

Council News

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Council Approves Next Steps in North Lougheed Study Area Project

The North Lougheed Study Area is located on the north side of the Lougheed Highway between Meadows Gardens Golf Course and Harris Road. In 2011, a land use concept was drafted to develop the area with mixed employment and retail-commercial. Since then, studies have shown that there is no longer a demand for retail-commercial space. Therefore, a revised land use concept is required to meet community and regional needs. Staff is working to prepare a viable and well-informed land use concept and business case for submission to the Agricultural Land Commission in December 2019. The developers are expected to pay for the full construction of the North Lougheed Connector and staff has already been collecting public feedback as part of the ongoing Official Community Plan update. Watch for additional opportunities to have your say throughout the summer and fall of 2019. For more information, visit pittmeadows.ca/northlougheed.

Council Selects New Fire Hall Location

Following months of careful analysis, Council decided to rebuild the fire hall on the existing site. A variety of factors were considered in selecting this site including: emergency response times, access, neighbourhood impacts, building costs and site size. "The fire hall replacement is desperately needed to ensure Pitt Meadows Fire & Rescue Service (PMFRS) can operate in a safe manner and meet industry standards," said Mayor Bill Dingwall. "It will also ensure that the PMFRS will continue to provide our community with the highest level of emergency services over the next 50 years." As the project moves forward information will continue to be shared with the community. For more information, visit pittmeadows.ca/newfirehall.

Council Listens at Engagement & Priorities Committee

Council held a special Engagement & Priorities Committee (EPC) meeting on June 11 at South Bonson Community Centre to discuss how the City can support farming, diking and sustainable watercourses in Pitt Meadows. There were informative presentations and engaging dialogue with over 100 residents and farmers in attendance. As part of the new committee structure, the EPC provides an opportunity for Council to have a two-way dialogue with the public on priority issues. The next EPC meeting on June 25 will discuss the ongoing Official Community Plan update and housing and growth in Pitt Meadows. For more information, visit pittmeadows.ca/councilmeetings.

Project to Separate Roadways from Railways Closer to Becoming Reality

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and the Government of Canada signed a formal agreement to fund several rail and road improvements in Pitt Meadows. The improvements will separate road traffic from rail traffic and include a new four-lane underpass at Harris Road and a two-lane overpass at Kennedy Road. "Rail grade separations will mean that all emergency services will be able to get to incidents faster and public safety will be greatly improved. Commutes will become more reliable and ultimately, drivers, cyclists and pedestrians will find it much easier to move around our community," said Mayor Bill Dingwall. Council will continue to advocate for the best interests of the community as the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is finalized. Residents will have an opportunity to learn more and to ask questions at an upcoming Engagement and Priorities Committee meeting, prior to adoption of the MOU. For more information, visit pittmeadows.ca/roadandrail.

Council Priorities This Quarter

Council is currently working to establish new priorities as part of an overall update to the City's Strategic Plan. Stay tuned for more information coming soon or visit pittmeadows.ca/corporatestrategicplan.