

REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD

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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Strathcona Regional District held on Wednesday, May 26, 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
	J. Colborne	Village of Zeballos
	C. Cornfield	City of Campbell River
	M. Davis	Village of Tahsis
	C. Evans	City of Campbell River
	K. Jules	Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations
	R. Kerr	City of Campbell River
	B. Leigh	Oyster Bay-Buttle Lake (Electoral Area D)
	G. Whalley	Kyuquot/Nootka-Sayward (Electoral Area A)

ADOPTION OF PUBLIC AGENDA

Leigh/Baker: SRD 473/21

THAT the agenda for May 26, 2021 regular meeting of the Board be adopted as presented.

Anderson/Abram: SRD 474/21

THAT the agenda be varied to move the Notice of Motion entitled 'Discovery Islands Fish Farming' to Members Reports.

A vote was held on the motion as amended and it was

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Alternate Director Dahl joined the meeting.

Discovery Island Salmon Farms

The Chair welcomed Bonnie Brownstein, Ray Grigg, and Angela Koch of Sierra Club of BC - Quadra Island Group, who made a presentation regarding Discovery Island salmon farming. [[Item](#)]

Leigh/Davis: SRD 475/21

THAT the presentation be received.

CARRIED

*Directors
Cornfield,
Evans and*

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Davis/Evans: SRD 476/21

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Regional Board held on May 12, 2021 be adopted. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REPORT

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC)

The Chair reminded directors of the AVICC Virtual AGM and Convention happening on May 27 and 28, 2021.

Baker/Whalley: SRD 477/21

THAT the Chair's report be received.

CARRIED

Director Adams joined the meeting.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Electoral Areas Services Committee

Abram/Leigh: SRD 478/21

THAT the draft minutes of the regular meeting of the Electoral Areas Services Committee held on May 12, 2021 be received. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

Strathcona Gardens Commission

Leigh/Whalley: SRD 479/21

THAT the draft minutes of the regular meeting of the Strathcona Gardens Commission held on May 12, 2021 be received. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

OCP/Rezoning Consultation Process (CP 1B 21/RZ 1B 21 - Treadem Ventures Inc.)

Anderson/Whalley: SRD 480/21

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

CARRIED

Anderson/Whalley: SRD 481/21

THAT the First Nations consultation process and agency referral list as outlined in the staff report dated May 6, 2021 for application CP 1B 21/RZ 1B 21 (Treadem Ventures Inc.) be approved with the addition of the K'omoks First Nation.

CARRIED

OCP/Rezoning Consultation (CP 1D 21/RZ 1D 21 - Oyster Bay Lands)

Leigh/Whalley: SRD 482/21

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

CARRIED

Leigh/Abram: SRD 483/21

THAT the matter be referred to the Electoral Areas Services Committee.

CARRIED

*Director
Anderson
opposed*

ESA Development Permit Application - DP 1D 21 (Szary)

Leigh/Abram: SRD 484/21

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

CARRIED

Leigh/Whalley: SRD 485/21

THAT development permit DP 1D 21 (Szary) be approved, and

THAT the Corporate Officer be authorized to issue the permit.

CARRIED

Fire Protection Service Proposal - Duncan Bay/Race Point

Whalley/Abram: SRD 486/21

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

CARRIED

Whalley/Abram: SRD 487/21

THAT Option 3, as outlined in the May 7, 2021 report from the Chief Administrative Officer, be selected as the engagement strategy for determining the level of interest in further evaluation of fire protection services for the Gordon Road/Duncan Bay Road and Race Point Road areas.

CARRIED

Refuge Cove Boardwalk Project - Funding Options

Abram/Whalley: SRD 488/21

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

CARRIED

Abram/Whalley: SRD 489/21

THAT a further report be prepared regarding the Refuge Cove boardwalk project and potential funding sources involving the Regional District.

CARRIED

Sayward Valley Solid Waste Service - Proposed Rates Amendment

Whalley/Leigh: SRD 490/21

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

CARRIED

Whalley/Leigh: SRD 491/21

THAT a bylaw to amend the Sayward Valley solid waste rates to ensure sufficient

revenues in 2021 to cover the operational costs of the service be prepared for the Board's consideration.

CARRIED

Area D Water Rates - Proposed Bylaw Amendment

Leigh/Whalley: SRD 492/21

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

CARRIED

Cornfield/Kerr: SRD 493/21

THAT a bylaw to amend the Electoral Area D water rates to meet the revenue requirements of the 2021-2025 financial plan be prepared for the Board's consideration.

CARRIED

*Director Leigh
opposed*

Cornfield/Leigh: SRD 494/21

THAT a report be prepared to explore financial relief alternatives for users of the Electoral Area D water service.

CARRIED

Electoral Areas Grant in Aid Service

Whalley/Abram: SRD 495/21

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

CARRIED

Whalley/Leigh: SRD 496/21

THAT an Electoral Area Grant in Aid Service be created for those Electoral Areas that desire to participate.

CARRIED

Campbell River Storm Hockey Club - Request for Refund

Evans/Adams: SRD 497/21

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

CARRIED

Adams/Evans: SRD 498/21

THAT the Regional District approve an account credit of 78 hours to the Campbell River Storm Hockey Club without prejudice and without precedent, for unused ice time between December 11, 2020 and April 2, 2021.

CARRIED

Woodchipping Disposal - Community Resiliency Investment Grant

Abram/Whalley: SRD 499/21

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

CARRIED

Planning Fees and Procedures Bylaw

Leigh/Abram: SRD 500/21

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

CARRIED

Abram/Whalley: SRD 501/21

THAT a report on Bylaw No. 5, being the Planning Fees and Procedures Bylaw 2008, be prepared for further consideration, and

THAT the report be reviewed by the Electoral Areas Services Committee prior to being tabled with the Board.

Anderson/Leigh: SRD 502/21

THAT the matter be referred to the Electoral Areas Services Committee.

CARRIED

Emergency Support Services - 2021 Grant Award

Evans/Anderson: SRD 503/21

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

CARRIED

Evans/Colborne: SRD 504/21

THAT the 2021-2025 Financial Plan be amended to incorporate \$125,701 from the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Emergency Support Services grant.

CARRIED

Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP)

Leigh/Whalley: SRD 505/21

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

CARRIED

Proposed Cell Tower Construction - Cortes Island

Anderson/Whalley: SRD 506/21

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

CARRIED

Anderson/Abram: SRD 507/21

THAT the Chair write a letter to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) to bring to their attention that TELUS has not engaged the Cortes Island and Quadra Island community in any meaningful manner regarding the proposed cell towers; and

THAT the SRD opposes any permission granted by ISED to construct cellular towers on Cortes Island until the community has been properly consulted and supports the construction of the proposed cell towers.

CARRIED

City of Campbell River Development Proposal Referral (Comox Strathcona Waste Management)

Adams/Evans: SRD 508/21

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

CARRIED

Whalley/Evans: SRD 509/21

THAT the City of Campbell River be advised that the Strathcona Regional District has no objections to the proposed 6-hectare regional organic compost facility at 6300 Argonaut Road in Campbell River subject to adherence with all setback and odour/emission mitigation requirements.

CARRIED

Regional Housing Needs Report - UBCM Grant Opportunity

Whalley/Anderson: SRD 510/21

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

CARRIED

Evans/Davis: SRD 511/21

THAT an application for grant funding be submitted to the UBCM Housing Needs Report Program for \$60,000 to fund Housing Needs Reports for the four electoral areas.

CARRIED

*Director Leigh
opposed*

Abram/Anderson: SRD 512/21

THAT the 2021-2025 Financial Plan be amended if the application is approved and funding is received.

CARRIED

Request for Economic Development Funding - Quadra Island Old Age Pensioners' Organization Branch 91 (OAPO)

Abram/Leigh: SRD 513/21

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

CARRIED

Abram/Leigh: SRD 514/21

THAT the Board approve an economic development grant for the Quadra Island Old Age Pensioners' Organization Branch 91 (OAPO) in the amount of \$3,500 to assist with operating costs to be paid from the Electoral Area C economic development service budget.

CARRIED

BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 426 - Area D Water Leak Billing Adjustments

Leigh/Adams: SRD 515/21

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

CARRIED

Leigh/Adams: SRD 516/21

THAT Bylaw No. 426, being a bylaw to amend the rates charged for use of the Electoral Area D water system, be now introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED

Leigh/Whalley: SRD 517/21

THAT the rules be suspended and Bylaw No. 426 be given second and third readings.

CARRIED

Leigh/Evans: SRD 518/21

THAT Bylaw No. 426, being Electoral Area D Water Service Rates and Regulation Bylaw 2018, Amendment No. 3, be reconsidered, finally passed and adopted.

CARRIED

Bylaw No. 428 - Last Mile Broadband Funding Agreements

Adams/Whalley: SRD 519/21

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

Whalley/Baker: SRD 520/21

THAT Bylaw No. 428, being Broadband Infrastructure Capital Financing Agreements Authorization Bylaw 2021, be reconsidered, finally passed and adopted.

CARRIED

Bylaws No. 432 and 433 - OCP and Rezoning (CP 1C 21/RZ 2C 21 - Quadra Links)

Abram/Leigh: SRD 521/21

THAT the matter be referred to the Electoral Areas Services Committee. [\[Item\]](#)
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Logging of Old Growth Forests

Whalley/Leigh: SRD 522/21

THAT the May 11, 2021 correspondence from Sierra Quadra regarding the logging of old growth forests in British Columbia be received. [\[Item\]](#)

CARRIED

*Director
Cornfield
opposed*

Director Davis advised that a notice of motion would be coming forward to the next meeting as follows:

THAT the Strathcona Regional District endorse the recommendations of the Old Growth Strategic Review Panel and write a letter to the provincial government in support of this decision.

Discovery Islands Aquaculture

Leigh/Abram: SRD 523/21

THAT the May 18, 2021 correspondence from the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and Canadian Coast Guard regarding open net-pen salmon farms be received. [\[Item\]](#)

CARRIED

Evans/Cornfield: SRD 524/21

THAT the SRD write a letter to the Honourable Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard and copy Terry Beech, MP, Rachel Blaney, MP and Michele Babchuk, MLA confirming the request to have local government be represented in any consultation process.

CARRIED

Small Community Paramedic Initiatives

Colborne/Anderson: SRD 525/21

THAT the May 19, 2021 correspondence (Quadra Island) from BC Emergency Health Services regarding a new staffing model for paramedics in rural and remote communities be received. [\[Item\]](#)

CARRIED

Anderson/Abram: SRD 526/21

THAT the May 19, 2021 correspondence (Cortes Island) from BC Emergency Health Services regarding a new staffing model for paramedics in rural and remote communities be received. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

Colborne/Anderson: SRD 527/21

THAT the May 10, 2021 correspondence from the Village of Zeballos regarding the sustainability of ambulance service in the Zeballos area be received. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

Anderson/Davis: SRD 528/21

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

CARRIED

Trails Strategy for British Columbia

Evans/Baker: SRD 529/21

THAT the May 20, 2021 correspondence from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development regarding the 'Trails Strategy for BC' report be received. [[Item](#)]

Director Davis advised that a notice of motion would be coming forward to the next meeting as follows:

THAT the Strathcona Regional District endorse the recommended actions of the Trails Strategy Review and write a letter to the provincial government in support of this decision.

Improved Internet Connectivity

Adams/Whalley: SRD 530/21

THAT the May 18, 2021 news release from the Ministry of Citizens' Services regarding improved internet connectivity in the Fraser Canyon and elsewhere in BC be received. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

MEMBERS' REPORTS

Discovery Islands Fish Farming

Anderson/Abram: SRD 531/21

That the SRD support the Federal Government decision to remove open net pen aquaculture from the Discovery Islands region, and that the Chair write to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans accordingly.

DEFEATED

*Directors
Adams, Baker,
Cornfield,
Evans, Kerr,
Leigh, Unger,
Whalley and
Alternate
Director Dahl
opposed*

TERMINATION

Adams/Cornfield: SRD 532/21

THAT the May 26, 2021 regular meeting of the Regional Board be terminated.

CARRIED

Time: 2:26 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Corporate Officer