



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

**Monday, January 12, 2009 @ 7:03 p.m.  
SCHOOL HOUSE, 1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD**

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor  
Councillors

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Administrative Officer  
8 members of the public

Chris Coates

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** 01/ 2009  
**MOVED BY:** COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH  
**SECONDED:** COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

**2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

Mr. Geoff Hadley, 3698 Wild Berry Bend, representing the Juan de Fuca (JDF) Senior Citizens Association appeared before Council to discuss the JDF Seniors Centre portion of the West Shore Parks and Recreation Society's 2009 Budget. Mr. Hadley is Chairman of the Building Expansion Committee for the seniors centre. Mr. Hadley distributed a presentation board for the proposed expansion. Mr. Hadley briefly discussed the 2008 expenditures and revenue of the seniors centre, the original building construction of 1974 and how the current building does not accommodate the current membership. The membership is increasing to the point where people have been turned away for programs. The current building has had many additions and the cost of these have always been borne by the membership. A 5 ½ years fund raising effort has resulted in approximately \$70,000 per year. The senior centre can contribute up to \$500,000 to the proposed expansion which is currently 55% of cost. The senior centre is proposing a sharing of the new building with the West Shore Parks and Recreation Society.

There is still currently approximately a \$330,000 shortfall for the building expansion. Mr. Hadley asked Council for serious consideration and support for this proposal. The District of Highlands share should be just over \$12, 000.

Mr. Hadley answered several questions from Council regarding the proposed budget, energy conservation in the new construction, and timing of the phasing.

Bob McMinn, 499 Millstream Road, representing Highland Parks and Recreation Association addressed Council regarding the lack of representation on the Sustainability Task Force from the Highlands Parks and Recreation Association.

Vicky Husband, 301 Ross Durrance Road, first offered comments to Mr. Hadley regarding the construction of the proposed seniors expansion. Mrs. Husband offered her sympathies to Councillor Diane Gill regarding the recent loss of her mother and then thanked the community for its efforts with the snow removal with a special thanks to Mr. Rick Hughes and would like to make sure a special thank you is included in the next Highlands Newsletter.

### **3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

#### a) Special Council - December 15, 2008

**MOTION: 02 / 2009**  
**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MCLEAN**  
**SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS**

THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting dated December 15, 2008 be adopted as amended:

- 1) Page 3 of the minutes do not reflect that Mr. Bob Flitton spoke in support of the Bylaw, and
- 2) that the names and address of the persons who submitted support through the letters submitted by Marie Brotherston be recorded in the minutes.

CARRIED

#### b) Council - December 15, 2008

**MOTION: 03 / 2009**  
**MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS**  
**SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH**

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting dated December 15, 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, next meeting January 15, 2009 at the Colwood municipal hall.
- vii) Solid Waste Advisory Committee (Cllr. Gill) – Nothing to report.
- viii) Western Communities Policing Advisory Committee (Cllr. Johannesen) – Nothing to report.
- ix) Groundwater Task Force (Cllr. Roessingh) – Nothing to report.
- x) CREST (Cllr. Roessingh) – Nothing to report.
- xi) West Shore Parks and Recreation (Cllr. Williams) – met briefly with the Chief Administrative Officer and discussed the proposed 2009 budget.

**b) Mayor's Report**

The Mayor commented briefly on the weather conditions over the past few weeks in the Highlands. She also commented on a Times Colonist article regarding sanding and salting of roads, the newly revised Highlands Newsletter layout and circulation. Ideas around circulation were discussed. Council will be attending a training session at the end of January and will be viewing the Millstream Meadow site on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, a policy meeting is to be scheduled and brought to the public's attention when scheduled.

CRD Board – Attended a Board meeting and an orientation, Councillor Roessingh also attended an orientation. CRD Committee Appointments being made soon, Highlands appointed to the Environment and the Planning Committee.

CRD Water and JDF Water have not yet met.

Mayor circulated a thank you card and certificate from the Vancouver Humane Society to thank Highlands for passing a resolution regarding cage-free egg policy.

**5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS****6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) Memo – Chief Administrative Officer, November 12, 2008  
RE: TOWNS FOR TOMORROW AGREEMENT – COMMUNITY HALL PROJECT (1855-15)

**MOTION:** 04 / 2009  
**MOVED BY:** COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH  
**SECONDED:** COUNCILLOR DOBB

That the District request the Province to remove from the contract the 12,000 square foot language in Schedule “A” of the proposed agreement and a further revision to Schedule “A” removing “Solar panels and roof top gardens” to “the utilization of green building technologies which may include solar panels and roof top gardens”, AND

That Council schedule a Committee of The Whole discussion with the Community Centre Task Force to discuss the project details.

CARRIED

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Letter - City of Langford – December 19, 2008  
RE: BC TRANSIT ACT – REPRESENTATION CORRECTION (8500 – 01)

**MOTION:** 05 / 2009  
**MOVED BY:** COUNCILLOR DOBB  
**SECONDED:** COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH

That staff send a letter supporting the letter written to the Honorable Kevin Falcon from the City of Langford’s suggesting an amendment to Section 25 of the *BC Transit Act* to correct the representation imbalance in the Victoria Regional Transit Commission area, AND that this item be brought back to Council if this change is successful.

CARRIED

- b) Memo – AVICC – December 5, 2008  
RE: 2009 RESOLUTIONS (0230-33)

**MOTION:** 06 / 2009  
**MOVED BY:** COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH  
**SECONDED:** COUNCILLOR GILL

That the memo be received.

CARRIED

- c) Letter – Canadian Association of Home & Property Inspectors (BC)– Dec 8, 2008  
RE: REQUEST SUPPORT (0110-20)

**MOTION:** 07 / 2009  
**MOVED BY:** COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH  
**SECONDED:** COUNCILLOR DOBB

That the letter be received.

CARRIED

9. **BYLAWS**

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Memo – Bob McMinn, Project Coordinator, Museum Project – Jan 7, 2009  
RE: MUSEUM COMPONENT, TOWNS FOR TOMORROW GRANT(1855-15)

**MOTION:** 08 / 2009  
**MOVED BY:** COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH  
**SECONDED:** COUNCILLOR DOBB

That the memo from Mr. McMinn be received.

CARRIED

- b) Letter – Manager of Finance, WSPRS, Cameron Reid, Dec 19, 2008  
RE: WEST SHORE PARKS AND RECREATION SOCIETY 2009 BUDGET (7710-02)

The Chief Administrative Officer addressed Council and offered comments on the history of the West Shore Parks and Recreation Society’s proposed 2009 Budget. Approval of the Operating Budget is requested before the end of February. The Capital budget is being presented for discussion only by the member municipalities.

**MOTION:** 09 / 2009  
**MOVED BY:** COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH  
**SECONDED:** COUNCILLOR GILL

That the West Shore Parks and Recreation Society be invited to a future Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the proposed budget.

CARRIED

c) IN CAMERA MEETING

**MOTION:** 10 / 2009  
**MOVED BY:** COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH  
**SECONDED:** COUNCILLOR JOHANNESSEN

That Council move In Camera at 8:20 p.m. to discuss items pursuant to Community Charter, specifically Section 90 (1) (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality.

CARRIED

That the meeting reconvene from In Camera at 9:20 p.m. and Rise and Report from In Camera.

**11. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA**

**MOTION:** 11 / 2009  
**MOVED BY:** COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH  
**SECONDED:** COUNCILLOR JOHANNESSEN

THAT Karen Burns, Kenn Farris, Bob McMinn, Aniko Varga and Greg Nuk be appointed to the Fiscal and Environmental Select Committee, AND

THAT Bob Flitton, Ellie Rayner, Evelyn Samuel, Rick Hughes and Bessie Nuk be appointed to the Community Infrastructure Services Select Committee, AND

That staff be directed to communicate with the current committee chairs and organizational heads to appoint their committee or organization representative to the Sustainability Committee by January 22, 2009 or Council will make appointments on their behalf.

CARRIED

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** 12 / 2009  
**MOVED BY:** COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH  
**SECONDED:** COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

That the Regular Council Meeting of Council adjourn at 9:22 p.m.

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Acting Corporate Officer