

PUBLIC HEARING

Council held a public hearing on a proposed property-specific change for 620 and 700 Petersen Rd. to permit a new resort development at the Campbell River Golf and Country Club. Construction of a new clubhouse and operations building currently is underway on the property, and, as proposed, the new designations would allow uses such as:

- hotels to be constructed close to Kathleen and Shetland roads (maximum 200 rooms)
- multi-family housing construction (maximum 75 units)
- a conference centre

As proposed, building heights would be a maximum of five storeys.

Reviews indicate that a section of watermain must be upgraded for fire protection and that intersections at Willis and Petersen, and at Cheviot and Petersen, would need traffic control improvements over time. The developer has pledged a financial contribution and additional land right-of-way for these improvements.

At the public hearing, one person expressed concerns about traffic levels in the neighbourhood.

DELEGATION

Cycling Infrastructure

Council received a presentation regarding cycling infrastructure from Sandra Milligan and John Elson of River City Cycle Club. They urged the City to prioritize improvements to cycling infrastructure.

HOUSING and DEVELOPMENT

- **Council considers rezoning for additional single family units on Perth Road** – Council gave first and second reading to an application to rezone a portion of 1500 Perth Road. Following rezoning, the applicant intends to subdivide the rezoned portion of the property into three lots, allowing for up to nine dwellings units. A public hearing will be held April 6.
- **Housing Growth Review update** – As a proposed option for future public consultation, Council endorsed removing the estate designation from the Official Community Plan for Quinsam Heights. Council wanted to ensure a variety of options, including large lots, were included.

ECONOMIC and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Funding program to combine downtown façade and sign improvements with crime prevention

Council authorized amendments to the downtown façade and sign improvement funding program to include assessments and design improvements to prevent crime. The program provides a portion of eligible expenses to property owners through a partnership with the Downtown Business Improvement Association. Council also endorsed spending up to \$3,000 to promote the program to downtown property owners.

Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour update

Corporate officer Elle Brovold shared details of plans for the upcoming Rogers Hometown Hockey festival. (This event has since been cancelled due to public health concerns related to the potential spread of the coronavirus. See details in March 11 news release.)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

- **Council considering Parks Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw** – Council gave third reading to an amendment bylaw that will continue the \$37 annual tax on each parcel of land. This fee was established in 2015 and pays for new park space and capital projects. The 10-year financial plan includes parks parcel tax funding. Council gave first two readings to the bylaw at the Feb. 24 Council meeting.
- **Q4 2019 Quarterly Financial Report** – The fourth quarter results for 2019 indicate that City revenues are 99.5 per cent of budget and expenses at 94.5 per cent of budget. Of the City's total 164 approved projects for 2019, 89 projects were completed, 15 are ongoing as multi-year projects and 60 have either been delayed until next year 2020 or have been cancelled. The Quarterly Financial Report provides regular and timely information to Council on the progress of work approved during Financial Planning. This report also ensures alignment with approved budgets. Any variances are investigated and explained. The report reviews the three core components of the budget, which are operating departmental budgets, one-time operating projects and capital projects.
- **City applies to Airport Capital Assistance Program** – Council endorsed the Campbell River Airport (YBL) submission of an application to the Transport Canada Airport Capital Assistance Program. The application requests funding to construct eligible capital improvement projects to replace infrastructure that is aging past useful service or no longer meets regulation requirements. Four projects are included in the application:
 - Apron 1 rehabilitation and aircraft parking stands
 - Taxiway C widening
 - Taxiway B rehabilitation
 - Lighting aids replacementThe airport capital assistance program governed by Transport Canada (TC) is available to local and regional airports with commercial passenger services that are part of Canada's air transportation sector. The program provides opportunity for these airports to improve safety, reduce operating costs, and protect or renew assets by providing funding to eligible capital projects. Application deadline is April 1 of each year. The City of Campbell River commits to provide the balance of funding should the application be successful. Council discussed opportunities to advocate for increased federal funding and for more flexible use of funding available through this program.

Highlights of Feb, 11 Committee of the Whole meeting

(A committee of the whole meeting is a Council meeting without the usual limits on debate and urgency of a final vote.)

Limiting spread of the coronavirus

Council received an update about how the City of Campbell River is monitoring the coronavirus public health concern. To ensure the City is fully informed and prepared, representatives participate on the provincial health and emergency teleconferences.

The City is preparing to:

- Help limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Continue to provide essential community services

The City is increasing cleaning and installing hand sanitizer products at City facilities.

To further limit the potential spread of the virus, employees and community members are advised to:

- Increase frequency of hand washing and avoid touching their face.
- Maintain social distance (consider stopping handshaking and hugging)



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- Stay home if they feel sick.
- Self-isolate and contact the B.C. Nurse Line at 8-1-1 if they are concerned they might have been exposed to or contracted the coronavirus.
- Seek immediate medical attention if they have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing.

Find current information at: www.bccdc.ca