

THAT the report presented in the agenda of the May 22, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council be included in the June 2024 edition of the Community Update newsletter, under the Council's Corner section.

Report:

SUMMER UPDATES

- A design based on resident input for landscaping in Phase II of the Village Core Improvement Project has been approved, and landscaping will begin soon. Thank you to everyone who participated in the public feedback process. More input will be gathered for design of the new Legion Plaza.
- There is some news for bikers. New bike racks have been installed at Oar Road and Harper Road ends. Similar bike racks at Eby Road end are in progress, and details are being determined for bike racks in the Village Core.
- The “greening up” of the Lavender and Jacks beach road ends, with resident input, are two more approved projects.
- All the legal requirements for Pierce Woods Marine Park are being implemented, and hopefully the park will soon open to the public.
- We also look forward to the authorized multi-use path from Leland to Huddlestone. Upon completion of this initial section, Council will be able to consider next steps, such as continuing the path along the front of Huddlestone Park and Costin Hall to connect to the pedestrian crossing at School Road.”
- Numerous grant applications have been submitted and we are hopeful for positive news.
- Council submitted a resolution for the AGM of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) advocating an update to provincial legislation, allowing development cost charges to include large capital expenses for firefighting, such as fire trucks. The resolution was endorsed by the Board of AVICC and passed unanimously as part of the endorsed block. We anticipate it will now make its way to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) to potentially become official advocacy policy.

Please continue to share your feedback and ideas, as they help guide decisions.