



Council Corner

for the February 24, 2021 regular meeting

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Council Business

- ♦ Funding was approved for a **new metal bench** to be located along the **Hemsworth forest trail**, subject to a plan for that portion of the forested trail.
- ♦ Funding was approved to install a **new wildlife tree/snag sign** to be provided by the Brown Property Preservation Society in the **Heritage Forest**.
- ♦ A reserve for the purchasing of electric vehicles or charging stations was created.
- ♦ **BenchMark Project**: the majority of the benches from the BenchMark Project will be located on Town property in Glassford Square, with the remainder on private land by local businesses.
- ♦ Staff were directed to work with the **Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers** on a comprehensive assessment of **Grandon Creek**.
- ♦ Staff were directed to send the two letters of support requested by **Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region** in their February 4, 2021 letter to the Town.
- ♦ The following motions were released to the public pursuant to Section 117 of the *Community Charter*:
 - THAT Council provide a letter for preliminary support in principle to Astrom Flight School Inc. (AFS) to operate a flight school from the Qualicum Beach Airport (CAT4), subject to approval by Transport Canada; AND FURTHER THAT staff be instructed to negotiate with Astrom Flight School to lease space in the airport terminal building or enter into a lease for construction of a hanger; AND FURTHER THAT Astrom Flight School be notified that utilization of the airport pay parking will be required as part of the lease.
 - THAT Council authorizes staff to enter into a lease agreement with Ian McLaughlin and Adam Potter dba Final Approach Restaurant, for use of a portion of the Qualicum Beach Airport terminal building as described in the February 3, 2021 memo to Council.
 - THAT the request by the Qualicum and District Curling Club that the February 1, 2021 rent for \$1,126 plus GST be deferred, due to Town reviewing the establishment of a Grants-in Aid process that would provide potential relief to community groups adversely effected by Covid-19 issues.
 - THAT Council directs staff to engage the Province for use of the South airport lands for a period of 6 months past the duration of the COVID19 pandemic for a temporary, all day cold weather shelter to aid a maximum of 15 individuals.
- ♦ Heather Svensen was appointed as **Chief Election Officer** and Haylee Gould as **Deputy Chief Election Officer** for the upcoming by-election.
- ♦ Council authorized the Chief Election Officer to send a formal request to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for a Ministerial Order to facilitate a by-election during the pandemic
- ♦ The Town made an exception for the year 2021 to not follow policy number 3000-6 Administration - General - Grants-In-Aid, in order that the Town could consider providing **grants-in-aid** to community groups and organizations that have been negatively affected by **COVID-19**. Staff were directed to notify community groups and to proceed with an application process.
- ♦ Council directed staff to fulfill statutory notification requirements so that Council can consider issuance of a Development Variance Permit for **602 Belyea Road** at the Council Meeting on March 17, 2021.

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- ♦ The Development Permit application for **3022 Island Highway West** was referred to the Advisory Planning Commission subject to the following being submitted:
 - Revised plans that provide consistency regarding unit count
 - Submission of a report from a geotechnical engineer, the contents and conclusions of which shall be concurred with by the Town of Qualicum Beach; the report shall address but not be limited to, i) the analysis of underlying soil conditions throughout the entire slope, ii) the geotechnical aspects of site preparation, drainage improvements, foundation designs and retaining wall construction, and iii) the impact of construction on slope stability, especially on the top of the slope;
 - Complete Landscape Plan that includes a sidewalk along the Island Highway West along with a pedestrian-activated crosswalk;
 - Tree and Vegetation Management Plan;
 - Rainwater Management Plan; and,
 - Phasing Plan.

Delegations

- ♦ Ceri Peacey, **Brant Wildlife Festival**, appeared before Council to request support for the 2021 Brant Wildlife Festival. Council granted funding in the amount of \$5,000 to the Brant Wildlife Festival to assist with promotion of the virtual festival.
- ♦ Kim Burden, Chamber of Commerce, **Town Branding Project**, appeared before Council to introduce the new branding project.
- ♦ Joanne Sales, **Broombusters**, provided an update on scotch broom removal activities in 2020 and plans for 2021.

Bylaws

- ♦ Council deferred consideration of third reading of the Zoning and Official Community Plan bylaws for **850 Eaglecrest Drive/2075 Island Highway W** to a future Regular Council meeting to allow staff to commission an independent review of the appraisal conducted for the subject property, to be conducted on behalf of the Town, at the expense to the Town.
- ♦ The bylaw entitled "Town of Qualicum Beach Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 580, 1999, Amendment (Residential 15 Zone (R15) - **431 College Road**) Bylaw No. 580.122, 2020" was read a third time as amended, by reducing the density on the site by 9 dwelling units. The bylaw entitled "Town of Qualicum Beach Housing Agreement (431 College Road) Bylaw No. 750, 2020" was read a third time. Council instructed staff to notify the owner of 431 College Road that the demolition of the Heritage building be completed within 8 weeks.
- ♦ The bylaw entitled "Town of Qualicum Beach **Financial Plan (2021-2025) Bylaw No. 752, 2020**" was adopted.
- ♦ The bylaw entitled "Town of Qualicum Beach **Bylaw Revision and Consolidation Authorization Bylaw No. 756, 2021**" was adopted.

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