



DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF SUSTAINABLE LAND USE SELECT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019 @ 7:00PM
SCHOOL HOUSE, 1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allan Roger
Dave Mackas
Bob McMinn
Ellie Rayner
Cathy Reader

E-PARTICIPANT

Warren Lee (E-Participant)

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Marcie McLean

ABSENT:

Ingo Lambrecht

1. APPOINTMENTS

1.1

RE: ELECTION OF CHAIR

Moved and Seconded

That Allan Roger be elected Chair.

CARRIED

1.2

RE: ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Moved and Seconded

That Ellie Rayner be elected Vice-Chair.

CARRIED

1.3

RE: ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Moved and Seconded

That Dave Mackas be elected Secretary.

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended: ADD item 5.4: Weather Station Update.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1

RE: NOVEMBER 21, 2018 SUSTAINABLE LAND USE SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Moved and Seconded

That the Sustainable Land Use Select Committee minutes of November 21, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Council Liaison McLean reported on recent Council activities.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1

RE: MINES ACT PERMIT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Council has requested meetings with Provincial Ministries but these have not yet been scheduled. An OK Industries public meeting regarding an Environmental Management Plan was originally proposed for 2018 year-end but has also not yet been scheduled.

5.2

RE: FOREST ECOSYSTEM: INCREASED NUMBER OF DYING AND STRESSED TREES

SLUSC members have noticed many dying and stressed trees throughout the Highlands. Discussion of possible causes (longer hotter and drier summers, increased groundwater extraction, ...) and consequences (altered forest ecology, increased wildfire risk, ...) but no identified action at this time.

5.3

RE: WORK ACTIVITY LOG

Chair provided a brief update.

- 5.4 **RE: WEATHER STATIONS**
Broken, missing, vandalized stations have been fixed. But ongoing problems with clogged rain gauges, and no solution regarding when and by whom the gauges will routinely be cleaned out. Fire Department is willing to do this, but needs District OK. This has not been forthcoming. Chair will contact Chief Administrative Officer to seek a solution.
6. **THREATS TO HIGHLANDS SUSTAINABILITY** Brief discussion of possible consequences of Malahat traffic rerouting.
7. **NEW BUSINESS** No New Business..
8. **ADJOURNMENT** *Moved and Seconded*
That the Sustainable Land Use Select Committee meeting of January 16, 2019 adjourn at 8:15 PM. **CARRIED**

Allan Roger, Chair

Dave Mackas, Secretary

Next scheduled meeting Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 7:00 PM