

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Ken Williams

Councillor Ann Baird

Councillor Gord Baird

Councillor Marcie McLean

Councillor Karel Roessingh

Councillor Rose Stanton

**ABSENT:**

Councillor Leslie Anderson

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Administrative Officer Lorraine Hilton

Corporate Officer Tina Neurauter

Public in Attendance 4

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**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION: 035-2020

*Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor McLean*  
That the agenda be approved as amended: ADD: under section  
2. Petitions and Delegations – Scott Richardson and Bob  
McMinn. CARRIED

**2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

2.1

Grant Brown – West Shore Parks and Recreation

**RE: STAFF REPORT AND PRESENTATION - 2020 BUDGET & REQUISITION REQUEST**

Mr. Brown, Chief Administrative Officer was in attendance and reviewed with Council the proposed 2020 Budget and Requisition Request.

MOTION: 036-2020

*Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton*

That Council approve the West Shore Parks and Recreation Society 2020 Budget and requisition. CARRIED

Mr. Scott Richardson, Highlands resident and Chair of the HDCA addressed Council regarding the HDCA's correspondence from November 9, 2019 to the Capital Regional District regarding their concerns of the Millstream Meadows site with respect to the OK Industries Mine's Act Permit, reporting that the issue will be on the CRD's Parks and Environment Committees agenda, February 19, 2020.

Mr. Richardson then reminded Council that no information had come forward from the province in regard to OK Industries Mine's Permit Application since Spring of 2019. Mr. Richardson stated that it was HDCA's desire to have Council put in a third FOI request to the province seeking any new information which the province may have received following the last FOI request from the District in April 2019.

MOTION: 037-2020

*Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird*  
That staff submit an FOI request to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources for any additional information submitted since the last request. CARRIED

Mr. Bob McMinn addressed Council with regard to item 8.1 on Council's agenda. In addition to the request under item 8.1 with regard to additional bulletin boards being installed, Mr. McMinn would also like to install information boards at each bulletin board location for a quick reference to the public on community activities.

### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1

Council Minutes – February 3, 2020

MOTION: 038-2020

*Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor McLean*  
That the Council minutes of February 3, 2020 be adopted. CARRIED

3.2

Heritage Select Committee – January 23, 2020

MOTION: 039-2020

*Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor McLean*  
That the minutes of the Heritage Select Committee, January 23, 2020 be received. CARRIED

### 4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

**Councillor Leslie Anderson**  
Heritage Select Committee and Western Communities Policy Advisory Committee

**Councillor Ann Baird**  
Capital Regional District Climate Action Committee and CRD Housing Trust Fund Commission

**Councillor Gord Baird**  
Capital Region Invasive Species Partnership, CRD Regional Water Commission & CRD JDF Water Distribution Commission

**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**

CREST has been attempting to find new sites for communication towers for better coverage in the Highlands. After discussions with Chief Ford and contact with several residents who own potential sites, tests and computer simulations were done, zoning, size, and location were determined, and an agreement was made with Barry Duch to host a CREST tower. It will be built on his property this spring.

The new digital system has been rolled out on the peninsula and core with great success, and will continue to be established on the West Shore this year. Though Highlands will continue to use the old VHF system because it is more effective in rural areas, CREST is expecting better performance due to increased coverage and new and improved radios being installed this week in fire halls and trucks. Portables that can switch from one system to the other are expected to arrive in the next two weeks so that by the end of February, according to Chief Ford "we expect we will be able to see the benefits of the new radios and hopefully by the end of March we will see the expected increase in coverage from the new tower ", and "hopefully will have use of the

radios down Millstream Lake/Ross Durrance for the first time ever."

### Councillor Rose Stanton

Emergency Planning and Social Sustainability Select Committee

### Mayor Williams

#### **February 5, 2020 - CRD Hospitals and Housing Committee**

We received the Hospitals and Housing Standing Committee Terms of Reference.... link here:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=18382&GUID=0E362759-4A58-4E71-80B4-06A30CCE9255>

We also approved the Tenant Advisory Committee Terms of Reference....link <https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=18383&GUID=1FFCA201-8829-42DA-913A-B265E57752A7>

#### **Tuesday, February 11, 2020 - 2 PM Throne Speech**

Due to the protests, I was unable to attend in person, however, I offer these quotes:

*Today, when British Columbians check their mail, they are relieved to no longer receive an MSP bill, because government has eliminated this tax. "Starting in October, they can expect a new piece of mail, with a Child Opportunity Benefit for families that need it most. And when they review their bank statement, many families have more money left at the end of the month than they did three years ago." The speech says B.C.'s population is forecast to increase by one million people over the next decade, requiring improvements to the province's transportation infrastructure. "Government's partnerships with local governments means that work is already underway on a long-term vision for transit and transportation in the Lower Mainland," it says. "British Columbians can look forward to more options like rapid transit, HOV lanes and commuter rail out to the Fraser Valley, and high-speed connections with our neighbours to the south. "The speech says reconciliation efforts with B.C.'s Indigenous Peoples led to the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Austin delivered the speech as protesters supporting Indigenous opponents of the Coastal GasLink pipeline project in northern B.C. chanted anti-government slogans outside the legislature.*

#### **Wednesday, February 12, 2020 - 1:00 PM Capital Regional Hospital District Board**

The Hospital Board approved increasing the Broadmead Care Society budget from 1 million to 1.36 million. This will improve the number of beds and living conditions in Nigel House and help those with mental health issues.

The Hospital Board also approved adjustments to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Regional Hospital Districts and Island Health regarding capital projects and information management.

#### **Wednesday, February 12, 2020 - 1:20 PM Capital Regional District Board**

The board heard 18 delegations on the two main topics of discussion, the spreading of biosolids at Hartland and the review of the land acquisition strategy. First the biosolids. The cement kiln located near Vancouver that is contracted to take the Class A biosolids from Hartland will have yearly month long shut downs. This means the CRD is required by the province to have a contingency plan. The plan staff recommended to the board is to stockpile the biosolids at Hartland. This material is dry, dusty and if handled incorrectly potentially explosive. The late Saanich Councillor Vic Derman and I fought for years to start a pilot project to gasify this material into bio char, which in our opinion, was by far the safest and most cost effective way of dealing with a material that contains more than 350 pollutants and is banned as a use of fertilizer in many countries as it is linked to severe health problems.

Unfortunately the province mandates the so called "beneficial use of biosolids" and thus without a motion to store it at Hartland, funding in the amount of 120 million dollars would be terminated. The more rural municipalities that rely on wells, howled in protest, but alas, the weighted vote of the board passed what hopefully is only a temporary measure. Highlands, Metchosin and the JDF did manage to create an amendment to expedite a long term solution to this

problem. Hopefully we can get a pilot project to gasify this waste within the next year.

The very successful CRD land acquisition strategy is no longer current and will be coming back to the board for review in March. Saanich has requested that the mandate should be expanded to include urban parks of regional interest. One such potential park is the Kings Nature Space near the Jubilee Hospital. Everyone on the board feels this land should be preserved as a park, but there is reluctance to use the land acquisition fund because urban parks are clearly not a part of the mandate and there is concern the fund could be drained. A motion to look for other creative options was passed.

## 5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

## 6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1

Letter – Highlands District Community Association (HDCA)  
**RE: BULLETIN (NOTICE BOARDS)**

MOTION: 040-2020

*Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh*  
That the correspondence from the HDCA regarding notice boards and the information provided by Mr. McMinn under Petitions and Delegations be forwarded to the 2020 budget. CARRIED

8.2

Letter – Village of Canal Flats  
**RE: POSTAL BANKING AT CANADA POST**

MOTION: 041-2020

*Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh*  
That the correspondence from the Village of Canal Flats regarding Postal Banking be received. CARRIED

8.3

Letter – City of Victoria  
**RE: HARTLAND LANDFILL TIPPING FEES**

MOTION: 042-2020

*Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh*  
That the correspondence from the City of Victoria regarding tipping fees at Hartland Landfill be received. CARRIED

8.4

Letter – Town of View Royal  
**RE: CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT REGIONAL PARKS LAND ACQUISITION FUND**

MOTION: 043-2020

*Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor McLean*  
That Council supports the motion put forward to the Capital Regional District Board by the Town of View Royal regarding potential changes to the current regional parks criteria for acquisition of parkland. CARRIED

8.5

Letter – Town of View Royal

**RE: EMERGENCY SHELTER/WARMING CENTRE FOR THE WEST SHORE**

MOTION: 044-2020

*Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor McLean*

That the correspondence from the Town of View Royal regarding an Emergency Shelter/Warming Centre for the West Shore be received.

MOTION: 045-2020

*Moved Councillor Stanton, Seconded Councillor Roessingh*

That the motion be amended to include “and That Council contact the Town of View Royal and indicate its interest in a joint meeting”.

Question was called on the Amendment.

CARRIED

Question was then called on the main motion as Amended.

CARRIED

**9. BYLAWS****10. NEW BUSINESS**

10.1

Report – Corporate Officer

**RE: DR. WALKER CYCLING AND BROAD STREET CYCLES – RACE EVENTS** (8100.20)

MOTION: 046-2020

*Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton*

That the occupancy of roadways as listed below:

Saturday, April 4, 2020 – 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Wednesday, April 29, 2020 – 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 – 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Wednesday, June 3, 2020 – 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

for the purposes of holding cycling races, be approved subject to the Event Organizer entering into a public property occupancy agreement in which it will among other standard requirements:

- a) Release and indemnify the District from any claims or liability associated with the event and provide evidence of public liability insurance in the amount of not less than \$5,000,000;
- b) Agree to pay all invoices from the District for any possible costs incurred in connection with the event; and
- c) Agree to give sufficient notice to all residents along the proposed route as described in the public property occupancy agreement.

With the Corporate Officer being authorized to execute such agreement on behalf of the District of Highlands.

- 10.2 Report – Corporate Officer  
**RE: COMMUNITY HALL RENTAL WAIVER - HPRA (7900.03)**  
 MOTION: 047-2020 *Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton*  
 That Council approve the rental waiver for a three hour rental by the Highland Parks and Recreation Association for a community workshop on March 21, 2020 with all fees being waived.  
 CARRIED

- 10.3 Report – Corporate Officer  
**RE: GEMSTONE PICTURES INC. – PUBLIC PROPERTY OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT**  
 MOTION: 048-2020 *Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh*  
 That the occupancy of Millstream and Caleb Pike roadways as listed below:  
 Wednesday, February 19, 2020 – 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
 Thursday, February 20, 2020 – 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM  
 Friday, February 21, 2020 – 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
 for the purposes of filming “Ruby”, be approved subject to Gemstone Pictures Inc. entering into a public property occupancy agreement in which it will among other standard requirements:
- a) Release and indemnify the District from any claims or liability associated with the event and provide evidence of public liability insurance in the amount of not less than \$5,000,000;
  - b) Agree to pay all invoices from the District for any possible costs incurred in connection with the event; and
  - c) Agree to give sufficient notice to all residents along the proposed route as described in the public property occupancy agreement.
- With the Corporate Officer being authorized to execute such agreement on behalf of the District of Highlands.

CARRIED

**11. IN CAMERA**

MOTION: 049-2020

*Moved Councillor G. Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh*  
 That Council move In Camera at 8:06 PM to discuss items specific to the Community Charter, specifically s.90 (1) (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

CARRIED

**Council reconvened from In Camera at 8:50 PM**

**12. RISE AND REPORT**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: 050-2020

*Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Stanton*  
That the Council meeting of February 18, 2020 adjourn at 8:50 PM.

CARRIED

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MAYOR

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CORPORATE OFFICER

ADOPTED - March 2, 2020