

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Allan Roger, Chair
Dave Mackas, Secretary
Ingo Lambrecht
Bob McMinn
Ellie Rayner
Cathy Reader

COUNCIL LIAISON:
Marcie McLean

OTHERS PRESENT:
Councillor Gord Baird (as speaker, item 5.1)

1. ELECTIONS

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 Bob McMinn be elected Vice-Chair.

The Chair thanked Ellie Rayner for her long-term service in this role.

CARRIED

1.3

RE: ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Moved and Seconded

Position will rotate as needed.

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1

RE: NOVEMBER 20, 2019 SUSTAINABLE LAND USE SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Moved and Seconded

That the Sustainable Land Use Select Committee minutes of November 20, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Council Liaison McLean reported on Council activities since November 2019.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1

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

Background from January 2019 Discussion (*SLUSC members have noticed many dying and stressed trees throughout the Highlands. January discussion of possible causes (longer hotter and drier summers, increased groundwater extraction ...) and consequences (altered forest ecology, increased wildfire risk ...) but no SLUSC actions were identified at that time.*)

Councillor G. Baird provided an update on what is happening regionally CRD has applied for a federal grant to develop regional-level management programs addressing emergency preparedness (wildfires), management (e.g. controlled burns, initially on public lands), and replanting (with what, where). Monthly meetings hosted by CRD. Recs for private land held by individual landowners will follow eventually. Probably useful to include this local private-landowner component in the Highlands. Therefore:

Moved and Seconded

That SLUSC (with Fire Dept and Councillor Baird input) will develop a draft “manage your forest” mailout pamphlet analogous to the “protecting our water” information sheet sent in previous years. CARRIED

5.2

RE: MINE PERMIT - UPDATE

On 19 Feb, HDCA (Scott Richardson and Dave Mackas) gave short presentations to CRD Environmental Services Committee explaining HDCA concerns re interaction between quarrying and contaminants on adjoining sites, and request CRD support to these concerns. The committee recommended additional CRD Staff consultation with HDCA on this issue, to perhaps be followed by additional CRD submissions to BC MEMPR.

5.3

RE: MILLSTREAM CREEK TRAILS - UPDATE

Trails on this site appear to have been properly routed and built to a good standard, except for need to repair some recent localized erosion.

5.4

RE: SOUTH HIGHLANDS LOCAL AREA PLAN

The Task Force now has a quorum of members (see District website for membership list), and has to date met once. Future meetings at the Community Hall will occur roughly biweekly intervals, and are open to the public.

6. THREATS TO HIGHLANDS SUSTAINABILITY

No new items.

7. NEW BUSINESS

No new items.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded

That the Sustainable Land Use Committee meeting of February 19, 2020 adjourn at 8:45 PM. CARRIED

Chair, Allan Roger

Recording Secretary, Dave Mackas

Next Scheduled Meeting, Wednesday, March 18, 2020