



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

**Tuesday, May 16, 2017 @ 7:00pm
SCHOOL HOUSE, 1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD**

PRESENT:

Val Fletcher
Neville Grigg
Ingo Lambrecht
Dave Mackas
Bob McMinn

ABSENT:

Ellie Rayner
Allan Roger

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Councillor Karen Burns

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Moved and Seconded that in the absence of Chair (Allan) and Vice-Chair (Ellie) that Val Fletcher act as Chair for the meeting. **CARRIED**

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved and Seconded that the Agenda be approved. **CARRIED**

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved and Seconded that the minutes of the Committee meeting of April 20, 2017 be adopted after the following amendment: the Note at the end the motion under 4 a. be moved to appear before the first paragraph so it is clearly incorporated as part of the motion. **CARRIED**

4. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

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

5. 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.

Motion from April 20, 2017: To avoid excess staff workload, SLUSC will identify (at our upcoming May 2017 meeting) which of these documents we either already have in hand, or can obtain from MOE and Highlands web pages. SLUSC will forward this list to staff by end of May"

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 SLUSC 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 correspondence relating to Highwest; Millstream Meadows; Lost Lake Road dump; and Millstream Industrial site.

May 16, 2017 Update: Members N. Grigg, D. Mackas, and V. Fletcher will compile a listing of all pertinent documents mentioned above.

- b. 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. The Committee further discussed trail building on public land in the South Highlands. Neville reported additional trail building along the BC Hydro right of way near the Lost Lake Road dump and expressed concern regarding trail building along Teanook Creek. Neville has scheduled a site visit with Chris Leek for Friday May 19.

UPDATE: Neville to organise a field visit for SLUSC to view newly constructed trails adjacent to Teanook creek on Monday May 22 at 9:00am.

- d. 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.

UPDATE: In absences of Allan and Warren no updates on weather stations provided.

- e. Further to the Motion from the Minutes from March 21, 20017 under 5 a. (additional scrutiny of the design and installation of the septage system for the Millstream Creek Properties) we received an update from Karen that It was modified then removed from the agenda. The committee is concerned that no action was taken on our recommendation despite apparent initial support from council.

6. THREATS TO HIGHLANDS SUSTAINABILITY

Moved and Seconded That given the Ecological and Riparian expertise of the SLUSC members, we request Council refer the location of the potential trails on the Millstream Creek Properties to SLUSC for review and comment.

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:58 pm

CARRIED

Recording Secretary

Chair

NEXT MEETING: June 20, 2017, 7:00 pm at the School House