



Council Corner

for the July 15, 2019 regular meeting

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Business Arising from the Minutes

- ♦ Council requested that the following resolution be forwarded to an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion:
 - WHEREAS a desire for regulation of the short-term rental market is reflected in the Official Community Plan; WHEREAS several other municipalities in British Columbia have amended zoning bylaws to regulate short-term rental accommodation to the primary residence of citizens; BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council discuss amending Town of Qualicum Beach Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 580, 1999 to regulate short-term rental accommodation to properties that are the principal residence of residents at a Committee of the Whole meeting on either Thursday, October 2, 2019, or Thursday, October 23, 2019.
- ♦ Council endorsed the following resolutions:
 - WHEREAS libraries are a social justice equalizer that provide universal access to information and learning materials irrespective of income levels; and WHEREAS libraries are now so much more than books, building community, and a sense of inclusion; and WHEREAS restoring funding to libraries supports the BC Government's agenda to eliminate poverty, improve access to education, and address social justice in BC; and WHEREAS funding rates have been frozen since 2009 and inflationary costs have increasingly been put on municipal property tax payers, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to write to the Minister of Education, the Premier, and our local MLA, strongly advocating for the restoration of library funding to a level that reflects both inflationary cost increases since 2009 and the value of the system to the Province.
- ♦ The Letter dated May 13, 2019 from B. Laing re: **St. Andrews Waterfront Park** was referred to the visioning consultant.

- ♦ Staff were directed to respond to the letter dated May 18, 2019 from I. and C. Morton re: **unfinished park at West Ridge Way** noting that no further action will be taken.
- ♦ Staff were directed to review the requests in the letter dated May 21, 2019 from D. James re: **Beach Creek Watershed Protection** and to provide an update at an upcoming meeting.
- ♦ Staff were directed to provide a response to the letter dated May 27, 2019 from J. Morgan re: **Hoylelake Road West pedestrian crossing**.

Correspondence

- ♦ Council authorized a letter of consent for the **Qualicum and District Curling Club** for a temporary change to their liquor license on October 19, 2019, January 4, February 15, February 29, and March 14, 2020.

Council Business

- ♦ Council directed staff to prepare a **public information session** before the end of September to discuss strategic plan priority five, "reviewing speed limits and traffic calming," specifically speed and noise levels on Highway 19A.
- ♦ Council endorsed the following resolution:
 - WHEREAS the 2012 Youth and Young Family Attraction and Retention Strategy highlights the Town's commitment to "valuing youth ... in their contribution to leadership and participation in the community." WHEREAS the purposes of a municipal government include "fostering the economic, social and environmental well-being of its community." (Community Charter, Part 2, Div. 1, - 7 d) WHEREAS the perspective of a broad cross-section of local youth can add value to Council's decision making, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council discuss creating a forum for youth participation at a Committee of the Whole in the 2019/2020 school year, to take place at a local school if possible.

**Next Committee of the Whole Meeting:
Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 10:00am**

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- ♦ Notice of Motion (Councillor Walker):
 - THAT Council directs staff to send a letter to the Premier, relevant ministries, and our MLA, encouraging an increase to the bottle deposit rate within the Province, as well as an expansion of materials collected, as deemed practicable in order to increase recycling rates.
- ♦ Staff were directed to provide a reply to the e-mail dated June 13, 2019 from D. Fraser re: **funding request for specialized accessible fitness equipment**, advising them to apply for a grant through the Regional District of Nanaimo.
- ♦ Staff were directed to respond to the e-mail dated June 14, 2019 from **Save French Creek Estuary Land** thanking them for their hard work and encouraging them to continue.
- ♦ Notice of Motion (Acting Mayor Westbroek):
 - THAT staff be directed to work with the Qualicum Beach Legion Branch 76 to prepare for the 75th Anniversary of the liberation of Holland.
- ♦ Council directed staff to send a letter to the organizers of the **Qualicum Beach Airshow** congratulating them on their well run event.
- ♦ The 2020 regular Council and Committee of the Whole meeting schedule was referred to an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion.
- ♦ Council approved Oceanside BMX to host the **Oceanside Nationals BMX race** on August 9, 10, and 11, 2019 at the BMX Park (Civic Centre fields).
- ♦ Council granted permission to Arrowsmith Cycling Club to hold the **Qualicum Beach Cross on the Commons** on Sunday, October 6, 2019 on the trails and around the Civic Centre.
- ♦ Council reviewed the list of outstanding motions from 2019:
- ♦ Council authorized submission of a **grant application** to the BC Rural Dividend Program for the **Rodway Trail project**.
- ♦ Council directed staff to issue a Development Variance Permit for **417 Namqua Road**.

Bylaws

- ♦ “Town of Qualicum Beach Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 800, 2018 Amendment (**151 & 157 Fourth Avenue East**) Bylaw No. 800.01, 2019” and “Town of Qualicum Beach Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 580, 1999, Amendment (**151 & 157 Fourth Avenue East**) Bylaw No. 580.106, 2019” were adopted, and staff were authorized to issue a Development Variance Permit.
- ♦ “Town of Qualicum Beach Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 580, 1999 Amendment (**Housekeeping**) Bylaw No. 580.108, 2019” was given second reading, as amended. A public hearing will be held on September 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Qualicum Beach Town Hall, 660 Primrose Street, Qualicum Beach. The following items will be discussed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting in relation to the Housekeeping bylaw: notifications; high water setbacks; site coverage based on buildable area; setbacks related to building overhang; and ground water bottling.
- ♦ “Town of Qualicum Beach Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 580, 1999, Amendment (**126, 130, 134, 144 and 148 Second Avenue East**) Bylaw No. 580.109, 2019” was given first reading.
- ♦ “Town of Qualicum Beach Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 580, 1999, Amendment (**650 Hemlock Street**) Bylaw 580.111, 2019” was introduced and given first reading. This application was referred to the Advisory Planning Commission for comment on the form and character in relation to the surrounding residential neighbourhood, subject to the submission of a tree and vegetation management plan and a stormwater management plan being submitted.
- ♦ “Town of Qualicum Beach **Sewer Connection and Regulation Bylaw** No. 732, 2019” was given second reading.
- ♦ “Town of Qualicum Beach Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 580, 1999, Amendment (**Housing Agreement: 151 & 157 Fourth Avenue East**) Bylaw No. 735, 2019” was given first, second, and third readings.

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