



Council Corner

for the February 4, 2019 regular meeting

Mayor Brian Wiese ♦ Councillor Robert Filmer ♦ Councillor Scott Harrison ♦ Councillor Adam Walker ♦ Councillor Teunis Westbroek

Council Business

- ◆ Council directed staff to review options during the fall financial planning exercise to transition to an on-demand transit service to replace the 97 Eaglecrest and 98 Qualicum Beach routes, possibly similar to those offered by Lewisville Lakeway and North Texas Xpress, using the Realize software from Spare, a Vancouver tech company.
- ◆ Council provided a \$2,500 financial contribution for promotion of the 2019 Brant Festival to The Nature Trust of British Columbia.
- ◆ WHEREAS seniors account for 47% of Canada's healthcare spending while comprising 17% of our country's population; WHEREAS the next decade is set to see a 93-billion-dollar increase in healthcare spending in Canada as a result of our aging population;
WHEREAS mid-island communities can expect per capita increases in healthcare costs owing to demographics in roughly the following amounts: Qualicum Beach: 77%, Parksville: 53%, Courtenay: 19%, Nanaimo: 12.5%, and Campbell River: 7%;
WHEREAS seniors comprise 52.1% of the population of Qualicum Beach and 23.3% of the population for Vancouver Island and the Coast;
WHEREAS demographic data was removed as a consideration for determining health transfer payment amounts by the federal government in 2012 and is presently not factored into health transfers, despite the fact there is a 444% variance in per capita healthcare spending on seniors relative to the rest of the population;
BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC work with the provincial and federal ministries of health to have demographics included in determining each province's funding through Canada Health Transfers.
- ◆ WHEREAS the need for affordable housing is an increasingly pressing concern within our community and within the region; WHEREAS there are unprecedented levels of funding at the federal and provincial levels of government for housing;
BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct staff to draft an expression of interest to notify non-profits in the region as to the potential to pursue a joint grant application with the Town of Qualicum Beach in 2019 for the provision of affordable housing.
- ◆ Notices of Motion (Councillor Walker):
 - ◆ THAT Council directs staff to notify the Regional District of Nanaimo a willingness to entertain allocating a portion of Town of Qualicum Beach owned lands through discounted long term lease arrangement for the purpose of, and as a contribution towards, an Oceanside indoor/outdoor sport recreation facility complex.
 - ◆ THAT Council directs staff to refer the presentation and recommendations from the January 30, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting presentation by the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Drinking Water and Watershed Protection, as well as staff recommendations, to the Select Committee on Environment & Sustainability seeking actionable items including, but not limited to, streamside protection, storm water and watershed management, and potential partnership opportunities and FURTHER THAT staff will report to Council these actionable items, and staff recommendations, whence available.
- ◆ Staff were instructed to submit an application to the Northern Community Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$15,000 for the Qualicum Beach Municipal Airport.
- ◆ Council directed staff to advise commercial and multi-residential properties who are receiving garbage collection from the Town that the service will no longer be provided as of June 1, 2019.

**Next Committee of the Whole Meeting:
Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 10:00am**

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- ♦ Council authorized staff to provide a letter of consent, with no comment, to the E.C.H.O. Players Society for their Permanent Change to a Liquor Licence application for a licensed establishment at 110 Second Avenue West, Qualicum Beach, to change their hours of liquor service to begin at 1:30 pm on Sundays.
- ♦ Councillor Westbroek was appointed as an Alternate to the Regional District of Nanaimo District 69 Recreation Commission.
- ♦ The 2019 Council Meeting Schedule was amended by:
 - Adding a Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 10:00 am in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 660 Primrose Street;
 - Changing the start time of the February 25, 2019 regular Council meeting from 7:00 pm to 10:00 am in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 660 Primrose Street;
 - Cancelling the April 29, 2019 regular Council meeting;
 - Changing the start time of the October 28, 2019 regular Council meeting from 7:00 pm to 10:00 am in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 660 Primrose Street.
- ♦ The 2019 Youth Appreciation Lunch was approved for Qualicum Beach youth to be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 in Glassford Square from 11:15 am to 12:00 pm.
- ♦ Council directed staff to apply for the 2019/2020 BikeBC Grant Program to fund the following segments of the Town's east-west School Connector Route:
 - Berwick Crossing
 - Harlech Trail Connector
 - Hoylake Road Trail.
- ♦ Council directed staff to make no changes to the pedestrian signal timing at Fern and Memorial.
- ♦ Council approved the painting of a pride crosswalk on Village Way in front of Kwalikum Senior Secondary School as a six colour, 1.2 m wide rainbow adjacent to the existing zebra mark crosswalk.

Bylaws

- ♦ The draft Smoking Regulation Bylaw was referred to an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion.
- ♦ Further consideration of the bylaw entitled "Town of Qualicum Beach Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 580, 1999, Amendment (587 Pine Street) Bylaw No. 580.99, 2018" was deferred until the Community Amenity Contribution bylaw has been enacted.
- ♦ Further consideration of the bylaw entitled "Town of Qualicum Beach Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 580, 1999, Amendment (264 Sunningdale Road East) Bylaw 580.103, 2019" was deferred until the Community Amenity Contribution bylaw has been enacted.
- ♦ Third reading of the bylaw entitled "Town of Qualicum Beach Single-Use Item Reduction Bylaw No. 723, 2018" was rescinded and reread with an amended enforcement date of July 1, 2019. Staff were directed to communicate the amended enforcement date through the Town's website, social media platforms, a newspaper ad, and direct mailing to all Town of Qualicum Beach businesses.
- ♦ The bylaw entitled "Town of Qualicum Beach Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw No. 729, 2019" was given three readings.

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