

REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD

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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Strathcona Regional District held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at the Strathcona Regional District offices located at 990 Cedar Street, Campbell River, B.C.

A quorum having been confirmed, the Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. with the following members physically in attendance or participating electronically:

Chair:	B. Unger	Village of Gold River
Directors:	J. Abram	Discovery Islands-Mainland Inlets (Electoral Area C)
	N. Anderson	Cortes Island (Electoral Area B)
	M. Baker	Village of Sayward
	C. Cornfield	City of Campbell River
	M. Davis	Village of Tahsis
	C. Evans	City of Campbell River
	R. Kerr	City of Campbell River
	B. Leigh	Oyster Bay-Buttle Lake (Electoral Area D)
	C. Moglove	City of Campbell River
	G. Whalley	Kyuquot/Nootka-Sayward (Electoral Area A)

ADOPTION OF PUBLIC AGENDA

Leigh/Baker: SRD 694/21

THAT the agenda for August 11, 2021 regular meeting of the Board be adopted as presented.

Director Leigh requested that an item of New Business entitled "Request for Financial Assistance - Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society (MARS) be added to the agenda.

Leigh/Whalley: SRD 695/21

THAT the motion as amended be adopted.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Whalley/Davis: SRD 696/21

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Regional Board held on July 14, 2021 be adopted. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Bylaw Enforcement (3947 S. Island Highway)

Director Leigh requested a status update on the short-order injunction relief for bylaw infractions located at 3947 S. Island Highway.

The Senior Manager Community Services advised that the injunction was granted which restricts further work being performed on the structure until a

building or demolition permit is issued.

Director Jules joined the meeting.

Leigh/Abram: SRD 697/21

THAT the verbal report be received.

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REPORT

Vacation Time

The Chair expressed his hopes that directors and staff have had an opportunity to take a summer break and relax a little.

Leigh/Davis: SRD 698/21

THAT the verbal report be received.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Electoral Areas Services Committee

Whalley/Abram: SRD 699/21

THAT the draft minutes of the regular meeting of the Electoral Areas Services Committee held on July 14, 2021 be received. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

Strathcona Gardens Commission

Evans/Leigh: SRD 700/21

THAT the draft minutes of the regular meeting of the Strathcona Gardens Commission held on July 14, 2021 be received. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Mariwood Road Flooding

Leigh/Abram: SRD 701/21

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

Abram/Leigh: SRD 702/21

THAT a letter be sent to Michael Pearson, Ministry of Transportation, North Island requesting assistance in providing remediation for the Mariwood Road flooding matter affecting properties at 211 and 223 Mariwood Road.

CARRIED

Commemorative Gifts in Regional District Parks

Leigh/Abram: SRD 703/21

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

Abram/Leigh: SRD 704/21

THAT requests for commemorative gifts in electoral area parks be referred for comment to the Electoral Areas Services Committee before being presented to the Regional Board.

CARRIED

Agricultural Land Reserve Application (ALR 1A 21 - Critchley)

Whalley/Leigh: SRD 705/21

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

Whalley/Leigh: SRD 706/21

THAT Agricultural Land Reserve application ALR 1A 21 (Critchley) be authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission for subdivision of lands known as Lot A, Section 34, Township 6, Sayward District, Plan EPP39673 as indicated on the proposed subdivision plan attached to the staff report dated August 3, 2021.

CARRIED

Whalley/Leigh: SRD 707/21

THAT the Board decline to offer a recommendation to the ALC with respect to this proposal.

CARRIED

First Nations Relations Committee - Terms of Reference

Whalley/Abram: SRD 708/21

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

Abram/Whalley: SRD 709/21

THAT section 3.1 of the Terms of Reference for the First Nations Relations Committee be replaced with the following:

3.1 Appointments to the Committee shall be done on the following basis:

- i) Mandatory Appointments: One electoral area director.
- ii) Discretionary Appointments: Not more than 5 directors representing a cross-section of municipal, small community, large community and treaty first nations on the Board.

CARRIED

Strathcona Gardens Grant Opportunity - Infrastructure Canada

Evans/Leigh: SRD 710/21

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

Evans/Cornfield: SRD 711/21

THAT a grant application through the Infrastructure Canada's Green and Inclusive Community Building (GICB) funding program be submitted for areas planned to be renovated within the Re-Create Project.

CARRIED

Electoral Area D Water System Universal Metering

Leigh/Cornfield: SRD 712/21

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received. [[Item](#)]
CARRIED

Leigh/Cornfield: SRD 713/21

THAT, once the next intake of grant funding is announced, the Regional District proceed with an application for funding universal metering for the Electoral Area D water service based on a touch read system.

CARRIED

Electoral Area D Water System - Financial Relief Alternatives

Leigh/Abram: SRD 714/21

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received. [[Item](#)]
CARRIED

Director Adams joined the meeting.

Leigh/Baker: SRD 715/21

That Staff devise a method of Financial Relief for water billing's in Northern Area D for those people experiencing financial hardship in paying for the exorbitant water charges being imposed upon them and that a system similar to Strathcona Garden's L.I.F.E. Programme be considered, such that people who are experiencing real, financial hardship and meet means-tested criteria, can apply for a discounted water rate to be financed from Area D's Water.

With consent from the seconder the Chair permitted the motion to be withdrawn.

Moglove/Leigh: SRD 716/21

That Staff report back on a method of Financial Relief for water billing's in Northern Area D for those people experiencing financial hardship, similar to Strathcona Garden's L.I.F.E. Programme, to be financed from Area D's Water.

CARRIED

Appointment of Regional District Auditor

Adams/Davis: SRD 717/21

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received. [[Item](#)]
CARRIED

Adams/Abram: SRD 718/21

THAT the firm of MNP LLP Chartered Accountants be appointed as the Regional District's auditor for the 2022 to 2026 financial years.

CARRIED

Electronic Attendance at Regional Board & Committee Meetings

Abram/Whalley: SRD 719/21

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received. [[Item](#)]
CARRIED

Abram/Cornfield: SRD 720/21

THAT the Board consider amendments to the current procedure bylaw that would broaden the circumstances under which directors could participate electronically in meetings.

CARRIED

Permissive Tax Exemption 2022 - Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #154

Abram/Whalley: SRD 721/21

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received. [\[Item\]](#)
CARRIED

Abram/Adams: SRD 722/21

THAT a bylaw be prepared for the Board's consideration which would allow a permissive tax exemption for 2022 for all land and improvements in property class 08 (Recreation/Non-Profit) for Lot A of DL 24, Plan VIP30584, Sayward District (Folio #772-16713.015, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #154, Heriot Bay, Quadra Island).

CARRIED

Permissive Tax Exemption 2022 - Surge Narrows Community Association

Abram/Whalley: SRD 723/21

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received. [\[Item\]](#)
CARRIED

Abram/Whalley: SRD 724/21

THAT a bylaw be prepared for the Board's consideration which would allow a permissive tax exemption for 2022 for all land in property class 01 (Residential) for DL 302, Sayward District (Folio #772-18430.000, Surge Narrows Community Association, Read Island).

CARRIED

Request for Financial Assistance - Friends of Strathcona Park

Leigh/Whalley: SRD 725/21

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received. [\[Item\]](#)
CARRIED

Leigh/Evans: SRD 726/21

THAT the Board approve a grant for the Friends of Strathcona Park in the amount of \$3,000 to assist with their Park Use Study conducted by students this summer to be paid from the Electoral Area D grant in aid budget.

CARRIED

Requests for Financial Assistance - Electoral Area C

Abram/Whalley: SRD 727/21

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received. [\[Item\]](#)
CARRIED

Abram/Whalley: SRD 728/21

THAT the Board approve grants in aid as follows:

i) \$2,000 to the Quadra Cultural Committee to assist with the 2021-2022 concert series to be paid from the Electoral Area C economic development service budget; and

ii) \$1,000 to the Surge Narrows Community Association to assist with Lampert's beach stage roof repairs to be paid from the Electoral Area C grant in aid budget.

CARRIED

BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 441 - Salmon Brewster Trail Funding

Whalley/Leigh: SRD 729/21

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received. [[Item](#)]
CARRIED

Whalley/Leigh: SRD 730/21

THAT Bylaw No. 441, being a bylaw to authorize entering into an agreement respecting use of Community Works funds, be now introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED

Whalley/Leigh: SRD 731/21

THAT the rules be suspended and Bylaw No. 441 be given second and third readings.

CARRIED

Whalley/Leigh: SRD 732/21

THAT Bylaw No. 441 be returned for consideration of adoption following written consent being received by the director for Electoral Area A.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Leigh/Adams: SRD 733/21

THAT the following items of correspondence be received:

Temporary Rodenticide Ban

July 21, 2021 correspondence from the Province of BC regarding the temporary ban of certain rodenticides. [[Item](#)]

Forest Enhancement Society of BC Accomplishments

July 20, 2021 correspondence from the Forest Enhancement Society of BC regarding its year to date accomplishments. [[Item](#)]

Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Project

July 26, 2021 correspondence from UBCM regarding the 2021 Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping and Flood Mitigation Planning Program. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

Cortes Island Transportation Planning

Leigh/Abram: SRD 734/21

THAT the July 14, 2021 correspondence from the Union of BC Municipalities regarding the Cortes Island Active Transportation Planning Research and Data Collection Project be received. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

FireSmart Economic Recovery Fund

Leigh/Anderson: SRD 735/21

THAT the July 14, 2021 correspondence from UBCM regarding the Community Resiliency Investment program for the 2021 FireSmart Economic Recovery Fund be received. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

MEMBERS' REPORTS

Small Community Paramedic Initiative

Anderson/Baker: SRD 736/21

THAT the August 4, 2021 report from Director Anderson regarding the small community paramedic initiative be received. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

Anderson/Whalley: SRD 737/21

THAT Res. SRD 528/21 be amended by adding the words "BCEHS & VIHA" so that it reads as follows:

"THAT the Chair request a meeting with Michele Babchuk, MLA and the Ministry of Health, BCEHS & VIHA including representatives from the affected rural communities of the SRD to discuss the matter of small community paramedic initiatives."

CARRIED

Adams/Evans: SRD 738/21

THAT this issue be referred to CVRD and MWRD for information and collaboration.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Financial Assistance - Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society (MARS)

Leigh/Adams: SRD 739/21

THAT a grant in aid for the Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society (MARS) in the amount of \$10,000 be approved to assist with rehabilitation and education program costs to be paid from the Electoral Area D grant in aid budget, and

THAT these funds be provided on an expedited basis.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION

Leigh/Davis: SRD 740/21

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

Leigh/Whalley: SRD 741/21

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to consider matters deemed to fall within the parameters of subsections 90(1)(c), (f), (g), (i), (k), (n), (o), and 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

TERMINATION

Adams/Evans: SRD 742/21

THAT the August 11, 2021 regular meeting of the Regional Board be terminated.

CARRIED

Time: 1:50 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Corporate Officer