



DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 @ 7:00 PM
SCHOOL HOUSE, 1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT
Councillor Karel Roessingh

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Administrative Officer Lorraine Hilton
Corporate Officer Tina Neurauter
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1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 270-2019

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Stanton
That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1

MOTION: 271-2019

RE: COUNCIL – September 3, 2019

Moved Councillor Ann Baird, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That the Council minutes of September 3, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

**4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
AND COMMISSIONS**

Councillor Leslie Anderson

Councillor Anderson acknowledged the recent work of the Heritage Select Committee with regard to the lime kiln project.

Councillor Ann Baird

CRD Climate Action Committee and CRD Housing Trust Fund Commission

Councillor Gord Baird

Regional Vegetation Management Strategy – Highlands has mailed out letters to interested municipalities informing of proposed next steps and asking for comments.

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, CRD Arts and Greater Victoria Public Library Board

Councillor Rose Stanton

Emergency Planning and Social Sustainability Select Committee

Mayor Williams

Wednesday, September 4, 2019 CRD Governance and Finance Committee

During Delegations and Presentations, Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Chair Cynthia Day outlined concerns with a Notice of Motion requesting CRD staff be directed to conduct a review of the mandate, governance, finances and communications of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee. This motion was brought forward by the District of North Saanich and the Town of Sidney. Councillor Marcie McLean, acting on her own behalf, also questioned the process of the motion appearing before the committee. Ultimately, after some debate, the Governance and Finance Committee recommended that

the CRD Board consider an amended motion that directed staff to work with the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee on the review. The CRD Board subsequently approved this motion on September 11, 2019, and at this time also approved a motion to fund an application from Royal Bay High School Students for a youth mental health conference, thus not interrupting the valuable work of the FCYJC which continues during the review. The Governance and Finance Committee received a grants update from CFO Nelson Chan. The Governance and Finance Committee also recommended an appointment process to select a representative on the BC Ferries Board of Directors

Saturday, September 7, 2019 The Highlands Fling

A great time was had by all at the Fling. Kudos to the HDCA, Highlands Firefighters Association and all of the volunteers who are the true heroes of this wonderful community event. A highlight for me was an amazing performance by our Fire Chief Dean Ford at the dunk tank, seemingly invincible until finally he took a plunge complete in full uniform, medals, badges and all.

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 Capital Regional District Board

The CRD Board recommended staff initiate the first round of public consultation on the proposed strategies and targets for the new Solid Waste Management Plan. The CRD Board received a report from staff regarding the strengthening of regulations relating to the health of waterways and beaches in our region. see link:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=17014&GUID=1970D041-DADC-4955-BC26-373BBB53B239&Options=&Search=>

The CRD Board also received a report from the Parks and Environment Committee on the remediation of Elk/Beaver Lake. An ensuing motion supported funding subject to receiving matching grants from senior levels of government. see link:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=17017&GUID=72B51B83-A170-4FD5-A93B-0AB576E8098C&Options=&Search=>

The CRD Board also received a report on deer management and moved that CRD Char Colin Plant write to the provincial authorities urging them to take responsibility

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1

Report – Chief Administrative Officer (2240.60.01)

RE: HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

MOTION: 272-2019

Moved Councillor Stanton, Seconded Councillor Anderson

That Council authorize a five year Highway Maintenance Contract with Victoria Contracting and Municipal Maintenance Corporation as described generally in the report from the Chief Administrative Officer dated September 13, 2019, and further that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the District. CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1

Email Correspondence – J. Thorkelson and T. Roberts

RE: CLIMATE CHANGE DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR COMMERCIAL FISHERY PARTICIPANTS

8.2

Correspondence – S. Brice

RE: ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL FUNDING FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT

8.3

Correspondence – T. Bengtson

RE: FOSTERING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICES IN SMALL COMMUNITIES

MOTION: 273-2019

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor McLean

That the above correspondence regarding Climate Change Disaster Assistance For Commercial Fishery Participants; Additional Operational Funding For Public Transit; and Fostering Transportation Network Services In Small Communities be received. CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

9.1

Report – Corporate Officer

RE: PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 417, 2019**MOTION: 274-2019**

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Anderson
That Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 417, 2019 be given First Reading. CARRIED

MOTION: 275-2019

Moved Councillor Ann Baird, Seconded Councillor Stanton
That Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 417, 2019 be given Second Reading. CARRIED

MOTION: 276-2019

Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 417, 2019 be given Third Reading. CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1

Report – Corporate Officer

RE: COMMUNITY HALL RENTAL WAIVER REQUEST**MOTION: 277-2019**

Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That Council approve the subsidy request for a ½ day rental request by the Baha'i Community of Highlands for a community dinner event on October 28, 2019 with the applicant being charged \$175 for the rental and \$10 - \$25 for insurance and \$50 for caretaking (this provides for cleaning as well). CARRIED

MOTION: 278-2019

Moved Councillor Stanton, Seconded Councillor Ann Baird
That the Community Hall Rental Subsidized Rates Policy be forwarded to the Social Sustainability Select Committee to review the subsidy criteria (section 2) in the Policy. CARRIED

11. IN CAMERA**12. RISE AND REPORT****13. ADJOURNMENT****MOTION: 279-2019**

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Anderson
That the Council meeting of September 16, 2019 adjourn at 7:21 PM. CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER