

HIGHLIGHTS of MARCH 28, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

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DELEGATIONS

Wild Wise Campbell River Delegation – Lorna Seldon Burd, coordinator, and James Vasilyev, volunteer for Wild Wise Campbell River, gave a presentation on their Bear Smart Program to reduce wildlife-human interaction, and share recommended initiatives. Council approved a donation of \$500 from Council's contingency fund for their educational wildlife program, and referred their report to staff and the Environmental Advisory Committee for review.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SUPPORT

Bylaw Offences Penalty Bylaw adopted – Council adopted the Bylaw Offences Penalty Bylaw which updates penalty clauses to align with the current maximum penalty provided for in the Community Charter, giving the Provincial Court the ability to impose greater penalties for prosecuted offences.

Campbell River Situation Table request for resources – Council received a request to provide in-kind resources to help establish the Campbell River Situation Table. Situation Tables are a Provincial community safety initiative that help front line staff from public safety, health and social service sectors to proactively identify and connect vulnerable people to services. Council approved the request to provide a meeting space, two support staff to act as alternating data recorders for the weekly meetings, and have the Director of Community Safety serve on the System Leaders Group which meets quarterly.

Remedial Action for 1841 19th Avenue – Council approved a remedial action notice for the owners of 1841 19th Avenue, who are required to bring their property into compliance with the City's Public Nuisance Bylaw.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Zoning Bylaw Amendment application for a cannabis retail store – Council gave first and second reading to a Zoning Bylaw Amendment to allow for a proposed cannabis retail store at 1111 Shoppers Row. Three cannabis retail stores have been operating in the City without any major concerns. The property meets the regulations of being at least 300 metres away from other cannabis retail stores, and more than 300 metres away from the nearest public school. A public hearing will be scheduled.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw Adopted – Council adopted a Zoning Amendment Bylaw for 2955 Quinsam Road to accommodate a secondary suite and the construction of a secondary residence.

Major Development Permit issued for 2100 Perkins Road – A Major Development Permit application was approved for a 64-unit bare land strata manufactured home park development at 2100 Perkins Road, which will include an internal road, visitor parking, amenity areas and landscaping. The permit is subject to the payment of a performance security for general landscaping and fencing.

Seagull Walkway construction – Council provided direction to staff on the desired design standards to be used in the construction of the Seagull Walkway. The first phase of construction is scheduled for 2023 on the northern section of the walkway.

FINANCE UPDATE

Tender approved for the Campbell River Museum roof replacement – Council approved a tender for the museum roof replacement. The roof is at end of life, and the cost to replace it is higher than anticipated due to current market conditions. Council amended the 2022-2031 Financial Plan to increase the budget for this project, with funding to come from the facilities reserve, which was facilitated by the cancellation of the Community Centre roof replacement project.

RCMP Collective Agreement Financial Impacts

The National Police Federation and the Federal Government of Canada reached a first ever collective agreement in August 2021. The collective agreement was retroactive to April 1, 2017 and expires on March 31, 2023. At the advice of the RCMP, the City has accrued 2.5% annually to pay retroactive amounts and has budgeted this increase in an effort to stabilize tax increases. The final settled upon wage increases were more substantial than what the City had been advised, resulting in additional funding from 2021 surplus having to be used for prior contracts. This will also result in an approximate increase in RCMP contracted services in 2023 in the amount of \$996,000.

CORRESPONDENCE

BC hospitality sector letter regarding patio applications – Council received correspondence from the B.C. hospitality sector with recommendations to streamline processes for patio applications to aid in economic recovery. Council directed staff to report back with more information on the current status of patio liquor licensing approvals, as well as consider other opportunities to facilitate outdoor patio space.