
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Administrative Officer Lorraine Hilton	Public Observation 1
Corporate Officer Tina Neurauter	
Fire Chief Dean Ford	
Municipal Planner Laura Beckett	

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 083-2020

Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor McLean
That the agenda be approved as amended: Add Item 6.1 -
SLUSC Brochure – Dead and Dying Trees.

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1

Council Minutes – March 16, 2020

MOTION: 084-2020

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor A. Baird
That the Council minutes of March 16, 2020 be adopted as
amended: Motion: 074-2020 show Councillor Stanton as
Opposed (remove Councillor Anderson).

CARRIED

3.2

Heritage Select Committee – March 11, 2020

MOTION: 085-2020

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Ann Baird
That the minutes of the Heritage Select Committee of March 11,
2020 be received.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Councillor Leslie Anderson
Heritage Select Committee and Western Communities Policing Advisory
Committee

Councillor Ann Baird
CRD 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

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

Councillor Rose Stanton

Emergency Planning and Social Sustainability Select Committee

Mayor Williams

On behalf of council, I wish to offer my sincere gratitude and support of our staff and health care workers in the region for a superb response to the global respiratory virus pandemic. There has been excellent communication with all levels of government as we work together to solve problems in these unprecedented times. I have spoken with many of my colleagues across the region and province and we all acknowledge that unity is the best way forward. The restrictions have been harsh and the sacrifice by the country has been huge but I know we will get through this together.

Wed. March 18, 2020 - CRD Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee

The committee recommended to the Capital Regional District Board that the Langford Regional Context Statement be considered in relation to the 2018 Regional Growth Strategy. We also recommended the Board Chair write a letter to the Premier, Minister of Transportation, Leader of the Official Opposition, MLAs and the Victoria Transit Commission requesting new investments to increase transit services in the Capital Region.

Wed. March 18, 2020 - CRD Hospital Board and Regional Board Meeting

The 2020 Annual Budget bylaws were passed. The Financial Plan incorporates the delivery of work and execution of priorities and initiatives that were identified in the CRD's four year planning cycle and as part of the strategic and corporate plans. Approval of the Financial Plan enables the organization to effectively deploy resources needed to maintain core service delivery and advance capital projects required to support development and population growth across the region.

Hospital Link:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=18795&GUID=CA25471A-E6A9-4451-A01C-323F251820EA>

Board Link:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=18796&GUID=BD815759-4445-406B-A9FD-D8820BE50F93>

Mon. March 23, 2020 - BC Parks conference call

Vancouver Island Regional Parks Director Andy MacDonald informed me that Ranger presence in Gowlland Todd Park would be beefed up and on the lookout for proper social distancing. There will also be an educational and instructional component for visitors this weekend at the Caleb Pike Entrance.

Thurs. March 26, 2020 - conference call

Ministers Robinson and Farnworth hosted a teleconference with BC Mayors and Regional Chairs regarding the state of emergency. Declaring a state of emergency is an important measure to support our Provincial Health Officer and Minister of Health in swift and powerful response to the COVID-19 pandemic," Farnworth said. "We are working with partners across government and industry to co-ordinate emergency response efforts, and we won't hesitate to use the tools available to us to keep people safe."

Thurs. April 2, 2020 - conference call

Minister Selina Robinson conducted her now weekly teleconference with island Mayors and Regional Chairs. She specifically asked for any questions or concerns from the many communities represented. There were many questions concerning parks, campsites, social distancing, public hearings and front line health workers. She said decisions are being made daily by the Public Health Officer on a case by case basis. She encouraged people to stay put and stay home. Another common theme was a request for deferment of property taxes and relief for businesses. She said the province was still

working on these items but already had committed 5 billion dollars in tax support. She acknowledged the budget challenges are enormous.

The Mayor also updated Council members on a report received from a BC Parks Ranger regarding the current situation on BC Parks and CRD Trails

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

6.1

RE: SUSTAINABLE LAND USE SELECT COMMITTEE BROCHURE – WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH DEAD AND DYING TREES?

MOTION: 086-2020

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That the brochure from SLUSC entitled “What can be done with dead and dying trees?” be posted on the Highlands website and included in the annual tax notice mail out.

MOTION: 087-2020

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton
That the motion be amended to include after the word “trees?” - “be reviewed by staff and then”

MOTION: 088-2020

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That the motion be amended to change the name of the brochure to “What to do with dead and dying trees on your property”.

Question was then called the second Amendment. CARRIED
Question was then called on the first Amendment. CARRIED
Question was then called on the main motion as amended:

That the brochure from SLUSC entitled “What can be done with dead and dying trees on my property” be reviewed by staff and then posted on the Highlands website and included in the annual tax notice mail out. CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1

Report – Chief Administrative Officer, April 3, 2020

RE: 2020 BUDGET AND 2020-2024 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

MOTION: 089-2020

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Ann Baird
That the pergola at the community hall be delayed and the \$15,000 in funding (originally for pergola) be provided to the Highland Parks and Recreation Association for the community garden as per their request on the Agenda under item 8.1.

MOTION: 090-2020

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Ann Baird
That the motion be amended by changing the funding amount to \$10,000.

MOTION: 091-2020

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That the motion be amended by including the following statement “to be applied to electric fencing and solar panels”.

Question was then called the second Amendment. CARRIED
 Question was then called on the first Amendment. CARRIED
 Question was then called on the main motion as amended.
 UNANIMOUSLY DEFEATED

MOTION: 092-2020

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Ann Baird
 That funding of \$10,000 from capital reserves for the Highland Parks and Recreation Association, to be used for electric fencing and solar panels for the community garden as per their request under item 8.1., be included in the Five Year Financial Plan.

CARRIED

MOTION: 093-2020

OPPOSED: Councillor Stanton

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Roessingh
 That staff be directed to bring forward a Financial Plan Bylaw and Tax Rates Bylaw to the May 4, 2020 Council meeting based on the current tax policy and current draft budget attached to the report from the Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED

7.2

Report – Municipal Planner, March 30, 2020

RE: PHASE 2 TERMS OF REFERENCE – SOUTH HIGHLANDS LOCAL AREA PLAN

MOTION: 094-2020

Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Roessingh
 That Council approve the Terms of Reference for Phase 2 of the South Highlands Local Area Plan as shown in the document attached to the report from the Municipal Planner.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1

Correspondence – Highland Parks and Recreation Association, March 17, 2020

RE: FUNDING REQUEST

MOTION: 095-2020

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor McLean
 That the correspondence from the Highland Parks and Recreation Association dated March 17, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

8.2

Correspondence – Victoria Regional Transit Commission, March 30, 2020

RE: COVID-19 UPDATE

MOTION: 096-2020

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh
 That the correspondence from the Victoria Regional Transit Commission dated March 30, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

8.3

Correspondence – District of Saanich, March 9, 2020

RE: DEAD ANIMAL DISPOSAL SERVICE

MOTION: 097-2020

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton
 That the correspondence from the District of Saanich dated March 9, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

- 9.1 Correspondence - Capital Regional District , March 13, 2020
RE: BYLAW 4328 – RGS AMENDMENT REFERRAL FOR MUNICIPAL ACCEPTANCE
- MOTION: 098-2020 *Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Roessingh*
That Council accept, as per section 436 of the Local Government Act, Bylaw No. 4328, Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2019.
CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

- 10.1 Report – Corporate Officer, March 30, 2020
RE: WEST SHORE PARKS AND RECREATION – AMENDED 2020 BUDGET
- MOTION: 099-2020 *Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton*
That Council approve the amended WSPR 2020 budget as presented by the Administrator in his March 4, 2020 staff report.
CARRIED
- 10.2 Report – Fire Chief, March 17, 2020
RE: 2020 PURCHASE OF FIRE ENGINE
- MOTION: 100-2020 *Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird*
That Council approve the ordering of the fire engine from Fort Garry Fire Trucks Ltd. Prior to April 15, 2020 and authorize staff to make a \$252,000 down payment to Fort Garry Fire Trucks Ltd (expected cost \$646, 306 including pst, excluding gst).
CARRIED
- 11. IN CAMERA**
- MOTION: 101-2020 *Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Anderson*
That Council move In Camera at 8:40 PM to discuss items specific to the Community Charter, specifically s.90 (1) (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.
CARRIED

Council reconvened from In Camera at 8:46 PM

12. RISE AND REPORT**13. ADJOURNMENT**

- MOTION: 102-2020 *Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird*
That the Council meeting of April 6, 2020 adjourn at 8:47 PM.
CARRIED