



DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF ELECTRONIC COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Administrative Officer Lorraine Hilton
A/Corporate Officer Sonia Santarossa

Public Observation: 1

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 188-2021

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor McLean
That the agenda be approved with the addition of Bob McMinn as a
delegation (Item 7.1). CARRIED

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1

Special Council Minutes – August 4, 2021

MOTION: 189-2021

Moved Councillor Stanton, Seconded Councillor Roessingh
That the minutes of the August 4, 2021 Special Council meeting be
adopted. CARRIED

3.2

Council Minutes – July 19, 2021

MOTION: 190-2021

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That the minutes of the July 19, 2021 Council meeting be adopted. CARRIED

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

Councillor Leslie Anderson
Heritage Select Committee, West Shore Parks and Recreation Society and
Western Communities Policing Advisory Committee

West Shore RCMP – Annual Performance Plan

Supt. Todd Preston has been invited to the September 27, 2021 Council meeting to receive Council feedback regarding the Annual Performance Plan.

Roving Play Park

In response to a question about a registration fee for the Roving Play Park this year, it was noted that due to COVID protocols, it was necessary to require registration for the Play Park this year. A fee was implemented to ensure attendance and cover the costs of hand sanitizers. Support was available for low-income families to help offset the cost.

Councillor Ann Baird
CRD Climate Action Committee and CRD Housing Trust Fund Commission
SHLAP and CRD Millstream Meadows Report

The report will be discussed at the September 9, 2021 SHLAP meeting.

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 21, 2021 - CRD Planning and Protective Services

The PPS Committee supported the recommendation from the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee to amend Bylaw No. 3602 by deleting the outdoor recreational use definition. Inquiries pose challenges for interpretation and may result in unintended forms of development not contemplated for the Rural Resource Lands. By removing this definition, proposals will instead be handled by a zoning amendment application. We also recommended to the CRD Board that this proposed amendment be deemed consistent with the RGS. The PPS Committee recommended to the CRD Board that the Port Renfrew Water Supply Area Extension be deemed consistent with the RGS.

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 - CRD Environmental Services Committee

The ESC recommended to the CRD Board that Millstream Meadows Remediation Project Update be received for information. See link: <https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=23991&GUID=1392C5A-4E16-4F20-8BEB-EF0F91A6D9D5>

We also recommended that the CRD Board receive the Summary Feedback Report on the B.C. Recycling Policy Intentions Paper: <https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=23990&GUID=7605A16A-5389-4C96-B9B7-97DF657D2F3E>

The following report on the CRD Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Roadmap was referred to us by the Transportation Committee, see appendix A at the following Link:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=22542&GUID=56E35EEF-379D-402A-A981-80A76F68FABC>

Wednesday, July 28, 2021 - Ministry of Forests Zoom Meeting

Executive Director Mike Pedersen from Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development held a webinar on modernizing forest policy: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/forestry/competitive-forest->

[industry/modernizing_forestry_in_bc_report.pdf](#)

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1

Report, Chief Administrative Officer, August 5, 2021 (1970.03)

RE: REQUEST FOR PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION: GREATER VICTORIA GREENBELT SOCIETY & THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF BC (MARY LAKE NATURE SANCTUARY)

Bob McMinn appeared before Council on behalf of the Greater Victoria Greenbelt Society and the Land Conservancy. He thanked Council for their support of tax exemptions in previous years. The GVGS and TLC are asking for a 5-year tax exemption to save staff time and advertising costs. Mr. McMinn noted that a rezoning application will be submitted in the near future.

The Chief Administrative Officer provided a brief overview of the report and Council discussed the following:

- Tax rate for class 8 properties
- Consideration of tax exemption for 1 year versus 5 years
- Greater community engagement regarding permissive tax exemptions
- Development of a tax exemption policy and criteria to guide decision-making

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Ann Baird

MOTION: 191-2021

That staff be directed to draft a bylaw and appropriate public notification be provided for the requested 5-year permissive tax exemption for taxation years 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 for the following parcels of land commonly known as Mary Lake Nature Sanctuary:

- 1772 Millstream Road & 1760 Millstream Road - owned by the Greater Victoria Greenbelt Society
- 721 Lorimer Road – owned by The Land Conservancy of BC.

CARRIED

Councillors McLean and Stanton opposed.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1

Correspondence, District of Sicamous, July 15, 2021 (0400.65)

RE: PROTECTION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES AND ESTABLISHED SNOWMOBILE RECREATIONAL SITES OR TRAILS IN BC

MOTION: 192-2021

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird,

That the correspondence of the District of Sicamous dated July 15, 2021 regarding the protection of outdoor recreation opportunities and established snowmobile recreation sites or trails in BC, be received.

CARRIED

8.2 Correspondence, Help Cities Lead Steering Committee, August 9, 2021 (0630.30.01)

RE: UPDATE ON HELP CITIES LEAD

MOTION: 193-2021

Moved Councillor Stanton, Seconded Councillor Ann Baird
That the correspondence from the Help Cities Lead Steering Committee dated August 9, 2021 providing an update on Help Cities Lead, be received.

CARRIED

8.3 Correspondence, Langley City, July 29, 2021 (0400.65)

RE: IMPROVEMENT TO PRE-HOSPITAL CARE SYSTEM

MOTION: 194-2021

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That a letter of support for the City of Langley resolution regarding "Improvement to Pre-Hospital Care System" be sent to the Premier, Minister of Health, MLA John Horgan and the Provincial Health Services.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Report, A/Corporate Officer, August 10, 2021 (0550.01)

RE: COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURES – BILL 10 AND PHASE 4 BC RESTART PLAN

The Acting Corporate Officer provided an overview of the report and Council discussed the following:

- Community Hall as primary meeting location with the Caleb Pike Property as a secondary meeting location
- Flexibility to meet electronically if required
- Need to possibly invest in sound and video to improve electronic meeting experience.

MOTION: 195-2021

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
1. That in person meetings for Council, Committee of the Whole and select committees resume beginning September 27, 2021 at the Community Hall; and
2. That staff be directed to bring forward a Council Procedure Bylaw Amendment after September 29, 2021 that includes amendments such as, but not limited to, changing the location of Council, Committee of the Whole and select committee meetings and allowing for electronic participation and meetings.

CARRIED

11. IN CAMERA

MOTION: 196-2021

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh
That Council move in camera in accordance with section 90 (1) (c) labour relations or other employee relations.

CARRIED

Council moved into closed session at 8:08 pm. The open meeting reconvened at 8:27 pm.

12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA
RESOLUTIONS

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 197-2021

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor McLean
That the Council meeting of August 16, 2021 adjourn at 8:27 pm.

CARRIED

Original Signed

MAYOR

Original Signed

ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER

Adopted Sept 7, 2021