

ELECTORAL AREAS SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Electoral Areas Services Committee held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at the Strathcona Regional District office located at 990 Cedar Street, Campbell River, B.C.

A quorum having been confirmed, the Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following directors in attendance:

Chair:	G. Whalley	Electoral Area A (Kyuquot/Nootka-Sayward)
Directors:	R. Mawhinney	Electoral Area C (Discovery Islands-Mainland Inlets)
	J. Rice	Electoral Area D (Oyster Bay-Buttle Lake)
	M. Vonesch	Electoral Area B (Cortes Island)

FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair acknowledged that we are located on the traditional territory of the Laichwiltach people.

ADOPTION OF PUBLIC AGENDA

Director Mawhinney requested that a new item of New Business entitled 'Electoral Area C Official Community Plan' be added to the agenda.

Vonesch/Rice: EASC 13/25

THAT the agenda for the February 5, 2025 regular meeting of the Electoral Areas Services Committee be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Vonesch/Mawhinney: EASC 14/25

THAT the minutes of the inaugural meeting of the Electoral Areas Services Committee held on January 8, 2025 be adopted. [\[Item\]](#)

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Quadra Island Siting Application

Mawhinney/Rice: EASC 15/25

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

CARRIED

Mawhinney/Vonesch: EASC 16/25

THAT the February 4, 2025 correspondence from Thomas Gibson regarding Quadra Island siting application QS 15C 24 be received. [\[Item\]](#)

CARRIED

Mawhinney/Vonesch: EASC 17/25

THAT the Committee recommend that the Board authorize staff to proceed with siting application QS 15C 24 on the basis of the correspondence received from the Manager of the OpenBay Group of tenants-in-common.

CARRIED

Development Cost Charges for Electoral Area D

Rice/Mawhinney: EASC 18/25

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

CARRIED

Rice/Vonesch: EASC 19/25

THAT the Committee recommend that the Regional District proceed with the development of a development cost charge (DCC) bylaw for Electoral Area D.

CARRIED

Northern Area D Water - Metered Rate Suspension

Rice/Vonesch: EASC 20/25

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

CARRIED

Vonesch/Rice: EASC 21/25

THAT the Committee recommend that Bylaw No. 324 be amended to suspend the application of the metered rate for all Kamstrup meters until Phase I of the universal water meter project is completed, and

THAT residents receive communication regarding this suspension to manage expectations.

CARRIED

Emergency Services Public Art Projects - Selection Process

Vonesch/Mawhinney: EASC 22/25

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

CARRIED

Vonesch/Rice: EASC 23/25

THAT the Committee recommend that the Regional District approve the final selection of public art to be funded through the UBCM Disaster Risk Reduction/Climate Adaptation grant stream, and

THAT steering committees representing Cortes Island and Walter's Island be established to provide recommendations on the designs submitted for these projects.

CARRIED

Proposed Cortes Island Wildfire Brigade

Vonesch/Mawhinney: EASC 24/25

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

CARRIED

Vonesch/Mawhinney: EASC 25/25

THAT the Committee recommend that the current contract be modified to

include the wildfire brigade service level within the boundaries of the established fire protection boundaries.

CARRIED

Active Transportation Network Plan - Electoral Area C

Mawhinney/Vonesch: EASC 26/25

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

The Chair welcomed Dan Casey, Transportation Consultant with Urban Systems, who made a presentation on the Draft Active Transportation Network Plan. [[Item](#)]

The Chair thanked Mr. Casey for his presentation.

A vote was held on the motion and it was...

CARRIED

Mawhinney/Vonesch: EASC 27/25

THAT the Committee recommend that the Electoral Area C Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP) be forwarded to the Board for approval.

CARRIED

Request for Financial Assistance - Electoral Area D

Rice/Mawhinney: EASC 28/25

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

CARRIED

Rice/Vonesch: EASC 29/25

THAT the Committee recommend that the Board approve grants in aid to be paid from the Electoral Area D grant in aid budget as follows:

- i) \$2,000 to Campbell River Citizens on Patrol to assist with 2025 operational expenses;
- ii) \$5,000 to the Campbell River SeaWolves Football Club to assist with costs associated with the start up of a new football program; and
- iii) \$3,000 to the Strathcona Wilderness Institute to assist with core operations.

CARRIED

BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 598 - Cortes Island Zoning

Vonesch/Mawhinney: EASC 30/25

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

CARRIED

Vonesch/Mawhinney: EASC 31/25

THAT staff prepare a public survey in consultation with the Area B Director to determine the level of interest to include a maximum building area for dwelling units and that it be brought back to EASC.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Time Allocation for Regional Initiatives

Director Whalley inquired about the costs associated with electoral area planning staff time spent on regional initiatives.

Electoral Area C Official Community Plan

Director Mawhinney requested a verbal update on next steps in relation to the Electoral Area C Official Community Plan.

The Senior Manager, Community Services provided an update on Phase I and Phase II of the review process, including initial community consultation and engagement with First Nations and other key interest groups.

TERMINATION

Vonesch/Mawhinney: EASC 32/25

THAT the February 5, 2025 regular meeting of the Electoral Areas Services Committee be terminated.

CARRIED

Time: 11:35 a.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Corporate Officer