



**DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 18, 2017 @ 7:00 pm
SCHOOL HOUSE, 1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD**

PRESENT:

Mayor
Councillors

Ken Williams
Leslie Anderson
Ann Baird
Gord Baird
Karen Burns
Marcie McLean
Karel Roessingh

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Administrative Officer
Corporate Officer
Planner
11 members of the public

Loranne Hilton
Tina Neurauter
Laura Beckett

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 115 / 2017
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MCLEAN

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a) City of Victoria (0470-28)
RE: FUTURE OF MCPHERSON THEATRE

City of Victoria Councillors Marianne Alto and Pamela Madoff and representatives from the Royal and McPherson Theatres, Lorne DeLarge, Lloyd Fitzsimonds and Randy Joynt addressed Council regarding the City of Victoria's civic auditoriums, The Royal Theatre and McPherson Playhouse.

The presentation provided background information and statistics on the two theatres and discussed the possibility of coming up with a new funding scenario for the two theatres as they are now funded under two different formulas. The guests were looking for feedback and to ask the question, "would the District of Highlands be interested in continuing the conversation".

MOTION: 116 / 2017
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GORD BAIRD
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH

That it be relayed to the delegation that Council is interested in continuing the conversation/ discussion regarding the future of the McPherson Theatre.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) Council – April 3, 2017

MOTION: 117 / 2017
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MCLEAN

That the Council minutes of the April 3, 2017 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

- b) Social Sustainability Select Committee – March 15, 2017

MOTION: 118 / 2017
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MCLEAN

That the Social Sustainability Select Committee minutes of the March 15, 2017 meeting be received. CARRIED

4. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

i) **Councillor Leslie Anderson**

Over the past week I attended the regular monthly meeting of the Greater Victoria Labour Relations Association (as the representative for Westshore Parks and Rec). As bargaining is getting underway for a number of municipalities and related agencies, it is a busy time for this organization. Discussions covered a number of important considerations related to the objectives of ensuring constructive and successful approaches to achieving new agreements. Westshore Parks and Recreation board did not meet over the last week, but there are two meetings scheduled for next week (April 20) that I will attend. The finance committee meeting starts at 5:30 pm, and the regular board meeting (which I will chair as Ed Watson will be out of town) starts at 7. Financial statements for 2016 will be on the agenda for both meetings.

ii) **Councillor Ann Baird**

iii) **Councillor Gord Baird**

iv) **Councillor Karen Burns**

v) **Councillor Marcie McLean**

vi) **Councillor Karel Roessingh**

vii) **Mayor's Report**

Wed. April 5, 2017, CRD Finance Committee

The Finance Committee recommended to the CRD Board that the regional geographical heat maps update be added to the Financial Plan. We also recommended the CRD board receive a grants update. Included were new grant opportunities and perhaps some may be of interest to Highlands:

1. Federal Gas Tax Strategic Priorities Fund provides funding for up to 100% for not only those that are large in scale but for those that are innovative.
2. UBCM provides grants up to \$5000.00 for community to community forums with First Nations.
3. GMF Climate Innovation Grant- offers up to \$175,000.00 for climate change initiatives such as community energy, water projects that reduce GHGs and help municipalities adapt to climate change.
4. BC Rural Dividend Project provides grants for retaining youth and using innovation to drive economic growth.
5. National Disaster Mitigation Fund focuses on reducing flood risks and costs.

The Finance Committee also recommended that the CRD execute an agreement for the 2017 Orthophotography Project. The new aerial photographs of our environment are extremely helpful in planning.

We also recommended funding from the Southern Gulf Islands Community Works Fund to install solar panels on Pender Island's Community Hall.

I am pleased to announce that after much discussion with Telus, high speed internet is now available to the residents of the Ross Durrance area who previously had no high speed service. This will enable a much easier business life and less travel for Highlands residents in this area. Thanks to Shari Gale, Tyler Mooi and Steve & Derek from the Telus Installation team.

5. **RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

a) **Committee of the Whole – April 10, 2017**

RE: WATER ACCESS OPTIONS FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN

MOTION: 119 / 2017
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GORD BAIRD
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH

That Council receive and approve the water access option (essentially a higher capacity hose bib) as described in the April 6, 2017 memo from the Community Garden Committee and the revised Phase 1 Garden Budget (\$24,491) for inclusion in the 2017 draft Financial Plan. CARRIED

6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) Report – L. Beckett, Planner, April 12, 2017
RE: SUBDIVISION AND PARK DEDICATION

MOTION: 120/ 2017
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MCLEAN
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BURNS

That staff be directed to obtain a legal opinion on s. 510 subsection (6) (b) (i), (ii), and (iii) of the LGA and that this matter be referred to a future Council meeting after receiving that opinion. DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Councillors Gord Baird, Roessingh, Anderson and Mayor Williams.

MOTION: 121/ 2017
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GORD BAIRD
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH

That this item be referred to the next Council Meeting (May 1) and that staff arrange for a site visit. CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter – Federation of Canadian Municipalities, March 17, 2017
RE: FCM'S LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

MOTION: 122/ 2017
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GORD BAIRD
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ANN BAIRD

That the correspondence from the FCM regarding its legal defense fund be received. CARRIED

- b) Letter – Alistair MacGregor, MP, Cowichan-Malahat-Langford
RE: PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATION – 2018 BUDGET

MOTION: 123/ 2017
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MCLEAN
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BURNS

That the correspondence from Alistair MacGregor, MP, Cowichan-Malahat-Langford regarding pre-budget consultation – 2018 Budget, be forwarded to the June 5, 2017 Council meeting after hearing from Council members. CARRIED

- c) Memo – B. McMinn, HDCA, April 13, 2017
RE: USE OF DISTRICT VEHICLE

MOTION: 124/ 2017
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GORD BAIRD
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BURNS

That Council approve the HDCA use of the municipal vehicle for the April Community Broom Cut on Sunday, April 30, 2017 and Tuesday, May 2, 2017. CARRIED

- d) Correspondence – UBCM – New Intake for Federal Gas Tax Fund
RE: POTENTIAL GRANT FUNDING

MOTION: 125/ 2017
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GORD BAIRD
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH

That Council refer the Federal Gas Tax Fund Program to staff (including the National Disaster Mitigation Grant Program) to report back on possible projects.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Report – L. Beckett, Planner, April 12, 2017
RE: BC HERITAGE CONFERENCE – FUNDING FOR POTENTIAL ONE-DAY ATTENDANCE OF HERITAGE SELECT COMMITTEE MEMBER

MOTION: 126 / 2017
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GORD BAIRD
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BURNS

That Council authorize the expenditure of \$175 for the one-day conference registration fee for a member of the Heritage Select Committee to attend the Heritage BC 2017 conference “Planning without a (Heritage) Planner,” workshop.

11. IN CAMERA

12. RISE AND REPORT

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 127/ 2017
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MCLEAN
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ANDERSON

That the April 18, 2017 Council meeting adjourn at 8:31 pm.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER