



**DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, December 15, 2008 @ 7:21 p.m.
SCHOOL HOUSE, 1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD**

PRESENT:

Mayor	Jane Mendum
Councillors	Allen Dobb
	Diane Gill
	Sigurd Johannesen
	Marcie McLean
	Karel Roessingh
	Ken Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Administrative Officer	Chris Coates
Planner	Laura Beckett
Corporate Officer	Tina Neurauter
16 members of the public	

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 437/ 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

a) Council - November 17, 2008

MOTION: 438 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR JOHANNESSEN

THAT the minutes of Council dated November 17, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

b) Inaugural Council - December 1, 2008

MOTION: 439 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

THAT the minutes of the Inaugural Council meeting dated December 1, 2008 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

c) Committee of the Whole – October 15, 2008

MOTION: 440 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting dated October 15, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

d) Committee of the Whole – December 8, 2008

MOTION: 441 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GILL

THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole meeting dated December 8, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & COMMISSIONS**a) Committee Reports**

- i) Advisory Planning Commission (Cllr. McLean) – Nothing to report.
- ii) CRD Arts Committee (Cllr. Dobb) – Nothing to report.
- iii) Emergency Planning Committee (Cllr. Johannesen) – Nothing to report.
- iv) Greater Victoria Family Court Committee (Cllr. Johannesen) – Nothing to report.
- v) Greater Victoria Public Library Board (Cllr. Roessingh) – Nothing to report.
- vi) Inter-Municipal Committee on Disability Issues (Cllr. McLean) – Nothing to report.
- vii) Solid Waste Advisory Committee (Cllr. Gill) – Nothing to report.
- viii) Western Communities Policing Advisory Committee (Cllr. Johannesen) – Met on December 10 – overview of detachment, overview on property crimes. Councillor Roessingh request that Councillor Johannesen mention at the next meeting the issue of speeding vehicles in the Highlands.
- ix) Groundwater Task Force (Cllr. Roessingh) – Nothing to report.
- x) CREST (Cllr. Roessingh) – Nothing to report.
- xi) CRD Water– Nothing to report.
- xii) West Shore Parks and Recreation – Budget was discussed at the last meeting; the 2009 budget will be broken into three sections this year.

b) Mayor's Report

CRD Board – Election of Chair, Councillor Geoff Young, election of Vice-Chair, Councillor Graham Hill. Councillor Graham Hill will Chair the Hospital Board and Councillor Geoff Young will be Vice-Chair. The Board is contemplating meeting twice monthly, transitional items were discussed. The Arbitrator decision regarding the RGS amendment will be brought to next months Board meeting.

CRD Committees

Parks – Nothing to report.

Environment – Nothing to report.

MOTION: 442 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR DOBB
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH

THAT staff bring back to Council suggestion on the layout of the Agenda regarding section 4) Reports of Committees, Committee of the Whole and Commissions.

CARRIED

The Mayor thanked the Fire Department for hosting the Pancake Breakfast and informed all present that the Santa Run will take place on Saturday, December 20 starting at 9:00 a.m. in the east side of Highlands, and 1:00 p.m. in the west side of Highlands. This event, organized by various community volunteers, including Highlands Firefighter's Association members, is your local opportunity to donate non-perishable food items and cash to the local food bank just in time for Christmas.

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS****7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) Memo – A/ Corporate Officer, December 10, 2008
RE: APPOINTMENT TO CRD AND JDF WATER COMMISSIONS (0470-50)

The Mayor asked if any member of the public would like to address Council regarding these appointments.

MOTION: 443 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR DOBB

THAT Council appoint Mayor Mendum as the representative to the Regional Water Commission and Councillor Karel Roessingh as the alternate representative.

CARRIED

MOTION: 444 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GILL

THAT Council appoint Mayor Mendum as the representative to the Juan de Fuca Water Commission and Councillor Ken Williams as the alternate representative.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Email correspondence – Michelle Mahovlich – December 10, 2008
RE: BC HYDRO TWO TIER BILLING/RURAL COMMUNITIES (5500 – 06)

MOTION: 445 /2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MCLEAN
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

That the email correspondence be received.

CARRIED

MOTION: 444 /2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GILL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH

That staff correspond with BC Hydro and ask for an explanation on the two tier billing system and ask if any consideration was given to rural communities that use hydro for septic and well use as well as regular house use.

CARRIED

- b) Letter – Ministry of Community Development – December 4, 2008
RE: TREES FOR TOMORROW INITIATIVE (0410 – 49)

MOTION: 446 /2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GILL

That the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

- a) BYLAW NO. 312
RE: HIGHLANDS ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 312, 2008

Heritage designation was discussed and how it may be applied at the time of subdivision.

MOTION: 447 /2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

That Bylaw No. 312 be given Third Reading.

CARRIED

MOTION: 448 /2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

That Bylaw No. 312 be given Final Reading.

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Memo – A/ Corporate Officer, November 21, 2008
RE: CHIEF ELECTION OFFICERS REPORT (4200 – 21)

MOTION: 449 /2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR JOHANNESSEN

That the report from the A/ Corporate Officer dated November 21, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED

- b) Memo – A/ Corporate Officer, November 10, 2008
RE: MEETING SCHEDULE – 2009 (0570-01)

The date of the second meeting in September was clarified as being on the forth Monday, September 28, 2009.

MOTION: 450 /2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

That the suggested meeting schedule be approved.

CARRIED

- c) Memo – Chief Administrative Officer, December 8, 2008
RE: REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY ARBITRATION DECISION (0470-43)

MOTION: 451 /2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH

That the memo from the Chief Administrative Officer dated December 8, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED

d) IN CAMERA MEETING

MOTION: 452 /2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GILL

That Council move In Camera at 8:15 p.m. to discuss items pursuant to the Community Charter, specifically Section 90 (1) (g) to discuss on-going litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

CARRIED

The meeting reconvened from In Camera at 10:29 p.m.

11. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

There were no items to Rise and Report on.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 453 /2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GILL

That the regular meeting of Council adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Acting Corporate Officer