



**DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 3, 2018 @ 7:09 pm
SCHOOL HOUSE, 1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD**

PRESENT:

Mayor
Councillors

Ken Williams
Leslie Anderson
Ann Baird
Gord Baird
Karen Burns
Marcie McLean
Karel Roessingh

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Administrative Officer
Corporate Officer
Public

Loranne Hilton
Tina Neurauter
1 member

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 099 / 2018
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MCLEAN

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Council – March 19, 2018

MOTION: 100 / 2018
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MCLEAN
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH

That the Council minutes of March 19, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- i) Councillor Leslie Anderson
- ii) Councillor Ann Baird

CRD Climate Action Task force and Inter-Municipal Working Group Co-Meeting: March 16

- Well attended with staff and elected officials from around the region. Highlands Planner attended the most important part of the meeting.
- CRD update on climate action strategies. Various initiatives and programs.
 - Oil to heat pump incentive program has been very popular in some CRD communities. Will be extended with some new funding this fall. So far only one expression of interest in the Highlands. Zero grant uptake in Highlands.
 - Organics diverted from land fill is used by municipalities to offset corporate carbon emissions. In the Highlands this number is 19.7 tonnes. Interesting to note that officially, diverted organics DO NOT QUALIFY as carbon offsets, but a way has been found to use this number to offset corporate emissions...I found this interesting.
- Most of meeting dedicated to the BC Energy Step Code
 - More information will be coming to council in the near future
 - Some municipalities are getting on board, but uptake is still very slow and even then municipalities are starting with lower steps Saanich and Victoria are working together and currently doing public outreach
 - * Central Saanich is asking for staff report
 - * North Saanich is also having conversations

- A fair bit of push back from industry BC Hydro is offering some grants for builders
- Saanich is looking at stepping the step code...this means even for single family residential that different steps will be required for different sized homes. This is something to consider if/when Highlands explores secondary suites...especially detached and very small dwellings.
- Step 5 is required (will be code) by 2032. This is will be similar to a passive house standard. Some at the table felt that this is too slow and not in line with the urgency of climate change. I agreed.
- Highlands will need to have a conversation on the step code in the near future.
- A very short round table on what is going on in various municipalities
 - Some spoke about the Step code, others about EV's, North Saanich about flood mapping and Sea Level Rise.
 - I spoke very briefly about:
 - * Recent \$100,000 grant for implementation and work plan for groundwater/aquifer protection
 - * Inclusion of natural assets in our asset management plan
 - * I also mentioned the memo from last fall from Vic Derman and the action item that came out of this regarding South Island Prosperity Project and a Highlands request for a change to the constitution with regards to "Promoting local economic resilience through the opportunities arising from mitigating and adapting to climate change" and noted that Victoria Council voted to support Highlands resolution.

- iii) Councillor Gord Baird
- iv) Councillor Karen Burns
- v) Councillor Marcie McLean
- vi) Councillor Karel Roessingh

Capital Region Housing Trust Fund meeting, March 27th, 2018:

An update was given by John Reilly on projects previously funded by CRHTF:

- Aranza in Sidney: interior work is underway and opening expected in November
- Azuro on Blanshard: now open - rents for market units are \$860 - \$1250, and 47 of the 50 units have dogs, which are interviewed before being allowed to stay
- Townley in Saanich: still negotiating building permit, expected to begin construction late in April
- Cedar Grove on Gorge Road: design panel with Victoria Council scheduled for April 11th, hoping for public hearing in June.
- Croftonbrook on Saltspring: addressing water and sewer access problems, hope to start phase 1 addition in May

The Board passed a recommendation to receive a letter of intent and proceed with application from the North Park Manor Society to convert an underused common space to 3 apartments for seniors. The application is for a \$45,000 grant. Five new applications are expected to be made this year.

CRD Arts Commission meeting, March 28th, 2018:

The Southern Gulf Islands has joined the CRD Arts Service, and discussions with Sooke are underway. Sidney has written to the Commission to serve notice to withdraw from the service.

Project Grants for a total of \$127,000, about 60% of the 2018 Project Grant budget were awarded to 24 arts organizations. There will be another intake of applications in May. The applications were carefully evaluated by the Arts Advisory Committee, and the committee recommendations were approved. The press release can be found at <https://crd.bc.ca/about/news/article/2018/03/29/2018-arts-development-funding-awarded-to-53-arts-organizations>

There was discussion regarding CRD Arts funding for the West Shore Community Arts Council, which is no longer eligible because its address has changed to Langford, which provides office space at a reduced rent. The WSCAC carries out programs in Metchosin, Highlands and View Royal (all contributors to CRD Arts), so the Commission will discuss its policy of funding only those organizations whose address is within a contributing municipality.

- vii) Mayor's Report

Tues. Mar. 13th, 2018 CRD Chairs Meeting

The CRD Committee Chairs met with CRD CAO, Bob Lapham and CRD Board Chair, Steve Price to discuss committee time frames and priorities for the rest of 2018. One topic that stood out was the process of improving police service in the region, especially serious crime. As I've reported in the past, regional mayors have met with the province to request better integration. Clayton Pecknold, Assistant Deputy Minister and Director of Police Services, will be engaging a contractor to assist Regional Police Service Integration. Terms of Reference have been created by Victoria

and Saanich. There is support from all mayors to move this conversation forward and create a working group.

Wed. Mar. 14th, 2018 CRD Board and Hospital Board Meeting

The 2017 Audit Plan by KPMG was approved by the Hospital Board.

The CRD Board received a presentation from Victoria Airport Authority Director Colin Smith on expansion progress and future plans for Victoria International Airport. Growth is robust. 47 straight record months of service have been logged at the airport with 1.93 million passengers passing through. Since 2012, YYJ has consistently placed in the top 4 for regional airports in North America by the Airports Council International Service Quality.

There were many presentations by concerned residents on a zoning variance adjacent to Gonzales Hill Regional Park. The CRD Board defeated the request and felt it was better not to interfere in what was clearly a City of Victoria matter.

Many housekeeping items were approved including all committee 2018 Terms of Reference.

The Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy (Bylaw 4017) was approved as well as a subsequent motion for staff to bring forward a framework to guide Board consideration of Regional Context Statements.

Due to conflicting interests, (8 municipalities opposing) the Board directed staff to cease work on a regional transportation service. Instead the province has indicated that it intends to work with BC Transit to address the log jam on regional corridors.

The CRD approved support for the 2020 North American Indigenous Games.

Wed. Mar. 21, 2018 CRD Board Special Budget Meeting

The CRD Board and Hospital Board adopted all 2018 Financial Plan Bylaws. (see links)

https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/crd-document-library/committeedocuments/capitalregionalhospitaldistrictboard/20180321/2018_03_21agenda.pdf?sfvrsn=e28911ca_2

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=11461&GUID=E6C8FD2A-C792-44E6-975B-17DA473E3498&Options=&Search=>

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=11371&GUID=9A43D317-AE60-4352-A711-E243D2C61753>

Wed Mar. 21, 2018 CRD Regional Parks Meeting

The CRD Regional Parks Committee received a report on repairs to the Todd Creek Trestle.

The trestle will be closed until the end of 2018 as timbers are replaced. The historic landmark should be good for 50 years after the work is completed.

https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/crd-document-library/committeedocuments/regionalparkscommittee/20180321/2018-03-21agendapkg.pdf?sfvrsn=ef8b11ca_2

All 5 Highlands weather stations are now operating! Congratulations to the Weather Station Project Team for all your hard work and effort on this excellent resource. Collecting weather information is vitally important in our rapidly changing world. On behalf of Highlands Council and Staff, a big shout out and thank you to:

Allan Roger - Chair of SLUSC

Warren Lee - Environment and Climate Change Canada and SLUSC Committee e-member

Edward Wiebe - School of Earth and Ocean Sciences at the University of Victoria

Chris Leek - Highlands staff

Dean Ford - Fire Chief

Peter Vitchev - Information Technology

Weather data collection in Highlands was pioneered back in 1961 by Kerry Joy whose detailed data set was extremely valuable to climate scientists.

The Vancouver Island School-Based Weather Station Network is a project started in 2002 by Andrew Weaver and Ed Wiebe in the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences at the University of Victoria. The goal of the project is to further the public understanding of weather, climate, and science by providing near real-time weather observations in high resolution in time and space. By storing and providing observations and other resources the project allows students, teachers, families, residents, community groups, commercial organizations, and even governments to find new and creative applications for weather information in their daily lives and work. In addition, the project seeks to develop science-based tools and analysis to better understand small-scale weather and climate phenomenon on and around Vancouver Island. There are 155 stations located mostly on the south island.

Here are the links to the general site www.victoriaweather.ca and to the 4 Highlands property sites http://www.victoriaweather.ca/all_current_data.php?rid=11

Thanks to Allan Roger and Warren Lee for the background.

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

a) Committee of the Whole – March 26, 2018

i) RE: 2018 GRANT IN AID APPLICATIONS

MOTION: 101 / 2018
 MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GORD BAIRD
 SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH

That Council approve the following grant in aid awards for 2018:

Highlands Heritage Park Society.....	\$ 2,500
Highlands District Community Association	\$ 2,800
Highlands Parks and Recreation Association	\$ 2,000
West Shore Arts Council	\$ 1,000
Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse	
Canada Day Celebration.....	\$ 200
Habitat Acquisition Trust	\$ 800
Intermunicipal Advisory Committee on	
Disability Issues	\$ 200
JDF 55+ Activity Centre	\$ 300
M'akola Housing Society.....	\$ 500
NEED2 Suicide Prevention Education and Support	\$ 600
Peninsula Streams Society	\$ 1,000
West Shore RCMP Crime Prevention-Community	
Policing	\$ 1,600
TOTAL	\$ 13,500

CARRIED

6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. BYLAWS

a) Bylaw No. 402, 2018

MOTION: 101 / 2018
 MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GORD BAIRD
 SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH

That Council give Highlands Zoning Bylaw, 1998, Amendment No. 39, (R8 – 1927 Millstream Road) Bylaw No. 402, 2018 Third Reading. CARRIED

MOTION: 102 / 2018
 MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GORD BAIRD
 SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ANN BAIRD

That Council Adopt Highlands Zoning Bylaw, 1998, Amendment No. 39, (R8 – 1927 Millstream Road) Bylaw No. 402, 2018. CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. IN CAMERA

MOTION: 103 / 2018
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ANDERSON

That Council move In Camera at 7:15 pm to discuss items pursuant to the Community Charter, specifically Section 90 (2) (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party. CARRIED

Council reconvened from In Camera at 7:19 pm

12. RISE AND REPORT

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 104/ 2018
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ANDERSON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MCLEAN

That the April 3, 2018 Council meeting adjourn at 7:20 pm. CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER