



**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT**

Councillor Karel Roessingh

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Administrative Officer Lorraine Hilton  
Corporate Officer Tina Neurauter  
Planner Laura Beckett  
Public in Attendance 9

---

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion: 076-2019**

*Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Stanton*

That the agenda be approved as amended: ADD: Rick Lester, Rachael Sansom, Bob Flitton, Bob McMinn, Stephanie Wilkins, Scott Richardson under Petitions and Delegations. CARRIED

**2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

Rick Lester, Highlands resident, addressed Council regarding the need for a South Highlands Local Area Plan and had questions regarding what that plan may look like.

Rachael Sansom, stated she was present to answer any questions regarding item 10.1 on the Agenda.

Bob McMinn, Highlands resident, commented on the need for a South Highlands Local Area Plan.

Bob Flitton, commented that Ecoasis would be supportive of Highlands undertaking a South Highlands Local Area Plan.

Stephanie Wilkins, Highlands resident, spoke on behalf of River Road residents and stated that the residents in this area also believe there is a need for a South Highlands Local Area Plan, and hopes that Council makes it a priority.

Scott Richardson, Highlands resident, addressed Council regarding a South Highlands Local Area Plan and asked that they act on this immediately and proposed a Council Motion for consideration.

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 Motion: 077-2019**

**RE: FEBRUARY 19, 2019 COUNCIL MINUTES**

*Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor McLean*

That the Council minutes of February 4, 2019 be approved. CARRIED

#### 4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Councillor Leslie Anderson

*Heritage Select Committee and Western Communities Policing Advisory Committee*

Councillor Ann Baird

##### **CRD Regional Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee**

Tuesday Feb 26th, 2019, the (CRDRHTFAC) met for our first quarterly meeting to bring all the new commissioners up to speed on the acronyms (I mean the history) of this fund and where we are going. This is all entirely new to me and I have lots to learn to understand the history, the need, and how this Trust Fund fits with the CRD Regional Housing First Plan (CRDRHFP) and the CRD Regional Housing Affordability Strategy (CRDRHAS). There is, of course other funding organizations that overlap with this work such as the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation Seed Funding Program (CMHCSFP), the BC Housing Community Partnership Initiative Program Framework (BHCPIPF), and both the provincial and federal governments. I learned of many documents on policy and research associated with identifying current and future community need for affordable housing, market trends, qualifying requirements, policy gaps, and leveraging funding and have a new lovely binder containing all of this for easy reference. We learned about past projects completed, and the current approved projects not yet at the building permit stage.

The take aways (other than mind spinning acronyms) is that there is **WAY more need** than there are affordable (highly subsidized) or near market (partly subsidized) units and this need is expected to grow. The **Trust Funds are mostly spoken for** at this point (doing very good work), so we moved staff's recommendation that we suspend receipt of enquiries by potential future projects. It is thought that this will take us until 2021. In the meantime, our group will still meet quarterly to make any decisions that arise with the current projects under way. It is expected that more funds will be made available as many levels of government have made housing a priority. It was good to have a roundtable discussion at the end to hear the commitment from so many municipalities in our region to this important issue.

The **CRD Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force** is just in the process of setting a date (likely early April) for our first meeting with the new group of elected officials in the region.

Councillor Gord Baird

##### **JDF Water Feb 5 - 2018**

JDF water met and reviewed the application for a DCC waiver for a project that incorporates affordable housing units, within View Royal. In the past the JDF has denied such applications. The cost would be \$246,000 that would then have to be taken from the Annual Capital Reserve Fund. Because this project is already participating in the CRD' Regional Housing First Program, there is already a built in tool to provide assistance, and the JDF WDC does not feel that there is obligation to place additional CRD monies to the project.

##### **CRD Water February 20 - 2018**

The RWS voted to take a positional statement to not support the inclusion of an alternate route to the Malahat in the Regional Watershed Lands, or the Watershed Protection Zones. Delegation presentations were numerous and we were not able to finish RWS business leading to discussions of special (additional) meetings, or longer meeting times if the pattern continues.

##### **Regional Vegetation Management Strategy - update**

Two pre-meetings took place with CRD Staff (Parks and Environmental Protection). There is interest to widen the scope as there is the potential to tie additional federal funding that is earmarked for climate adaptation. The Mayor submitted the motion to CRD Parks & Environment committee, and the motion was passed February 27th. The recommendation will now move to the CRD Board for consideration.

##### **CRISP**

Continuing dialogue to tie up the transition to having the CRD act as the main coordinator. Final submissions have been presented to the Province on the list of Invasive Species that make up the EDRR program. Planning is underway for the Annual Regional Meeting for Invasive Species. This Regional meeting had been put on hold for several years, but with the CRD taking on the co-ordination role, it has allowed members the time to organize this event. (Reminder, that this change to CRISP Coordination was initiated by the Highlands). The Annual Regional Meeting will be open to Local Governments, Contractors and the public at large.

Councillor Marcie McLean

*Councillor McLean informed that the regular meeting of the Sustainable Land Use Select Committee scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2019 is cancelled.*

Councillor Karel Roessingh

Capital Region Emergency Services Telecommunications, CRD Arts and Greater Victoria Public Library Board

Councillor Rose Stanton

Emergency Planning and Social Sustainability Select Committee

Mayor Williams

**Wed. Feb. 13th, 2019 Capital Regional District Board**

The CRD Board heard overwhelming support for a Climate Emergency Declaration from 24 delegations and later approved the Parks & Environment recommendation that we declare a Climate Emergency and that the CRD take a leadership role to work towards achieving carbon neutrality in the region by 2030.

The CRD Board also approved a revised Terms of Reference for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee with the inclusion of a participating member from the District of Highlands. This committee provides input on solid waste management matters and advises on the development of our region's Solid Waste Management Plan and will monitor the new plan once it is approved. Participation is voluntary and members will be asked to commit to meeting once a month for up to 3 years.

The 2019-2022 Board Priorities were approved. They are:

1. Community Wellbeing (transportation and Housing)
2. Climate Action and Environmental Stewardship
3. Reconciliation with First Nations
4. Governance/Advocacy/Accountability

link to Strategic Plan document:

[https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/corporate-communications-pdf/board-priorities.pdf?sfvrsn=38ad4dca\\_4](https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/corporate-communications-pdf/board-priorities.pdf?sfvrsn=38ad4dca_4)

Many housekeeping items were addressed as well as support for the Bike BC Cycling Infrastructure Program. A funding request from the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness was approved.

**Wed. Feb. 20th, 2019 Planning and Protective Services**

The PPS Committee heard 17 delegations supporting the establishment of a Regional Foodlands Trust. Foodlands trusts operate as organizations that maintain land and food provisioning activities in perpetuity. A feasibility study was approved by the CRD in 2017 and on Feb 10, 2018, a contract was awarded to Upland Agricultural Consulting. That study has now come before the PPS Committee but we did not have time to consider recommendations because of the length of the delegations. The PPS will continue discussions on March 20th. The study is available at the following link:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=15077&GUID=A0AEFBEE-31B9-4B0F-B26C-26DE1CB0A2F5>

**Tues. Feb. 26th, 2019 South Island Prosperity Project Partners Meeting**

Representatives of the 10 municipal and 7 first nation SIPP members met to review the final draft of the Smart Cities Challenge funding grant application (#FreedomtoMove). The grant offers a chance for Greater Victoria (one of ten finalists) to win \$10 million dollars for better transportation. Please show your support at [www.smartsouthisland.ca](http://www.smartsouthisland.ca). The project reflects the direct aspirations and priorities of our citizens. Leading up to this proposal, SIPP conducted two years of citizen and stakeholder engagement culminating in a Vision 2040 plan, a regional roadmap to guide how we use technology and data to improve our lives and community wellbeing. Transportation is a major contributor to the region's greenhouse gas emissions and this proposal represents an unprecedented collaboration between citizens, governments and industry to improve the mobility of all while reducing our carbon footprint.

- 5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS No items
- 6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS No items
- 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS No items

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1

Motion 078-2019

Email Correspondence – Bear Mountain Community Association

**RE: MINE PERMIT APPLICATION** (0580.20)

*Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird*

That the correspondence from the Bear Mountain Community Association regarding support of the HDCA's opposition to the OK Industries Mine Permit application be received.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

No items

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1

Motion 079-2019

Report - Planner

**RE: DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT DVP-04-18**

*Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Stanton*

That Development Variance Permit application DVP-04-18 be referred back to staff and the applicant to bring forward additional information on the following:

1. Possible water quality controls the District of Highlands may impose over water courses in the area, such as Osborn Pond and Creek due to the use of such things as fire retardants in roofing, pesticides, herbicides, etc.
2. In the biology report, implications of climate change as described in Appendix E – Legislated Riparian Assessments in BC APEGBC/ABC FP/CAB Professional Practice Guidelines, including such things as the effect of reduced buffers, landscaping, sun exposed areas resulting in less moisture for buffer trees, overland flows, higher waterlines and contaminants travelling over ground surfaces.
3. The implications of a two year versus a five year permit (pros and cons).

10.2

Motion 080-2019

Report – Corporate Officer

**RE: COMMUNITY HALL RENTAL WAIVER** (7900.03)

*Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird*

That Council approve the rental waiver for a one day rental by the Highland Heritage Park Society for a community spring potluck and dance on March 30, 2019 with the HHPS being charged for insurance (\$15-\$25), refundable security deposit (\$100) and caretaking (\$100).

10.3

Motion 081-2019

Report – Corporate Officer

**RE: STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSIONS** (6430.04)

*Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird*

That Council meetings or Special Council meetings on the topic/item of Strategic Planning unless legally required under the Local Government Act (LGA) or the Community Charter (CC) will be held during Council meetings or Special Council meetings that are open to the public.

DEFEATED

*OPPOSED: Mayor Williams, Councillors Anderson, Ann and Gord Baird and Stanton*

11. IN CAMERA

12. RISE AND REPORT

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 082-2019

*Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Stanton*

That the Council meeting of March 4, 2019 adjourn at 8:26 PM.

---

MAYOR

---

CORPORATE OFFICER