



**DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS  
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023 @ 7:00 PM  
COMMUNITY HALL, 729 FINLAYSON ARM ROAD**

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**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  
Corporate Officer Melisa Miles

Public Observation: 3

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**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION: 22-2023

*Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh  
That the agenda be approved as presented.*

CARRIED

**2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1

MOTION: 23-2023

Special Council – January 19, 2023

*Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Stanton  
That the minutes of the January 19, 2023 Special Council meeting be  
adopted.*

CARRIED

3.2

MOTION: 24-2023

Council – January 23, 2023

*Moved Councillor Ann Baird, Seconded Councillor Anderson  
That the minutes of the January 23, 2023 regular Council meeting be  
adopted.*

CARRIED

3.3

MOTION: 25-2023

West Shore Parks and Recreation Society – December 8, 2022

*Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird  
That the minutes of the December 8, 2022 West Shore Parks and  
Recreation Society meeting be received.*

CARRIED

**4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES &  
COMMISSIONS**

Councillor Leslie Anderson  
West Shore Parks and Recreation Society, Te'Mexw Treaty Advisory  
Committee and Heritage Select Committee

Councillor Ann Baird  
CRD Climate Action Committee and CRD Housing Trust Fund  
Commission

Councillor Gord Baird  
CRD Regional Water Supply Commission and CRD JDF Water  
Distribution Commission, and Sustainable Land Use Select Committee

Councillor Marcie McLean  
Coexisting with Carnivores Alliance and Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee

Councillor Karel Roessingh  
Capital Region Emergency Services Telecommunications (CREST),  
CRD Arts and Greater Victoria Public Library Board

### **GVPL Board**

The board had its inaugural meeting January 24th. Andrew Appleton of Oak Bay was acclaimed as chair, and Shahira Khair of Victoria acclaimed as vice chair. As the bridging period strategic plan for Covid is about to expire, the board will be holding strategic planning sessions this spring.

### **CRD Arts Commission**

Victoria Mayor Marianne Alto has been appointed chair. At its January 25th meeting, the Commission awarded Operating Grants totalling just under \$590,000 to 22 arts organizations, 21 of which had received operating grants in previous years. At the direction of the Commission, applicants must demonstrate a commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion. All previous applicants and one of the two new applicants gave robust responses on their approach to EDI, and demonstrated resilient performance in operations and programming.

Councillor Rose Stanton  
Emergency Planning Committee, Inter-Municipal Advisory Committee on Disability Issues, Western Communities Policing Advisory Committee and Social Sustainability Select Committee

On January 19, 2023, I attended a meeting of the Intermunicipal Advisory Committee on Disability Issues.

Discussion included the importance of an accessibility assessment when building trails. Resources on how to build accessible trails can be found on IACDI's website on the City of Colwood's website.

Next IACDI Meeting is the AGM on February 16, 2023.

On January 26, 2023, I attended my first meeting of the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee.

One item of note discussed at the meeting was that the funding for the Mobile Youth Service Team (MYST) will end on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

On January 27, 2023, I went on a ride-a-long with Westshore RCMP Cst. Olsen. I had a tour of the detachment and then we went for a ride through the detachment's coverage area. Westshore RCMP has a huge area to cover.

Mayor Williams

### **Tues. Jan 24th, 2023 Mayors' Meeting**

Victoria Mayor Marianne Alto hosted an introductory meeting of the Capital Region Mayors at the Parliamentary Dining Room. This is a continuation of the mayors' meetings from last term that proved very helpful during the pandemic lockdown and other advocacy issues such as the doctor shortages and transportation corridors.

### **Wed. Jan 25th, 2023, Capital Regional District Board Special Committee of the Whole**

This was the second Strategic Planning Session. The draft CRD Board Priorities overview was examined and minor tweaks were made by the Board and will be brought back to the next Board Meeting on Feb. 8th. The five pillars are transportation, housing, First Nations, climate action / environment and governance:

[https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/crd-document-library/committeedocuments/crdcommitteeofthewhole/20230125/2023-01-25board-priorities-overview.pdf?sfvrsn=7d8844ce\\_2](https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/crd-document-library/committeedocuments/crdcommitteeofthewhole/20230125/2023-01-25board-priorities-overview.pdf?sfvrsn=7d8844ce_2)

A third session dealing with the vision statement will take place before the CRD Board Meeting on Feb. 8th, tentatively starting at 11:30 AM and the results will be included at the ensuing Board meeting that afternoon.

## **5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

## **6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7.1

Report, Corporate Officer, January 31, 2023 (0810.20)

### **RE: COMMUNITY HALL RENTAL RATES AND USE POLICY AND COMMUNITY HALL SUBSIDIZED RENTAL RATES POLICY**

MOTION: 26-2023

*Moved Councillor Ann Baird, Seconded Councillor Stanton*

That staff be directed to draft a report to come to Committee of the Whole, outlining proposed amendments to the District's Community Hall Rental Rates and Use Policy and the Community Hall Rental Subsidized Rates Policy.

CARRIED

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1

Correspondence, District of Sooke, December 16, 2022 (0400.60)

### **RE: FUNDING FOR PACIFIC CENTRE FAMILY SERVICES ASSOCIATION'S MOBILE YOUTH SERVICES TEAM AND ITS CRIME REDUCTION AND EXPLOITATION DIVERSION (CRED) PROGRAM**

MOTION: 27-2023

*Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Roessingh*

That staff send a letter to Minister Farnworth and a separate letter be

sent to Niki Sharma, Attorney General indicating that the District of Highlands Council is supportive for stable and on-going funding and additional human resources for the Pacific Centre Family Association’s Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST) and its Crime Reduction and Exploitation Diversion (CRED) Program position held by Ms. Mia Golden; which we have been informed the funding through the Federal / Provincial Gun and Gang Violence Action Fund will end on March 31, 2023. And furthermore, that District of Highlands Council joins the District of Sooke Council’s letter in urging you to source the needed funding to allow Ms. Golden to continue her vital work with MYST and CRED in support of the Greater Victoria Region’s most vulnerable young people at risk and their families. With copies to Premier David Eby, John Horgan, MLA, Randall Garrison, MP, Honorable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Liz Nelson, Executive Director, Pacific Centre Family Services Association.

CARRIED

8.2

Correspondence, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, January 30, 2023 (5280.05)

**RE: BAMBERTON LAND DEVELOPMENT SITE**

MOTION: 28-2023

*Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Anderson*

That the correspondence from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation dated January 30, 2023 be received for information.

CARRIED

**9. BYLAWS**

9.1

**RE: TICKET INFORMATION AUTHORIZATION BYLAW NO. 49, 1996 AMENDMENT NO. 8, BYLAW 444, 2023** (1810.02 / 3900-444)

MOTION: 29-2023

*Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Roessingh*

That “Bylaw 444, District of Highlands Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 49, 1996 Amendment No. 8, Bylaw No. 444, 2023” be Adopted.

CARRIED

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

10.1

Report, Chief Administrative Officer, January 18, 2023 (2230.20 / Agreements)

**RE: HIGHLAND HERITAGE PARK SOCIETY’S CARETAKERS AGREEMENT 2023-2024**

MOTION: 30-2023

*Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Stanton*

That Council approve the Highland Heritage Park Society’s Caretakers Agreement and that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the District.

CARRIED

**11. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**12. MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA**

**13. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA RESOLUTIONS**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: 31-2023

*Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird*  
That the Regular Council meeting of February 6, 2023 adjourn at  
7:30 pm.

CARRIED

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MAYOR

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CORPORATE OFFICER

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