

Council Highlights July 24, 2018

City of Quesnel - Wayfinding Strategy

Andrew Thompstone, Senior Project Manager for The Cygnus Design Group, provided an overview of the City's Wayfinding Strategy that includes designs of signage, utilizing the City's new brand, that would assist pedestrians and/or vehicle traffic to locate various destinations/sites in all four major zones (North Quesnel, South Quesnel, West Quesnel and Downtown Quesnel) of the City. The Wayfinding Strategy includes designs for main community gateways, minor community gateways, major and minor parks, neighbourhood entrances, trailheads and trails, that are scaled to be easily read by both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Council approved the Wayfinding Strategy capital project, and requested that this capital project be expedited to the 2018 budget process, as well as, included in the City's Five Year Financial Plan.

Crime Prevention Alternatives

Three options for dealing with community crime have been identified and Council has approved funding for these three different community crime prevention options:

- Community Crime Assessment – is a high level assessment that produces an action list to reduce community crime and disorder tensions in the community overall.
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Assessments – provides site specific assessments of the physical environment, providing recommendations to on modifying spaces to reduce criminal and unwanted behaviours.
- Training in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design – is a best practice to:
- Ensure sites are developed using good design principles to reduce crime
- Identify changes to areas that are experiencing unwanted behaviours
- Protect municipal assets from vandalism.

Next steps include:

- City staff to commission a Community Crime Assessment
- City Departments (Planning, Bylaw Enforcement and Parks) to participate in Crime Prevention Through Environmental
- Design training
- City Staff to host community training in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- City staff to identify targeted areas of City facilities/sites that require Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design that will result in modifying spaces to reduce criminal and unwanted behaviors

Bylaw of the Month Program - Fencing

The City's Zoning Bylaw regulates some aspects of fencing (height, visual clearance, and restrictions on the use of barbed wire). A permit is not required to construct a fence that is in compliance with the Zoning Bylaw regulations, with the

exception that a permit is required for a fence around a swimming pool. It is the responsibility of the property owner(s) to ensure the fencing is fully within their property lines. To find out more about fencing regulations, please contact the City's Development Services department.

Next Meetings

- 7 pm, August 28 – Regular Council Meeting
- 5:30 pm, September 4 – North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee