

**DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at the East Highlands Fire Hall, 3613 Woodridge Place at 7:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Roessingh, Chair  
Councillor Faris  
Councillor McLellan  
Councillor McPherson  
Councillor Mendum (arrived at 7:50 p.m.)  
Councillor Vogel

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Bruce Woodbury, Administrator  
Loranne Hilton, Deputy Clerk

**1. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

**2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 18, 2002

MOTION 65/02 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR VOGEL  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCPHERSON AND RESOLVED  
THAT: The minutes of the Regular Council meeting held March 18, 2002  
BE ADOPTED as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) District of Langford Referral – Bear Mountain Estates

The Administrator noted that no additional information regarding the Bear Mountain Estates rezoning application has been forwarded from the District of Langford since its referral was received by this Council at its March 18, 2002 Regular meeting. The Administrator advised that the District of Langford has stated it will forward additional information once the District of Langford's Council has received it. He will then ensure that it is distributed to District of Highlands Council.

**4. REPORTS**

- a) **Committee Reports**

i) Administration and Finance

Councillor McPherson advised that the Administration and Finance Advisory Committee met March 19<sup>th</sup> for initial budget discussions. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for April 9, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at Pike House.

ii) Environment

- Environment Advisory Committee  
Re: Parks and Recreation Master Plan

MOTION 66/02 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR FARIS  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOGEL AND RESOLVED  
THAT: That the memorandum from the Environment  
Advisory Committee, dated March 22, 2002, regarding the  
Parks and Recreation Master Plan BE RECEIVED FOR  
INFORMATION.

CARRIED

- Environment Advisory Committee  
Re: Playground Equipment and the Use of Chromate  
Copper Arsenate

MOTION 67/02 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR FARIS  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCPHERSON AND  
RESOLVED THAT: The memorandum from the Environment  
Advisory Committee, dated March 22, 2002, regarding  
playground equipment and the use of chromate copper  
arsenate BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

CARRIED

The next meeting of the Environment Advisory Committee is scheduled for April 8, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Office.

iii) Parks and Recreation

No report.

iv) Protective Services

The next meeting of the Protective Services Advisory Committee is scheduled for April 22, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the East Fire Hall.

v) Transportation and Public Works

It was noted that the paving for Millstream Lake Road has been substantially completed.

vi) Trails

The next meeting of the Trails Advisory Committee is scheduled for April 23, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at Pike House.

vii) Planning and Zoning

Councillor Vogel advised that the Official Community Plan Task Force continues to meet on a regular basis.

**b) Mayor's Report**

Mayor Roessingh provided a report on the following activities:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Willis Point Incorporation Study
- Regional Growth Strategy
- Chamber of Commerce Arena Committee Request for Proposals

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Letter from the Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services  
Re: Unconditional Grant Funding

MOTION 68/02 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCPHERSON  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FARIS AND RESOLVED

THAT: The letter from the Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, dated March 11, 2002, regarding unconditional grant funding BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

CARRIED

**6. BYLAWS**

- a) "Highlands Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 177, 2002"

MOTION 69/02 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MENDUM  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCPHERSON AND RESOLVED

THAT: Motion 10/02 that gave first reading to "Highlands Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1772, 2002" BE REPEALED.

CARRIED

There was discussion regarding the proposed amendment and the Administrator answered queries of members of Council in this regard.

MOTION 70/02 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCPHERSON  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MENDUM AND RESOLVED  
THAT: “Highlands Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 177, 2002” BE AMENDED by:

- a) replacing Map 1 – Schedule A – Greenways and Regional Trails dated 15 02 02 with the same dated 18 03 02; AND BY
- b) amending Map 4 – Schedule B – Land Use (15 02 02) as shown on the attached sketch 28 03 02.

CARRIED

MOTION 71/02 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR FARIS  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCLELLAN AND RESOLVED  
THAT: “Highlands Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 177, 2002”, as amended, BE GRANTED FIRST READING.

CARRIED

MOTION 72/02 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCLELLAN  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOGEL AND RESOLVED  
THAT: “Highlands Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 177, 2002”, as amended, BE GRANTED SECOND READING.

CARRIED

MOTION 73/02 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR VOGEL  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCLELLAN AND RESOLVED  
THAT: A Public Hearing for “Highlands Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 177, 2002” BE SCHEDULED for Monday, April 15, 2002 at the Caleb Pike House commencing at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED

- c) “Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 180, 2002”

MOTION 74/02 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCPHERSON  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOGEL AND RESOLVED  
THAT: “Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 180, 2002” BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Letter from the West Shore RCMP Community Safety Watch Patrol  
Re: Request for Grant-in-aid

MOTION 75/02 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MENDUM  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FARIS AND RESOLVED  
THAT: The grant-in-aid request from the West Shore RCMP Community Safety Watch Patrol, dated March 21, 2002, BE DEFERRED for consideration in conjunction with budget deliberations.

CARRIED

- b) Letter from the Gary Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team  
Re: Recovery Strategy for Garry Oak and Associated Ecosystems and Their Associated Species at Risk in Canada, 2002 – 2006 (Draft 20 February 2002)

MOTION 76/02 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCPHERSON  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOGEL AND RESOLVED  
THAT: Council ENDORSE the Recovery Strategy for Garry Oak and Associated Ecosystems and their Associated Species at Risk in Canada, 2002 – 2006 (Draft 20 February 2002) as requested by the Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team in correspondence dated March 6, 2002.

CARRIED

- c) Memorandum from the Administrator  
Re: Request for Authorization for Staff Attendance at MATI (Municipal Administration Training Institute) 3 and Local Government Management Association 2002 Annual Conference

MOTION 77/02 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCLELLAN  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCPHERSON AND RESOLVED  
THAT:

1. The attendance of the Administrator at the MATI (Municipal Administration Training Institute ) 3 Session scheduled for April 28 to May 3, 2002 and all associated registration fees and expenses BE AUTHORIZED; AND
2. That the attendance of the Deputy Clerk at the Local Government Management Association 2002 Annual Conference scheduled for June 4 to 7, 2002 and all associated registration fees and expenses BE AUTHORIZED.

CARRIED

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Memorandum from the Planning Technician  
Re: Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2952

MOTION 78/02 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MENDUM  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOGEL AND RESOLVED

THAT: In regard to the draft Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2952 and its proposed inclusion of the Finlayson Area (“Area”) of the District of Langford within the Regional Urban Containment and Servicing Policy Area, the District of Highlands:

- a) strongly opposes the proposed inclusion and requires the restoration of it’s Rural/Rural Residential designation for the following reasons:
- i. the 1996 Langford OCP has retained the designation of the Area as Rural;
  - ii. the Area is isolated from the main area of the western communities designated to be serviced by utilities and public transit;
  - iii. large increases in traffic from, to and through the Area cannot be accommodated on the Highlands section of Finlayson Arm Road ( which was reconstructed based on existing Rural designations along its entire length in both municipalities), or on the intersection of the Road with the Trans-Canada Highway;
  - iv. development in the Area will have negative effects on the adjacent parks and on the sensitive estuary of Goldstream River; and
  - v. inclusion of the Finlayson Area within the Urban Containment and Servicing Policy Area is inconsistent with the exclusion of the Thetis Area of the Town of View Royal;
- b) efforts be made to seek support from other affected agencies and individuals for the retention of the Finlayson Area as Rural/Rural Residential; AND
- c) that the District of Highlands make a submission on Bylaw 2952 at the Public Hearing scheduled for April 3, 2002.

CARRIED

- b) Greater Victoria Public Library Five-Year Financial Plan

MOTION 79/02 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MENDUM  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FARIS AND RESOLVED  
THAT: The Greater Victoria Public Library Five-Year Financial Plan  
received with correspondence from the Library dated March 26, 2002, BE  
RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 80/02 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCLELLAN  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOGEL AND RESOLVED  
THAT: The Regular meeting of Council BE ADJOURNED at 8:42 p.m. AND  
THAT, pursuant to Section 242.2 of the *Local Government Act* a meeting *in  
camera* be convened to discuss:

- Employee negotiations

CARRIED

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Karel Roessingh, Mayor

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Bruce Woodbury, Administrator