

DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
(POLICIES AND PRIORITIES)

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on April 11, 2005 at Caleb Pike House, 1589 Millstream Road at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Roessingh, Chair
Councillor K. Brotherston
Councillor M. Brotherston
Councillor Cardinal
Councillor Kadar
Councillor Mendum
Councillor McPherson

IN ATTENDANCE: Scott Coulson, Administrator
Terry Trace, Municipal Clerk
Laura Beckett, Municipal Planner

1. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MCPHERSON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR K. BROTHERSTON

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

2. Draft Regional Context Statement and OCP

The Planner advised Council that the Context Statement is a starting point for Council's attention.

Council raised a concern with respect to Table 10.1, Section 2.2 - Managing the Natural Resources and the Environmental Sustainability and the inclusion of water. It was noted that the timelines should be more definitive.

A concern was raised with respect to how much staff time is required to get from 1st draft to 3rd draft stage of the Regional Context Statement.

The Planner advised that the 1st draft RGS is the hardest and then there will be amendments required. She noted that the brunt of the work is complete and the outline is established.

It was then suggested that when there are no Resolution of Inconsistencies for a particular section on Table 10.1 then N/A should be placed in the blank area.

Council then agreed that they support Section 1.1. of Table 10.1.

It was noted that Section 2.1 doesn't recognize water and natural resources. It was also noted that in the Inconsistencies column for Section 2.1 the second sentence is incomplete and should read "There may be a policy in the draft OCP to resolve this."

It was noted that draft #2 of the Regional Context Statement should include reference to June 2004 draft of the OCP.

The Planner advised that the District should continue on the track they are following because the context statement must match an OCP adopted in a Public Hearing Process and the June, 2004 draft has not yet been completed and adopted.

The Mayor agreed that the District should continue to use the OCP we have.

Council expressed concern that the OCP and Regional Context Statement need to go hand in hand and expressed concern why it is taking so long to complete the OCP.

Council expressed a desire to tighten up the time line up for the OCP.

The Mayor reminded Council that Council had given direction to the Planner to prepare the Regional Context Statement first and this is why the Regional Context Statement was put before Council prior to the next OCP draft.

Councillor expressed concern that the OCP should be done right away and suggested that a consultant be hired to assist the Planner with the completion of the OCP.

It was noted that the Regional Context Statement needs to reflect the draft OCP that is currently being written or there will be too many inconsistencies.

The Planner advised Council that the bulk of the work is complete on the Regional Context Statement.

The Planner further advised that the referral process will take the longest with respect to the OCP and advised that the OCP is required to go to the Advisory Committees unless Council directs otherwise. She noted that the referral process time, in her view, should be eight (8) weeks. She further advised that outsourcing can be done to assist in the completion of the OCP and that time is needed to conduct a detailed analysis on the density issue, as each property must be looked at to see what properties have a covenant on them.

The Planner then noted that it is possible to provide Council with a draft of the OCP on May 15th.

Council questioned whether or not the CRD would grant an extension of time for the Regional Context Statement.

The Planner indicated that she didn't know, however would provide Council with an answer the following day.

Council indicated support that the Regional Context Statement be submitted on time.

Council indicated support that the referral time for consideration of the Draft OCP be reduced to six (6) weeks.

The Mayor suggested that staff consider what help they may need to make the time period for the OCP shorter, but realistic, with the referral time line being six (6) weeks and that staff revise the schedule and bring back to Council.

Council suggested that the Wildland Urban Interface be set aside for now and that staff concentrate on the mapping and density issues of the OCP.

Concern was also expressed concern with respect to the maps for the OCP. It was suggested that the proposed parks and trail be marked with a broken line and that the owners of the land that proposed trails are earmarked for should be consulted.

It was suggested that intent be indicated that Local Area Plans be done for the Highlands.

It was suggested that the "Highlands" map in Chapter 1 show the power corridors.

It was also suggested that Road System and Roadside Trails map in Chapter 5 show water, sewer and gas. And that historical significance as well as "Archeological Significance" should be noted and would require a statement of intent to be carried out.

It was suggested that Council hold another Committee of the Whole (Policies and Priorities) Meeting to discuss input from the four (4) forums that were held with respect to the OCP and water issues.

The Planner advised that the OCP has a policy in place that already deals with the water issues appropriately.

Council expressed concern that Council should still consider input received from the public on the OCP.

Concern was expressed with map 10.1 and the possibility of showing the sensitive areas on a separate map, such as the suggested "Highlands" Map in Chapter 1.

Concern was expressed with the linking of proposed parks and trails. It was suggested that the word "proposed" be substituted with "potential". It was also suggested to remove the proposed Parks and Trails Map altogether, and include instead policy language to link the Master Plans to the OCP.

It was suggested that the Sensitive Areas and Water Courses be placed on a separate "overlay" map that can overlay Growth Management Concept map.

Concern was expressed with respect to the protected green space policy. It was noted that there should be further discussion with respect to the unprotected green space designation for the Regional Context Statement and the Official Community Plan.

It was also noted that water and secondary suites need to be discussed.

It was suggested that a special meeting be scheduled to further discuss outstanding issues with respect to the OCP. It was decided that a meeting be held on Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Caleb Pike House.

It was suggested that Council review the public input prior to the April 19th meeting.

3. Budget Review – including the following two items that refer to budget review, along with an additional letter received from Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse.

- a) Letter – RCMP
Request for Annual Crime Prevention and Bike Patrol Budget
- b) Letter – Val Fletcher
Request for Compensation as Provincial Emergency Coordinator
- c) Letter – Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse
Request for Funding for Canada Day Celebrations

General consensus of Council was to defer the Budget Review to the April 25, 2005 Committee of the Whole Meeting, due to time constraints this evening.

4. Adjournment

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR M. BROTHERSTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MCPHERSON

THAT the committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

AND FURTHER THAT, pursuant to Section 90(a) of the *Community Charter*, a Special “In-Camera” Council meeting be convened to discuss legal and personnel issues.

CARRIED.

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL CLERK