



**DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019 @ 7:00 PM
SCHOOL HOUSE, 1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ken Williams

Councillor Leslie Anderson

Councillor Ann Baird

Councillor Gord Baird

Councillor Marcie McLean

Councillor Rose Stanton

ABSENT

Councillor Karel Roessingh

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Administrative Officer Lorraine Hilton

Corporate Officer Tina Neurauter

Planner Laura Beckett

Fire Chief Dean Ford

Public in Attendance 4

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 167-2019

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Ann Baird

That the agenda be approved as amended: Add under Section 2 – Petitions and Delegations: Allan Roger. CARRIED

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Allan Roger, Chair Sustainability Land Use Committee commented on the committees desire to see a task force created to assist with the South Highlands Local Area Plan.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1/3.2/3.3

SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 5, 2019

COUNCIL – MAY 6, 2019

SPECIAL COUNCIL – MAY 13, 2019

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Ann Baird

That the above minutes be adopted (Special Council April 5 and May 13, 2019 and Council May 6, 2019). CARRIED

MOTION: 168-2019

3.4

MOTION: 169-2019

SUSTAINABLE LAND USE SELECT COMMITTEE – MAY 15, 2019

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Anderson

That the May 15, 2019 Sustainable Land Use Select Committee minutes be received. CARRIED

3.5

MOTION: 170-2019

WEST SHORE PARKS AND RECREATION – APRIL 11, 2019

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird

That the April 11, 2019 West Shore Parks and Recreation minutes 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

CRD RWS -

Water Tours - Get to Know your H2O from Source to Tap - 5 hour tours of the CRD Watershed - Free. Register for one of the following dates at www.crd.bc.ca/about/events

Dates: June 6, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23 and July 4, 5, 6

Fisheries Water Release Program covers water release to various rivers for maintaining ecology and fish stocks. From this, the CRD will be updating its water licenses, and has planned to renew the agreement with the T'Sou-ke Nation. In short, the modelled projections over the next 20 years of precipitation, stream flows, hatchery needs and population growth demonstrate that the Watershed is able to meet all the needs. In conjunction with this, through close communications with the hatchery programs, the desired water releases are better aligned with natural precipitation patterns.

Leech Watershed Hydrology Monitoring Plan - this plan has been developed since 2017 and was endorsed by the commission. It covers the required data capture and monitoring that is required over the next two decades to build a historical data base of water quality and quantity. It will likely take 20 years to gather enough data to be statistically valid, and thus meet the criteria set out by the province.

Monitoring will cover:

- water supply and water quality calculations for water yields, concentrations and loadings,
- seasonal and event-based forecasts for stream flows, water supply and water quality,
- hydrological modelling, including calibration and model verification
- sediment and nutrient budgets,
- frequency and magnitude of flood and low flow conditions,
- temperature and precipitation conditions including evaporation and interception loss,
- climate change monitoring,
- water licensing data requirements,
- environmental flow needs assessments, required to support aquatic ecology (fisheries releases)
- understanding dam safety from increased flows into the Sooke reservoir

Reports can be found here: [RWSC2019-05-15AgendaPackage \(14,603kb\)](#)

Report in progress is a **Demand Management Plan** that looks at population projections, water use, land use, and agriculture.

Water Advisory Committee has its first meeting May 23rd.

JDF WDC

The Sun River Reservoir civil claim settlement was released. Future water reservoir planning is underway, and we approved the action to draft an agreement between Sunriver Estates and the CRD. We also approved the install of a new bulk-water station on Otter Point road after the potential expansion of water services was determined too expensive for those interested to cover the install costs from Helgeson Rd to Otter Point Industrial Park. Reports found here: [JWDC2019-05-07AgendaPackage \(2,173kb\)](#)

CRISP

Main topic was the discussion of Local governments in the region, jointly enhancing their controls to manage invasive species. We have the opportunity to require specific invasive species management action through the development process. This can include invasive species management requirements for: demolition permits, building permits, the subdivision process, and the rezoning process. Consistent inclusion of invasive species management through the development process can greatly reduce the spread of invasive species.

The suggestion posed by CRISP members (local government staff) was to have local governments enhance existing policies wherein Soil Deposit and Removal permits require the applicant to have a contract between themselves and their contractor that stipulates the contractor is 100% responsible for all remediation costs of invasive species that are evident within 1 year after the soil deposit.

Most recent issue is with Camosun College Interurban campus. In short, any soil deposit should meet the BC Landscape Standard for soils until such a point in time that the Safe Soil Certification program is running, at which time the certification becomes the required standard for all soil deposits.

Invasive Species Toolkit for Local Governments provides exceptionally useful information for local governments around soils, pesticides and noxious weeds. The Forest and Range Practices Act, the Controlled Alien Species Regulation, the Weed Control Act, and Community Charter enable local governments to take action to control 'invasive species of high concern' within their boundaries. Particular interest is the **Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdiction - Environment and Wildlife Regulation (SCJ-EWR)** - which point out area where Local Governments are required to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to polluting or obstructing, or impeding the flow of, a stream, creek, waterway, watercourse, waterworks, ditch, drain or sewer, whether or not it is located on private property. Link to SCJ-EWR is here:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/144_2004

The **Pest Control Act** denotes pesticide-free zones around waterways, domestic water sources and sensitive habitat.

Status of the Safe Soils Certification plan initiated by DOH and taken on by the Provincial Soils and Invasive Species Working Group - Province will begin trials to test the new program as soon as funding is secured. Continued issues with contractors bringing in invasive laden soils (noted above), and private and public land managers being faced with the costs. Contractors have consistently not shared their sources of invasive laden soils, and few land managers have contracts to ensure the contractor is on the hook.

Regional Invasive Species Symposium - Wednesday May 29th, 9:00am - 3:00pm at UVic's David Turpin Building - FREE

The symposium is for Land Managers, Local Government Staff, Elected Officials, and contractors.

Topics to be covered through various sessions include:

- Update/Review of the new CRD Invasive Species Program (exists due to Highlands initiating and spearheading this initiative)
- Disposal
- Update from the Provincial Soils & Invasive Species Working Group
- Geese, and other established invasive species
- Emerging Species
- Role of Local Governments (hosted by Andy MacKinnon and Gord Baird - specifically for Elected Officials)

Fire Ants are on the march - new site in Victoria. Spread by soil movement - landscape supplies movement

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

Community Policing Advisory Committee - As alternate council liaison to the Community Policing Advisory Committee, I attended a meeting on May 15, 2019 at West Shore RCMP detachment. The primary agenda item was scholarship application reviews and awards. The Committee reviewed and evaluated applications from 8 outstanding eligible students and awarded scholarships to each one. One student was awarded the Cst Sarah Beckett Scholarship of \$1,000. Two students were awarded "Full Potential" scholarships of \$1,000 and five students were awarded "Helping Professions" scholarships of \$500.

During the roundtable portion of the meeting, members reported on current issues in their communities. I reported that our fire risk rating had just risen from low to moderate and that the construction delays on Willis Point Road may be reducing the volume of traffic on Ross Durrance and Millstream Lake Roads. I expressed appreciation for the increased police presence on our roads.

Metchosin Councillor Sharie Epp mentioned that Metchosin will be meeting with Emergency Health Services about the impact of last year's 911 protocol changes on response times in their community. She reported that their Fire Departments is not being called out unless the call is a high priority, which has led to people in Metchosin waiting longer for help to arrive. She indicated that Highlands might be able to attend the meeting if we have similar concerns.

Mayor Williams

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 Capital Regional Board/Hospital Board/Housing Meeting

All audit findings were received. These were discussed in my previous Mayor's report for the Finance Committee. The CRD Board received a presentation from Susan Hahn of the Municipal Finance Authority that discussed the feasibility of Green Bond Financing.

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=15839&GUID=F2539B30-B2C1-449B-90AC-FA129D36F3C5>

Many housekeeping items were passed as well as a large report on the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The Environmental Resource Management Progress Report from 2018 was received.

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=15723&GUID=F350192E-7442-4D8C-98FE-18C41DD3871F>

To further transparency in governance, the Board approved an initiative to provide a Board Highlights summary in addition to any press releases. A rise and report webpage for Previously "in camera" items will list the mover, seconder and voting record.

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 South Island Prosperity Project “Smart City Announcement Gathering”

Councillor Ann Baird and I attended the federal announcement via the internet at the Songhees Wellness Centre. The gathering was well attended with SIPP members from municipalities, First Nations and the business community.

Although the South Island Prosperity Partnership failed to win a major award in the national competition on Tuesday, we are continuing to move forward with innovative ideas to improve communities. A proposal for Greater Victoria was among 20 shortlisted across Canada for two \$10 million prizes in the Smart Cities Challenge. Guelph, Ont. and Bridgewater, N.S., were announced as winners on Tuesday. Other winners included Montreal at \$50 million and Nunavut at \$5 million.

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 CRD Planning and Protective Services Committee

The PPS Committee recommended that an amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No 4017. be initiated to show sub-regional population growth, dwelling units and employment projections. These tables are interesting with a projected population increase in the Westshore of 50.9% by 2038.

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=15949&GUID=468A420D-6131-46E2-A720-2A290FCF8199>

Friday May 17, 2019 Colquitz/Gorge Special Management Area Stakeholder Meeting

Councillor Leslie Anderson and I attended the first of three stakeholder meetings that will form a possible governance structure. The goal of the Colquitz/Gorge Watershed Special Management Area Project is to build a cooperative partnership among Local, Regional, Provincial and Federal Governments to help protect and sustain salmon and herring runs. Chief Ron Sam spoke of the importance of reviving our watersheds and reversing the effects of urbanization and pollution on the fish populations. Emergent Sustainable Solutions are the consultants for the workshops.

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – May 13, 2019**

5.1

Gregory House – Follow up Information.**MOTION: 170-2019***Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Stanton*

That staff obtain a cost estimate for an assessment by a qualified professional to determine the cost to stabilize and maintain the Gregory House and recommend standards for the necessary work. CARRIED

5.2

2019-2022 Strategic Plan**MOTION: 171-2019***Moved Councillor Stanton, Seconded Councillor Anderson*

That the Draft 2019-2022 Strategic Plan be approved. CARRIED

5.3

Mines Act Permit Application**MOTION: 172-2019***Moved Councillor Ann Baird, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird*

That in relation to the current Mines Act Permit application, correspondence to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources be sent expressing Council's concerns on behalf of the community in respect to the public interest, requesting the Minister to consider using the powers contemplated by Section 11 of the *Mines Act*. CARRIED

MOTION: 173-2019

That staff inquire if there is an opportunity for the District to respond to the recent documents submitted to the province from OK Industries Limited regarding their Mines Act Permit application. CARRIED

6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 7.1 Report – Planner
RE: DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT DVP-02-19 – 867 Finlayson Arm Road
MOTION: 174-2019 *Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Stanton*
That Council issue DVP-02-19. CARRIED
- 7.2 Report – Planner
RE: DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT DVP-03-19 – East Fire Hall
MOTION: 175-2019 *Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Anderson*
That Council issue DVP-03-19. CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE**9. BYLAWS****10. NEW BUSINESS**

- 10.1 Report – Corporate Officer
RE: RYDER HESJEDAL'S TOUR DE VICTORIA – AUGUST 17, 2019
Motion 176-2019 *Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Stanton*
That Council approve the 2019 Tour de Victoria event on Highlands roads subject to the Event Organizer entering into a Public Property Occupancy Agreement, substantially as shown attached to the report from the Corporate Officer dated May 16, 2019; and further that the Corporate Officer be authorized to execute such an agreement on behalf of the District of Highlands. CARRIED
- 10.2 Report – Planner
RE: CARBON EMISSION REPORTING FOR 2018
Motion 177-2019 *Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Anderson*
That Council direct staff to research implementing a sustainability reserve fund or the like for Highlands. CARRIED
- Motion 178-2019** *Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Stanton*
That Council District purchase 43 tonnes worth of offsets for \$1290 from the Community Carbon Market Place to benefit Net Zero Waste Abbotsford Inc. CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor Ann Baird

11. IN CAMERA**12. RISE AND REPORT**

No items

13. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion 179-2019** *Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird*
That the Council meeting of May 21, 2019 adjourn at 8:03 PM. CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER