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JULY 2023

Temporary-Use-Permit Issued for 920 Simpson Road

Council approved a Temporary Use Permit for the property at 920 Simpson Road. This will essentially allow the applicant to conduct his business of Contractor Services on the existing property for a period of 3 years. A temporary use permit is a tool local governments use to help properties transition into uses that align with the long-term plan. As this property is in the waterfront zone, the plan is for this property to eventually transition to a mix-use commercial and residential zone.

Green Burials

After questions from the Nelson End of Life Society (NELS) during the June 20th Committee of the Whole question period, City Council directed staff to report back on the potential to include green burials at the City Cemetery. Green burials involve individuals being interred in a natural state (no or natural embalming) with only organic or natural materials (shroud or wood box) in a plot that would later be allowed to grow naturally (not maintained or manicured). Similarly, natural burials involve the same burial practices but can have a more traditional plot (maintained).

A staff report brought to the July 11th Regular Council meeting shared that staff had identified the need for updated planning for the cemetery to support long-term management and recommended a Parks and Cemetery Master Plan be completed in 2024. Council provided further direction to staff to, in the interim, review the existing Cemetery Bylaw to determine if natural burials could be permitted under the current bylaw and to include a Parks and Cemetery Master Plan in the 2024 workplan and budget.

EcoSave Loan Program - Bylaw Update

City residents who own their own homes can participate in the City's low-interest loan offer to purchase an E-Bike for commuting and/or complete energy upgrades to their homes. The loans are repaid through Nelson Hydro's on-bill financing. The E-bike and Energy Retrofits On-bill Financing Programs have been popular, resulting in the need to increase the cap that the Bylaw sets. Staff recommended that Council amend the Bylaw to raise the cap from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 in June and this was finalized at the July 11th meeting. If you are interested in accessing these loan programs and other climate-focused programs, such as FireSmart, please visit nelson.ca/programs for more information and registration.

Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant

As the city continues to take a leadership role in addressing climate change, it attracts talent, resources, and opportunities that enhance the quality of life for Nelson residents and strengthens the community. Nelson's Climate Plan, Nelson Next, contains highly ambitious and aspirational corporate and community climate targets to prepare our city for the future. The City's Climate & Energy Team has applied for grant funding under the Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant Program to support a greenhouse gas modelling exercise to outline the necessary action needed and to further guide our efforts towards greenhouse gas reduction pathways for our fleet, buildings, waste collection, and more.

Council passed a resolution that was required as part of the grant program. If successful, this grant will support the creation of sector-specific annual corporate carbon reduction targets, support long-term planning for low-carbon resilience, and enhance monitoring and evaluation of corporate climate actions and progress. Nelson Next is a community climate plan, and your participation matters; please visit our Climate Programs page at nelson.ca/programs to learn more.

Watch the Council Meeting from July 11, 2023



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