



**DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023 @ 9:30 AM  
COMMUNITY HALL, 729 FINLAYSON ARM ROAD**

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Ken Williams  
Councillor Leslie Anderson  
Councillor Ann Baird  
Councillor Gord Baird  
Councillor Marcie McLean  
Councillor Karel Roessingh  
Councillor Rose Stanton

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Administrative Officer Lorraine Hilton  
Corporate Officer Melisa Miles  
Municipal Planner Laura Beckett  
Building Inspector/Bylaw Enforcement Officer Chris Leek  
  
Public Observation: 1

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**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION: 09-2023

*Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Stanton*  
That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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**RE: COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP**

Allison Habkirk, Facilitator, reviewed the Highlands Workshop Report from the December 13, 2022 Strategic Planning session with Council.

Council confirmed the following items to be included in the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan, and the projected timeline for accomplishing the following initiatives:

- Organizational Review
- South Highlands Local Area Plan Finalization & Adoption
- Groundwater Protection Implementation and Work Plan (ongoing)
- Emergency Program Strategic Plan Implementation (ongoing)
- Community Hall Pergola Construction
- Tree Bylaw Review
- Secondary Suites (bylaw finalization)
- Step Code Implementation (ongoing)
- Improve Communications (staff report)
- Recreation Participation (staff report)
- High Level Development Application Fees Review (staff report)
- Bring Forward for Council information and consideration 2002 Trails Master Plan & 2010 Roadside Trail and Cycle Network Plan

*Mayor Williams recessed the meeting at 10:42 am.*

*Mayor Williams reconvened the meeting at 10:52 am.*

There was further discussion regarding reworking the wording of the District's Overarching Goals and Priorities. Council identified the following five overarching interconnected goals for the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan that guide the work of the organization:

- Climate emergency, adaptation, and mitigation
- Emergency preparedness, resiliency, and recovery
- Water resources and environmental protection
- Rural values, protection, and enhancement
- Community well-being

Ms. Habkirk advised that the next step will be to prepare the draft 2023-2026 Strategic Plan to come forward for consideration by Council.

### 3. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 10-2023

*Moved Councillor Ann Baird, Seconded Councillor Stanton*  
That the Special Council meeting of January 19, 2023 adjourn at 11:35 am.

CARRIED

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MAYOR

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CORPORATE OFFICER

Adopted February 2023