



**DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF SUSTAINABLE LAND USE
SELECT COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, April 20, 2017 @ 7:00pm
SCHOOL HOUSE, 1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD**

PRESENT:

Val Fletcher, Secretary
Neville Grigg
Ingo Lambrecht
Dave Mackas
Bob McMinn
Ellie Rayner, Vice-Chair
Allan Roger, Chair

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Councillor Karen Burns

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Warren Lee (e-participant)

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved and Seconded that the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved and Seconded that the minutes of the Committee meeting of March 21, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Councillor Burns outlined council's recent initiatives/decisions for April.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. UVIC Geography Reports for Community Education and Outreach for Groundwater Protection Practices; UVIC Law Clinic GAP Analysis; Golder Groundwater Protection Plan

Motion from January 17, 2017 meeting:

That the committee will continue to review all the documents mentioned above and propose action items as we move forward.

Moved and Seconded that :

Whereas groundwater protection is of paramount concern to Highland residents; and the Highlands aquifer is vulnerable; and the industrial sites in the South Highlands pose the largest risk to groundwater quality; and the SLR report provided a list of deficiencies regarding the (Tervita) Highwest site, and SLUSC is currently reviewing the largest known risks to Highlands groundwater;

Therefore the Sustainable Land Use Select Committee respectfully requests that District of Highlands staff provide any and all responses, follow-up, and monitoring reports to the BC Ministry of Environment relating to Highwest and the SLR report; and any and all

Note: To avoid excess staff workload, Sustainable Land Use Select Committee will identify (at our upcoming May 2017 meeting) which of these documents we either already have in hand, or can obtain from Ministry of Environment and Highlands web pages. Sustainable Land Use Select Committee will forward this list to staff by end of May.

b. South Highlands Local Area Plan

The Committee will revisit its recommendation from our January 17, 2017 meeting to Council “that the District use a local area plan approach to provide better control over future developments in the commercial/industrial areas of the south Highlands”.

The Committee will consider whether additional detail will be provided to Council for inclusion in the local area plan.

c. Unauthorized Mountain Bike Trail on Public Land

The Committee further discussed construction of unauthorised mountain bike trails on public land in the Stewart Mtn./Scafe Hill area. Ellie will report back after she forwards the trails map to CRD Parks for their information and action if needed.

Update: The trails maps were forwarded to the CRD for their information. No action has been taken this time, as the CRD has not been able to identify the park trail builders or to link the trail builders on park land to the trail builders just outside the park.

d. Weather Stations

Warren Lee and Allan Roger reported that in cooperation with Ed Wiebe of UVIC and Chris Leek two new weather stations will be installed – one each at the East fire hall and the Community Centre. A refurbished weather station (formerly at the East hall) will be installed at the District Office and the West hall instrument will be re-installed, as it was temporarily removed during installation of the new water shuttle bay.

5. THREATS TO HIGHLANDS SUSTAINABILITY

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded that the meeting adjourn at 9:05 pm.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING: May 16, 2017, 7:00 pm at the School House

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