



# Council Corner

for the February 26, 2020 regular meeting

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## Public Input

- ♦ The public was invited to make representations to Council regarding the proposed **Zoning Amendment** for **191 Fourth Avenue West**, which would permit a duplex on the property. One member of the public spoke on the proposed zoning amendment.
- ♦ The public was invited to make representations to Council regarding the proposed **Zoning Amendment** for **595 Spruce Street**, which would permit two single-family dwellings on the property. Twelve members of the public spoke on the proposed zoning amendment.
- ♦ The public was invited to make representations to Council regarding the proposed **Zoning Amendment** for an **affordable housing development** on Village Way and Railway Street, which would permit a medium-density affordable housing development. 28 members of the public spoke on the proposed zoning amendment.

## Business Arising from the Minutes

- ♦ The following notice of motions from the January 14, 2019 regular Council meeting were withdrawn:
  - THAT Council directs staff to provide a report regarding any policies, bylaws, plans recent or upcoming activity relating to the larger signage around the community.
  - THAT Council directs staff to provide a Child Care Report at all future Regular Council meetings to include, among other items, progress on the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Community Child Care Planning Program, and the British Columbia (BC) New Spaces Fund, until otherwise directed by Council.
- ♦ Council directed staff to provide a report on increasing the budget for Public Works and Parks, to include options on increasing personnel or staffing levels. Council further requested a report on staffing levels for all departments.

- ♦ Any further commitment to the **10-year financial plan** was deferred, and the 10-year financial plan was referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting in which asset management will be discussed.
- ♦ An additional **one time 1% taxation increase** was approved for accommodating the cost of a feasibility report for the Perfect Storm Group.
- ♦ The following notice of motion from the January 14, 2019 regular Council meeting was referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting in which asset management will be discussed:
  - THAT Council directs staff to prepare and present a report on the state of the sidewalks within the Village Neighbourhood, including but not limited to:
    - Recent remedial work completed,
    - Anticipated remedial work for 2019,
    - A proposal for actions and estimated costs, which would reduce current and future tripping hazards,
    - A proposal for actions, and estimated costs, which would reduce the ongoing maintenance,
    - A capital asset management plan for this infrastructure,
    - An estimated cost of undergrounding the utilities on Fern Road West between Memorial Avenue (Highway 4) and Primrose Street, and
    - The anticipated cost of undergrounding the utilities on Primrose Street between Second Avenue West and Primrose Lane

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- ♦ The following notice of motions from the January 14, 2019 regular Council meeting were deferred to a future Committee of the Whole meeting:

- THAT Council directs staff to prepare and present a report regarding the estimated cost of replacing all of the street lights in Town with LED lighting and the anticipated savings once the lighting has been upgraded.
- THAT Council directs staff to prepare a report regarding the costs, schedules, staff time, and equipment usage, for the current town run chipping program; AND FURTHER THAT, Council directs staff to provide recommendations regarding:
  - Fixed year-round drop-off locations;
  - Automated green material pickup;
  - Scheduled green material bin drop off; and
  - Variable pickup schedules via online requests.

## Delegations

- ♦ Ceri Peacey of the **Brant Wildlife Festival** appeared before Council regarding the 2020 Brant Wildlife Festival. Council granted \$2,500 to assist with promotion of the festival.
- ♦ Danielle Paydli, **Fresh Water Alliance**, appeared before Council regarding water protection on the Island and CodeBlue BC. The Fresh Water Alliance overview paper and the two recommendations therein were referred to the Select Committee on Environment for review and comment.

## Council Business

- ♦ A letter of support for the Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Institute for their Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk will be sent to Environment and Climate Change Canada.
- ♦ Due to the length of the meeting, the remaining items on the agenda were deferred to the next Regular meeting on March 11, 2020.

## Bylaws

- ♦ The bylaw entitled “Town of Qualicum Beach **Financial Plan (2020-2024) Bylaw No. 738, 2019**” was given third reading.

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