



DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF ELECTRONIC COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 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
Corporate Officer Deb Hopkins
Municipal Planner Laura Beckett

Public Observation: 5

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 32-2021

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

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

2.1

Scott Richardson expressed appreciation for the virtual coffee house held on February 13. He acknowledged the efforts of the coffee house team to host the event, noted that the music was wonderful and that he hoped that more will be held in the future.

Mr. Richardson also provided an update on the HDCA's legal activities concerning the Mines Permit issued to O.K. Industries Ltd. He advised that the request for a judicial review was declined and that HDCA has filed a subsequent petition to be heard in May. Mr. Richardson said that this matter has broad application for similar future administrative decisions across the province and asked if there was a process that the District could undertake through UBCM or similar to attract more communities to participate to gain greater influence with the Province regarding the *Mines Act*.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1

Council Minutes – February 1, 2021

MOTION: 33-2021

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Anderson
That the minutes of the February 1, 2021 Council meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3.2

Special Council Minutes – February 3, 2021

MOTION: 34-2021

Moved Councillor Stanton, Seconded Councillor Roessingh
That the minutes of the February 3, 2021 Special Council meeting be adopted.

There was consensus from Council that the minutes be amended with additional details on the discussion regarding staff capacity.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

Councillor Leslie Anderson

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

Councillor Ann Baird

CRD Climate Action Committee and CRD Housing Trust Fund Commission

Feb 10th 9:30-noon: CRD Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force

- Attendance: CRD staff, Pinna Consulting, 11 councillors.
- Starting the process for the creation of a Revised Climate Action Strategy Vision and Goals. Reason for updated plan? CRD not on track to meet targets.
- Includes both mitigation and adaption.
- Merges corporate and community GHGs into the plan.
- Good discussion of Resilience: Ability of communities to cope, manage, survive and thrive with increasing impacts/shocks.
- Meeting allowed an adequate amount of time for task force members to contribute to this updated plan which is still in the early stages.
- Board has already endorsed carbon neutrality by 2030 (nine years).
- Excellent feed-back from many well-informed members.
- It was disappointing that territorial GHGs are still the focus thus excluding consumption, food, soil, and deforestation GHGs. Even though these GHG sources are not directly included they are captured indirectly in the topics/actions discussed.
- Vision of compact and complete communities leaves out the reality of rural communities and how dense communities can also lead to unaffordable housing.
 - Good discussion followed regarding use of rural parks by citizens of dense urban areas. Discussion of CRD expanding trail/bike connections to rural communities.
- Lots of discussion regarding how the CRD can help create policy for the broader region...i.e. deconstruction policy, circular economy, well-being index instead of GDP, zero waste, etc.
- Discussion around Hartland landfill, deforestation, RNG/LNG, etc.

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 Roessingh advised that the virtual coffee houses will be held on the second Saturday of each month. He also reported that Kyara Kahakauwila has resigned as Chair of CREST and that a new Chair will be elected at the meeting to be held on February 17. He noted that there could be numerous changes to the Board positions as a result of this resignation.

Councillor Rose Stanton

Emergency Planning and Social Sustainable Committee

Mayor Ken Williams

Wed. Feb. 10th 2021 Capital Regional Capital Region Housing Corporation Board

The Housing Corporation Board approved a 4.5 million dollar mortgage to buy a property on Hockley Ave. in Langford as a part of the Regional Housing First Program. The CRD will purchase the property and hold 100% ownership and lease it to the CRHD over 60 years. The final project budget is \$32,775,610.00 as part of a Tri-Partite agreement between the CRD, CRHC and BCHMC.

Wed. Feb. 10th, 2021 Capital Regional Hospital District Board

The CRHD Board awarded a contract to Unitech Construction Management for \$43,000 plus a contingency of \$3,000 for additional services if warranted for the demolition of Oak Bay Lodge. This will pave the way for redevelopment of the property.

Wed. Feb 10th, 2021 Capital Regional District Board

A large consent agenda was passed containing housekeeping items related to the waste water treatment plant, electoral issues such as evacuation planning, fire service and a composting project on Saltspring Island. The Board unanimously adopted a recommendation from the Environmental Services Committee that staff continue to work on the Solid Waste Management Plan with the amendment that staff bring back measures as soon as practicable to achieve more aggressive waste reduction targets.

An amendment was approved for the Regional Water Supply Service to revise their budget to cover the loss of a potential federal grant to complete a seismic resiliency upgrade.

The CRD Board passed a motion for further study and public engagement to widen Regional Trails. Many commented on the importance of trails as transportation corridors.

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=21234&GUID=E0289BB4-ABFD-4B4B-B157-35E39AFC7453>

Director Fred Haynes' late motion that the CRD Board send a motion to AVICC, UBCM and FCM encouraging senior governments to take action to solve the fentanyl crisis and declare a medical emergency was carried.

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1

MOTION: 35-2021

Report – Municipal Planner, February 11, 2021

RE: DVP-04-20 – 3220 EAGLES LAKE ROAD

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Stanton
That Council issue DVP-04-20.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 Correspondence, D. Pfeifer, February 3, 2021
RE: RODENTICIDE FREE BC
- MOTION: 36-2021 *Moved Councillor Ann Baird, Seconded Councillor Stanton*
That Council authorize sending a letter to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy requesting a province-wide ban on the use of rodenticides.
- CARRIED
- 8.2 Correspondence, AVICC Member Mayors, February 9, 2021
RE: FIRE EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FUNDING FOR SMALL RURAL COMMUNITIES
- MOTION: 37-2021 *Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Stanton*
That Council endorse the letter to be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding fire emergency equipment funding for small rural communities to be signed by AVICC member Mayors of small rural communities.
- CARRIED
- 8.3 Correspondence, W. Cole-Hamilton, February 10, 2021
RE: SUPPORT FOR HELP CITIES LEAD CAMPAIGN
- MOTION: 38-2021 *Moved Councillor Ann Baird, Seconded Councillor Stanton*
That Council authorize sending a letter to the Ministers of Environment and Climate Change, Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, Municipal Affairs, Finance, and the Attorney-General and Minister responsible for Housing expressing its endorsement of the Help Cities Lead Campaign.
- CARRIED
- 8.4 Correspondence, W. Cole-Hamilton, February 10, 2021
RE: SUPPORT FOR PACE BC PROGRAM
- MOTION: 39-2021 *Moved Councillor Ann Baird, Seconded Councillor Stanton*
That Council authorize sending a letter to the Ministers of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation, Municipal Affairs, and the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing expressing support for provincial legislation enabling PACE by third-party administration and confirming the District of Highlands' potential interest in having a PACE program should it become available in B.C.
- CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. IN CAMERA

MOTION: 40-2021

Moved Councillor Ann Baird, Seconded Councillor Anderson
That Council move In Camera in accordance with Section 90(1)(i) of the *Community Charter* to discuss items specific to the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED

Council reconvened from In Camera at 8:27 pm.

**12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA
RESOLUTIONS**

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 41-2021

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh
That the Council meeting of February 16, 2021 adjourn at 8:27 pm.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

Adopted March 1, 2021