



Council Highlights May 29, 2018

Miss Quesnel Royalty Self Development Program

The following 2018 Miss Quesnel Royalty Self Development Program nominees, and their sponsors, were formally recognized at a banner presentation ceremony: Branda Eggert (Miss Butterfly Kisses and Paradise Salon & Spa), Savannah Audet (Miss Bliss), Gracie Combs (Miss Hub International), Alaura Jaggernath (Miss AC&D Insurance), Lilly Riley (Miss Willis Harper Hardware), Sierra Moore (Miss Canadian Tire), Hannah Pomeroy (Miss Interior Silvi Services Limited) and Terrah Peters (Miss Cariboo Ford).

Community Wildfire Prevention Initiative / Fuel Management Prescription Program

In order for wildfire prevention fuel prescription work to be completed this summer, Council approved the community's contribution funding, both cash and in-kind contributions that represents 25% of the total costs, for Fuel Treatment Units #15 and #29 found in the City of Quesnel and Area's Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Fuel Treatment Units #15 and #29 are 326 hectares located in the Marsh Road area, and 341 hectares located in the Hangman Pit/Nazko Highway area. Council and the City Manager are continuing their lobbying efforts with the Premier, Minister and Deputy Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development requesting that the Provincial government completely fund Community Wildfire Protection Plan Fuel Treatments located on Crown-owned lands and outside of Municipal boundaries.

City of Quesnel – Quarterly Report and 2018 Strategic Plan

The City's 2018 First Quarterly Report and 2018 Strategic Plan are available on the City's Website. The quarterly report lists highlights of activities on a quarterly basis for each City department and departmental statistics/data. The 2018 Strategic Plan lists what key strategic actions Quesnel City Council and City staff will work on throughout 2018. The 2018 Strategic Plan is broken down into the following topics: Community Health and Safety; Financial Sustainability; Economic Stability and Diversification; Environment Stewardship; Governance; and Infrastructure Re-Investment.

Master Sign Bylaw

The City Planner and Director of Development Services reviewed for Council highlights of the proposed revisions for the proposed new Master Sign Bylaw. Proposed Master Sign Bylaw revisions include: improved aesthetics, user-friendly layout/organization, improved overall readability to ensure business owners can easily find the number, type, and sizes of signs they could have for their businesses. The Master Sign Bylaw PowerPoint highlights for the public two key sections of the bylaw for business owners: Section 2, Business Districts, and Section 7, Additional Sign Regulations. For more information regarding the proposed changes to the City's Master Sign Bylaw, please contact the City's Development Services Department.

Patchett Street Park Playground Upgrade

Council approved increasing the Capital budget for the Patchett Street Park playground construction project from \$200,000 to \$370,000. The project's increased funding is mainly due to incorporating play on the Park's hillside that requires installation of pour in place rubber safety surfacing in order to meet current safety standards. The playground upgrade will also include new play structures, and a new accessible swing structure, that are to be located at the bottom of the Park's hillside. Please view the [student engagement preferred play elements](#), and the [concept rendering based on student engagement](#).

Bylaw of the Month Program – Unsightly Properties/Overgrown Vegetation

This month, the City's Bylaw of the Month Program is focusing on developing awareness around the City's policy on unsightly properties with respect to overgrown vegetation. The accumulation or excess growth of grasses, bushes, trees, noxious weeds, or other plants is considered unsightly under the City's Nuisance Bylaw. With our growing season well underway, the City's Bylaw Officers would like to remind the public to continue to be mindful of the maintenance of their properties as this contributes positively to their neighbourhoods. The Nuisance Bylaw fines are accelerated for repeat violations and non-compliance of maintain a sightly property: First Offence \$100, Second Offence \$300, and Subsequent Offence(s) \$500.

Bylaws

- 1842 – Master Sign Bylaw – First, Second, Third Reading
- 1853 – Quesnel Emergency Program Bylaw Amendment – Overtime for Staff – Final Adoption

Next Meetings

- 7 pm, June 5 – Regular Council Meeting
- 5:30 pm, June 12 – North Cariboo Joint Committee