

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 February 17, 2021

Mayor Mayne recognized the Coast Salish peoples and their traditional territory upon which we gather with gratitude.

Correspondence

- Council received correspondence from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary supporting the City of Vernon's resolution to the province regarding universal no-cost access to all prescription contraception available in BC under the Medical Services Plan.

Reports

- Regarding the BC Hydro Street Lighting Replacement Project, Council endorsed implementation of 3000 K streetlights on all roads throughout the City with potential to reduce wattage and consider shielding as required.
- Council deferred consideration of improvement options at the intersection of Despard Avenue West at Moilliet Street South until the fall, pending further consultation with the School District
- Council approved spending \$235,000 as outlined in Appendix A of Spending Packages Englishman River Water Service (ERWS) with \$87,000 to be reimbursed via the ERWS Joint Ventures Agreement. Council also approved the budget increase of \$100,000 for the Geobag contract with \$26,000 expected to be reimbursed by the RDN.
- Council deferred consideration of its intent to provide notice of a Development Variance Permit for 146 and 160 McCarter Street pending a delegation from the applicant to provide more detail regarding the proposed development.
- Council requested the owner of 360, 364 and 368 Moilliet Street South and 371, 383 and 389 Alberni Highway be invited to attend a meeting to provide further detail regarding proposed development of the property prior to further consideration of an amended Development Permit.
- Council endorsed resolutions regarding vaccines for paid-on-call fire fighters and regional district requisitions to municipalities for advancement to the upcoming Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities virtual AGM and convention on May 28.

Bylaws

- Council provided third reading to "Zoning and Development Amendment Bylaw, 2020, No. 2000.130".

Notice of Motion/New Business

- Staff were directed to establish a one time \$280,000 COVID Relief Grant-in-Aid program for registered non-profit groups providing social, cultural and community support services, located in Parksville or serving Parksville residents for reimbursement of COVID related expenses incurred since March 2020 with submission requirements the same as the regular Grant-in-Aid program.

- Council endorsed the petition raised by the MP for Courtenay-Alberni to the Government of Canada to increase the tax credit allowance for volunteer fire fighters from \$3,000 to \$10,000 annually and will submit a letter of support to the Prime Minister.
- Discussion was held regarding the pool/multiplex feasibility and consultation with the public. Staff advised that a comprehensive communications strategy will be developed by the selected consultant for the project and a report will be presented at an upcoming meeting outlining ways in which the public can engage on the issue before the consultant is chosen and during the next phases.

Special Business

- Council discussed several labour related items which will be released in the minutes of the March 1, 2021 agenda.

The next regular meeting of Council will be held on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 3 pm in the Forum.

Please refer to the City's website for details.

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