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#### **Public hearing for rezoning 2181 Park Road**

Rezoning this large lot would permit a secondary suite in the principal dwelling and a secondary residence for rental housing. The size of the property could accommodate both dwellings and a net increase of two parking spaces. If rezoned, the property would comply with all bylaw requirements and be consistent with the neighbourhood plan. One person attended a neighbourhood meeting in January, with no concerns noted. No written correspondence has been received about the proposed rezoning, and no one spoke at the public hearing.

#### **Greenways Land Trust**

Chuck DeSorcy and Sandra Milligan of Greenways Land Trust presented an annual update on projects in partnership with the City of Campbell River. They noted that \$75,000 from the City helps access twice that amount from senior government grants to employ people in support of environmental projects in our community.

Supporting the mission to restore, maintain and protect recreational and environmentally sensitive areas, highlights of the 2018 update included:

- 19 of 50 knotweed infestations eradicated
- Developed inventory of invasive broom on environmentally-sensitive sites to inform a multi-year plan to remove and replant with native species
- Baikie Island – restoration continues in this area of prime habitat for salmon and bird migration
- Adopt-a-trail – 1,500 hours of volunteer work in 2017/2018 on Beaver Lodge Lands, one of most-used recreational ways
- 32 school groups engaged – removing invasive plants and planting native species (considered the most important project due to its impact on lifelong commitment to environmental awareness)
- Charstate Community Garden – one-third complete, plan includes free community-access food forest offering several layers of edible vegetation, from trees and shrubs to peas and carrots

Future priority projects for Greenways Land Trust:

- Urban Forest Management Plan – to not lose trees unnecessarily and plant new trees to make up for those lost
- Greenways Loop – Maryland to Jubilee connection – June 9 event

#### **Housing developments**

- Major development permit approved for 16-unit duplex construction at 497 Hilchey – subject to security payment for general landscaping of \$51,024.74.
- Duplex zoning approved for 2270 Dalton Road
- Duplex zoning considered for 1951 Galerno – Council gave first and second reading to a proposed rezoning for this property. The existing dwelling would be demolished and replaced by a duplex.



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### **Third reading for road closure dedication removal bylaw**

Council gave third reading to a bylaw that would close the lane next to 1640 Perth Road and permit sale and purchase of the land that currently acts as a lane to consolidate adjacent lots. The City would maintain a right of way to access water lines and provide future pedestrian access at this location. Provincial approval for the road dedication has been received, and staff anticipate bringing the bylaw back for adoption at the next Council meeting. On Jan. 28, Council gave first two readings to the bylaw.

### **Upland Excavating Ltd. Proposed Landfill, City Peer Review**

Council received the peer review report commissioned by the City, *Hydrogeological Review of the Proposed Upland Landfill*, by Waterline Resources.

The peer review report found that the risk to the City's drinking water supply appears to be low given that the groundwater gradient is from Rico and McIvor Lakes southeast towards the landfill site. For groundwater to flow from the landfill area to the lakes, the hydraulic pressure in the landfill, infiltration ponds and/or pit area would have to be higher than the water levels in the lakes, and this gradient reversal would have to be maintained long enough for contaminant migration.

Overall, in the consultant's opinion, there is insufficient baseline groundwater and surface water data, including water chemistry, to fully characterize the local and regional hydrogeological system in relation to the design and monitoring of the proposed landfill project. In addition, the connection between the bedrock aquifer and the sand and gravel aquifer in the pit area is unclear, and site-specific infiltration capacity tests have not yet been conducted. This information is important to determine whether treated leachate will infiltrate at the design rate, and whether the design is suitable.

The City's consultant will be in a better position to evaluate risks to the Quinsam and Cold Creek systems once additional data is available for review as part of the draft operational certificate for the proposed landfill issued for public comment. The City will request an extension from the Ministry to the 30-day public comment period given the amount of technical detail that is expected to support the operational certificate.

Council also directed staff to ask how the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy will address concerns raised.

### **Spring paving upgrade from Maritime Heritage Centre to 1st Avenue**

Repaving will smooth the ride along the stretch of Hwy19A between the Maritime Heritage Centre and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Interim pavement patching was completed along that section of highway to keep the route open as construction of a new sewer line progressed.

When warmer spring weather allows paving upgrades to begin throughout the community, the full width of the roadway will be repaved. While funding was in place to lay new asphalt over the patched area of the road, the expanded paving, over the entire width of the roadway, will be funded with savings to the existing 2019 capital plan budget, from the alternative design for the Maritime Heritage Centre entrance intersection.

The work was the first phase of the City's three-year Waterfront Project 2018-2020, which includes new sewer line to maintain critical services for residents, provide increased capacity to accommodate future growth and development and to continue to protect the natural environment along the waterfront.

Plans for the next steps in the Waterfront Project 2018-2020 include phase 2 of the Waterfront Sewer Project in 2019, and will extend the new sewer installation from 1st Avenue to near the Big Rock Boat Ramp.

To stay updated on the project, please visit [campbellriver.ca/waterfrontsewer](http://campbellriver.ca/waterfrontsewer)

#### **Letters of support**

- **Immigrant Welcome Centre settlement program core services**  
Council will send a letter of support for grant funding toward MISA's proposal for delivery of settlement program core services.
- **NIC Forestry Program grant application**  
Council will send a letter of support to the North Island College for its grant application through Natural Resources Canada's Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council to assist in the development of a curriculum for a four-month Coastal Forest Worker Certificate Program and two-year Coastal Forest Technical Program.
- **Proposal for RCMP Appreciation Day in BC**  
In response to a request for a letter of support to the RCMP Day Committee, Council asked staff to report back with information on the scope of the recognition (national day of recognition versus statutory holiday) and whether all police forces would be honoured on this day.  
Correspondence received stated that the RCMP Day Committee is working to submit a petition signed by Canadian citizens to the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada to acknowledge February 1 as Royal Canadian Mounted Police Day.

#### **Greenways Land Trust support of blue heron habitat conservation**

Council directed staff to prepare a report on various options to preserve blue heron habitat.

#### **CR Men's Masters Curling Team receives funding support to attend championships**

Council approved \$500 from Council contingency budget to assist the CR Men's Masters Curling Team with costs related to attending the Canadian Masters' Curling Championships in Saskatoon April 1 to 7, 2019.

#### **Sea level data**

Council referred correspondence on sea level data from Ken Van de Burgt to staff for consideration as part of the current study and community engagement efforts related to the future effects of sea level rise in Campbell River.

#### **Request to prohibit bottling of groundwater**

Correspondence to the Strathcona Regional District from Bruce Gibbons of Merville requested implementation of a bylaw that expressly prohibits bottling of groundwater in any part of the regional district, which includes the City of Campbell River, to help protect groundwater/aquifers. Council referred the correspondence to the City's environmental advisory committee.

#### **UBCM regarding City's 2018 resolution for science-based salmon conservation**

Council received correspondence with provincial acknowledgment of the City of Campbell River's resolution at last September's Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) annual convention. Council's resolution advocated using science-based evidence in regard to fisheries decisions. The resolution was endorsed by both the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and UBCM. Council will write to the federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, provincial ministers of agriculture and of the environment and the Wild Salmon Council as well as referring the correspondence to staff to encourage opportunities for community engagement during the Province's development of proposals for a made-in-BC strategy on wild salmon this summer.



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### **Notification re: MOWI Canada's sites certification**

Council referred notification from SAI Global about assessment and certification of the Phillips Arm Channel and Chancellor Channel aquaculture sites to Strathcona Regional District for consideration. The City will send a letter thanking them for the opportunity to comment and emphasizing that Council supports certification initiatives.