



### Pitt Meadows City Council—First 120 Days

*Pitt Meadows Council and staff have been extremely busy over the first 120 days in the new Council term (Nov. 6th, 2018 – Mar 5, 2019). Council's accomplishments are highlighted below:*

**Nov. 6, 2018:** Members of Katzie First Nation, Khalsa Darbar Society, several past Mayors and a Scottish piper participated in an inclusive Council Inauguration Ceremony. A large contingent from the community was in attendance to witness the occasion and to hear the Mayor's Address. Mayor Dingwall offered a public apology to the sexual assault survivor, a member of our community.

**Nov. 13, 2018:** Council outlined their initial priorities.

**Nov. 13, 2018:** Council rescinded the indefinite deferral to allow for public discussions to resume regarding the North Lougheed Special Study Area and investment in planning, in addition to the Official Community Plan.

**Nov. 13, 2018:** Council recognized and supported the citizen-initiated Pitt Meadows Days fireworks fundraiser and dance planned by the Free Agents and Macnab Real Estate Team to take place May 4, 2019. Funds raised will offset \$15k in costs from the City's budget.

**Nov. 25, 2018:** Council celebrated the first year anniversary of the Pitt Meadows Art Gallery opening.

**Nov. 2018 - Ongoing:** Rebuilding the City's relationship with the Maple Ridge by way of attending joint Council meetings to discuss mutual areas of interest and committing to collaborative work at the Pitt Meadows Regional Airport (YPK).

**Nov 2018 – Jan 2019:** Extensive Council orientation sessions and attendance at the Elected Officials Seminar hosted by the Lower Mainland Local Government Association on Jan. 15-17, 2019.

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**Dec. 3, 2018:** Council hosted a public information evening on Fire Services in Pitt Meadows. Assistant Chief Larrison provided a presentation highlighting facts about the current department model, call volumes, major incidents and medical call responses along with current challenges and opportunities.

**Dec. 4, 2018:** Council adopted new “Council Code of Conduct” and “Respectful Workplace” policies, articulating important principles for the new Council and demonstrating a commitment to working collaboratively and respectfully with one another.

**Dec. 4, 2018:** Council endorsed the exploration and examination of options for establishing a place of remembrance within the City of Pitt Meadows.

**Dec. 4, 2018:** Airport Manager, Guy Miller, made a presentation to Council regarding the future vision for Airport operations. Mr. Miller discussed the three developments already approved by the previous Airport Board that were announced on Oct. 16, 2018 by the previous Council.

**Dec. 7, 2018:** The “Christmas in Pitt Meadows” celebration moved indoors making the celebration more family and weather-friendly and a great success.

**Dec. 10, 2018:** Council hosted their first community roundtable with the Agricultural Advisory Committee on matters important to the farming community.

**Dec. 12, 2018:** The addition of two additional Fire Safety Technicians (FSTs) were approved for Pitt Meadows Fire & Rescue Service, allowing the City to better address community safety by offering extended coverage, seven days a week.

**Dec. 13, 2018:** YPK opened their new Nav Canada \$9M Air Traffic Control Tower.

**Dec. 14, 2018:** Council voted unanimously to renew the lease for Discovery Playhouse Children’s Society at the Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre.

**Dec. 18, 2018:** Council met with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI), TransLink, CP and Greater Vancouver Gateway 2030 to continue discussions regarding proposed transportation infrastructure projects for Pitt Meadows. Discussions with MOTI regarding Lougheed Highway improvements have been re-initiated, and discussions with TransLink on the implementation of a B-Line bus service in the fall of 2019 are progressing.

**Dec. 18, 2018:** The City had a productive meeting with the Agricultural Land Commission on a variety of key initiatives, including: Khalsa Darbar Society’s non-farm use application; North Lougheed development; and cannabis production in the ALR.

**Jan. 2019:** As a member of the Pitt Meadows Airport Society, the City endorsed the creation of an Airport Executive Committee (AEC), comprised of both Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Mayors, CAOs and one city councillor each, to work on the development and implementation of the new YPK board structure. Both CAOs will remain on the permanent civilian board once it is established.

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**Jan 8, 2019:** Council hosted a round table to obtain feedback from the community on the proposed governance and committee restructure.

**Jan. 8, 2019:** The City hosted a Council-to-Council meeting with Katzie First Nation to continue building on their strong relationship and discussing shared priorities, including truck traffic solutions and lobbying senior government agencies for a secondary access point to Katzie First Nation lands.

**Jan. 15, 2019:** Electronic participation for Council members was reinstated in an effort to support Council's presence at meetings and embrace technological opportunities that help to move business forward.

**Jan. 15, 2019:** Council made the decision to remove all clothing donation bins from Pitt Meadows until such time as clothing bins are determined to no longer pose a threat to public safety.

### Official Community Plan Review

**Feb. 5, 2019:** Dan Wilson, Planning and Engagement Consultant with the Whistler Centre for Sustainability, was commissioned by the City to facilitate the visioning for the Official Community Plan (OCP). The Visioning and Engagement Summary was presented to Council. Some of the highlights included:

- local area plans;
- public engagement with both community members and regional organizations;
- engagement around community plans, draft visions, common themes;
- survey hosted on 'Have Your Say Pitt Meadows' website; and
- student outreach between August and September 2018 assisting people with online and form submissions.

### Next steps are:

- April 2019 - Housing and Community Growth Forum;
- February to May 2019 – More OCP Engagement Activities;
- Fall 2019 - First Reading of OCP Draft;
- Fall 2019 - Presentation of Draft Policies and Land Use Plan to the Community; and
- Adoption of new Official Community Plan - after formal referrals to affected agencies, municipalities, and Metro Vancouver, readings of the bylaw, and at least one public hearing.

**Ongoing:** Parks and Recreation Master Plan moving forward to inform the OCP.

**Jan. 15, 2019:** Council publicly supported ride hailing services by writing a letter to the Province of BC to encourage their initiation of such services.

**Jan. 15, 2019:** Council reconfirmed their support of the non-farm use application to the ALC by the Khalsa Darbar Society.

**Jan. 17, 2019:** Golden Ears Business Park Phase 3 & 4 – Discussions undertaken with Onni representatives to look at potential mixed-use zoning; to date, Onni has no interest in exploring other options.

**Jan. 22, 2019:** Council adopted a new Governance and Committee Structure following nine months of robust review and public consultation. The new structure provides an opportunity for Council to have a direct connection with their committees on a regular basis and to hear their recommendations on priority issues.

**Feb. 18, 2019:** Family Day celebrations were enjoyed by over 2,600 community members, with a free carnival at the Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre and a free skate at the Arena.

**Feb 27, 2019:** YPK held a public information session for transparency and public engagement to present four new proposed airport developments.

**Feb. 2019:** The Council Remuneration Task Force was established to examine and make recommendations for council compensation as a result of the impact of the Federal Government decision to remove the 1/3 non-taxable portion of compensation.

**Nov. – Mar. 2019:** The City successfully recruited for the Manager of Community Development (Alex Wallace), Corporate Officer (Kate Barchard), Project Engineer (Steve Ahluwalia), Project Manager of Community Development (Colin O'Byrne) and the new Fire Chief (TBA).

**Mar. 5, 2019:** Council to approve amendments to the bylaws of the Pitt Meadows Airport Society to allow the transition to a civilian airport board.

**Ongoing:** Proactive communication strategy with news releases, social media posts, videos, websites, and a larger presence in local media.

**TBA:** Council to confirm location for new Firehall replacement (details to come forward).