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Fellow SRD Board Members  
March 5, 2019

**Re: Cortes APC**

Cortes Island has been without an Advisory Planning Commission (APC) now for two months. In this time, there have been two significant land-use referrals that have not received the benefit of their comment. We are also in the midst of a comprehensive zoning bylaw review on Cortes and my constituents really truly actually rely on the APC not only to help with content development but also to advise on community consultation design. At the last meeting the Board also directed that there be an update to the Area B cannabis legislation that will most acutely need the APC's sound guidance as the community moves through this very important yet controversial issue. The APC is a very long-standing and greatly valued institution on the island. In these locally turbulent times it is so important for me, and indeed the Board, to have this respected body's assistance.

At the January 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, the regular appointment of the Cortes APC was removed from the agenda "until the implications of the legal petition filed by Cortes constituents is fully understood by the Board." I have yet to receive any explanation as to why the Board believes that the APC may be substantively connected to the legal petition. Respecting what I believe to be the Board's abundance of caution, I therefore request that the names below be appointed to the Cortes APC.

I have included for the Board's reference the staff report from the 2018 APC appointments – which were changed in 2018 and have changed again since. I would have included the one from our January 2019 meeting but at the time of writing this report, staff had still not circulated that agenda item (as directed by the Board at our February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting) which was pulled from the January 24<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Frances Guthrie  
Sam Mayer

Mike Manson  
Brittany Baxter

Carrie Saxifrage

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Noba", followed by a long horizontal line.

Noba Anderson, Regional Director



**STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** December 18, 2018 **FILE:** 0550-04  
**TO:** Chair and Directors,  
Regional Board  
**FROM:** Dave Leitch  
Chief Administrative Officer  
**RE:** ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS – ELECTORAL AREA B

**PURPOSE/PROBLEM**

To consider making appointments to the Electoral Area B advisory planning commission for 2019.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Regional District has established provision for appointing advisory planning commissions (APC's) for each of its electoral areas in accordance with Bylaw No. 2861. The bylaw specifies that the appointment of members to the APC's will be for a one year term commencing on January 1 each year and that the members will serve at the pleasure of the Board. Appointments to an APC are at the discretion of the Board.

The attached Exhibit 1 provides information on the 2018 advisory planning commission members for Electoral Area B. The Board may choose to reappoint members from those persons listed or make any changes it deems appropriate. Advisory planning commissions may have as many as 15 members or as few as 3 members.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.
2. THAT the following persons be appointed to the Electoral Area B (Cortes Island) Advisory Planning Commission for 2019:

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Respectfully:

Dave Leitch  
Chief Administrative Officer

**Prepared by:** T. Yates, Corporate Services Manager

**EXHIBIT 1**

**Advisory Planning Commission Appointments for 2018**

***Electoral Area B***

Carrie Saxifrage  
Frances Guthrie  
Kristen Scholfield-Sweet  
Mike Manson  
Rod Lee  
Kim Christensen  
Chris Dragseth  
Brittany Baxter  
Sam Mayer