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In Your Neighbourhood

Neighbourhood Amenities

At Council's July 4 meeting, Council will discuss a [resolution](#) from Councillor Loveday for Council consider as part of the 2020 budget discussions the allocation of some new assessed revenue for parks and greenspace acquisition and amenities in neighbourhoods where development is occurring.

Growing in the City

On June 6, Council received a [progress update](#) on Growing in the City (GIC) Programs. Since 2016, the City has increased its resources and implemented several actions to assist community-led food systems projects. These include introducing new granting streams, hiring a Food Systems Coordinator and providing in-kind support to community gardens. In consultation with community groups improvements were recommended and approved by Council. These include:

- Expanding City grant eligibility
- Piloting a City-built allotment garden
- Piloting City-sponsored distribution of gardening materials
- Investigation of the re-introduction of the "Sharing Backyards" program
- Supporting access to agricultural water rates
- Establishing food system targets and outcomes

Art at the Bridge

On June 28, Council approved a [staff report](#) recommending relocation of the Commerce Canoe art installation to the median on the east side of the Johnson Street bridge, and to approve the carving of a welcoming (totem) pole to replace the canoe in Bastion Square. Recommendations also include a proposal to allocate \$155,000 to create a new art piece for the bridge area constructed from parts of the old Johnson Street bridge.

Council also received a [staff update](#) on progress with landscape completion of the public lands surrounding the bridge.

Inclusionary Housing Policy

At their June 27 committee meeting, Council approved adoption of the Inclusionary Housing and Community Amenity Policy and set a threshold for a 20% inclusionary housing requirement where there are at least 60 units in a proposed development. Where inclusionary housing is not required, community amenity contributions will be made to the municipal reserves with 70% going toward affordable housing and 30% to other local amenities. Council also provided a number of conditions where these parameters would be modified.

Residential Speed Zones

On June 27, Council approved a [resolution](#) from Mayor Helps for a proposed UBCM resolution that the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure be asked to consider an amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act—

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that would allow incorporated municipalities to institute blanket speed zones in residential areas. The report indicates that the current blanket speed limit is 50kmh, whereas a speed limit of 30kmh would be more conducive to public safety.

Neighbourhood Grants

At their June 20 committee meeting, Council approved a staff [report](#) recommending Great Neighbourhood Grant projects for the spring 2019 intake. These included two grants in the Fairfield Gonzales neighbourhood:

Bicycle Champions	Fairfield	GVPN	\$1,000
Solstice Party	Fairfield	Fairfield United Church	\$1,000

Equity and Crystal Pool

At their June 6 committee meeting, Council received a presentation from the North Park Neighbourhood regarding the application of equity and affordability analyses in consideration of a future Crystal Pool Facility. Councillors sponsoring the presentation stated at a previous meeting that Strategic Plan objectives support this direction and proposed measures to instill an equity and affordability lens into broader City decision-making. Council deferred a full discussion on their thoughts on the presentation to a future meeting.

Summer Banners

Local Coast Salish artist Dylan Thomas has designed the City's summer banners this year. The series of four City designs depicts traditional stories about the Lekwungen People. "As a person with Lekwungen (Songhees) heritage, who was born and raised in Victoria, I feel a profound connection to this area in its modern, historical and pre-historical contexts, all of which I've tried to capture in my banner designs," said Dylan Thomas. "For these banners, I've symbolized some of the lesser-known aspects of this territory's history and mythology." They will be up on downtown lampposts until the end of October.

Late Night Policy

Work has begun on a city alcohol policy. In June 2018, the Late Night Advisory Committee recommended to Council that the development of a policy would help provide guidance for the evaluation of liquor-related decision-making (e.g. liquor licence referrals) and managing the late night economy. The work will be completed with the assistance of the [Responsible Hospitality Institute](#) (RHI), world leaders in best practices for managing and developing late night economies including Edmonton where they shaped that city's successful approach to the late night management. Proposed directions for the policy will be presented to Council and the community in late summer with project scheduled for completion before the end of 2019.

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets on July 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 9am. Council meets on June 11 and 25 beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can watch recordings of the meetings [here](#).

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