
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

REGRETS:

Councillor Ann Baird

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Administrative Officer Lorraine Hilton
A/Corporate Officer Sonia Santarossa
Planner Laura Beckett

Public Observation: 8

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 167-2021

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Anderson
That the agenda be approved with the addition of Diana McMinn as a delegation.

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

2.1

Andrew Pape-Salmon, Daniel Cammiade and Kimberley Nemrava
RE: REQUEST FOR COLLABORATION ON "HEART OF HILLS COASTAL CONNECTOR" TRAIL (Item 8.1)

Representatives of the Southern Vancouver Island Nature Trails Society appeared before Council to speak about a project concept to facilitate a 20km nature trail across multiple jurisdictions between Finlayson Arm and Cordova Bay and requested Council's endorsement to engage staff in discussions about overlapping interests and opportunities. A copy of the delegate's PowerPoint presentation is on file in the District office.

MOTION: 168-2021

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh,
That the correspondence from the Nature Trails Society listed as Item 8.1, be considered at this time.

CARRIED

Council discussion on the request included:

- Damage to the parks and trails due to overuse during the pandemic
- Ensure the NTS receives permission from the landowner to construct the trail
- Availability of staff resources to assist with this project.

MOTION: 169-2021

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh:
That Council endorse the Nature Trails Society's request to meet with staff to discuss identifying and engaging stakeholders, consideration of route options, engaging with landowners and if viable, establishing a business plan and partnerships for the "Heart of Hills Coastal Connector Trail."

CARRIED

With Councillors McLean and Stanton opposed.

2.2

Diana McMinn

RE: BOW HUNTING NOTICE OF MOTION (Item 7.2)

D. McMinn appeared before Council to speak against the Notice of Motion stating it would be difficult to reinstate bow hunting once it has been banned. She also stated that the eight bow hunters in the Highlands would not diminish the population of black-tailed deer.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1

Special Council Minutes – July 5, 2021

MOTION: 170-2021

Moved Councillor Stanton, Seconded Councillor Roessingh
That the minutes of the July 5, 2021 Special Council meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3.2

Council Minutes – June 21, 2021

MOTION: 171-2021

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton
That the minutes of the June 21, 2021 Council meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3.3

Emergency Planning Committee Minutes – June 24, 2021

MOTION: 172-2021

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton
That the minutes of the June 24, 2021 Emergency Planning Committee meeting be received.

CARRIED

3.4

Westshore Parks and Recreation Society Minutes – May 13, 2021

MOTION: 173-2021

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Roessingh
That the minutes of the May 13, 2021 Westshore Parks and Recreation Society meeting be received.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

Councillor Leslie Anderson

Heritage Select Committee, 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
June 22, 2021 – CRD Climate: Attended by 8 elected officials, 8 absent.

- New climate plan – combining Corporate and Community mitigation. Will be presented to CRD in July.
 - Past targets and plans have been nowhere near the science. Solution? Make a new plan
- Consultant: Pinna Sustainability
 - 6 Guiding Principles: Leadership, Urgency, Collaboration, Equity, First Nations Relationships and Co-Benefits (integrated thinking)
 - 6 Goals: Climate Focused Decision Making, Sustainable Land Use, Planning, Preparedness, Low Carbon Mobility, Low Carbon

and Resilient Buildings and infrastructure, Resilient and Abundant Nature, Ecosystems, food systems and Minimize waste

Councillor Gord Baird

CRD Regional Water Supply 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 (CREST), CRD Arts and Greater Victoria Public Library Board

Councillor Rose Stanton

Emergency Planning and Social Sustainable Committee

Mayor Ken Williams

Wednesday, July 7th, 2021 - CRD Finance Committee

The CRD Finance Committee dealt with several housekeeping items including a grants update and security issuing bylaws. We also recommended to the CRD Board that the Capital Reserve Funding Guidelines be received. Link:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=23762&GUID=A56B0A7A-1F2E-4665-859E-1D43DC02120D>

Friday, July 9th, 2021 - South Island Indigenous Chiefs and Councils

Chiefs and Councils from the Songhees, Esquimalt, Beecher Bay, T'Sou-ke, Malahat, Tsawout, Tsartlip, Pauquachin and Tseycum Nations gathered at the Songhees Wellness Centre on July 9 to speak out against acts they called "disrespectful and damaging." Together, each Chief signed a letter calling for an immediate end to all vandalism. It also calls on people to "not lose sight of the young ones that we are honouring," and for better listening to Elders and survivors. The letter specifically condemned "the damaging of property including statues and totem poles," and said that everyone in the region needs to respect each other.

Councillor Stanton and I joined many other elected representatives to witness the signing. Full text of the Letter is below:

A Message from a Collective of South Island Nations

July 9, 2021 Dear South Island Community Members and beyond,

Re: Please don't lose sight of the young ones that we are honouring

We are writing you in a united voice of Nations to share our perspective on the recent events in the South Island and beyond, and to spread hope that we can work together for change, and a safer community.

These events have brought violence and vandalism to our region and communities, the damaging of property including statues and totem poles is unacceptable. We are all residents of this region, and we need to respect each other.

We are leaders of the South Island Indigenous communities, and these acts are not ours, we do not support them, and we do not believe in dividing communities.

These acts are not medicine, they fuel hate and inhibit the healing that is so deeply needed right now. The disrespectful and damaging acts we have seen are not helping, they are perpetuating hurt, hate, and divide.

These actions go against our teachings and are not reflective on how we have been taught to carry ourselves. As a collective we feel the need to step in before things continue on a destructive path.

We are writing this letter because we need to work together towards the goals that strengthen our community and bonds with each other.

We ask all residents of Southern Vancouver Island and beyond to join us on the road to healing. We need to walk together, support each other, and demonstrate humanity. We honour those that have stood with us, those who are our allies, and those who have listened and supported us.

All vandalism must stop immediately. Let us lock arms, walk together, and look out for one another. Please do not lose sight of the young ones that we are honouring, and please listen to our Elders and survivors.

Saturday, July 10th, 2021 - Line of Duty Memorial Service held for Colwood Fire Chief John Cassidy

Firefighters, first responders and police from all across BC gathered on the JDF soccer fields to remember long serving Colwood Fire Chief John Cassidy.

Tuesday, July 13th, 2021 - Mayor's Webex Meeting

The mayors discussed the reopening of meetings to the public post COVID in their respective jurisdictions. We also discussed possible meetings with Federal ministers as they drop in to our area during their pre-election runs.

Wednesday, July 14th, 2021 - CRD Board Meeting

The CRD Board heard a presentation from Paul Gerrard (CRD Representative) and Geoff Dickson (President/CEO), Victoria Airport Authority; Re: Report to Nominators:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=23946&GUID=3C7A6000-8F13-4CF4-BDC1-76CF960DFBEB>

The Airport has suffered a severe loss of business due to COVID-19.

CRD Arts Commission Chair Jeremy Loveday presented the Arts & Culture 2020 Progress Report which was very well done:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=23948&GUID=F8C1B011-AEBA-4E69-A2AE-630CFF53EAFF>

Pacheedaht Chief Jeff Jones spoke against motion 10.1 concerning the protection of old growth forests. He felt it was interference in intergovernmental relations during negotiations. Later the CRD Board tabled the motion indefinitely.

There was a plethora of delegations concerning item 8.5 Biosolids Management item with all speakers opposing the spread of biosolids at Hartland Landfill. Later the CRD Board passed the recommendations of the Environmental Services Committee which included cooperation with Esquimalt's Gasification Pilot Project and an appeal to the Province to end the land application of biosolids on the surface of Hartland Landfill.

A motion was passed that the Board Chair send a letter to: Premier John Horgan; the Minister of Municipal Affairs; the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy; and UBCM detailing the impact of cancelling the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) and requesting that the Province engage local governments on the swift replacement of CARIP with a program that provides consistent, non-application based funding, with first payments received by local governments in 2022.

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1

MOTION: 174-2021

Emergency Planning Committee Meeting, June 24, 2021

Moved Councillor Stanton, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird

That the updated implementation schedule for 2021-2023 Emergency Program Strategic Plan, as presented by the Emergency Program Coordinator, be approved.

CARRIED

6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1

Report, Planner, July 8, 2021 (6480.21/3900.418)

**RE: PROVINCIAL REQUIREMENTS – OCP AMENDMENT FOR
UPDATED REGIONAL CONTEXT STATEMENT**

MOTION: 175-2021

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh

That a public hearing for Bylaw No. 418 be scheduled immediately prior to the regularly scheduled Council Meeting of September 27, 2021.

CARRIED

7.2

Notice of Motion, Councillor McLean

RE: BOW HUNTING

Council noted the matter of diseased deer is the jurisdiction of BC Wildlife.

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird

MOTION: 176-2021

That staff be directed to amend “District of Highlands Firearms and Bow Hunting Bylaw No 145, 2000” to prohibit bow hunting in the District until the Province of BC is able to provide better information and data to the public on Adenovirus Hemorrhagic Disease (AHD) on Vancouver Island to keep the public health safe and to ensure the population of Black tailed deer in the Highlands does not become too diminished.

DEFEATED

With Mayor Williams and Councillors Anderson, Gord Baird, Roessingh and Stanton opposed.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1

Correspondence, Nature Trails Society, May 16, 2021 (0230.29)

**RE: REQUEST FOR COLLABORATION ON “HEART OF HILLS
COASTAL CONNECTOR” TRAIL**

This item was considered as part of Item 2.1.

8.2

Correspondence, West Shore RMCP, June 11, 2021 (7500.20)

RE: 2021-2022 WEST SHORE RCMP ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN

Council noted the lack of performance measures related to diversity, inclusion and reconciliation and agreed to have a future discussion about the Annual Performance Plan and provide feedback to the West Shore RCMP.

MOTION: 177-2021

Moved Councillor Anderson, Councillor Gord Baird

That the correspondence of the West Shore RCMP dated June 11, 2021 regarding the Annual Performance Plan, be received.

CARRIED

8.3

Correspondence, Township of Spallumcheen, June 11, 2021 (0400.65)

RE: RESIDENTIAL RATE REVIEW

MOTION: 178-2021 *Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh*
That the correspondence from the Township of Spallumcheen dated June 11, 2021 regarding Residential Rate Review, be received. CARRIED

8.4 Correspondence, District of Saanich, June 29, 2021 (1855.23)
RE: UBCM RESOLUTION ON A REPLACEMENT BC CLIMATE ACTION REVENUE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

MOTION: 179-2021 *Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh*
That the correspondence from the District of Saanich dated June 29, 2021 regarding UBCM Resolution on a Replacement BC Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program, be received. CARRIED

8.5 Correspondence, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, July 8, 2021 (0400.20.01)
RE: EMERGENCY FIRE EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES FUNDING FOR SMALL RURAL COMMUNITIES

MOTION: 180-2021 *Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh,*
That the correspondence from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General dated July 8, 2021 regarding Emergency Fire Equipment and Facilities Funding for Small Rural Communities, be received. CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Report, A/Corporate Officer, July 13, 2021 (8100.20)
RE: VICTORIA CYCLING ASSOCIATION – CYCLING RACE REQUEST

MOTION: 181-2021 *Moved Councillor Stanton, Seconded Councillor Roessingh,*
That Council approve the cycling races hosted by the Victoria Cycling Association and occupancy of Millstream and Caleb Pike Roads as listed below:

- Wednesday, August 11, 2021 – 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
 - Wednesday, August 25, 2021 – 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- subject to the Event Organizer entering into a Public Property Occupancy Agreement, substantially as shown attached to the report of the Acting Corporate Officer dated July 13, 2021; and

That the Acting Corporate Officer be authorized to execute such agreement on behalf of the District of Highlands.

CARRIED

10.2 Report, A/Corporate Officer, July 14, 2021 (8100.20)
RE: FINLAYSON ARM 28 KM, 50 KM AND 100 KM TRAIL RUNNING EVENT

MOTION: 182-2021 *Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Councillor Roessingh*
That Council approve the request by Coastline Endurance Running for the use of the following rights-of-way and road crossing from Friday,

September 10 to Sunday September 12, 2021 for the Finlayson Arm 28 km, 50 km and 100 km Trail Running Event:

- Viart Road/Rowntree Road – runners will run along the side of the road
- Finlayson Arm Road - runners will run along the side of the road
- Ross-Durrance Road - runners will cross the road to connect Gowlland Tod Park and Mt. Work Park);

subject to the Event Organizer entering into a Public Property Occupancy Agreement, substantially as shown attached to the report from the Acting Corporate Officer dated July 14, 2021; and

That the Acting Corporate Officer be authorized to execute such an agreement on behalf of the District of Highlands.

CARRIED
With Councillor McLean opposed.

11. IN CAMERA

MOTION: 183-2021

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh
That Council move in camera in accordance with section 90 (1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality. CARRIED

The open meeting reconvened at 8:22 pm.

12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA RESOLUTIONS

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 184-2021

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor McLean
That the Council meeting of July 19, 2021 adjourn at 8:22 pm. CARRIED

MAYOR

ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER