



**DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF ELECTRONIC COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021 @ 7:00 PM**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ken Williams
Councillor Leslie Anderson
Councillor Ann Baird
Councillor Gord Baird
Councillor Marcie McLean
Councillor Karel Roessingh
Councillor Rose Stanton

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Administrative Officer Lorraine Hilton
Corporate Officer Deb Hopkins
Municipal Planner Laura Beckett

Public Observation: 7

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 10-2021

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

2.1

Jessie Taylor Dodd, resident of Highlands, addressed Council to discuss water issues impacting her property and expressed concern that it was due to recent nearby trenching work. Ms. Taylor Dodd said that she has observed the creation of new wetland areas and that the upper riparian pond on her property has doubled in size. Ms. Taylor Dodd asked that the situation be resolved and further requested that Council consider requiring that any biologist's assessments conducted in late spring or summer be re-assessed in winter to consider wetland, ephemeral creeks or other watercourse setbacks.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1

Council Minutes – January 11, 2021

MOTION: 11-2021

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh
That the minutes of the January 11, 2021 Council meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3.2

Emergency Planning Committee Minutes

MOTION: 12-2021

Moved Councillor Stanton, Seconded Councillor Roessingh
That the minutes of the December 17, 2020 Emergency Planning Committee meeting be received.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

Councillor Leslie Anderson
Heritage Select Committee, West Shore Parks and Recreation Society and Western Communities Policing Advisory Committee
Councillor Anderson said that she attended the first West Shore Parks and Recreation Society Finance Committee and Board meeting of the year last week. She informed Council that in addition to the approved funding

request to re-open the pool, another small funding request will be forthcoming to support the safe running of a range of other community programming. The Board held its annual elections and the appointments remained the same as last year.

She also reported that the South Highlands Local Area Plan group met on January 19 to review public and stakeholder input received to date. She said that work is progressing well but that it will take some time before it will be before Council for consideration. The next meeting is scheduled for early February.

Councillor Ann Baird

CRD Climate Action Committee and CRD Housing Trust Fund Commission

Councillor Gord Baird

CRD Regional Water Supply Commission & CRD JDF Water Distribution Commission

Councillor Gord Baird reported that the CRD Regional Water Supply Commission held its annual elections and he will be continuing as Vice Chair and that Lillian Szpak was elected as Chair. He also noted that the Commission was not successful in applying for an \$80 million dollar grant for upgrades up to the Saanich Peninsula so the capital budget has been revised for the next five years to undertake the most critical work out to that area.

Councillor Marcie McLean

Coexisting with Carnivores Alliance, Greater Victoria Family Court Youth Justice Committee, Intermunicipal Advisory Committee on Disability Issues and Sustainable Land Use Select Committee

Councillor Karel Roessingh

Capital Region Emergency Services Telecommunications, CRD Arts and Greater Victoria Public Library Board

Councillor Roessingh informed Council that a CREST report would be forthcoming that will require some discussion. He also said that the Highlands Coffee House will be recommencing via Zoom. He is pleased that this valuable opportunity for Highlanders to socialize will resume. He noted that notification for the Coffee House occurs by email and that interested persons could contact him to be added to the contact list.

Councillor Rose Stanton

Emergency Planning and Social Sustainable Committee

Mayor Ken Williams

Tues. Jan. 12th, 2021 Mayor's Meeting

Kevin Hall, President of UVIC gave a brief presentation outlining what's happening on campus, including the launching of the world's first Indigenous law degree.

Link:

<https://www.uvic.ca/law/about/indigenous/indigenouslawresearchunit/index.pt>

David Calder, Executive Director of Rowing BC, made a pitch for support of a new rowing facility on Elk Lake.

Wed. Jan. 13th, 2021 CRD Regional Arts Facilities Select Committee

Inga Petri, Consultant, Strategic Moves gave a presentation of her stage one consulting work and gap analysis on the potential for new regional art facilities. The committee referred the report back to staff for more information before it goes to the CRD Board.

Staff report and presentation:

https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/crd-document-library/committeedocuments/regional-arts-facilities-select-committee/20210113/2021-01-13agendapkgrafsc.pdf?sfvrsn=f300b9cc_9

Wed. Jan. 13th, 2021 Capital Regional Hospital District Board

The Hospital Board approved the KPMG 2020 audit plan.

The air conditioner fans at the Summit project on Hillside Avenue were driving the local population into despair. CRD is working with acoustic control contractors to try and make the situation more livable.

Wed. Jan. 13th, 2021 Capital Region Housing Corporation Board

The Housing Corporation Board approved the KPMG 2020 audit plan.

Wed. Jan. 13th, 2021 Capital Regional District Board

There was a plethora of delegations regarding the Transportation Gap Study motion 7.2 put forth by Directors Taylor and Isitt. The public was keen to see investments that focused on climate change and clean growth and wanted investments that shifted from higher to lower-emitting types of transportation. The Board was largely supportive of the motion but wished to refer it to the new Transportation Committee as this is one of the reasons that the Committee was created. The Board has already embraced the multimodal lower emission principals being considered and we look ahead to the motion's return after the Transportation Committee work.

A motion to revise the CRD Emergency Corporate Plan to be in sync with Emergency Management BC was passed. Lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2017 and 2018 wildfires will be integrated into the revised Plan.

The Board approved an amendment to Board Procedures Bylaw No. 4368 that will allow First Nations participation on CRD standing committees. This is an important step towards a more inclusive governance model.

Connected Coast is a high speed fibre internet project that will connect remote areas of the BC Coast. The Board approved a letter of support to secure necessary permits for the Southern Gulf Islands.

CAO Bob Lapham gave a quarterly progress report. Link:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=21087&GUID=C656144E-6526-4EC1-BAFC-271B22A3867F>

Wed. Jan. 20th, 2021 Planning and Protective Services Committee

The Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee was split into two as Transportation was given its own service mandate. Planning and Protective Services approved the 2021 Terms of Reference approved by the CRD Board on Jan 13th.

The Committee reviewed concerns around deer management. There was a wide difference of opinion between the urban and rural areas of the Capital Region of what constituted a deer problem. Oak Bay Mayor Kevin Murdoch indicated that the results of their birth control efforts have yet to be fully calculated. The PPSC opted to maintain the status quo and recommended to the Board that the scope of work of deer management be delivered within the existing service mandate.

Wed. Jan. 20th, 2021 Environmental Services Committee

The Environmental Services Committee approved the 2021 Terms of Reference. Terms of Reference were also approved for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee with an amendment to add a technical expert on solid waste.

The ESC recommended that staff continue to work on the Solid Waste Management Plan and report back as soon as possible on potential measures that can be taken to more aggressively pursue waste reduction targets.

Public feedback on the draft Solid Waste Management Plan will be accepted by the CRD until Feb 15th. CRD link:

<https://surveys.crd.bc.ca/surveys/draft-solid-waste-management-plan-feedback>

CRD staff will be attending a Committee of the Whole Meeting on Monday, February 8th to present information to Council on the draft SWMP.

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. BYLAWS

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1

Report – Municipal Planner, January 13, 2021 (DVP-04-20)

RE: APPLICATION DVP-04-20 – 3220 EAGLES LAKE ROAD

MOTION: 13-2021

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton

That Council direct staff to issue notification to the consideration of application DVP-04-20 at a future Council Meeting.

CARRIED

10.2

Report – Municipal Planner, January 21, 2021 (DVP-05-20)

RE: DEVELOPMENT PERMIT WITH VARIANCE – 4710 TALON RIDGE

MOTION: 14-2021

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton

That Council issue DVP-05-20.

CARRIED

10.3

Report – Chief Administrative Officer, January 18, 2021 (1700.25)

RE: FINANCIAL PLAN REVIEW SCHEDULE

MOTION: 15-2021

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird

That Council approve the Financial Plan Review Process Schedule and direct staff to give notice to District Committees and the public to enable public participation and consultation.

CARRIED

11. IN CAMERA

12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA RESOLUTIONS

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 16-2021

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton
That the Council meeting of January 25, 2021 adjourn at 7:29 pm.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

Adopted February 1, 2021