

**DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on December 4, 2006 at Caleb Pike House, 1589 Millstream Road at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Cardinal, Chair
Councillor K. Brotherston
Councillor Fall
Councillor Kadar
Councillor Mendum
Councillor Williams

ABSENT: Councillor Mahovlich

IN ATTENDANCE: Christopher Coates, Chief Administrative Officer
Sandi Chesley, A/Corporate Officer

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION NO. 455/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR KADAR
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT Council approves the agenda as amended by adding to:

10. Introduction of Late Items - discussion regarding Council meeting dates.

CARRIED.

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting dated November 20, 2006

MOTION NO. 456/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR KADAR

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 20, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

4. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

MOTION NO. 457/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FALL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT the appointments to the following CRD Committees be deferred pending the outcome of the upcoming election for a new CRD Board Chair: Regional Parks; Environment Committee and Arts Committee.

CARRIED.

A. ACTING MAYOR

MOTION NO. 458/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR KADAR

THAT the following Council Members BE APPOINTED as Acting Mayor for the year 2007:

Councillor Mendum from January 2007 to July 2007.
Councillor Fall from August 2007 to December 2007.

CARRIED.

B. GREATER VICTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

MOTION NO. 459/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FALL

THAT Councillor Kadar be appointed as the District of Highlands representative on the Greater Victoria Public Library Board for a one-year term expiring December 2007.

CARRIED.

C. INTER-MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES REPRESENTATIVE

MOTION NO. 460/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR KADAR
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MENDUM

THAT Councillor Kadar be appointed as the District of Highlands representative on the Inter-Municipal Committee on Disability Issues for a one-year term expiring December 2007.

THAT Councillor Williams be appointed as the District of Highlands alternate representative on the Inter-Municipal Committee on Disability Issues for a one-year term expiring December 2007.

THAT Marnie Essery be appointed as the District of Highlands community representative on the Inter-Municipal Committee on Disability Issues for a one-year term expiring December 2007.

CARRIED.

D. GREATER VICTORIA FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

MOTION NO. 461/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FALL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MENDUM

THAT Councillor Mahovlich be appointed as the District of Highlands representative on the Greater Victoria Family Court Committee representative for a one-year term expiring December 2007.

THAT Councillor Williams be appointed as the District of Highlands alternate representative on the Greater Victoria Family Court Committee representative for a one-year term expiring December 2007.

CARRIED.

E. CAPITAL REGION EMERGENCY SERVICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INC. (CREST) BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTATIVE

MOTION NO. 462/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MENDUM
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FALL

THAT Mayor Cardinal be appointed as the District of Highlands representative on CREST for a one-year term expiring December 2007.

CARRIED.

F. WESTERN COMMUNITIES POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

MOTION NO. 463/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR KADAR
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MENDUM

THAT Councillor Mendum be appointed as the District of Highlands representative on the Western Communities Policing Advisory Committee for a one-year term expiring December 2007.

THAT Councillor Fall be appointed as the District of Highlands alternate representative on the Western Communities Policing Advisory Committee for a one-year term expiring December 2007.

CARRIED.

G. EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

MOTION NO. 464/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MENDUM
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT Councillor Fall be appointed to the District of Highlands Emergency Planning Committee.

THAT Councillor Mendum be appointed as an alternate to the District of Highlands Emergency Planning Committee.

THAT Fire Chief Barry Ford be appointed to the District of Highlands Emergency Planning Committee.

CARRIED.

H. ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION LIAISON

MOTION NO. 465/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FALL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR KADAR

THAT Councillor Brotherston be appointed as Council Liaison to the District of Highlands Advisory Planning Commission for a one-year term expiring December 2007

THAT Councillor Williams be appointed as Council Alternate Liaison to the District of Highlands Advisory Planning Commission for a one-year term expiring December 2007.

CARRIED.

I. COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE

MOTION NO. 466/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FALL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MENDUM

THAT Councillor Williams be appointed as Council Liaison for the Community Energy Planning Steering Committee for a one-year term expiring December 2007.

CARRIED.

J. SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MOTION NO. 467/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MENDUM

THAT Councillor Kadar be appointed as the District of Highlands representative on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for a one-year term expiring December 2007.

THAT Councillor Williams be appointed as the District of Highlands alternate representative on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for a one-year term expiring December 2007.

CARRIED.

5. APPOINTMENT OF BANKER

MOTION NO. 468/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FALL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT Council re-appoint the Royal Bank of Canada as Bankers for the District of Highlands.

CARRIED.

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

MOTION NO. 469/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR KADAR
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MENDUM

THAT Council re-appoint the firm of KPMG as Auditors for the District of Highlands.

CARRIED.

7. APPOINTMENT OF LAWYERS

MOTION NO. 470/06

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MENDUM

THAT Council re-appoint Lidstone Young and Anderson, Barristers and Solicitors for the District of Highlands.

CARRIED.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & COMMISSIONS

a) Committee Reports

- i) Advisory Planning Commission – (Councillor Brotherston) - nothing to report
- ii) Arts Committee – (Councillor Fall) – next meeting December 6, 2006
- iii) Community Energy Planning Steering Committee – nothing to report
- iv) Emergency Planning Committee – (Councillor Fall) – nothing to report
- v) CRD Environment Committee – (Councillor Mendum) – Councillor Mendum highlighted a few topics that were discussed such as air quality in the region; regional watershed management; the Hartland Landfill Annual Report and Councillor Mendum advised that the budget meeting will be held December 5, 2006.
- vi) Greater Victoria Family Court Committee – (Councillor Mahovlich) – nothing to report
- vii) Greater Victoria Public Library Board- (Councillor Kadar) – Councillor Kadar reported that a Strategic Planning Session was held recently which brought the Board members together to discuss goals and affordability. Councillor Kadar commented that it was a very successful day.
- viii) Inter-Municipal Committee on Disability Issues– (Councillor Kadar) – nothing to report
- ix) Solid Waste Advisory Committee – (Councillor Kadar) – nothing to report
- x) Western Communities Policing Advisory Committee- (Councillor Mendum) – the next meeting will be held December 13, 2006.

b) Mayor's Report

- i) Capital Regional Board – Mayor Cardinal advised that the Planning and Protective Services met and discussed the interim update on the Regional Growth Strategy. The Committee recommendation to the Board will be to put forward Plan A and defer consideration of any work until the statutory 5 year review.
- ii) CREST – Next meeting will be on December 20, 2006
- iii) West Shore Parks and Recreation Society's Board of Directors – nothing to report

Mayor Cardinal commented that the recent snow storm caused the most damage that BC Hydro has ever had to deal with to date. This was due to the number of storms, from record rainfall to the heavy snow fall. Mayor Cardinal thanked Val Fletcher, the Emergency Coordinator and the CAO for all their hard work in coordinating BC Hydro, a tree clearing crew and Victoria Contracting to work together to clear down lines, trees and roads and for arranging some residents to stay at Bear Mountain during the power outages. Overall, Mayor Cardinal thought the Highlanders did very well.

MOTION NO. 471/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MENDUM
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FALL

THAT Council hold a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss Emergency Preparedness.

CARRIED.

9. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

10. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

MOTION NO. 472/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MENDUM
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FALL

THAT Council change the January 2, 2007 Regular Council Meeting to January 8, 2007 and the January 15, 2007 Regular Council meeting to January 22, 2007.

CARRIED.

MOTION NO. 473/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FALL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT Council cancel the Regular Council meeting of December 18, 2006.

CARRIED.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Letter from Monique Stevenson, Consultation Manager
Sea Breeze Victoria, dated November 21, 2006
Re: Juan de Fuca Cable Project: Follow up to questions asked

MOTION NO. 474/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MENDUM
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FALL

THAT Council receive for information the letter, dated November 21, 2006 from Monique Stevenson, Consultation Manager, Sea Breeze Victoria, regarding the Juan de Fuca Cable Project: Follow up to Questions Asked *from their presentation made to Council on November 6, 2006.*

CARRIED.

b) CRD Strategic Plan

MOTION NO. 475/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FALL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT Council endorse the Capital Regional District Strategic Plan.

CARRIED.

MOTION NO. 476/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MENDUM
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FALL

THAT Council request the CRD to consider a cohesive strategy for climate change in the Strategic Plan.

CARRIED.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence Receive for Information:

- a) Letter from Barbara Giuliani, President of the Juan de Fuca Arts and Craft Guild, dated November 8, 2006

MOTION NO. 477/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR KADAR
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FALL

THAT Council receives for information the letter from Barbara Giuliani, President of the Juan de Fuca Arts and Crafts Guild, dated November 8, 2006.

CARRIED.

Correspondence Requiring Action:

- b) Letter from Toni Hammond, dated November 20, 2006
Re: Community New Year's Eve Celebration – Eagle Ridge Community Centre

MOTION NO. 478/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MENDUM

THAT Council support the Community New Year's Eve Celebration with a donation of \$300 with the understanding that the event be advertised in the District of Highlands

AND FURTHER THAT after the event, Council receives a report on the successes of the event as well as a cost breakdown.

CARRIED.
(Mayor Cardinal opposed)

- c) Letter from Mayor Alan Lowe, City of Victoria, dated November 14, 2006
Re: Draft Model Pesticide Use Bylaw

MOTION NO. 479/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MENDUM

THAT Council endorse the City of Victoria's idea of inviting all other local municipalities to partner with their staff in developing and implementing a pesticide use reduction education program

AND FURTHER THAT Council advise the City of Victoria that the District of Highlands is currently working on its own Pesticide Use Bylaw.

CARRIED.

13. **BYLAWS**

14. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Memo from C. Coates, CAO, dated November 15, 2006
Re: Contract renewals with CRD for Animal Control and Bylaw Enforcement Services

MOTION NO. 480/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FALL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

THAT Council approve the Animal Control Services Agreement with the Capital Regional District, and that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the District of Highlands.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the Bylaw Services Agreement with the Capital Regional District, and that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the District of Highlands.

CARRIED.
(Councillor Brotherston opposed)

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION NO. 481/06
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

MAYOR

ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER