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CITY OF CAMPBELL RIVER PURCHASES RIVERFRONT PROPERTY BESIDE SPRUCE STREET PURCHASE WILL EXPAND RIVERFRONT PUBLIC ACCESS IN CAMPBELLTON, ALIGNS WITH CITY'S WATERFRONT PROPERTY ACQUISITION STRATEGY

Campbell River residents will soon be able to enjoy additional riverfront public access in Campbellton.

Following direction from City Council, the City of Campbell River purchased a riverfront property at 1890 19th Avenue. Listed for sale in 2021, the property is adjacent to the City's existing parkette at the end of Spruce Street and will enable the City to further expand riverfront public access in Campbellton.

The property transfer completed at the end of January and the City plans to proceed with demolition of the buildings on the property in the spring of 2022. Following the completion of this work, the City intends to use this property as park space for the public.

In 2015, the City of Campbell River implemented a Waterfront Property Acquisition Strategy to enable the City to actively acquire waterfront properties in an effort to expand waterfront parkland development. This strategy was created to support Council's strategic plan, which includes a focus on livability, by ensuring a marine and river waterfront that is open and accessible.

This purchase was the third waterfront acquisition for the City in 2021, and the tenth acquisition since the strategy was adopted in 2015.

"We have made significant progress with our waterfront acquisition program over the past few years," says Elle Brovold, the City's manager of legislative services, who oversees the City's land holdings. "The City is pleased to announce this property purchase in support of the City's Waterfront Property Acquisition Strategy, and to be able to provide the community with additional riverfront access for future generations to enjoy."

Background:

The City currently owns 95 properties along the marine and river waterfront, the majority of which are public parkland.

The Waterfront Property Acquisition Strategy prioritizes the acquisition of waterfront property based on proximity to City-owned land, parks or facilities, or as required for the completion of City capital projects. The Waterfront Property Acquisition Strategy is primarily funded through the DCC Parkland Acquisition Reserve, which is comprised of charges levied on new development.

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