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### **Highlights from Council Meeting on September 20, 2021**

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

#### **Acknowledgement – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

- The Mayor noted the City will recognize September 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. To commemorate the tragic legacy of residential schools in Canada, on Thursday, September 30, City flags will be flown at half-mast and aligned with the federal and provincial governments, City offices will be closed.

#### **Parksville Community Centre Elections Update**

- In late August, the City was advised by Elections Canada the Parksville Community Centre could not be used for voting in the federal election. Initial contact had been with the PCC Society earlier in the year and Elections Canada were not aware the Society was no longer operating the centre leaving insufficient time for their legal department to make necessary contract adjustments with the City to use the PCC. The City will work to ensure the PCC is made available for future municipal, provincial and federal elections.

#### **Presentations**

- W. Payne, Parks Supervisor provided a presentation about the Treeplotter inventory program and its usefulness as a resource management tool.

#### **Delegations**

- Dr. S. Allison, Medical Health Officer, Island Health, provided an update about the impacts of COVID-19 in our community and focused on indicators in mental health and alcohol use, health of children and youth, social isolation, seniors and health services.
- J. Hanson, Vice-President, Clinical Operations Central/North Island, advised of actions that have taken place to work with providers to discourage waste of needles in the community and with City staff around collection sites. Mayor Mayne expressed disappointment with the perceived lack of action from Island Health regarding harm reduction.

#### **Correspondence**

- Council received the final report from WSP Canada Inc. regarding condition assessments for the site located west of Despard Avenue. Council also directed staff to work with the Ministry of Environment to properly classify the area and enter into a joint covenant prohibiting disturbance of the Blue Listed ecological features without the prior approval of the Ministry, and add the area to a newly created Ecological Reserve Zone regulating the environmental values identified on the property and balance appropriate public access for passive recreational purposes.

### Reports

- Council authorized the issuance of a Development Permit to the owners of 171 Jensen Avenue West to facilitate a commercial/residential mixed-use building, parking and landscaping.
- Council appointed Councillors Chandler and Wilson to the Grant-in-Aid Select Committee along with the Corporate Officer to review and make recommendations to Council on the allocation of the \$2,500 budgeted funds for submissions received for the period ending September 1.

### Bylaws

- “Zoning and Development Amendment Bylaw, 2021, No. 2000.131” was reconsidered and finally adopted.

### Notice of Motion

- Councillor O’Brien provided a notice of motion that City staff be directed to apply for grant funding for brownfield restoration and re-development for the City lots located at 1040 and 1060 Industrial Way.

**The next regular meeting of Council will be held on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 3 pm in the Forum.**

Please refer to the City’s website for details.

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