

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT
Councillor Rose Stanton

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Administrative Officer Lorraine Hilton Public in Attendance 4
Corporate Officer Tina Neurauder
Planner Laura Beckett
Fire Chief Dean Ford

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 280-2019

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor McLean
That the agenda be approved as amended: Add under Petitions and Delegations Ted Nawrocki and Bob McMinn. CARRIED

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

PRESENTATION: VICTORIA URBAN RECONCILIATION DIALOGUE (VURD)

Patrick Harriet, addressed Council regarding Victoria Urban Reconciliation Dialogue. VURD is a new coalition focusing on supporting urban indigenous voice, community engagement and generating ideas for tangible action through a grassroots approach where ultimate accountability is to urban Indigenous community and allies. VURD is governed via a Steering Committee consisting of members from the Victoria Native Friendship Centre, Métis Nation of Greater Victoria, City of Victoria, Capital Regional District, Indigenous Services Canada, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and Community: Elder, Artist/Professor and Youth. The central goal is dialogue, using a reconciliation framework to plan lasting socio-economical impacts for Indigenous peoples.

Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Harriet for the presentation and commented that Councillor Stanton has been appointed by Council as representative to work with VURD.

Bob McMinn, Highlands resident, addressed Council regarding item 10.5 on the agenda and stated that he supports the initiative.

Ted Nawrocki, Highlands resident, addressed Council regarding item 9.1 on the agenda and read to Council a letter written by him opposing the tax exemption for the Greater Victoria Greenbelt Society – Mary Lake property.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 3.1 **MOTION: 281-2019** **COUNCIL MINUTES – September 16, 2019**
Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor McLean
 That the Council minutes of September 16, 2019 be adopted.
 CARRIED
- 3.2 **MOTION: 282-2019** **SUSTAINABLE LAND USE SELECT COMMITTEE – September 11, 2019**
Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Anderson
 That the Sustainable Land Use Select Committee minutes of September 11, 2019 be received.
 CARRIED
- 3.3 **MOTION: 283-2019** **HERITAGE SELECT COMMITTEE – September 18, 2019**
Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Ann Baird
 That the Heritage Select Committee minutes of September 18, 2019 be received.
 CARRIED
- 3.4 **MOTION: 284-2019** **EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE – September 18, 2019**
Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor McLean
 That the Emergency Planning Committee minutes of September 18, 2019 be received.
 CARRIED
- 3.5 **MOTION: 285-2019** **WEST SHORE PARKS AND RECREATION SOCIETY – April 11, 2019**
Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Anderson
 That the West Shore Parks and Recreation Society minutes of April 11, 2019 be received.
 CARRIED

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

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

Councillor Ann Baird

****Please see Councillor Ann Baird's full report attached to minutes.**

Councillor Gord Baird

CRD Regional Water Supply - September 18 2019

The significant issue that is relevant to the public is the Federal Government's newly released guidelines around lead concentration in drinking water. In the guidelines, the Federal government has noted that they now expect lead to be monitored at the tap rather than at the meter. The CRD water supply has exceptional quality, and the water supplied is well below the maximum allowable concentrations for lead. Due to this new requirement to test at the tap, the CRD will be doing a corrosivity analysis across the region to see if there are hot spot areas where pH is low. The BC Building code has for many years required plumbing fixtures to have low lead content but older building could be affected from waters with low pH. CRD Integrated Water Services reached out to VIHA to partner in this, and is the first in BC to begin looking at and assessing water supply with these new guidelines.

JDF Water Distribution Commission - October 1 2019

We reviewed and approved the 2020 budget. In summary, the retail water rate will increase 4.86% to \$2.2159/m³ with the average monthly water bill being \$518/yr. Even though DCCs pay for the installation of new infrastructure, once it is installed the water revenues support the regular scheduled maintenance of the infrastructure. There will be a revenue lag before the revenue generated from retail water sales catches up to the new infrastructure that has been added over the recent years in preparation for the significant developments (Skirt Mtn, Bear Mtn. and Royal Bay). Lots of discussion, and the budget was approved unanimously.

Regional Vegetation Management Strategy

Correspondence was submitted to the other municipalities who had indicated interest in co-applying with the Grant Application. The correspondence is attached.

CRD Climate Action Intermunicipal Task Force - October 1 2019

I attended for Councillor Ann Baird. At this meeting the CRD had Cara Pike, a communications specialist, present on how to communicate to the public on climate change. The focus was on how to engage in a conversation with the public, without initiating a loss of hope, and meeting them where they are at. CRD noted that they have limited resources and capacity to put towards the Climate Emergency. A budget of \$10,000 is being put towards this communications strategy. I pointed out that the CRD seems to not understand the existential threat, nor the science and timelines, using the example of promoting hydrocarbon fuel past 2060, and that to push communications to the public without actually having a grasp of the science, that they were doing a disservice. I pointed out that we just recently had 20,000 people (5% of the CRD) at the climate march trying to engage us in conversation, and that they seemed to have a better grasp on the science than most municipal elected officials and municipal staff and that the \$10,000 would have more wisely been spent educating the elected officials and staff as to the existential threat. There was discussion from other elected officials about imminent societal collapse.

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 Committee (EPC)**

The EPC held its quarterly meeting on September 18, 2019. Chief Ford provided an update on the Emergency Program Strategic Plan and CAO Hilton submitted a draft Emergency Management Bylaw for committee review.

The Fire Chief/Emergency Program Coordinator, Deputy Emergency Program Coordinator (D/EPC), and CAO are to be commended for the progress they have made on the [Emergency Program Strategic Plan](#) objectives and projects. A contractor has been hired to develop the Evacuation Project, which is well underway. Staff training has begun. A volunteer ESS coordinator has been identified. The D/EPC is meeting with HELP groups regularly.

The District is now part of WestShore Alert. This is a different notification service than the District's Notify Me. WestShore Alert will deliver critical and potentially life-saving alerts that will help residents know what to do, where to go, and what to expect in the event of a public safety incident. **Residents need to register with WestShore alert.**

To register, go to the District of Highlands website <https://www.highlands.ca/507/WEST-SHORE-ALERT>

Creating Healthy & Safe Environments Workshop

September 19, 2019 UVIC This one-day free workshop organized by the Regional Outcomes Monitoring group, a multi-sectoral group operating as a Community Health Network for the CRD. The presentations were directed primarily at urban design and how planning creates healthy and safe communities. The presenters and presentations emphasized the relationship between planning, design, and public health illustrated through examples on transportation, climate change, community safety, and natural environments. One challenge posed is how to reduce our CO2 footprint while maintaining equity across socio-economic dimensions. The District of Saanich and several organizations in greater Victoria are using the ten One Planet principles identified as a framework for local governments and organizations to "plan, deliver and communicate" a commitment to sustainability. For more information on the principles, go to <https://oneplanet.com/principles>.

Another challenge posed at the workshop is what do we measure to determine whether our actions to mitigate or adapt to climate change have been successful. Possible indicators and several data sources were shared. One example of relevance to the Highlands is data on "transit deserts", a term to describe areas with limited or no public transportation. Reducing the number of transit deserts might be a positive indicator of

climate mitigation but it would depend on many other factors: Is the service using green technology? Is it being used by residents or driving around empty? Does the service reduce CO2 emissions overall? Identifying metrics that will help us determine the success or failure of our efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change will be a challenge.

Mayor Williams

September 18, 2019 CRD Planning and Protective Services Committee

The Planning and Protective Services Committee recommended the CRD Board not support the proposed dispatch centre feasibility study and discontinue fire dispatch unification efforts at this time. Fire representatives were asked by staff if there was support from their areas to move forward with the efforts towards a unified fire dispatch system in the CRD. Of the 13 services present, 11 indicated they do not support moving forward. The reasons given for this include:

- They do not support spending \$50K on a feasibility study;
- Currently happy with the dispatch service they receive;
- Wish to maintain autonomy to look for the right dispatch fit for their service needs and would like to explore collaboration and efficiencies themselves;
- Competitive cost control through access to multiple dispatch options is important to ensure best service for the money;
- Each fire agency has different service needs; and
- The Fire Chiefs would prefer a bottom up approach to the dispatch issue versus top down direction.

Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention 2019:

September 23, 9:00 AM Prioritizing Emergency Management

Rachel Holmes from the Public Safety Solicitor General Office (PSSG) led a session on the future of the 911 Emergency number. The original 911 was launched in 1976 and now will be decommissioned by 2023. Starting in 2020, a voice capable/ real time text version of 911 will start replacing the old one and promises improved flexibility and resilience. The buzzwords are "speak if you can, text if you can't." this new interoperable system will connect cars, ipads, smart phones and just about anything in the internet of things.

Cameron Lewis, the Executive Lead of the province's Emergency Management Review gave an update on the expanded mandate for the flood and wildfire advisory committee. A New Emergency Program Act is coming for BC. More funding for mitigation and preparedness is being offered by the province and this should help communities deal with their climate adaptation strategies. The next funding intake is October 2019.

BC Flood and Wildfire Review co-chair George Abott spoke of effective partnerships with cattlemen and First Nations in controlling wildfires. Controlled burns created fire blocks that saved large parts of the forests that were threatened.

Monday September 23, 1:30 PM Mayor's Caucus

BC mayors discussed the future of taxation and how the property tax model is losing ground against the continued downloading of services. What changes would be deemed appropriate, so that local governments have the right revenue tools for the range of services they now deliver? The pros and cons of Development Cost Charge flexibility, traffic fines, hotel room tax, cannabis and resource taxes were debated along with the potential establishment of an Infrastructure and Community Development Bank. The second half of the mayor's caucus dealt with the opioid crisis and the alarming stress it creates for first responders.

Tuesday September 24, 7:30 AM Hydrogen Clinic

The focus was on the role of hydrogen in decarbonizing BC's Energy systems by becoming a zero emission transportation for municipal fleets. Hydrogen has the power to fuel larger trucks and buses. Several hydrogen fuelling stations currently operate in the lower mainland as well as one in Victoria.

Tuesday September 24, 9 AM Small Talk Forum

There are many more Small Communities in BC than Mid-Sized or Large Urban. This forum shared the stories of achieving Economic Diversification (Clearwater/Canal Flats) after lumber mill shut downs. McBride incorporated their local Ancient Forest into a tourism strategy and Port McNeil discussed the benefits of forming the North Island Community Forest Limited Partnership. Rising Highway rescue costs were impacting the village of Chase while the Village of Enderby sponsors the Harvest Hut that redistributes vegetables, herbs and other products to those who have need, thus improving food security, reducing waste and creating healthy eating options.

Tuesday September 24, 11:40 AM Meeting with Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health

10 of the CRD's 13 mayors met with Health Minister Dix to discuss the growing lack of family doctors in our region. Langford Councillor Denise Blackwell has been urging the implementation of a clinic in the primary care pods in St Anthony's and is requesting expressions of interest from physicians. Island Health is willing to commit to this build.

Tuesday September 24, 2:20 PM Meeting with the Honourable Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

In the interests of addressing the Climate Emergency, Council wishes to see access to the BC Hydro power grid for community owned solar energy farms and local government landfills. Our request was that the province consider enacting a regulation, pursuant to the Clean Energy Act, to require a feed-in tariff program. Unfortunately the current government policy to allow the expiration of Electricity Purchase Agreements and suspend the Standing Offer Programs is a major block for those communities looking for the flexibility to exercise their creativity in coming up with zero carbon solutions. Minister Mungall questioned the business case for alternative solutions such as solar and wind power and whether they could compete with the large hydroelectric dams. Councillor Ann Baird and I responded that local governments who wish to mitigate their GHGs and reach their climate targets should have the opportunity to do so in a collaborative and cost effective manner with BC Hydro.

Tuesday September 24, 4:00 PM Municipal Insurance Association AGM

Another solid year for the MIA with claims costs and income in balance.

Wednesday September 25, 7:30 AM Convention Finance and Sponsorship Review

The review panel answered questions about sponsorships of UBCM by foreign governments

Wednesday September 25, 8:30 AM Convention Opening Session

The Convention officially opened with a welcome from Squamish, Tseil-Waututh and Musqueam First Nations Broadcaster Peter Mansbridge regaled the plenary with stories from his lengthy career at the CBC. After the results of the sponsorship review (70% did not support sponsorship by foreign governments), the Principal Policy Session commenced. The following link provides a summary of the resolution decisions: <https://www.ubcm.ca/assets/Resolutions~and~Policy/Resolutions/2019%20UBCM%20Resolutions%20Disposition.pdf>

Wednesday September 25, 12:00 PM AVICC LUNCH

After lunch with Lasqueti Island Regional Director Andrew Fall, I gave a brief update on the Municipal Survivor Climate Challenge to AVICC Attendees

Wednesday September 25, 2:00 PM Honourable Selina Robinson Address

Minister Robinson announced a Development Approval Process Review providing support to interested local governments undertaking pilot projects. She also announced a \$150 million dollar funding intake for water and wastewater projects.

Wednesday September 25, 3:00 PM Reconciliation Town Hall

The Honourable Carole James, Honourable Scott Fraser, Honourable David Eby and Honourable Katrine Conroy discussed moving forward together with First Nations. Congratulations to Sooke Mayor Maja Tait as she was acclaimed the new UBCM president.

Thursday September 26, 8:55 AM

Resolution Session continues...

Thursday September 26, 3:00 PM

Councillor Ann Baird, CAO Lorraine Hilton and I met with BC Hydro Reps Janet Fraser and Ted Olynck to discuss the same items as outlined in the meeting with Minister Mungall on Tuesday afternoon. Executive Vice President Janet Fraser leads the team responsible for power acquisitions and contract management at BC Hydro. After listening to our concerns she informed us that the BC Utilities commission sets the price on electricity and that BC Hydro, due to the site C dam, has excess electrical capacity beyond 2030. However, she did mention there was a possibility that other energy entities may be interested in purchasing power if the price was right and that BC Hydro would assess such an outcome on a case by case basis.

Friday September 26th, 8:00 AM

The Resolutions Session continues but unfortunately the last 20 or so including Highlands B192- Canada Post's Neighbourhood Mail never made it to the floor and instead was referred to the UBCM Executive in a decision on what to do with it.

Friday September 26, 11:00 AM Premier Horgan's Address

The Premier stressed togetherness and optimism in bridging political lines and working towards common goals. During the convention, hundreds of logging trucks protested the loss of jobs in the forest industry by honking their horns outside. The Premier said he talked to forestry leaders and told them they need to transform to modern market conditions.

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS****7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****8. CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1

Correspondence – HDCA (4520.27.01)

RE: REQUEST TO MINISTER TO EXERCISE STATUTORY POWERS TO DENY O.K. INDUSTRIES LTD'S PROPOSED MILLSTREAM ROAD QUARRY MINES ACT PERMIT APPLICATION #1610713

MOTION: 286-2019*Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor McLean*

That the correspondence from the HDCA regarding a request to the Minister to exercise his powers to deny OK Industries Limited's proposed Millstream Road Mines Act Permit Application be received. CARRIED

8.2

Correspondence – Wilderness Committee (0110.20)

RE: PROTECT ANCIENT FORESTS

MOTION: 287-2019*Moved Councillor Ann Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh*

That the correspondence from the Wilderness Committee regarding protecting ancient forests be received. CARRIED

8.3

Correspondence – K. Barbin (3710.10)

RE: CONSIDER HUNTING BAN

8.4

Correspondence – J. Kuijt (3710.10)

RE: FIREARMS AND BOW HUNTING BYLAW NO. 145

8.5

Correspondence – E. Rayner (3710.10)

RE: REVIEW FIREARMS AND BOW HUNTING BYLAW NO. 145

MOTION: 288-2019*Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor McLean*

That the above correspondence from the K. Barbin, J. Kuijt and E. Rayner regarding Firearms and Bow Hunting Bylaw No. 145 be received. CARRIED

MOTION: 289-2019*Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor McLean*

That Firearms and Bow Hunting Bylaw No. 145 be forwarded to the next Strategic Planning review session. CARRIED

8.6

Email Correspondence – West Shore Chamber of Commerce (0510.23)

RE: BEST OF THE WEST SHORE AWARDS GALA 2019

MOTION: 290-2019*Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh*

That Council approve one member of Council to attend the Best of the West Shore Awards and Gala on Thursday, October 24, 2019. CARRIED

8.7

MOTION: 291-2019**RE: SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA – SUMMARY REPORT,
ACTION PLAN, DRAFT PROTOCOL AGREEMENT TERM SHEET***Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Anderson*

That Council appoint Councillor Anderson to the Gorge-Colquitz Special Management Area Steering Committee. CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

9.1

MOTION: 292-2019

Report – Corporate Officer

RE: PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 417, 2019*Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Anderson*

That Council adopt Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 417, 2019. CARRIED

9.2

MOTION: 293-2019

Report – Corporate Officer

RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BYLAW NO. 416, 2019*Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor McLean*

That Emergency Management Bylaw No. 416, 2019 be given First Reading. CARRIED

MOTION: 294-2019*Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor McLean*

That Emergency Management Bylaw No. 416, 2019 be given Second Reading. CARRIED

MOTION: 295-2019*Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor McLean*

That Emergency Management Bylaw No. 416, 2019 be given Third Reading. CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1

MOTION: 296-2019

Memo – A. Roger, Chair Sustainable Land Use Select Committee

RE: WORK ACTIVITY LOG (0540.21)*Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor McLean*

That Council receive the Work Activity Log submitted by the Sustainable Land Use Select Committee. CARRIED

10.2

MOTION: 297-2019

Report – Corporate Officer

RE: TRIPLESHOT CROSSFONDO (8100.20)*Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Anderson*

That the occupancy of roadways on October 20, 2019 for the purposes of holding a cycling event as described in the September 13, 2019 submission from Tripleshot Youth Cycling, be approved, subject to the Event Organizer entering into a public property occupancy agreement in which it will among other standard requirements:

1. Release and indemnify the District from any claims or liability associated with the event and provide evidence of public liability insurance in the amount of not less than \$10,000,000;
2. Agree to pay all invoices from the District for any possible costs incurred in connection with the event;
3. Obtain all necessary approvals from Public and Private Entities and implement the necessary actions contained in the Event Management Plan;

4. Provide the District with a 2019 Event Management and Emergency Plan; and
5. Notify property owners along the route as specified in the September 13, 2019 email correspondence from L. Farrar.

With the Corporate Officer being authorized to execute such agreement on behalf of the District of Highlands. CARRIED

10.3

Report – Corporate Officer

RE: COMMUNITY HALL RENTAL WAIVER REQUEST – HDCA (7900.03)

MOTION: 298-2019

Moved Councillor G. Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh

That Council approve the rental waiver for a four hour rental by the Highland District Community Association for a community meeting to be held on October 22, 2019 from 6pm to 10pm, with all fees associated with the rental being waived. CARRIED

10.4

Report – Fire Chief (7900.02)

RE: HALLOWEEN-COMMUNITY HALL – OCTOBER 31, 2019 (7900.03)

MOTION: 299-2019

Moved Councillor G. Baird, Seconded Councillor A. Baird

That Council approve items numbered 1, 2 and 4 in the Report from the Fire Chief dated October 4, 2019. CARRIED

MOTION: 300-2019

Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor McLean

That Council approve item numbered 3 in the Report from the Fire Chief dated October 4, 2019. CARRIED

10.5

Report – Planner (0400.05)

RE: HOUSING NEEDS REPORTS

MOTION: 301-2019

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor McLean

That the District of Highlands supports the Capital Regional District to apply for, receive, and manage UBCM grant funding to complete a housing needs report in partnership with the District of Highlands. CARRIED

10.6

Report – Planner (TUP-01-19)

RE: TEMPORARY USE PERMIT APPLICATION TUP-01-19 – 1943 MILLSTREAM ROAD

MOTION: 302-2019

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Anderson

That Council direct staff to issue notification for Council's consideration of Temporary Use Permit Application TUP-01-19. CARRIED

11. IN CAMERA

MOTION: 303-2019

Moved Councillor G. Baird, Seconded Councillor McLean

That Council move In Camera at 8:55PM to discuss items specific to the Community Charter, specifically s.90 (1) (b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour. CARRIED

Council reconvened from In Camera at 9:05PM.

12. RISE AND REPORT

2019 Recognition Program

That Pattie Whitehouse be recognized for her significant volunteer contributions at an upcoming Council meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 304-2019

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Anderson
That the Council meeting of October 7, 2019 adjourn at 9:05 PM.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

ADOPTED - October 21, 2019