



Council Corner

for the February 5, 2020 regular meeting

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Public Input

- ♦ The public was invited to make representations to Council regarding the proposed **Development Variance Permit for 363 Judges Row**, which would reduce the front lot line setback by 4.34m and the setback from the natural boundary by 7.0m to permit a storage building for beach equipment with a covered area. No members of the public spoke on the proposed Development Variance Permit; Council reviewed a written submission from the public.
- ♦ The public was invited to make representations to Council regarding the proposed **Development Variance Permit for 530 Crescent Road West**, which would reduce the rear lot line setback by 0.6m to permit an addition to the existing house. One member of the public, the proponent, spoke on the proposed Development Variance Permit.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- ♦ Staff were directed to cease looking at options for a new annual street festival for the Summer of 2020, due to the addition of the 'TimberFest' event for 2020.
- ♦ A Committee of the Whole meeting will be held in the Fall/Winter of 2020 to evaluate and review all 2020 events to see where improvements; changes, etc. can be made.
- ♦ The Town committed to consulting with the West Ridge neighbourhood, and others, about the future of Lot 23, and landscaping on the adjacent Park berm, prior to proceeding with any land sales.

Delegations

- ♦ Joanne Sales of **Broombusters Invasive Plant Society** appeared before Council to provide an overview of the 2019 Scotch Broom "Broombusting" season, and to discuss plans for the 2020 season.

Correspondence

- ♦ The Mayor will send a letter to the **Qualicum Beach Cinema Society** to thank them for their work, and to let them know about the upcoming Vancouver Island University planning sessions for the future development of the lands at Memorial Avenue and Fern Road.

Council Business

- ♦ Discussion regarding recording votes in all in-camera meetings was deferred to further discussion on the Council Procedure Bylaw.
- ♦ Council referred to the Select Committee on Environment and Sustainability a request to provide recommendations on tree planting to offset vegetation removed during the recent school route linkages trail construction.
- ♦ Council committed to funding costs borne in excess of those covered by the UBCM Community Child Care Space and BC Ministry of Children and Family Development – Childcare BC New Spaces grant funding streams.
- ♦ Council referred discussion on the Town's beautification to a future Committee of the Whole meeting to review options for increased staffing and/or contracting out in consultation with staff and management.
- ♦ Council granted permission to the Alzheimer Society of BC to hold their **'Investors Group Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's'** event along the Dollymount Trail on Sunday, May 3, 2020, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- ♦ Staff were instructed to provide an update on Asset Management including, but not limited to, policy and strategy at a future Committee of the Whole meeting in 2020.
- ♦ The Town of Qualicum Beach and the City of Parksville will be applying jointly for a grant for a regional stockpile of group lodging supplies for emergency purposes, from the **UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund**.

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- ♦ The **Regional Emergency Resource Agreement** was renewed for a one-year term ending December 31, 2020.
- ♦ The mayor will write a letter to the minister of Forests, Land, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development, the Minister of Labour, the deputy ministers of said ministries and the premier asking the following questions:
 1. Given that mediation has not resolved the dispute, is there a specific reason that a fact finder has not been appointed by the government?
 2. Is there a specific reason that the Minister of Labour has not appointed an industrial inquiry committee?
 3. What are the specific terms contained within the last offer to the union that prevents the Minister of Labour from requesting a vote on said offer?
 4. Can the mediator prepare a report with a list of recommendations to help both parties conclude a successful negotiation?
 5. Is the government currently tracking the number of bankruptcies, foreclosures, variances in the rates of women and children fleeing violence, or variances in the rate of incidents of self-harm being tracked by the provincial government in the affected communities?
- ♦ Council adopted the **Former St. Andrews Waterfront Park** draft concept plan and gave the following directions to staff:
 - To remove all seven cabins from the St. Andrews property; awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, ANU Enterprises Ltd.
 - Commission a feasibility study/staff report on the St. Andrews Lodge Building
 - Commission an arborist report, which includes a replanting plan
 - Designate the park as “**Elizabeth Little Waterfront Park**”, and to solicit public feedback on this name until March 30, 2020.
- ♦ The Mayor will write a letter to the appropriate contacts within the provincial government, UBCM, AVICC and other regional municipal associations asking if there will be a new set of applications to the **Rural Dividend Fund** in 2020 for small communities and First Nations.
- ♦ The following Development Variance Permits were approved:
 - 530 Crescent Road West
 - 363 Judges Row
- ♦ The Development Permit for 703 Beach Road was approved.
- ♦ The Town of Qualicum Beach supports the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) as primary applicant to the **UBCM Poverty Reduction Planning & Action** grant program for a Social Needs Assessment and Strategy.
- ♦ Council authorized the submission of a grant application to the **Active Transportation Infrastructure** Grant Program to help fund the Memorial Avenue/Highway 19A roundabout.

Bylaws

- ♦ Council established a “**Village Neighbourhood Sidewalk Reserve Account**” to receive contributions for sidewalk improvements where it is not practical to construct a sidewalk at the time of development.
- ♦ The bylaw entitled “**Town of Qualicum Beach Financial Plan (2020-2024) Bylaw No. 738, 2019**” was given second reading. The Financial Plan will be discussed at the **Committee of the Whole meeting on February 13, 2020 at 10:00 am** at the Qualicum Beach Town Hall.
- ♦ The bylaw entitled “**Town of Qualicum Beach Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 580, 1999 Amendment (595 Spruce Street) Bylaw No. 580.113, 2019**” was given second reading. Prior to adoption of this bylaw, the developer shall make a contribution to the Village Neighbourhood Sidewalk Reserve Account equivalent to the value of constructing a sidewalk for this property. Staff will bring forward information at the next meeting regarding a possible covenant relating to density. A **public hearing** will be held on **February 26, 2020 at 3:30 pm** at the Qualicum Beach Town Hall.

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- ♦ The bylaw entitled “Town of Qualicum Beach Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 580, 1999 Amendment (**191 Fourth Avenue W**) Bylaw No. 580.115, 2019” was given second reading. Prior to adoption of this bylaw, the developer shall make a contribution to the Village Neighbourhood Sidewalk Reserve Account equivalent to the value of constructing a sidewalk for this property. Staff will bring forward information at the next meeting regarding a possible covenant relating to density. A **public hearing** will be held on **February 26, 2020 at 3:30 pm** at the Qualicum Beach Town Hall.
- ♦ The bylaw entitled “Town of Qualicum Beach Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 580, 1999 Amendment (**634 Rye Road**) Bylaw No. 580.116, 2020” was introduced and given first reading. This application was referred to the Advisory Planning Commission for comment, subject to submission of a Tree and Vegetation Management Plan; Landscape Plan; and Rainwater Management Plan.
- ♦ The bylaw entitled “Town of Qualicum Beach Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 580, 1999 Amendment (**Part of Village Way and Railway Street**) Bylaw No. 580.117, 2020” was given second reading, as amended to include the entire site. A **Public Information Meeting** will be held on **February 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm** at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, 747 Jones Street, and a **Public Hearing** will be held on **February 26, 2020** at 3:30 pm at the Qualicum Beach Town Hall.

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