

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 7, 2020

Amended December 9

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

Correspondence

- Council received correspondence from Environment and Climate Change Canada and granted permission for research on Salish Sea gull species to be conducted in parks and beaches within the City.
- Council received correspondence from the Parksville Downtown Business Association and approved a budget amendment to release funding originally allocated in the 2019 budget for the pedestrian wayfinding project.

Reports

- Staff were authorized to submit a joint grant application for \$50,000 to obtain funding for ESS modernization supplies from the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund on behalf of the City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum Beach; Council expressed support for the application.
- Council received a report about emergency program agreements and expressed a preference to provide a fee-for-service arrangement for community emergency preparedness to be provided by City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum Beach staff for the electoral areas E to H in the Regional District. Staff were directed to work with the Town of Qualicum Beach and the Regional District of Nanaimo to prepare an agreement.
- Council received a staff report with public comments regarding a proposed zoning amendment application at 480 and 490 Island Highway West. The associated bylaw was advanced for consideration.
- Council approved budget amendments for a variety of projects to be funded by the COVID-19 Safe Restart grant received from the province. Council voted to add funding for the Ballenas track renewal project in addition to the list of proposed projects included on the Council agenda and two items arising from the closed Council meetings, provided the track project meets grant funding criteria.
- Staff were directed to include funding in the budget for a web map replacement and to establish an annual software maintenance budget.
- Staff were directed to include funding in the budget and release an RFP for the provision of fiber optic services to City facilities.
- Council authorized the inclusion of funding for the next three years to manage western red cedar trees.
- Staff were authorized to pursue qualified proponents for the creation of an urban forest strategy and Council authorized the reallocation of existing funds and the addition of funds to the 2021 budget for the project.
- Amendments to the approved 2020-2024 financial plan were presented and approved; the associated bylaw was advanced for consideration.
- Council deferred consideration of the 2021 fee for service agreement with the Parksville and District Chamber of Commerce for operation of the Visitor Information Centre pending receipt of additional information from the Chamber.
- Council approved the 2021 schedule for Council meetings.

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Bylaws

- Bylaw No. 2000.130 received second reading and was advanced to a public hearing to be held at 3 pm on Monday, February 1, 2021, via electronic means in accordance with public health regulations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Bylaw No. 1564.1 to amend the 2020 - 2024 five-year financial plan received three readings.

Notice of Motion/New Business

- Council approved cancellation of the December 21 regular Council meeting.
- Council voted to rise and report on the 2021 work plan and directed staff to publish the list with an explanation of how it relates to Council's strategic objectives.

Special Business

- Council rose and reported on the following items from the closed meeting:
 - That a meeting will be requested with the Bard to Broadway representatives to discuss the terms of use for the Shelly Road Centre.
 - That the closed Council resolutions regarding the Parksville Community Centre (PCC) between 2015 and 2020 will be reported, with select information redacted where necessary in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Community Charter and other legislation.
 - That Council has accepted in principle an offer from Innocept Development and Real Estate Outsourcing on behalf of Vertafile Systems Incorporated to purchase eight City-owned parcels of land located on Jensen Avenue West, collectively known as the Jensen Block, for a purchase price of \$2.5 million.

**The next regular meeting of Council will be held on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 3 pm in the Forum.
Please refer to the City's website for details.**

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