



MINUTES OF THE  
FISCAL and ENVIRONMENTAL  
SELECT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 7:30 pm  
Pike House, 1589 Millstream Road

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**PRESENT:** Kenn Faris, Chair  
Warren Lee, Vice-Chair  
Karen Burns  
Patricia Cummins  
Bob McMinn  
Aniko Varga  
Greg Nuk  
Vicky Husband sent regrets  
Elaine Limbrick sent regrets

**STAFF:** Chris Coates, CAO

**COUNCIL LIAISON:** Councillor Marcie McLean

The Chair called the meeting to order a 7:31 p.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

- Vicky Husband requested (via email) that an agenda item on the Will Carillho access be road be added.

**MOVED BY:** Warren Lee  
**SECONDED:** Karen Burns

**THAT** the agenda be approved including the new item

CARRIED

**2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

- a) Fiscal & Environmental Select Committee – June 3, 2009

**MOVED BY:** Karen Burns  
**SECONDED:** Warren Lee

**THAT** the minutes of the Fiscal & Environmental Select Committee, June 3, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

### **3. UPDATE FROM LIAISON/STAFF – Chris Coates, CAO**

Chris Coates advised of the following issues dealt with by Council:

- Gave consent to the adoption of the Borrowing bylaw tofor funds to acquire park land to add to Island View Beach Regional Park
- Approved engaging B.A. Blackwell and Associates to undertake Community Wildfire Protection Plan. (100% funded by grant form UBCM)
- Authorized staff to engage a consultant to look at long term settlement issues on the Twinflower Park Play Field
- Approved a \$1500.00 grant in aid to HDCA for the Highland Fling.
- Approved the Dillon/Waelti Rezoning on Munn Road.
- Approved an addition to the encroachment Agreement with Langford for the Hanington Road Siphon – construction on this has begun.
- Received Interim Report from the Sustainability Task Force
- Extensive crack sealing program undertaken on Millstream and Millstream Lake Roads. More road works are being planned for this year details are still being sorted out.
- Suzy the Tiger left Highlands on July 27

#### **UPDATE FROM Councillor Marcie McLean:**

Councillor McLean noted that she and Councilor Williams were the first Highlands delegates to attend a Federation of Canadian Municipalities Convention. It was held in Whistler this year.

She noted a particular session she attended regarding smoking in parks, frequented by children, that was hosted by the Canadian Cancer Society. She is looking to champion the issue of smoking in Twinflower Park and the Caleb Pike Heritage Park. Council referred this issue to the Highlands Park and Recreation Society and the Highland Heritage Park Society for input.

### **4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1) Council Referral – May 20, 2009  
Report – C.D. Coates, CAO, May 15, 2009  
**RE: REVIEW OF SOIL DEPOSITION AND REMOVAL REGULATIONS**

Broad discussion about issues list previously generated by FESC and CISCC. Main points of discussion included:

- Concern was expressed about the CISCC ‘horticulture’ exemption. Did this permit large composting operations with their inherent potential for nuisance odours? CRB bylaws exist to address this; are they sufficient for Highlands?
- Soil contamination is a major issue with many sub issues:
  - Noxious weeds, invasive species
    - How to control? Feasible? Can soils be certified prior to delivery? Cost?

- Overseeding/hydroseeding in places such as Cobble Hill has been partially effective at limiting broom gaining a foothold. Are grass species used benign? Is this practice truly effective?
- Planting trees to shade out broom was also cited as relatively effective
- Phosphate contamination that may leach and cause algal blooms
- Cleanliness of fill – want to avoid treated lumber, stucco, non-soil potentially harmful contaminants are not part of imported soil
- Staff noted that this issue is complex and may come back to FESC and other committees after issues are consolidated into organized lists

2) **Will Carillho Access Road onto Ross-Durrance Road**

- Mr. Carillho is subdividing under current zoning
- Trees were removed on road right-of-way that were expressly identified as not to be removed
- Concern raised about steep road-edge drop-off
- Chris Coates noted that the driveway exceeds sight-stopping regulations and has been approved
- Municipality undertook enforcement action:
  - Mr. Carillho was required to engage Bruce Robertson to bring driveway into compliance and to ensure road safety
  - Mr. Carillho was required to engage a consulting engineer to advise on required measures to ensure slope stability
- A broad discussion on the special nature of Ross-Durrance/Upper Millstream Lake road was held and it was agreed that this stretch of road is unique, part of the character of the Highlands, and is therefore worthy of efforts to ensure its charm is maintained.

**MOVED BY: BOB MCMINN**  
**SECONDED: KEN FARRIS**

**THAT** the Fiscal and Environmental Select Committee recommend to Council:

That Council consider designating Ross-Durrance/Upper Millstream Lake Road a 'Heritage Road' or enacting equivalent regulations to preserve the unique character of the road.

CARRIED

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY: BOB MCMINN**

That the meeting adjourned at 9:10

CARRIED