



**DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS  
MINUTES OF ELECTRONIC COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022 @ 7:00 PM  
PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM &  
IN PERSON AT 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  
Municipal Planner Laura Beckett  
Administrative Assistant Liz Condon

Public Observation: 7

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**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION: 63-2022

*Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird  
That the amended agenda be approved as presented.*

CARRIED  
*With Councillor McLean Opposed*

**2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

2.1

Presentation, Ingo Lambrecht, Highlands Stewardship Foundation –  
Eagles Lake Water Quality (0230.24 / 5280.08.01)

- History of Water Quality Monitoring & Improvements
- Stratification
- Water Quality Monitoring
- Water Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen
- Chemical Analysis
- Water Levels
- Future; Continue Monitoring
- Provide education
- Protect riparian areas
- Manage hydrophytes, beavers, flow and flooding

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1

Council – March 7, 2022

MOTION: 64-2022

*Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird  
That the minutes of the March 7, 2022 Regular Council meeting be  
adopted.*

CARRIED

3.2

Heritage Select Committee – January 12, 2022

MOTION: 65-2022

*Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Roessingh  
That the minutes of the January 12, 2022 Heritage Select Committee  
meeting be received.*

CARRIED

3.3

Heritage Select Committee – February 16, 2022

MOTION: 66-2022

*Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Roessingh  
That the minutes of the February 16, 2022 Heritage Select Committee  
meeting be received.*

CARRIED

3.4

MOTION: 67-2022

West Shore Parks & Recreation Society – February 10, 2022

*Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird*  
That the minutes of the February 10, 2022 West Shore Parks & Recreation Society meeting be received.

CARRIED

**4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS**

Councillor Leslie Anderson  
Heritage Select Committee, South Highlands Local Area Plan Task Force, West Shore Parks and Recreation Society and Western Communities Policing Advisory Committee

**Westshore Parks and Rec – Board Meeting March 10**

- A verbal update was given on the Art Project for the Childcare Centre that each member municipality contributed a \$500 honorarium towards. The Call for Artists package is now available on the WSPRS website and has been directly marketed to a number of local arts groups. WSPRS has expanded the initial project to include First Nations Art for the West Shore room and Youth Art for the Youth room and will contribute \$500 honorariums for these additional spaces. A team of WSPRS arts & culture staff as well as member municipality representatives (TBD) will make up the selection committee.
- A user group statistics report was presented with updated 2021 hours of use and user fee values. Drop-in users in the pool, fitness and arenas continue to be the major users of WSPRS facilities both in hours and fees. Minor hockey, soccer and figure skating are next as far as patronage of the facilities goes.
- The Friday youth night focus established using Covid Restart funding continues to grow in popularity. The youth only swim from 6:30-8pm consistently sees more than 50 participants and the youth room and Indoor Sports Complex activities that follow the swim have grown from under 10 to more than 35 youth. The after-swimming activities include snacks, video gaming, basketball and soccer.

**Heritage Select Committee – March 16**

The committee met briefly and deferred the substantive agenda items to a later date in order to enable more committee members to participate in the discussion.

Councillor Ann Baird  
CRD Climate Action Committee and CRD Housing Trust Fund Commission

Councillor Gord Baird  
CRD Regional Water Supply Commission and CRD JDF Water Distribution Commission, and Sustainable Land Use Select Committee

Councillor Marcie McLean  
Coexisting with Carnivores Alliance and Greater Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee

Councillor Karel Roessingh  
Capital Region Emergency Services Telecommunications (CREST), CRD  
Arts and Greater Victoria Public Library Board

Councillor Rose Stanton  
Emergency Planning, Social Sustainability Select Committee, and Inter-  
Municipal Advisory Committee on Disability Issues

Mayor Williams

### **Wed. March 9th, CRD Board**

Every year, CFO Nelson Chan reviews the enormous provincial budget and pulls highlights that impact local government. See appendix “A” which displays his summary. His comments are highlighted in red.

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=30821&GUID=F367FCD6-04B7-4F98-B559-AA595D6FD7A8>

The CRD Board directed staff to work in partnership with the Community Social Planning Council to draft an equity lens to inform CRD transportation priority implementation, advocacy and future planning. A pilot study will be launched to test the application of an equity lens by reviewing gender imbalance in active transportation, focusing on the CRD regional trail network:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=30724&GUID=6DE0F682-7469-404E-A706-493D903F86AC>

The CRD Board received an update on the 2021 Regional Parks Compliance and Enforcement Program for information. With more than 8.6 million visits annually to regional parks and trails, the ranger program has a key role in helping to ensure park visitors have a positive, safe and respectful visit in regional parks and that park values are protected. The CRD Regional Parks Compliance and Enforcement Program will continue to focus on compliance education as one of the best tools to help alleviate the pressures and challenges the system faces.

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=30756&GUID=3B8EF05A-E4F8-4A30-B655-1832DEE57108>

Based on the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) framework, all pooled funds qualify as socially and environmentally responsible investing (SRI). Currently, nearly 90% of the CRD portfolio is aligned with the MFA Environmental Social Governance framework. The CRD Board has adopted the amendment to the CRD Investment Policy to remove total portfolio limits in favour of the MFA ESG framework definitions and directed staff to forward the adopted policy to member municipalities for consideration.

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=30785&GUID=3DD0EBBC-CE07-49FB-8D03-ACFFBF73BCB4>

### **Hospital Act Update**

An update and amendment to the Hospital District Act is long overdue and has the potential to increase efficiencies, meet the increasing demand on funding and administrative resources, and strengthen relationships with healthcare partners in British Columbia for all Regional Hospital Districts (RHD). The CRHD Board decided to send a joint letter with other RHDs in

the Province to the Ministry of Health requesting the Hospital District Act be updated and that the RHDs be consulted and engaged in the process as part of the legislative review.

### **Wed. March 16th, CRD Planning and Protective Services**

The PPS received the 2022 Terms of Reference and then followed that with a robust discussion on the Regional Foodlands Access Program. We recommended that the CRD Board direct staff to proceed with the next phase work to establish a regional foodlands access service by identifying the operational requirements, service participants and funding strategy needed to establish a service.

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=30832&GUID=97733E39-C1BD-478C-9477-5414EBFC33B0>

### **Wed. March 16th, Final 2022 Budget Special Meeting**

The CRD, CRHD and Capital Region Housing Corporation (CRHC) financial plans combine to form a consolidated budget totaling \$646 million. The combined operating portion (\$374 million) will pay for a range of regional, sub-regional, and local services to over 432,000 people in the region. The combined capital portion targets \$272 million in projects which will generate an estimated 1,560 new jobs in the region.

Budget Overview:

<https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/finance-pdf/budget-2022/2022budget-consolidated-budget-overview.pdf>

2022 Budget with attachments:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=30837&GUID=B86573C2-334D-45ED-B55A-8B2E18838678>

The impact to average cost per household in Highlands is \$51.57 and the breakdown in Appendix “J” on page 14. Generally, assessments in the rural areas were double that of Victoria.

## **5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

5.1

Committee of the Whole – March 14, 2022

### **RE: SOUTH HIGHLANDS LOCAL AREA PLAN**

Council reviewed the March 14<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting recommendations in relation to high level policy direction for early Local Area Plan drafting purposes. There was further discussion on each of the recommendations and potential implications.

MOTION: 68-2022

*Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Roessingh*  
That Land Use *Option 2 – “Low Impact Development”* be selected for the Millstream Industrial Park property as high level policy direction for early Local Area Plan drafting purposes.

CARRIED

MOTION: 69-2022

*Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Ann Baird*  
That Land Use *Option 1 – “No New Development”* be selected for the Millstream Meadows property as high level policy direction for early Local Area Plan drafting purposes.

CARRIED

*With Mayor Williams and Councillor Anderson Opposed*

MOTION: 70-2022

*Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Ann Baird*

That Land Use *Option 1 – “No New Development”* be selected for the OK-Industries property as high level policy direction for early Local Area Plan drafting purposes.

CARRIED

*With Mayor Williams and Councillor Stanton Opposed*

MOTION: 71-2022

*Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Ann Baird*

That Land Use *Option 2 – “Low Impact Development”* be selected for the M3-zoned portion of the GFL property as high level policy direction for early Local Area Plan drafting purposes;  
And that Land Use *Option 1 – “No New Development”* be selected for the GB2-zoned portion of the GFL property, as high level policy direction for early Local Area Plan drafting purposes.

CARRIED

*With Councillor McLean Opposed*

## 6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1

Correspondence, District of Saanich, March 15, 2022 (0400.60)

**RE: MVA PILOT PROJECT UPDATE**

8.2

Correspondence, Cathy Peters, March 8, 2022 (0110.20)

**RE: PRESENTATION TO FEDERAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

8.3

Correspondence, Village of New Denver, March 14, 2022 (0400.65)

**RE: SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE**

8.4

Correspondence, City of Abbotsford, March 10, 2022 (0400.65)

**RE: SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION – BUILD BACK BETTER FUNDING**

8.5

Correspondence, City of Terrace, March 14, 2022 (0400.65)

**RE: NCLGA 2022 RESOLUTION – PROLIFIC OFFENDERS**

8.6

Correspondence, RE: Item 5.1, Mel Sangha, March 21, 2022 (0540.24)

**RE: RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – MARCH 14, 2022, SOUTH HIGHLANDS LOCAL AREA PLAN**

MOTION: 72-2022

*Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton*

That Council receive the correspondence for items 8.1 through 8.6.

CARRIED

*With Councillor McLean Opposed*

## 9. BYLAWS

9.1

**RE: SEWER FEES BYLAW – 2022** (3900-434)

*Moved Councillor Stanton, Seconded Councillor Roessingh*

MOTION: 73-2022

That “Sewer Fees and Certain Sewer User Requirements and Regulations for the Rivers Crossing Area at 1150 Bear Mountain Parkway Bylaw 373, 2015, Amendment No. 6, Bylaw 434, 2022 be adopted.

CARRIED

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

10.1

Report, Chief Administrative Officer, March 15, 2022 (1855.41)

**RE: GRANT APPLICATION – ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FUND – BIKE LANES**

MOTION: 74-2022

*Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird*

That staff be authorized to submit an application to the Federal Government Active Transportation fund and execute a funding agreement, if approved, for implementing a shared use lane along Millstream Road at an estimated overall cost of \$56,000, and that the District’s portion be included in the Financial Plan.

CARRIED

10.2

Report, Municipal Planner, March 16, 2022 (5600.17)

**RE: GROUNDWATER WORK PLAN – WATER BUDGET STUDY**

Representatives from GW Solutions were in attendance and provided a presentation regarding the Water Budget Study and answered questions from Council.

MOTION: 75-2022

*Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton*

That staff be directed to report back to Council on priority projects from the Water Budget Study in context with the overarching Groundwater Protection Implementation and Work Plan prior to 2023 budget discussions, and further that consideration of the Water Budget Study form part of the work toward the District’s response to the Province’s anticipated referral for Ecoasis’ groundwater license application.

CARRIED

**11. NOTICE OF MOTION****12. MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA****13. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA RESOLUTIONS****14. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: 76-2022

*Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor McLean*

That the Regular Council meeting of March 21, 2022 adjourn at 9:20 pm.

CARRIED