
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

Public Observation: 9

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 98-2023

Moved Councillor Stanton, Seconded Councillor Roessingh
That the agenda be approved with the addition of Diana McMinn, Libby McMinn and Colleen Robertson wishing to speak under Petitions and Delegations.

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

2.1

Diana and Libby McMinn offered to answer any questions in relation to Correspondence item 8.2.

2.2

Colleen Robertson, spoke regarding Correspondence item 8.1 and presented Council with an additional written submission attached to and forming part of these minutes as 'Appendix A'.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1

Council – May 1, 2023

MOTION: 99-2023

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That the minutes of the May 1, 2023 Council meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

4.1

Councillor Leslie Anderson
West Shore Parks and Recreation Society, Te'Mexw Treaty Advisory Committee and Heritage Select Committee

4.2

Councillor Ann Baird
CRD Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force and CRD Housing Trust Fund Commission

4.3

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

4.4

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

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

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

On May 5, 2023, I attended a presentation entitled Regional Safety Plan: Using Evidence to Stop Violent Crime. A number of elected officials attended as well as a number of police from various detachments in the CRD and other interested parties. Dr. Irvin Waller, a criminologist and academic at the University of Ottawa was the main speaker. For decades he has researched what reduces violent crime and he has written a book on what he has learned.

On May 9, 2023, the Social Sustainability Select Committee met for the first time since November 2019!

4.7 Mayor's Report

Wed. April 26th Regional Parks Committee

The Regional Parks Committee was presented with an excellent 2022 Regional Parks and Trails Report which shows the progress of the Interim Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan. Highlights include continued engagement with First Nations and acquisition of 41 hectares of new regional park land:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=32839&GUID=1A58A845-DFC6-4D08-9DC0-FA9E27748396>

Wed. April 26th First Nations Relations Committee

The Regional Parks Committee listened to an account of a staff visit to the traditional territories of the Nuxalt First Nation in the Thompson/Cariboo Region. The Nuxalt collaborate with BC Parks in many areas including the training for Guardian Watchmen for bear viewing as well as the harvesting of traditional foods and medicines:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=32842&GUID=AB234291-4B82-4BC1-AD51-0D250F396F0C>

The FN Relations Committee also heard an update on CRD indigenous employment findings and wise practices:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=32843&GUID=A4AD3AE0-BE9A-474B-B86D-A9BCEA275D5B>

Wed. May 3 Finance Committee

Lenora Lee, KPMG, presented the Finance Committee with the CRD 2022 Audit Findings Report:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=32897&GUID=6A7E8C06-50D8-4771-AB77-1B161F7454E0>

Afterwards, the committee recommended to the CRD Board that the 2022 Statement of Financial Information be approved.

CFO Nelson Chan gave an external grants update:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=32889&GUID=A514B478-C83B-4F62-9186-1A1D393D1810>

He also presented the CRD External Grants Annual Report:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=32892&GUID=21646A2C-33C1-499F-A971-63220503F238>

The Finance Committee also recommended to the CRD Board, planning and operating reserve guidelines.

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1

Report, Municipal Planner, May 11, 2023 (6100.03)

RE: BUKIN DRIVE EAST AND WEST – “HIGHWAY” SURVEY

Laura Beckett, Municipal Planner, provided a brief overview of her report and answered questions from Council.

MOTION: 100-2023

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Stanton

That Council direct staff to:

1. Bring forward a highway closure bylaw for the open and unimproved highway from the existing driveways at 2656 and 2627 Bukin Drive East to the existing driveway at 2770 Bukin Drive West for Council's consideration,
2. Install appropriate signage, and
3. Engage in a process with potentially affected landowners that results in some combination of either removal of fences and structures within the unimproved highway or use agreements that allow existing fences and structures to continue to exist.

CARRIED

With Councillor McLean voting opposed

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1

Correspondence, C. Robertson, April 27, 2023 (RZ-01-21)

RE: REZONING APPLICATION RZ-01-21 – 587/499 AND UNADDRESSED MILLSTREAM LAKE ROAD

8.2

Correspondence, D. and L. McMinn, April 30, 2023 (RZ-01-21)

RE: SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL BY MS. ROBERTSON, APRIL 17, 2023

MOTION: 101-2023

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird

That correspondence items 8.1 and 8.2 be received for information.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

9.1

RE: RESERVE FUNDS BYLAW AMENDMENT – GROWING COMMUNITIES RESERVE FUND

MOTION: 102-2023

Moved Councillor Ann Baird, Seconded Councillor Anderson
That “Reserve Funds Bylaw No. 415, 2019, Amendment No. 2, Bylaw No. 448, 2023” be adopted.

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1

Report, Corporate Officer, May 11, 2023 (1835.02 / 3900-448)
RE: RESERVES AND SURPLUS POLICY AMENDMENT – GROWING COMMUNITIES RESERVE FUND

MOTION: 103-2023

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Anderson
That the Reserves and Surplus Policy Amendment to incorporate the Growing Communities Reserve Fund, as attached to the report from the Corporate Officer dated May 11, 2023, be approved.

CARRIED

10.2

Report, Corporate Officer, May 9, 2023 (5830.20)
HIGHLAND PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY GARDEN AGREEMENT RENEWAL

MOTION: 104-2023

Moved Councillor Gord Baird, Seconded Councillor Stanton
That Council approve renewal of the Highland Parks and Recreation Association Garden User Agreement substantially in the form attached to the report from the Corporate Officer dated May 9, 2023; and that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the District.

CARRIED

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

MOTION: 105-2023

Moved Councillor Roessingh, Seconded Councillor Gord Baird
That the Regular Council meeting of May 15, 2023 adjourn at 7:42 pm.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

Colleen Robertson

RZ-01-21

Appendix A

April 27, 2023

District of Highlands
Via Email

RECEIVED

APR 27 2023

Attention: Mayor, Council and Staff

District of Highlands

RE: Rezoning application RZ-01-21 - 587/499 and Unaddressed Millstream Lake Road & Submission to Mayor/Council and staff at the April 17, 2023 council meeting during Petitions and Delegations portion of the Agenda

As of today's date, I have looked on the District of Highlands website and did not see the minutes for the April 17, 2023, Council meeting. At this time, I would request that my submission to Mayor Council and staff during Petitions and Delegations portion of the April 17th, 2023, Council Agenda be included in the minutes of the council meeting.

In follow up to the above-mentioned submission, I respectfully request an anticipated timeline in which I, and the rest of the community can expect answers to the questions I asked regarding the McMinn's original rezoning and related public promises and subsequent current Rezoning Application RZ-01-21.

The following questions have been copied from my written submission to council and staff on April 17, 2023. The promises made by Bob McMinn were recorded in the minutes from the July 2, 2002, Public Hearing which produced Bylaw 182, the original or first rezoning of the McMinn's properties. For ease of reference, the questions I had asked were regarding the promises made by Bob McMinn at the July 2nd, 2002, Public Hearing and recorded in the minutes.

1. Has this public commitment of transferring approximately 312 acres to the Land Conservancy already been met?
2. Has there been a legal commitment or subsequent covenants placed on these properties to facilitate this transfer to the Land Conservancy? If not why?
3. Will the current council commit to ensuring this transfer is reflected in the new bylaws for the current rezoning application RZ-01-21 - 587/499 and Unaddressed Millstream Lake Road secured by covenants on these properties?

Since my attendance at the meeting, I have had a number of people thank me for bringing this matter to council and staff's attention. Many of these same people remembered the event but they could not remember the time period which it happened.

I am still reviewing my records as I know I have contacted previous councils and staff 2 separate times asking if the transfer had taken place.

Once again, I thank you for the opportunity to bring a historical promise to the current council and staff.

Yours truly



Colleen Robertson