



DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF ELECTRONIC COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM &
IN PERSON AT COMMUNITY HALL, 729 FINLAYSON ARM ROAD

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:

Corporate Officer Melisa Miles
Administrative Assistant Liz Condon

Public Observation: 1

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 29-2022

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

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1

Special Council – January 24, 2022

MOTION: 30-2022

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That the minutes of the January 24, 2022 Special Council meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3.2

Council – January 24, 2022

MOTION: 31-2022

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton
That the minutes of the January 24, 2022 Regular Council meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3.3

Special Council – January 27, 2022

MOTION: 32-2022

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That the minutes of the January 27, 2022 Special Council meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3.4

West Shore Parks and Recreation Society – December 9, 2021

MOTION: 33-2022

Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Stanton
That the minutes of the December 9, 2021 West Shore Parks and Recreation Society meeting be received.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

Councillor Leslie Anderson
Heritage Select Committee, South Highlands Local Area Plan Task Force, West Shore Parks and Recreation Society and Western Communities Policing Advisory Committee

Councillor Ann Baird
CRD Climate Action Committee and CRD Housing Trust Fund Commission

Councillor Gord Baird
CRD Regional Water Supply Commission and CRD JDF Water Distribution Commission, and Sustainable Land Use Select Committee

Councillor Marcie McLean
Coexisting with Carnivores Alliance and Greater Victoria Family Court Youth Justice Committee

Councillor Karel Roessingh
Capital Region Emergency Services Telecommunications (CREST), CRD Arts and Greater Victoria Public Library Board

CRD Arts Commission

The Commission adopted recommendations from an excellent and detailed report on equity, diversity and inclusion from staff and a task force of the CRD Arts Advisory Committee. The report recommended a 5 phase implementation framework, the first 4 of which will be implemented this year. Phase 1, to be carried out in spring of 2022, provides for an EDI lens on Projects, IDEA, Equity and Incubator grant programs. Phase 2 broadens the lens to include the Operating grant program. In the fall of 2022, the EDI lens will be included in budget planning, process and outreach. In Phase 4, Phase 1 will be evaluated for its impact on grants, scheduled for the winter of 2022, and Phase 5, in the spring of 2023, will integrate EDI planning into the new strategic plan.

Operating grants were awarded to all 31 applicants, with 13 whose applications merited an increase in funding (a common theme for higher requests were increased rent expenses and inflation), and the remaining 18 given a level of funding equal to the previous year.

Greater Victoria Public Library Board (GVPL)

Library branch hours have been adjusted for February due to staffing issues related to Covid19. Memo to the board from CEO Maureen Sawa regarding operating hours:

GVPL will continue with the adjusted library service hours schedule that is currently in place through to Sunday, February 27. The Bruce Hutchison, Central Saanich, Emily Carr, Goudy, Langford Heritage, and James Bay Branches will be open from 12 pm until 5 pm. Central, Saanich Centennial, Nellie McClung, Oak Bay and Juan de Fuca Branches will operate with a full schedule. Library service continues to be available on Sundays at the Central Branch from 1 to 5 pm.

This proactive measure will ensure continuity of reliable service and maintains an operating schedule the public can depend on. It also will

provide us with more latitude and flexibility to reassign staff within the system, as required, to keep locations open. We are currently in the process of recruiting new staff and anticipate that we will be able to return to regular operating hours at all branches in March.

Councillor Rose Stanton
Emergency Planning, Social Sustainability Select Committee, and Inter-Municipal Advisory Committee on Disability Issues

Mayor Williams

Attended CRD First Nations Committee meeting as well as a Mayors meeting via teleconference regarding strategic plans from each Mayor.

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
8. CORRESPONDENCE
9. BYLAWS
10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1

Report, Corporate Officer, February 1, 2022 (7960.05)

RE: GREATER VICTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY (GVPL) 2022 BUDGET AND FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

MOTION: 34-2022

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That the Greater Victoria Public Library 2022 Budget and 2022 – 2026 Five Year Financial Plan be approved.

CARRIED

10.2

Report, Corporate Officer, January 31, 2022 (7710.02)

RE: WEST SHORE PARKS AND RECREATION 2022 BUDGET AND REQUISITION REQUEST

MOTION: 35-2022

Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Roessingh
That Council approve the 2022 West Shore Parks and Recreation Budget.

CARRIED

With Councillors' Ann Baird and Gord Baird Opposed

10.3

Report, Corporate Officer, January 31, 2022 (0400.32)

RE: MUNICIPAL NOTICE – TAXI APPLICATIONS

MOTION: 36-2022

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That Council direct staff to have a letter sent to the Bluebird Cabs requesting that they consider better accessibility to their fleet within the District of Highlands.

CARRIED

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor McLean introduced the following two Notices of Motion:

1. "That Highlands Council direct staff in respect to the District's Bylaw No. 300 (A By-law to Regulate Roads & Traffic within the District of Highlands- Section 5.13), to strengthen the existing No Parking signage to include Tow Away information for the No Parking signage(s) on Millstream Rd specifically in the areas of the panhandle access trail head into Gowlland Todd Park."
2. "That Council direct the District of Highland's Fire Chief to provide high level information with a brief overview or information regarding the usual hours of the Highlands Volunteer Fire Fighters for responding and participating in:

*training/practice nights (Thursdays)and, for example: numbers of usual participants and the usual number of hours for practice nights until they are usually going home and, the current stipend per practice night,

*call outs: First Responders and, Fires (including calls outs that may go beyond 2 hours in attendance) and, the current stipend per call out,

* fuel reimbursement (if any) for the above within Highlands municipal boundaries. Is this currently being compensated by the District for the Firefighters?

And, further that the requested information provided from the Fire Chief be forwarded to Council's 2022 Budget discussions."

12. IN CAMERA

13. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA RESOLUTIONS

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 37-2022

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Ann Baird
That the Regular Council meeting of February 7, 2022 adjourn at 7:56 pm.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER