



DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022 @ 7:15 PM
COMMUNITY HALL, 729 FINLAYSON ARM ROAD

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ken Williams
Councillor Leslie Anderson
Councillor Ann Baird (attended electronically)
Councillor Gord Baird
Councillor Marcie McLean (attended electronically)
Councillor Karel Roessingh (attended electronically)
Councillor Rose Stanton

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Administrative Officer Lorraine Hilton
Corporate Officer Melisa Miles
Municipal Planner Laura Beckett

Public Observation: 3

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 126-2022

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

CARRIED

Mayor Williams recessed the meeting at 7:15 pm
Mayor Williams reconvened the meeting at 7:25 pm

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1

Council – April 19, 2022

MOTION: 127-2022

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That the minutes of the April 19, 2022 Regular Council meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3.2

Council – May 2, 2022

MOTION: 128-2022

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton
That the minutes of the May 2, 2022 Regular Council meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3.3

Special Council – May 9, 2022

MOTION: 129-2022

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That the minutes of the May 9, 2022 Special Council meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3.4

Special Council – May 9, 2022

MOTION: 130-2022

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton
That the minutes of the May 9, 2022 Special Council meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3.5

Heritage Select Committee – March 16, 2022

MOTION: 131-2022

Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That the minutes of the March 16, 2022 Heritage Select Committee 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

South Highlands Local Area Plan

The SHLAP Task Force met on Tuesday, May 10 for their final meeting. The group reviewed a first, high-level draft of the LAP prepared by the project team that identified principles and policy directions based on all input to date, including recent direction from Council. There were differences of opinion concerning the merit and feasibility of the proposed land uses for several areas. The project team collected input from participants about what might be done to increase the level of acceptance of the plan and will aim to incorporate feedback where possible. Next steps are for the project team to draft a full version of the LAP.

The Task Force members contributed significant time and energy to this process and the ideas and comments they have shared are a valuable part of the process. I am very appreciative of their contributions.

West Shore Parks and Recreation Society

The Finance Committee of the Board and the Board met on May 12. WSP&R is beginning to rebound in terms of programming and revenue, and first quarter financial results show they are on track for a balanced budget.

Many more summer camps and activities will be offered this year compared to last, and fitness, wellness and recreation programming are highly subscribed.

The contract for the design and construction of the skatepark has been awarded; formal announcement is pending availability of the funding partner

Significant interest has been expressed by representatives from the pickleball community in exploring options to provide space for their sport. Staff and the Board will be looking into this topic in the near future.

The Seniors Centre is no longer being used by VIHA as a Covid testing site, and the facility is transitioning back to its former uses.

A formal asset management program has been under development for several months and is expected to be presented to the Board and owner's representatives in June.

The "call for artists" was successful in bringing forward 20 submissions from both established and emerging artists. Announcements concerning the successful artists will be made once the artworks are installed in the new childcare space (this is expected to occur on or before the WSP&R AGM in June)

WSP&R will again be supporting National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21), which will include in-person activities, displays and children's activities this year.

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
and Youth Justice Committee

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

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

Mayor Williams

Wed. May 4th, 2022 CRD Finance Committee

The Finance Committee recommended that the CRD Board approve the Capital Regional District 2021 Audit Findings Report & Statement of Financial Information.

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=31116&GUID=6DE13825-00FD-4E5E-91EE-5341A9C78A9C>

Here is an interesting report on the recent Federal Budget highlights, see Appendix A:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=31122&GUID=DE330BAD-1F39-4A91-A92B-D41A3E664FA8>

Tues. May 10th, 2022 Mayor's Meeting

The Mayors held a virtual meeting with Dr. Stefan Fletcher, the CEO of Rebalance MD in Uptown Mall, and listened to his plan to expedite permits to expand their medical campus to accommodate an increased number of physicians and improve the patient care experience. The family doctor crisis in BC has gone on far too long and it was refreshing to hear solutions from Dr. Fletcher whose clinic has substantially reduced wait times for musculoskeletal care.

<https://rebalancemd.com/about/>

Wed. May 11th, CRD Committee of the Whole

The CRD Board held an official check-in of the progress of the current strategic plan. The priorities are built around the four pillars of Community Well Being; Climate Action and Environmental Stewardship; First Nation Stewardship; and Advocacy, Governance and Accountability. Board members were complimentary of the work that has been done, especially the success of the CRHC with 1893 housing units, 206 under construction and 620 more in preconstruction.

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=31158&GUID=87DD1BF2-7334-4E06-814F-2F9D881FF422>

Wed. May 11th, Capital Region Housing Corporation Board

The CRD Board approved the Capital Region Housing Corporation 2021 Audit Findings Report and Audited Financial Statements.

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=31125&GUID=0C69E5CA-7C68-4517-9461-D7A7CADD0028>

Wed. May 11th, Capital Region Housing Corporation Board

The CRD Board approved the Capital Regional Hospital District 2021 Audit Findings Report and Audited Financial Statements

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=31126&GUID=7BFF8883-F36B-4C85-9B28-B110F1EAD1E2>

Wed. May 11th, CRD Board

A large consent agenda of mostly house keeping items was passed including the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole that the 2023-2027 the Capital Regional District Board Orientation and Strategic Planning process and timeline be endorsed.

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=31155&GUID=03045279-F370-4BD7-B614-775508BF2A78>

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1

Committee of the Whole – May 9, 2022

RE: MOUNT WORK REGIONAL PARK DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN
(5810.01)

MOTION: 132-2022

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Stanton

That staff be directed to provide a summary of the discussion points, comments, and correspondence received at the May 9, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting to the Capital Regional District in response to the Mount Work Regional Park Draft Management Plan.

MOTION: 133-2022

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton

That the motion be amended by rewording as follows: “That staff be directed to provide a summary of the discussion points, comments, and correspondence received at the May 9, 2022 Highlands Committee of the Whole meeting to the Capital Regional District staff in response to the Mount Work Regional Park Draft Management Plan; and advise that Council cannot support the plan at this juncture.”

DEFEATED

With Councillors’ Anderson, Ann Baird, Gord Baird, Roessingh, Stanton, and Mayor Williams voting opposed

MOTION: 134-2022

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Anderson

That the motion be amended by adding “And advise that Council is only able to provide low level support of the draft plan as it currently stands.” to the end of the motion.

CARRIED

Voting resumed on the main motion as amended

MOTION: 135-2022 *Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Stanton*
That staff be directed to provide a summary of the discussion points, comments, and correspondence received at the May 9, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting to the Capital Regional District in response to the Mount Work Regional Park Draft Management Plan; and advise that Council is only able to provide low level support of the draft plan as it currently stands.

CARRIED

MOTION: 136-2022 *Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Ann Baird*
That staff be directed to bring the draft letter of response regarding the Mount Work Regional Park Draft Management Plan back to Council prior to it being sent to the Capital Regional District.

CARRIED

6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Report, Municipal Planner, May 11, 2022 (DVP-03-21)
RE: DEVELOPMENT PERMIT WITH VARIANCE DVP-03-21 – 1720 MARY PLACE

MOTION: 137-2022 *Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Stanton*
That Council issue DVP-03-21.

CARRIED

With Councillors' Ann Baird and McLean voting opposed

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Correspondence, West Coast Environmental Law, April 25, 2022
(0110.20)
RE: ADVOCACY FOR LEGISLATION TO PROTECT BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM HEALTH

MOTION: 138-2022 *Moved Councillor Stanton, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird*
That Council approve the request to complete the letter of advocacy as per the Draft Notice of Motion and Advocacy Resolution attached to the April 25, 2022 letter received from West Coast Environmental Law in relation to the matter.

CARRIED

8.2 Correspondence, M. Palenczny, May 11, 2022 (0400.05)
RE: MOUNT WORK REGIONAL PARK DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

MOTION: 139-2022 *Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird*
That Council authorize staff to utilize the May 11, 2022 letter received from M. Palenczny when drafting the Mount Work Regional Park Draft Management Plan response letter to the Capital Regional District.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1

Report, Chief Administrative Officer, May 11, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

RE: 2022 CULVERT REPLACEMENT CAPITAL PROGRAM – DIRECT CONTRACT AWARD

MOTION: 140-2022

Moved Councillor Stanton, Seconded Councillor Roessingh
That a direct award contract with Global Pro Systems Inc. for 2022 culvert replacements in the amount of \$152,641 plus tax be approved.

CARRIED

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

12. MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA

13. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA RESOLUTIONS

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 141-2022

Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Stanton
That the Regular Council meeting of May 16, 2022 adjourn at 8:26 pm.
CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

Adopted 5/16/2022

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