



DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF ELECTRONIC COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020 @ 8:05 PM
COMMUNITY HALL, 729 FINLAYSON ARM ROAD

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: 3

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 292-2020

Moved Councillor Roessingh , Seconded Councillor Stanton
That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1

Council Minutes – November 2, 2020

MOTION: 293-2020

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Stanton
That the minutes of the November 2, 2020 Council meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND 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

Oct 22, 2020: Sadly, I was not able to attend the CRD Climate action meeting as I was fully involved with Gord Baird's campaign and was on my way to the Fairy creek old growth forest blockade. I have been busy reading the reports from this meeting and bringing myself up to speed on what I missed.

Nov. 4, 2020: I had planned on attending the Climate Caucus workshop on CAO-COUNCIL RELATIONSHIPS: TENSIONS AND SYNERGIES BETWEEN THE ROLES AND HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF THEM. However, I was not able to attend live but the 1 hour presentation is here (on my watch list):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7UyVv6eWdM&t=1s>.

Nov. 6, 2020: I attended the VICC all day resilience summit. Please see joint council report from Councillor Rose Stanton.

Nov 13, 2020 at 1-2pm. I have signed up for a Vancouver presentation on the future of affordable housing. Participation was suggested for members of the CRD Regional Housing Trust Fund.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86095837352?tk=DsensYbla2nrVV3aTyTN8>

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Councillor Gord Baird

Capital Region Invasive Species Partnership, CRD Regional Water 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, CRD Arts and Greater Victoria Public Library Board

Councillor Rose Stanton

Emergency Planning and Social Sustainable Committee

On Friday November 6, 2020, we (Councillors Stanton and Ann Baird) attended the VICC Community Resilience Summit 2020 online along with about 150 other registrants.

The all-day summit “culminated into a fantastic day of action-oriented workshops to help develop a Climate Action and Resilience Plan to 2030 for the island and coastal communities.”

The Summit was hosted by Mayors Lisa Helps, Michelle Staples (Duncan) and newly elected MLA Josie Osborne (Tofino). Participants included elected officials and regional directors, academics, members of staff, provincial employees, and a few NGO's.

The summit built on UVIC researchers' September 2020 report:

[Territorial Analysis and Survey of Local Government Priorities for Climate Action: Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities](#).

Participants were divided into one of the following working groups:

Group 1: Buildings: Getting to net zero through retrofits and/or new builds

Group 2: Decarbonized Transport

Group 3: Active Transport

Group 4: Circular Economy

Group 5: Greening Infrastructure (Natural and Built)

Group 6: VICC-Wide Food Security

Group 7: Resilient Infrastructure

Group 8: Building Resilient Economies

Group 9: Equity and Social Justice

Group 10: Healthy Communities and Social Resilience

The groups met three times to discuss: 1) goals, 2) actions, and 3) resources and next steps. Rose was in Group 7, and Ann was in Group 3.

The groups reported back to the larger group after each meeting and after the third meeting, facilitators collated and summarized the discussions and reported back to the large group.

It was a fast moving and well facilitated day. Our key take-aways are: Vancouver Island Coastal Communities:

- Have a lot in common.

- Have more political capital working together than working on our own. By raising our voices together, we can lobby provincial and federal governments for the changes we need to address the climate emergency.
- We can move our climate goals forward faster by sharing best practices.
- We know what we need to do, but lack capacity to implement our plans.
- It's critical to have access to stable and predictable funding (not grants). We all are struggling with lack of municipal capacity (training, expertise, and funding) to meet our goals and targets

A report on the goals, actions and resources emerging from the Summit is forthcoming.

On November 12, 2020, I (Councillor Stanton) attended a meeting of the CRD Regional Outcomes Monitoring Group: Health and Safe Environment Subgroup. This is a subcommittee created following the Creating Healthy & Safe Environments Workshop I attended at UVIC in September 2019.

The purpose of the meeting was to build awareness and understanding of indicators related to health and climate change in the CRD—both indicators currently being tracked (and by whom) as well as indicators that are not being tracked, but need to be. For example: how to measure climate change impacts on mental health.

Hotter Drier Summer	
Indicator	Who Collects Data
# of extreme heat days (past and projected) Annual average daily max temp for days >25 C (2001-2020)	BCCDC (BC Heat Impacts Prediction Map) Environment Canada
# of Heat Alerts issued (trends over time)	Environment Canada
Drought severity index(?)	Ministry of Environment or FLNRO?

Wildfire Smoke	
Percentage of days higher than CRD threshold target for particulate matter (PM2.5>+25ug/m3) among all days (Apr-Sep)	Ministry of Environment
# of air quality advisories issued (trends over time)	Ministry of Environment (Georgia Air Zone Report)
Respiratory admissions into the ER due to particulate matter exposure	BCCDC (BC Asthma Prediction Map)
Increase in (asthma medication dispensation in the community) for asthma following wildfire smoke exposure	BCCDC (BC Asthma Prediction Map)

Extreme Weather / Watershed Health	
# of extreme participation events (past and present)	Environment Canada or Ministry of Environment?
Beach closures related to extreme precipitation	Island Health
% of water-borne outbreaks following extreme precipitation events	TBD (coming) – Island Health and Environmental Agencies
# boil water advisories following extreme precipitation events	TBD (coming) – Island Health and Environmental Agencies

Sea Level Rise	
Indicator	Who Collects Data
Percent of population living in 100-year flood zone and in 55 inches of sea level rise	CRD

Sensitivity / Adaptive Capacity to Climate Hazards and Risks	
Indicator	
Age:	Percent of population aged less than 5 years; Percent of population aged 65 years or older
Poverty:	Prevalence of low income based on low-income measure
Education:	Highest certificate, diploma or degree for the population ages 15 years and over in private households
Indigenous:	Aboriginal identity for the population in private households
Immigrant:	Immigrant status and period of immigration of the population in private households
Race/ People of colour:	Visible minority for the population in private households
Language:	Language spoken most often at home for the total population excluding institutional residents
Physical & Mental Disability:	Percent of population living with physical disability; Percent of population living with mental disability
Natural Environment:	Percent of area not covered by tree canopy (Municipalities track)
Deprivation Indices:	Collected by BCCDC & island Health

Mayor Ken Williams

Wed. Nov. 4th, 2020 CRD Governance and Finance Committee

CFO Nelson Chan gave an update on external grants. New grant applications were submitted for the Elk/Beaver Lake Oxygenation Project, Fernwood Elementary athletic field upgrades and the Community Housing Fund-Spencer Road.

We also received a report on the 8 Step Grant Adjudication Process.

Link:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=20526&GUID=27CF420E-9528-45E8-BC4D-08677CF611F6>

Amendments to Bylaw No. 4383 “2020 to 2024 Financial Plan” and Bylaw No. 4384 “CRD Electoral Area Services Operating Reserve Fund” were recommended to the CRD Board.

The G&F Committee also recommended to the CRD Board that an expanded and enhanced CRD youth engagement approach be developed as a part of the organizational Diversity and Inclusion Strategy.

Wed. Nov. 4th, 2020 CRD Hospitals and Housing Committee

There were many delegations presented supporting item 6.6

Government of Canada Rapid Housing Initiative. Link:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=20511&GUID=411AA4CD-0C11-4068-8383-2F41A2A68EF0>

It was recommended to the CRD Board that the CRD Staff be authorized to negotiate and execute agreements that could take advantage of the 13.1 million dollar fund. CAO Bob Lapham has appealed to local government jurisdictions for donations of land for grant qualifying multi-residential modular housing that will help address the homeless situation in the Capital Region.

The rest of the agenda included a Capital Region Housing Update and housekeeping items surrounding the Regional Housing First Program. All were recommended to be received by the CRD Board.

Wed. Nov. 11th, 2020 Remembrance Day West Shore

Due to COVID-19, the 2020 Remembrance Day ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park in Langford was a much smaller but heartfelt affair.

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1

Resolution – Mayor, November 12, 2020 (0400.15)

RE: SIPP MEMBERSHIP

Mayor Williams brought this item back for reconsideration from the November 2, 2020 Council meeting. Council discussion ensued with concerns raised that the South Island Prosperity Partnership's (SIPP) proposed actions for climate change are not significant enough to demonstrate the climate emergency occurring and are not sufficiently aligned with the District's values on climate change. Council reiterated that they would remain open to reconsidering membership with the SIPP should climate action become a more significant component of the organization's operations in the future.

MOTION: 294-2020

Moved Councillor Stanton, Seconded Councillor Roessingh

That:

1. Council not renew its membership with the South Island Prosperity Partnership.
2. A letter be submitted to the South Island Prosperity Partnership with rationale as discussed by Council.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. BYLAWS

9.1

Report – Corporate Officer, November 4, 2020 (3900.20)

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY BYLAW NO. 426, 2020

MOTION: 295-2020

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Ann Baird

That "Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw No. 426, 2020" be adopted.

CARRIED

9.2

Report – Chief Administrative Officer, November 6, 2020 (3900.20)

RE: OFFICER AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY BYLAW NO. 427, 2020 AND PURCHASING POLICY

MOTION: 296-2020

Moved Councillor Stanton, Seconded Councillor Roessingh

That "Officer and Delegation of Authority Bylaw No. 427, 2020" be introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED

MOTION: 297-2020 *Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Stanton*
That “Officer and Delegation of Authority Bylaw No. 427, 2020” be read a second time.
CARRIED

MOTION: 298-2020 *Moved Councillor Ann Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh*
That “Officer and Delegation of Authority Bylaw No. 427, 2020” be introduced and read a third time.
CARRIED

Council discussed making changes to the Purchasing of Goods and Services Policy to shift away from selecting lowest bids to provide staff with greater flexibility to also consider social and environmental impacts.

MOTION: 299-2020 *Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird*
That Council refer the Purchasing of Goods and Services Policy back to staff for revisions to provide greater flexibility to select suppliers incorporating responsible environmental and social considerations.
CARRIED

9.3 Report – Corporate Officer, November , 2020 (3900.428)
RE: SEWER USER FEES – 2021

MOTION: 300-2020 *Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Ann Baird*
That “Sewer User Fees and Certain Sewer User Requirements and Regulations for the Rivers Crossing Area at 1150 Bear Mountain Parkway Bylaw 375, 2015, Amendment No. 5, Bylaw 428, 2020” be introduced and given first reading.
CARRIED

MOTION: 301-2020 *Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton*
That “Sewer User Fees and Certain Sewer User Requirements and Regulations for the Rivers Crossing Area at 1150 Bear Mountain Parkway Bylaw 375, 2015, Amendment No. 5, Bylaw 428, 2020” be given second reading.
CARRIED

MOTION: 302-2020 *Moved Councillor Stanton, Seconded Councillor Roessingh*
That “Sewer User Fees and Certain Sewer User Requirements and Regulations for the Rivers Crossing Area at 1150 Bear Mountain Parkway Bylaw 375, 2015, Amendment No. 5, Bylaw 428, 2020” be given third reading.
CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Report – Municipal Planner, November 12, 2020 (0400.05)
RE: HIGHLANDS’ HOUSING NEEDS REPORT

MOTION: 303-2020 *Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird*
That the report “Capital Regional District Housing Needs Report District of Highlands” dated November 12, 2020 be received.
CARRIED

10.2

Report – Corporate Officer, November 9, 2020 (2240.20)
RE: HIGHLAND HERITAGE PARK SOCIETY'S CARETAKER AGREEMENT 2021-2022

MOTION: 304-2020

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Stanton
That Council approve the Highland Heritage Park Society's Caretakers Agreement and that the Mayor and the Corporate Officer be authorized to execute such agreement on behalf of the District of Highlands.

CARRIED

10.3

Proposed Motion – Councillors Rose Stanton & Ann Baird, November 12, 2020 (0400.02)

RE: VICC COMMUNITY RESILIENCE SUMMIT 2020

MOTION: 305-2020

Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That a \$100 donation in lieu of registration fees for the VICC Community Resilience Summit 2020 held November 6, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

11. IN CAMERA

12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA RESOLUTIONS

There were no items.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 306-2020

Moved Councillor , Seconded Councillor
That the Council meeting of November 16, 2020 adjourn at 9:03 PM.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER