

Chronology of Events for 222 Corfield Street South

At the December 2 closed Council meeting, Council directed staff to rise and report on the sequence of events that led to the City's purchase and subsequent development of the property at 222 Corfield Street South for a supportive housing facility. Listed below is the chronology of events related to 222 Corfield Street South:

2017

- **March:** The City acquired 222 Corfield through \$700,000 grant-in-aid from RDN. A Contribution Agreement signed by City provided the RDN with an option to purchase the land for \$10 if a social services housing facility was not provided at the site within 3 years.

"Social Services Housing Facility" was defined as *"a facility to provide a combination of supportive housing, homeless shelter and social services providing support and assistance to persons in need, open without discrimination to persons resident or having connections with the communities of Parksville, Qualicum Beach and Electoral Areas E, F, G and H of the Regional District of Nanaimo."*

The agreement allowed the RDN to acquire the land for \$10 if it created an establishing bylaw to provide a regional service to operate the facility on future. The agreement had term of eighty years.

2018

- **May** - Rezoning application considered and granted two readings.
- **June 19** - Public hearing held on the zoning amendment bylaw.
- **July 3** - Council considered and rejected the option of holding a second public hearing before granting third reading of the bylaw.
- **July 4** - In an open meeting, the amendment bylaw was adopted to permit the supportive housing facility and shelter use.
- **August 3** - A notice of petition to the Court was filed stating concerns with respect to proper zoning bylaw amendment procedures, including concerns about improper notice and a breach of legislated Public Hearing procedures.
- **September 10** - In an open meeting, the City issued a development permit to facilitate construction of the facility. The City and BC Housing entered into a lease permitting BC Housing to develop the facility on City land.
- **September 17** - Housing agreement signed to waive DCCs.
- **September 24** - In a closed meeting with legal counsel, the petitioners' lawyer proposed a resolution to the challenge if the shelter was removed as a permitted use. Council rejected the proposal and directed staff and the City's solicitor to commence necessary legal proceedings to contest the petition in court.
- **October 1** - Council considered terms of a possible resolution to the petition and discussed removing the shelter from the facility as a possible option.
- **October 11** - Council directed staff to work with the City's solicitor to pursue the earliest court date and reject any further offers to amend the permitted uses approved by the zoning amendment.

*** Municipal Election held in October 2018 – change in Council members ***

2019

- **February 1** - Council passed a resolution in a closed meeting directing staff to work with BC Housing to explore options to relocate the supportive housing facility to an alternate site in Parksville. The parties were unable to agree on a suitable alternative site.
- **March 26** - City Council members and representatives from BC Housing met to discuss their presentation as a joint delegation to the Regional District of Nanaimo board. The parties were seeking support from the RDN to rescind the option to purchase agreement if funds from the grant-in-aid were reimbursed. This would facilitate removal of the cold weather shelter from the 222 Corfield location. BC Housing expressed confidence there was sufficient time to secure a cold weather shelter location outside of the facility and committed to immediately working with the existing shelter host.
- **June 4** - The release of the option to purchase agreement was signed by the Regional District of Nanaimo and the City of Parksville became the sole owner of the land.
- **June 26** - The lease modification agreement between Parksville and BC Housing was signed, changing the definition of supportive housing facility and removing shelter use and soup kitchen as permitted uses.
- **July 2** - Consent Order No. S85226 was signed before a registrar by all petitioners, the City of Parksville and BC Housing agreeing to a resolve of the zoning challenge, without an award of costs, subject to removal of the cold weather shelter use and confirmation there will be no soup kitchen at 222 Corfield Street South.

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