



DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS  
MINUTES OF SUSTAINABLE LAND USE  
SELECT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 @ 7:00pm  
SCHOOL HOUSE, 1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD

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**PRESENT**

Val Fletcher  
Neville Grigg  
Dave Mackas  
Bob McMinn  
Ellie Rayner  
Allan Roger

**ABSENT:**

Ingo Lambrecht

**COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:**

Councillor Karen Burns

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved and Seconded that the Agenda be approved after moving item 4 a) Continue Work Review under New Business to new item 4 e) under Unfinished Business.

CARRIED

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved and Seconded that the minutes of the Committee meeting of October 17, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

**3. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE**

Councillor Burns outlined council's recent major initiatives/decisions for October and November.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**(a) Groundwater Protection**

*Committee Action: Report following the April 20, 2017 motion and request staff for information regarding groundwater risks in south Highlands. Committee member Neville Grigg to submit a proposal to use an Australian model for Groundwater Risk assessment (on hold).*

**(b) Local Area Plan for the South Highlands**

*January 17, 2017 motion 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. Possible Committee Action: The Committee will consider whether additional detail will be provided to Council for inclusion in the local area plan (on hold).*

**(c) Weather Stations**

*Two weather stations have now been installed at the Community Hall and the District office and with the existing Cal Reville station, three of five stations are operable. Weather stations for both Fire Halls will be installed in the near future.*

**(d) Mines Act Permit FOI Recommendation to Council**

- (i) Following our Committee's motion under paragraph 4 (2) of the October 17 2017 Minutes, Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 14, 2017 passed the following motion:

*That staff request from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, any additional information regarding the OK Industries Ltd.'s Mines Act Permit Application that has been received subsequent to the initial permit application, including First Nations consultation, the mining reclamation plan and potential environmental impacts on migration of salmonids, and further, if such additional information is not routinely available to the District, that staff pursue a formal request for the information pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*

- (ii) The Chief Administrative Officer advised the Chair that Ministry staff had been contacted and they advised that there were no additional communications but that they would continue looking. Members recalled that the Mines Inspector said that there were more communications. More follow up clarification is required but a FOI request may be needed.

**(e) Continue Work Review**

Work review from Nov 30, 2015 through October 17, 2017 was completed but arising from the review:

- (i) Regarding item 6(b) from the January 17, 2017 SLUSC Minutes in which the Committee recommended priority be given to preparing hazard specific plans, members had no knowledge of Council's response to our motion. Allan Roger will contact the Chief Administrative Officer and the Assistant Fire Chief to see what transpired. *(After the meeting Allan discovered that Council had acted on our motion and that the Fire Department already had such protocols in place. Allan will report more fully at the January 2018 meeting).*
- (ii) Moved and Seconded that the committee recommend that the Gas Tax funded consultants review project (regarding aquifer protection DPA and storm water management) Terms of Reference and/or RFP be forwarded to the committee for review and comment when they are available. CARRIED

**5. THREATS TO HIGHLANDS SUSTAINABILITY****6. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved and Seconded that the meeting adjourn at 9:15 pm.

CARRIED

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Recording Secretary

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Chair

**NEXT MEETING: January 16, 2018, 7:00 pm at the School House**