

Council highlights are a brief summary of meetings of Council. If you require an official record, minutes are posted to the website. Meetings held in the Forum may be viewed online, either [livestreamed or archived](#).

Highlights from Council Meeting on December 4, 2017

Mayor Lefebvre recognized the people of the Coast Salish Nations and their territory upon which we gather with gratitude.

Delegations

- Vancouver Island University Masters of Community Planning students presented the final Community Park Master Plan, which received Council approval in principle. Council established a Community Park working group to be made up of Council members and City staff, with terms of reference to be established at the first meeting.
- The Qualicum Refugee Sponsorship Group briefed Council on the progress of re-settling a refugee family in the Parksville-Qualicum Beach area.
- The Kingsley-Low Rental Housing Society and Parksville Lions Housing Society gave a presentation regarding property taxes on Kingsley Manor located at 312 Hirst Avenue West and Hustwick Place at 205 Jensen Avenue East. Council opted to provide a grant to both organizations for the balance of 2018 property taxes not covered by permissive tax exemption.

Correspondence

- Council received correspondence from the Kingsley Low-Rental Housing Society and Parksville Lions Housing Society regarding property taxes.
- Council consented to the adoption of "Regional District of Nanaimo Economic Development Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1769, 2017" which will establish a Regional Economic Development Service to promote economic development through the provision of funding to INfilm.
- Council received correspondence from Oceanside Public Health Services and subsequently provided a grant to cover the cost of a venue for a harm reduction dialogue community event.

Reports

- 2018 Council appointments to various committees, boards, commissions and associations were approved.
- Council authorized issuance of a development permit to facilitate an industrial building with an accessory office, outdoor storage and landscaping at 1148 Franklin's Gull Road.
- Staff was directed to prepare a zoning amendment regarding height regulations for buildings and structures.
- Water utility rates and water parcel tax rates were both increased by 2% for 2018.
- Sewer utility rates and sewer parcel tax rates were both increased by 3% for 2018.
- Staff was authorized to secure grant funding for a regional pet care trailer from the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund.

- Council directed staff to amend the Permissive Taxation Exemption Application Policy No. 6.15 to include 100% exemptions for both the Kingsley Low-Rental Housing Society and the Parksville Lions Housing Society.
- Meeting dates for 2018 Council meetings were approved; the regular meetings on January 3 and October 15 were cancelled.
- Council approved the 2018 fee for service agreement with the Parksville and District Chamber of Commerce for operation of the Visitor Information Centre.

Bylaws

- Bylaw No. 2000.110 to include hedge height regulations in conjunction with fence and retaining wall height regulations was introduced for first reading but was defeated by Council.
- The following five bylaws received three readings:
 - Sanitary and Storm Sewerage System Amendment Bylaw, 2017, No. 1319.14
 - Water Service System Amendment Bylaw, 2017, No. 1320.29
 - Sewer Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw, 2017, No. 1493.5
 - Water Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw, 2017, No. 1494.5
 - Five Year Provisional Financial Plan Bylaw, 2018-2022, No. 1539

**The next meeting of Council will be held on Monday, December 18, 2017.
Please refer to the City's website for details.**

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