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City wins fourth Government Finance Officers Association award

Mayor Andy Adams announced that the City has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada's Canadian Award for Financial Reporting Achievement, which recognizes excellence in governmental accounting and financial reporting in the annual financial report ending December 31, 2017.

2018 Annual Report accepted Building on the award-winning features of the 2017 annual report, the City of Campbell River has published its 2018 Annual Report, with extensive financial analysis and a first-ever City Scorecard to provide a clear summary of some City operations key performance indicators. The City Scorecard uses graphic icons to track trends, illustrate service delivered and share results. The 2018 report again features spectacular Campbell River photos and infographics, and department sections also highlight key community service statistics. The report concludes with an awards and year-in-review section.

The report is compiled and published in accordance with requirements established by the *Community Charter*, and according to standards set out by the Government Finance Officers Association of United States and Canada.

The 2018 Annual Report identifies that Council and staff have made significant progress on Council strategic priorities in the past year, and those priorities continue to be a focus in 2019.

Find the 2018 Annual Report on the City's website at campbellriver.ca/annual-report.

Community feedback update from Campbell River and District Coalition to End Homelessness

Libby King and Kristi Schwanicke of the Campbell River and District Coalition to End Homelessness provided Council with a report on this May's community feedback gathered from their housing ideas walls and open house events.

Highlights of feedback:

1. There is a need for greater affordability of housing, and for more supportive housing (including for seniors, people with disabilities, lower income residents).
2. There is a need for greater diversity of housing, including rental, tiny homes, secondary suites and accessory units.
3. There is a desire for densification/infill to provide more housing that is closer to amenities and services.
4. There needs to be zoning/regulation changes to encourage and allow more housing forms.

The majority of people who provided feedback indicated that they currently live in single family housing that they own, and that they had lived in apartments, and to a lesser extent, in secondary suites, and had rented or owned a single family home.

Some people had lived in non-permanent housing (tent/car/couch), and a small number had lived in supportive or assisted housing.

Housing types that may be needed in 10 to 25 years were mostly centred on: supportive, apartment, townhouse, single family (rent or own), and assisted living (rental).

Housing types missing in Campbell River mostly pointed to: supportive housing; accessory or secondary suites; assisted living; and rental (apartments, townhouses, and single family).

Comments on the need for affordable housing highlighted, in particular, those with lower incomes/needing supportive housing; tiny homes; more densification/infill; restrictions on short-term rentals; and housing for seniors.

Development and construction permits

- Council approved an application for a major development permit with a variance to reduce the side yard setback for a 14-unit townhouse development at 327 Hilchey Road. The development includes yard space and two parking spaces for each unit, plus guest parking and a communal gathering space with fire pit and swing set area for children.
- Council approved a zoning amendment to permit a duplex at 1951 Galerno Road. The existing dwelling will be demolished and replaced by a duplex, with owners occupying each unit.
- Council gave third reading to a bylaw that would close and remove approximately 270 square metres of property dedicated for a portion of Pinecrest Road. This area would be consolidated with the existing lot at 220 Island Highway South in exchange for a piece of waterfront that would be transferred to the City. The property located at 220 Island Highway South was purchased in 2018 for the development of a hotel. Council gave the bylaw first and second reading on May 27. A statutory right of way would remain for pedestrian access and access to infrastructure along the closed portion of road. Adoption will be considered by Council in July.
- Another public hearing will be held for proposed zoning amendments for the Jubilee Heights development to:
 - permit a grocery store with a maximum floor area of up to 3,200 square metres.
 - permit duplexes in existing residential zones to provide a mix of affordable housing types
 - and amend zoning boundaries to reflect recently created lot boundaries and road alignments.

Community beautification grants approved

Council approved 2019 partnering agreements with the:

- Campbellton Neighbourhood Association
- Downtown Heart of the City Business Improvement Association
- Willow Point Business Improvement Area Society
- Pier Street Association

The proposed partnering agreements allow the City to provide up to \$10,000 for each organization's project. Public notification was published in the *Campbell River Mirror* in May and June.

Painter Barclay watermain renewal contract awarded

Knappett Industries (2006) Ltd. will undertake renewal of approximately 920 metres of watermain at the end of useful service along Painter, Barclay and Garfield roads.

The work includes installation of new watermain, services, hydrants, isolation valves and some culvert replacements, as well as patching the affected road surface. The work, valued at up \$546,044, does not include surface upgrades.

Next steps for regional compost facility

Council will support an appeal to the Agricultural Land Commission to allow the Comox Valley Regional District to build a regional compost facility south of the existing landfill in Campbell River. The proposed regional compost facility at 6300 Argonaut Road is supported by the Comox Strathcona's Solid Waste Management Plan to help divert organic materials that decompose in the landfill and produce greenhouse gas emissions. The facility would also extend the length of time the current landfill site can be used. Council gave first and second reading to a proposed zoning bylaw amendment that would approve a compost facility on this site. The subject property is zoned for a landfill.



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Council approved ticketing for public consumption of alcohol downtown

Council re-considered a previously defeated third reading of amendments to the Ticketing for Bylaw Offences and Public Nuisance bylaws that would discourage liquor consumption in public places. Adoption of the two bylaws will be considered in July.

Zoning amendment options for Midport Road Industrial Park to be reviewed

Council asked for a report on zoning amendment options for the Midport Road Industrial Park that would permit medium and heavy industrial uses. The economic development officer's industrial lands employment survey currently underway will complement this report on zoning amendment options.

Support for PLAY Campbell River initiative.

Council reaffirmed support for the PLAY Campbell River initiative. The Recreation and Culture Department entered into a partnership with Pacific Sport, then applied for and received a grant to start a local Physical Literacy And You (PLAY CR) initiative.

Highlights from Committee of the Whole meeting, June 25

Sea level rise update

The initial phases of the City's sea level rise planning have focused on conducting technical studies to determine the anticipated effects of sea level rise in combination with extreme storm and tide events.

This update gave an overview of the detailed analysis of four coastal areas (Painter Barclay, Downtown, Sequoia Park, and Willow Point).

The results of these studies will help create a strong foundation of science-based knowledge to help guide future regulatory and land use planning decisions.

The City's sea level rise planning program remains on track for completion later in 2019.

Council to consider secondary suites options, proceed with community consultation

A draft bylaw to allow secondary suites in all single-family residences will be considered by Council in July – to be followed by extensive community consultation starting as early as this summer and running into the fall. (For more details, see a news release to follow this update.)