff to amend the 2022-2031 Financial Plan to defer the projects and amounts and to amend the 2022-2031 Financial Plan in alignment with the project deferrals/cancellations.

Council reinstates user fees and charges suspended as a COVID-19 relief measure

Council adopted the User Fees and Charges and Miscellaneous Fees and Charges amendment bylaws to reinstate user fees and charges (late payment penalties on metered water and sewer fees,) that were suspended for 2020 and 2021 as a COVID-19 relief measure. At the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Council waived non-sufficient funds fees for returned payments made to the City, as well as late payment penalties on metered water and sewer fees, to address pandemic-related economic uncertainties.

Fire Services Amendment Bylaw No. 3831 and Ticketing for Bylaw Offences Amendment Bylaw No. 3832 to support and enforce compliance with BC Fire Code requirements (Fire Department).

Council gave first, second and third readings to a Fire Services Amendment bylaw to eliminate any ambiguity regarding the intent of the bylaw, and to enhance the fire department's ability to support and enforce compliance with BC Fire Code requirements.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE UPDATE

Council gives third reading to development application for 1940 Nunns Road

Council gave third reading to allow rezoning at 1940 Nunns Road, with the condition that prior to the bylaw being adopted, the owner ensure that a sidewalk is constructed along the east side of Nunns Road from 1940 to 1921 Nunns Road, and that the western portion of the adjacent lane be constructed to its full width. The application received first and second reading on February 14 and the public hearing was held March 14.

Council gives first and second reading to allow three duplexes at 1266 Island Hwy South

Council gave first and second reading to a Zoning Bylaw Amendment to rezone the property at 1266 South Island Highway to Residential Multiple Two (RM-2) to permit 3 duplexes (6 units). The proposal is consistent with the *Sustainable Official Community Plan* (SOCP) land use designation of Waterfront and meets the purpose and intent of the RM-2 zone. Council gave 1st and 2nd reading to the bylaw amendment and waived the public hearing.

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Council approves major development application at 4277 & 4305 Middle Point Road

Council approved a major development application for a new industrial building and ancillary office for the purposes of a heavy equipment repair service operation, and directed that a covenant be registered prior to the building permit be issued, securing eight parking stalls on 4305 Middle Point Drive.

Council gives first and second reading for a major development application at 387 Arizona

Council authorized a Major Development Permit application) to enable the construction of 47 residential units (duplexes and single-family dwellings).

Recommendations on the proposed downtown and social service zoning amendments (See Item 11.5) Council received the Community Health and Public Safety Advisory Committee's April 6, 2022, report and recommendations regarding proposed downtown and social service zoning amendments and the establishment of a complex care facility in Campbell River.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

UBCM Strengthening Communities' Services Grant - second round

Council supported the Strathcona Regional District second-round funding application to the UBCM Strengthening Communities' Services funding program, on behalf of the region. In 2021, \$100 million in Safe Restart funding was allocated to the <u>UBCM Strengthening Communities Services Grant</u> to support unsheltered homeless populations and address related community impacts. Approximately \$80 million was distributed in the 2021 application intake; of which approximately \$1M went to the Strathcona Region for 13 programs and projects. The second intake of applications will distribute the remaining \$20 million. Under this year's guidelines, the Strathcona Region could garner up to \$312,000 (25% of last year's limit).

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Update on relocation of Minor Baseball to Willow Point Park for the 2022 season

After requesting some additional information from staff, Council deferred their approval of the additional \$174,000 budget increase for the temporary lighting modifications for Minor Baseball's relocation to Willow Point Park until the April 25 Council meeting, and directed that an additional amount of \$323,000 be referred to 2023-2032 financial plan deliberations to complete the full lighting system at Willow Point Park.

CORRESPONDENCE

• Copy of correspondence from the BC Chamber of Commerce Council received a copy of correspondence from Fiona Famulak, President and CEO, BC Chamber of Commerce, to the Honourable Joyce Murray, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard regarding salmon aquaculture industry licences and tenures.



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• District of North Cowichan requesting the donation of old/obsolete fire equipment to the Ukraine for their use. Council received an email from Mayor Al Siebring, District of North Cowichan, requesting the donation of old/obsolete fire equipment to the Ukraine for their use. This item was forwarded to the Fire Chief for consideration.