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New Tye Plaza sign

Andre Molnar, president of both the Molnar Group and Tye Ownership Group, made a presentation to Council regarding application for Tye Plaza sign variance. Council approved a variance to permit a freestanding, 29-foot sign at 1111 Shoppers Row in the Tye Plaza parking lot. The intent of the sign is to make the businesses in Tye Plaza more visible to vehicle traffic and people along Shoppers Row.

Field user fees to be waived for charity fundraising

At the March 27 meeting, Council endorsed changes and gave first three readings to the Field User Fees bylaw, which will continue to allow free use of City playing fields for organizations hosting fundraising events for charity organizations. Under a new fee structure approved earlier in March, playing fields are available to user groups on an hourly basis instead of a seasonal flat rate. The changes made to the field user fees bylaw will allow the General Manager of Parks, Recreation and Culture to waive booking fees for organizations raising money for charity events using the following criteria:

- 100 per cent of tournament proceeds must be donated to a qualifying charitable organization;
- The donation being made from the tournament proceeds must be equivalent to a minimum of 50 per cent of the amount of fees waived by the City;
- The donation from the tournament proceeds must be made to an external organization (not to the host organization of the tournament);
- Prior to the event, the City must receive a deposit equal to the amount of fees to be waived. This deposit cheque will not be cashed unless reporting requirements are not met;
- Reporting requirements include a full financial report on the event no later than 60 days after the event is held, with a copy of the receipt from the charitable organization or a copy of the cancelled cheque.

Council approves new airport improved fees

Council approved the Airport Commission's recommendation for a \$2.25 increase for airport improvement fees in both 2017 and 2018. That would increase fees from \$4 per passenger per flight to \$6.25 in 2017 and \$8.50 in 2018. Council gave first two readings to the amended airport operations bylaw on March 27.

52 patio homes for Treelane Road

Council approved a major development permit application for 2000 Treelane Rd. to allow the development of 52 patio homes be constructed in the Quinsam Heights neighbourhood. The patio units will be single-family dwellings or duplexes.

30 patio homes for Glen Eagle Drive

Council approved a major development permit application for 1580 Glen Eagle Drive to allow the development of 30 patio homes be constructed in the Quinsam Heights neighbourhood. The patio units will be single-family dwellings or duplexes.

16-unit residential complex approved for 8th Avenue

Council approved a development permit for a 16-unit residential complex at 635 8th Ave. This development consists of four, four-unit multi-family buildings that are designed to integrate into the exiting neighbourhood. These additional 16 units will add to the diversity of housing stock in



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the central Campbell River neighbourhood and increase housing supply within the City. It is anticipated that construction will begin on this project in early May.

Single residential zone for Nikola Road property

Council approved rezoning a small portion of the property from commercial to residential. In January 2016, the owner of 200 Nikola Rd. applied for the change. A small portion of the property was commercially-zoned land along Willis Road, and the remainder of the parcel was zoned for residential purposes. Council deferred consideration of the application in 2016 until the SOCP process was completed, which occurred on Jan. 23, 2017.

Rezoning approved for Jacqueline Road property

Council approved rezoning of 241 Jacqueline Rd. to permit a secondary residence on the property. The secondary residence was requested by the property owner to enable a residence for a farm hand to support the operation of a small agriculture business. As a condition of the rezoning, Council required that a no-subdivide covenant be placed on the property to protect the agriculture use on the site.

City support letter for rural connectivity

The City of Campbell River will write a letter of support for the Strathcona Regional District's application for federal funding for the Connect to Innovate program. Funding will provide improved broadband connectivity to rural and remote communities.

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities convention thanks

Mayor Andy Adams presented a bouquet and thanked deputy city clerk Tracy Bate and staff committee for their hard work and support to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities in making the April 7 to 9 event at the Community Centre a success. The AVICC convention returned to Campbell River for the first time since 2002 and drew approximately 300 local government and regional district delegates from Vancouver Island and neighbouring coastal communities (Sunshine Coast and Powell River).

The first of several major events in Campbell River this year will be followed by the Vancouver Island Sustainable Technology Association conference, the BC Elders Gathering and Tribal Journeys hosted by the Wei Wai Kum and We Wai Kai First Nations.