



## Council Highlights **February 26, 2019**

### Quesnel Ambassador Leadership Program

The Quesnel Ambassador Leadership Program had its banner/sponsorship presentation for the following nominees and sponsors:

- Hailey Murray – Sponsored by Willis Harper Home Hardware
- Taylor Heaton – Sponsored by Attitude South Salon
- Gracie Campbell – Sponsored by Service Electric Ltd.
- Nalyssa Runge – Sponsored by Quesnel Lions Club
- Sydney Williams – Sponsored by Bliss Restaurant
- Makayla Squinas – Sponsored by Quesnel Pride Society

The 2019 pageant will be held 6 – 9 pm on July 4 (speech and talent portions) and 7-10 pm July 5, 2019 (pageant and awards portions) at the Chuck Mobley Theatre.

### Contravention of Municipal Building Regulations

Council directed staff to [file notices](#) with the Land Title Office stating the following properties are in contravention of the City's Building Bylaw 1500, 2003, Section 7:

1. 615 Oval Road – detached accessory building
2. 723 Allison Avenue – single family dwelling
3. 431 Patchett Street – single family dwelling
4. 251 English Avenue – in-ground foundations

Properties must be brought into compliance prior to applying to the City to have this notice removed from the property's land title.

### Veterans' Way

Council approved dedicating the 200 block of Kinchant Street to "[Veterans' Way](#)" by adding signage to the Kinchant Street name tabs. Next steps include further work around:

- Review safety issues around where any additional banner posts/banners could be located within the 200 block of Kinchant;
- Reach out to the Quesnel Farmers Market to discuss the possibility of utilizing the Quesnel Farmers Market's banner posts during the months of October/November for Veteran memorials;
- Review the general safety of traffic, crosswalk flashing light, and traffic signs within the 200 block of Kinchant Street.

## Cannabis Retail Licenses

Council recommended to the Liquor Cannabis Regulation Branch to permit and issue a Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store License for a private store located at [308 McLean Street \(Billy Barker Casino\)](#), and approved the Liquor Distribution Branch opening a Government Store at [155 Malcom Drive \(West Park Mall\)](#). Public consultation in the form of direct mailing to tenants and property owners was undertaken for both locations, with no comments or objections received. The publically run government Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store (308 McLean Street) is scheduled to open within 30 weeks, and the privately-run Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store (155 Malcom Drive) will continue through the process with the LCRB for final approval.

## Budget Survey

The results of the [January 2019 online budget survey](#) are in with respondents answering as follows:

- 92% are satisfied, or feel neutral about the City's 2018 projects
- 76% want to fund additional RCMP Officers, with 45% wanting to fund five or more RCMP Officers, and 73% want to fund additional RCMP Officer through a tax increase
- The three top priorities for city services are:
  - 76% Police
  - 38% Economic Development
  - 34% Snow Removal
- 69% want to maintain all existing services, and pay for any additional City services

## Community Emergency Preparedness Fund

Since 2013, local governments are responsible for identifying and regulating flood plain hazards. The City has applied for, and has been short listed for, \$241,000 from the National Disaster Mitigation Program to complete a Flood Hazard Study which includes a flood risk assessment, flood mapping and flood mitigation planning. Final grant approval notices are anticipated sometime in April, 2019. Further, Council approved City staff to apply for a \$150,000 [Community Emergency Preparedness Fund](#) for [flood hazard planning](#).

## Next Meetings

- 6 pm – March 5, 2019 – Regular Council Meeting
- 6 pm – March 26, 2019 – Regular Council Meeting (If Required)
- 6 pm – April 2, 2019 – Regular Council Meeting