



**DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS**  
**MINUTES OF SUSTAINABLE LAND USE SELECT COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019 @ 7:00PM**  
**SCHOOL HOUSE, 1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Allan Roger  
Dave Mackas  
Bob McMinn  
Ellie Rayner  
Cathy Reader

**E-PARTICIPANT**

Warren Lee (E-Participant)

**COUNCIL LIAISON:**

Marcie McLean

**ABSENT:**

Ingo Lambrecht

**1. APPOINTMENTS**

1.1

**RE: ELECTION OF CHAIR**

*Moved and Seconded*

That Allan Roger be elected Chair.

CARRIED

1.2

**RE: ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

*Moved and Seconded*

That Ellie Rayner be elected Vice-Chair.

CARRIED

1.3

**RE: ELECTION OF SECRETARY**

*Moved and Seconded*

That Dave Mackas be elected Secretary.

CARRIED

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Moved and Seconded*

That the agenda be approved as amended: ADD item 5.4: Weather Station Update.

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1

**RE: NOVEMBER 21, 2018 SUSTAINABLE LAND USE SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

*Moved and Seconded*

That the Sustainable Land Use Select Committee minutes of November 21, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

**4. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE**

Council Liaison McLean reported on recent Council activities.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5.1

**RE: MINES ACT PERMIT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

Council has requested meetings with Provincial Ministries but these have not yet been scheduled. An OK Industries public meeting regarding an Environmental Management Plan was originally proposed for 2018 year-end but has also not yet been scheduled.

5.2

**RE: FOREST ECOSYSTEM: INCREASED NUMBER OF DYING AND STRESSED TREES**

SLUSC members have noticed many dying and stressed trees throughout the Highlands. Discussion of possible causes (longer hotter and drier summers, increased groundwater extraction, ...) and consequences (altered forest ecology, increased wildfire risk, ...) but no identified action at this time.

5.3

**RE: WORK ACTIVITY LOG**

Chair provided a brief update.

5.4

**RE: WEATHER STATIONS**

Broken, missing, vandalized stations have been fixed. But ongoing problems with clogged rain gauges, and no solution regarding when and by whom the gauges will routinely be cleaned out. Fire Department is willing to do this, but needs District OK. This has not been forthcoming. Chair will contact Chief Administrative Officer to seek a solution.

**6. THREATS TO HIGHLANDS SUSTAINABILITY**

Brief discussion of possible consequences of Malahat traffic rerouting.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business..

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

*Moved and Seconded*

That the Sustainable Land Use Select Committee meeting of January 16, 2019 adjourn at 8:15 PM.

CARRIED

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Allan Roger, Chair

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Dave Mackas, Secretary

Next scheduled meeting Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 7:00 PM