

Meeting Minutes

Capital Regional District Board

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

1:30 PM

**6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard Street
Victoria, BC**

PRESENT:

DIRECTORS: B. Desjardins (Chair), D. Howe (Vice Chair), R. Atwell, D. Blackwell, S. Brice, V. Derman, B. Desjardins, A. Finall, C. Hamilton, L. Helps, M. Hicks, B. Isitt, N. Jensen, W. McIntyre, C. Plant, S. Price, J. Ranns, D. Screech, L. Seaton, M. Tait, K. Williams, R. Windsor, G. Young

STAFF: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; D. Lokken, General Manager, Finance and Technology; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Systems; Zoe Gray, Manager Website and Multimedia Development; B. Reems, Corporate Officer; and E. Gorman, Deputy Corporate Officer (Recorder)

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Teece, Quilt Team Member

REGRETS: Director A. Alto, Director J. Brownoff

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
That the agenda be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. Minutes for Adoption

MOVED by Director Tait, **SECONED** by Director Williams,
That the minutes of the meetings of November 23, 2016, November 30, 2016 and
December 14, 2016 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

3. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

3.1 Board Chair's Inaugural Speech

Chair Desjardins delivered her inaugural speech, which is attached to these minutes.

3.2. Appointments to CRD Standing Committees, Select Committees and Other Bodies

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Atwell,
That the Board receive the appointments and endorse the nominations and appointments put forward, as follows:

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD

Chair: Barbara Desjardins

Vice Chair: Dave Howe

All Directors

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL BOARD

Chair: Marianne Alto

Acting Chair: Barbara Desjardins

All Directors

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Chair: Barbara Desjardins

Vice Chair: Dave Howe

All Directors

STANDING COMMITTEES

(Appointments are made by the Board Chair)

CORE AREA LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Director Helps

Vice Chair: Director Brice

Director Atwell

Director Brice

Director Brownoff

Director Derman

Director Plant

Director Helps

Director Alto

Director Isitt

Director Young

Director Jensen

Director Desjardins

Director Screech

Director Hamilton

Director Blackwell

Director Seaton

Chief Sam

Chief Thomas

ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chair: Director Hicks

Vice Chair: Director McIntyre

Director: Director Howe

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chair: Director Hamilton

Vice Chair: Director Atwell

Director Blackwell

Director Derman

Director Helps

Director Hicks
Director McIntyre
Director Ranns
Director Tait
Director Williams
Director Windsor
Barbara Desjardins, Board Chair (ex-officio)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Director Howe
Vice Chair: Director Williams
Director Alto
Director Brice
Director Finall
Director Hamilton
Director Helps
Director Hicks
Director Plant
Director Price
Director Ranns
Director Screech
Barbara Desjardins, Board Chair (ex-officio)

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Director Ranns
Vice Chair: Director Jensen
Director Brice
Director Finall
Director Hamilton
Director Isitt
Director McIntyre
Director Plant
Director Price
Barbara Desjardins, Board Chair (ex-officio)

HOSPITALS AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

Chair: Director Howe
Vice Chair: Director Tait
Director Alto
Director Blackwell
Director Brownoff
Director Helps
Director McIntyre
Director Screech
Director Windsor
Barbara Desjardins, Board Chair (ex-officio)

PLANNING & PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chair: Director Finall
Vice Chair: Director Young
Director Atwell
Director Brice
Director Brownoff
Director Derman

Director Ranns
Director Seaton
Director Williams
Director Windsor
Barbara Desjardins, Board Chair (ex-officio)

REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE

Chair: Director Hicks
Vice Chair: Director Screech
Director Brownoff
Director Howe
Director Isitt
Director Jensen
Director Price
Director Seaton
Director Tait
Director Windsor
Director Young
Barbara Desjardins, Board Chair (ex-officio)

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Chair: Director Brice
Vice Chair: Director Price
Director Atwell
Director Derman
Director Hamilton
Director Isitt
Director McIntyre
Director Screech
Director Young
Barbara Desjardins, Board Chair (ex-officio)

SELECT COMMITTEES

(Appointments are made by the Board)

SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON FIRST NATIONS RELATIONS

Chair: Director Alto
Vice-Chair: Maja Tait
Ryan Windsor
Barbara Desjardins, Board Chair (ex-officio)

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

(Appointments made by Board Chair or Board)

ARTS COMMITTEE

Mayors make recommendations to Board Chair. Board Chair appoints Committee Chair.

Township of Esquimalt: Councillor Meagan Brame (Alternate: Councillor Beth Burton-Krahn)

District of Highlands: Councillor Karel Roessingh

District of Metchosin: Councillor Kyara Kahakauwila

District of Oak Bay: Councillor Tara Ney

District of Saanich: Councillor Colin Plant – Chair

Town of Sidney: Councillor Barbara Fallot

City of Victoria: Councillor Jeremy Loveday
Town of View Royal: Councillor John Rogers

CAPITAL REGION EMERGENCY SERVICES TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CREST)

Shareholder terms (2014-2018):

Juan de Fuca: Director Hicks
Salt Spring Island: Director McIntyre
Southern Gulf Islands: Director Howe

CREST Board Members (term to expire May 2017):

Juan de Fuca: Jeri Grant
Salt Spring Island: Elizabeth Zook
Southern Gulf Islands: Rob Reeleder

CAPITAL REGION HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD

Board Chair appointed by Board as shareholder representative. Shareholder representative to appoint CRD Directors & Alternates for a term January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018.

Director McIntyre (Alternate: Director Martin)
Director Price (Alternate: Councillor Lougher-Goodey)
Director Screech (Alternate: Councillor Rogers)
Director Young (Alternates: Councillors Loveday, Coleman, Madoff, Thornton-Joe, Lucas)

Community Representatives:

Rick Cooper (January 1, 2016 to Dec 31, 2017)
B. Braude (January 1, 2016 to Dec 31, 2017)
Johnny Carline (Jan 1, 2017 to Dec 31, 2018)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Board appointment

Director Hicks, Juan de Fuca
Director Howe, Southern Gulf Islands
Director McIntyre, Salt Spring Island
Bob Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer
Diana Lokken, General Manager, Finance & Technology
Nelson Chan, Chief Financial Officer
Larisa Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks & Environmental Services
Ted Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services
Kevin Lorette, General Manager, Planning & Protective Services
Shawn Carby, Senior Manager, Protective Services

FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Board appointment (4 year terms)

Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee:
Salt Spring Island: Director W. McIntyre
Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee:
Southern Gulf Islands: Director D. Howe

GREATER VICTORIA COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Board appointment
Director Helps
Alternate Director Hundleby
Alternate Director Sanders

REPS:

Christine Culham, Senior Manager, Regional Housing
Kevin Lorette, General Manager, Planning & Protective Services
John Reilly, Manager, Housing Planning & Programs

GREATER VICTORIA HARBOUR AUTHORITY BOARD

Board appointment – Member Representative
Board Chair nominates Director to GVHA Board (for a term January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018)
Board nominee: Director Brice
Member Rep: Director Hicks

GREATER VICTORIA LABOUR RELATIONS ASSOCIATION

Board appointment
Representative: Director Finall
Alternate: Director Brice

GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK RESERVE ADVISORY BOARD

Board appointment
Representative: Director David Howe
Alternate: Alternate Director Andrea Mills

ISLAND CORRIDOR FOUNDATION

Board appoints Member Representative
Member Rep: Director Desjardins
That the following nominee be confirmed and ratified as the CRD noinee to be appointed to the ICF Board:
Nominee: Director Isitt

MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

Board appointment (effective at March AGM)
Representative: Director Brice
Alternate: Director Howe
Representative: Director Williams
Alternate: Director Price

PENINSULA RECREATION COMMISSION

Municipal Council nominations to Board for appointment
North Saanich: Councillor Gartshore (Alt. Councillor Thornburgh)
Sidney: Councillor Chad (Alt. Councillor Fallot)
Central Saanich: Councillor Paltiel (Alt. Councillor Graham)

REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND COMMISSION

Municipal Council nominations to Board Chair for appointment
District of Central Saanich: Councillor Holman
Township of Esquimalt: Councillor Liberchuk
District of Highlands: Councillor Roessingh (Alt.: Councillor Baird)
District of Metchosin: Councillor Milne
District of North Saanich: Councillor Stock (Alt.: Councillor Gartshore)
District of Oak Bay: Councillor Ney (Alt.: Councillor Murdoch)
District of Saanich: Councillor Wergeland
Town of Sidney: Councillor Fallot (Alt.: Councillor Bremner)
District of Sooke: Councillor Parkinson (Alt. Councillor Kerrie Reay)
City of Victoria: Councillor Thornton-Joe

Town of View Royal: Councillor Mattson
Salt Spring Island Electoral Area: Director McIntyre
Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area: Director Howe

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE TREATY TABLE

Board appoints one representative, and one alternate
Representative: Director Price
Alternate: Director Isitt

ROYAL AND MCPHERSON THEATRE SOCIETY

Board appointment
Oak Bay: Councillor Tara Ney
Saanich: Councillor Sanders
Victoria: Director Alto

SOOKE AND ELECTORAL AREA RECREATION COMMISSION

Board appointment
Sooke: Councillor Bev Berger (Alternate: Kerrie Reay)

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Board Chair appointment
Representative: Director Plant
Alternate: Director Windsor

VANCOUVER ISLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

Board Appointment
Representative: Director Hicks
Alternate: Alternate Director Vowles

JUAN DE FUCA WATER DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION

Municipal Council appointments and Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Director (term coincides with General Local Government Elections)
City of Colwood: Councillor Gordie Logan (Alt. Day)
District of Highlands: Councillor Baird (Alt. Roessingh)
City of Langford: Councillor Sifert (Alt. Sahlstrom & Wade), Councillor Szpak (Alt. Sahlstrom & Wade)
District of Metchosin: Councillor Gramigna (Alt. Ranns)
District of Sooke: Councillor Pearson (Alt. Berger)
Town of View Royal: Councillor Rogers (Alt. Mattson)
Juan de Fuca Electoral Area: Director Hicks (Alt. Vowles)

REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION

Municipal Council appointments and Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Director (term coincides with General Local Government Elections)
City of Colwood: Councillor Logan (Alt. Day)
City of Langford: Councillor Sifert (Alt. Sahlstrom & Wade), Councillor Szpak (Alt. Sahlstrom & Wade)
City of Victoria: Councillor Coleman, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Young
District of Central Saanich: Councillor King (Alt. Paltiel)
District of Highlands: Councillor Baird (Alt. Roessingh)
District of Metchosin: Councillor Gramigna (Alt. Ranns)
District of North Saanich: Councillor Orr (Alt. Thornburgh)
District of Oak Bay: Councillor Zhelka (Alt. Kirby)

District of Saanich: Councillor Derman (Alt. Atwell), Councillor Haynes (Alt. Brice),
Councillor Murcock (Alt. Plant), Councillor Sanders (Alt. Brownoff), Councillor
Wergeland (Alt. Atwell)

District of Sooke: Councillor Kasper (Alt. Parkinson)

Town of Sidney: Councillor Lougher-Goodey (Alt. Fallot)

Town of View Royal: Councillor Rogers (Alt. Mattson)

Township of Esquimalt: Councillor Morrison (Alt. Burton-Krahn)

Juan de Fuca Electoral Area: Director Mike Hicks (Alt. Vowles)

SAANICH PENINSULA WATER COMMISSION

Municipal Council appointments and CRD Directors

District of Central Saanich: Councillor King (Alt. Councillor Holman)

District of North Saanich: Councillor Weisenberger (Alt. Councillor Gartshore)

Town of Sidney: Councillor Wainwright (Alt. Councillor Fallot)

CRD Directors

Central Saanich: Director Windsor

North Saanich: Director Finall

Sidney: Director Price

SAANICH PENINSULA WASTEWATER COMMISSION

Municipal Council nominations and CRD Directors for Board appointment

District of Central Saanich: Councillor King (Alt. Councillor Holman)

District of North Saanich: Councillor Weisenberger (Al. Councillor Gartshore)

Town of Sidney: Councillor Wainwright (Alt. Councillor Fallot)

CRD Directors

Central Saanich: Director Windsor

North Saanich: Director Finall

Sidney: Director Price

4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

4.1 Presentations

There were none.

4.2 Delegations

There were none.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Arts Committee

5.1. Restructuring of Arts Committee to a Commission

R. Lapham spoke to the report.

In response to questions, staff advised that the Board could choose to have the Arts Commission bylaw mirror the Regional Water Commission Bylaw in terms of administrative procedures, however none of the alternatives were discussed with the Arts Committee. The Board also discussed:

- The merits of the Chair of the Commission also being a member of the CRD Board

- The inclusion of facility development in the Bylaw as part of the Commission mandate
- The relationship between the proposed Commission and the Royal and MacPherson Theatres
- The intent of the Bylaw and the nature of the Committee

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Helps,
That Bylaw No. 4143 cited as the "Capital Regional District Arts Commission
Bylaw No.1, 2017" be introduced and read a first and second time.
CARRIED**

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Jensen,
That Bylaw No. 4143 be amended to strike out section 1(b).
CARRIED**

**MOVED by Director Jensen, SECONDED by Director Derman,
That Bylaw No. 4143 be amended to delete the words 'to be accepted and'
from sections 1(a) and section 1(d).
CARRIED**

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Helps,
That Bylaw No. 4143, as amended, be read a third time.
CARRIED**

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Helps,
That Bylaw No. 4143, as amended, be adopted.
CARRIED**

6. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

6.1. 2017 Board Standing and Select Committees - Terms of Reference

R. Lapham spoke to the report.

In response to questions, staff confirmed that the terms of reference will be referred to each committee for their review and approval, and would come back to the board for final review if any changes are proposed.

**MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Plan,
1. That the terms of reference for the 2017 Board Standing Committees as
attached in Appendix A be received and referred to the respective Standing
Committees for review and approval;
2. That the Integrated Resource Management Advisory Committee be established
and that the terms of reference as attached in Appendix C be approved;
3. That the terms of reference for the 2017 Special Task Force on First Nations
Relations as attached in Appendix E be approved;
4. That the Transportation Select Committee be dissolved;
5. That the Integrated Resource Management Select Committee be dissolved;
and
6. That the Westside Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Select
Committee be dissolved.
CARRIED**

6.2. Appointments to the Capital Region Housing Corporation Board of

Directors

R. Lapham spoke to the report.

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,
That the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board, as the sole shareholder, authorize
the CRD Chair to appoint four CRD Directors/Alternates to the Capital Region
Housing Corporation Board for the term January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018.
CARRIED

6.3. Bylaw No 4117: Temporary Borrowing (Saanich Peninsula Recreation Services)

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Price,
That Bylaw No. 4117, cited as "Temporary Borrowing (Saanich Peninsula
Recreation Services) Bylaw No.1, 2017" be introduced and read a first and
second time.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Price,
That Bylaw No. 4117 be read a third time.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Price,
That Bylaw No. 4117 be adopted.
CARRIED

6.4. Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That the Capital Regional District Board appoint the following individuals to the
Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel on matters of parcel taxes for the year 2017 to be
held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 651 of the Capital
Regional District offices, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC:
Barbara Desjardins, CRD Board Chair
Mike Hicks, Director, Juan de Fuca Electoral Area
David Howe, Director, Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area
Wayne McIntyre, Director, Salt Spring Island Electoral Area
CARRIED

6.5. Adoption of Bylaw 4124 - 2003 RGS Amendment (Metchosin/Langford Regional Urban Containment and Servicing Policy Area Extension)

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Ongoing growth and traffic in Langford
- The connection of a business park zone directly to the highway
- The reduction of urban sprawl
- First Nations and communities working together to accomplish partnerships with limited land

In response to questions, staff advised that the boundary change and Regional Growth Strategy work is being done in tandem, along with a referendum in Metchosin later in January. Staff also highlighted that the bylaw will not be in effect until Provincial approval is received.

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
That Bylaw No. 4124, cited as Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy
Bylaw No.1, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2016" be read a third time.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
That Bylaw No. 4124 be adopted.
CARRIED

6.6. Island Corridor Foundation Referral Response

R. Lapham spoke to the report.

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That the CRD Board:

1. Support the recommendations in the AVICC Report with the exception of recommendations 18 and 11;
2. Adopt recommendations 2 and 9;
3. Adopt a modified version of recommendation 11 as follows: that ICF update items be placed on the relevant CRD Board Standing Committee agenda along with ICF Board Meeting Notes when available.
4. Direct staff to write the Island Corridor Foundation and the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities and inform them of the Board's decisions in response to the AVICC Report and ICF Response.

CARRIED

6.7. Schedule of 2017 Regular Board and Special Board Meetings

MOVED by Director Price, **SECONDED** by Director Windsor,
That the regular Board meetings be scheduled on the second Wednesday of each month in 2017, as follows: February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13; and
That the following Special Board meetings be scheduled on the fifth Wednesdays, as follows: March 29, May 31 and November 29.
CARRIED

6.8. Conditional Grant Agreement: Canadian Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF) Program for the Royal Theatre Upgrade

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,
That the Canadian Cultural Spaces Fund Program Agreement between the Capital Regional District and the Ministry of Canadian Heritage for the Royal Theatre Upgrade be approved and that the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the Agreement.
CARRIED

6.9. Project Board Chair and Vice Chair Compensation

R. Lapham spoke to the motion. Initially the Board approved addition compensation for three Project Board members ending in October 2016. The Project Board recommends extending the additional compensation for the Chair and Vice Chair to the end of March 2017, when the projected work on the funding agreements and land use process will be complete.

On the motion to postpone, the Board discussed:

- A review of the fee structure
- Ensuring the Board has all the information necessary for decision making purposes
- The Board must do its fiduciary responsibility in spending tax dollars
- The project critical foundational stage of the project

In response to questions, staff advised that the information on the expenses to date could be provided at the February Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee meeting.

**MOVED by Director Howe, SECONDED by Director Helps,
That the Project Board Chair and Vice Chair be compensated an additional \$20,000 per month for the period November 2016 to March 2017 as a flat rate in lieu of the meeting per diem and meeting preparation fee to advance the land use and funding agreement process.**

**MOVED by Director Atwell, SECONDED by Director Derman,
That the motion be postponed pending a report from staff regarding to Project Board compensation expenses to date.**

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Directors Blackwell, Brice, Desjardins, Helps, Isitt, Jensen, Screech, Seaton, Young

On the amendment, discussion ensued on the lack of a staff report on expenses to support the recommendation and the Board's responsibility over the Project Board budget.

**MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Blackwell,
That the motion be amended to include a request for an update and information at the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee meeting in February.**

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Directors Atwell, Derman, Hamilton, Plant

The motion as amended be called to question:

MOVED by Director Howe, SECONDED by Director Helps,

1) That the Project Board Chair and Vice Chair be compensated an additional \$20,000 per month for the period November 2016 to March 2017 as a flat rate in lieu of the meeting per diem and meeting preparation fee to advance the land use and funding agreement process, and

2) That the an update and information be brought forward to the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee meeting in February.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Directors Atwell, Derman, Hamilton, and Plant

7 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. Regional District Boundary Amendment Letter from Provincial Government

Director Screech left the meeting at 2:59.

Director Blackwell left the meeting at 2:59.

**MOVED by Director Hamilton, SECONDED by Director Helps,
That the attached correspondence be received for information.**

CARRIED

8. BYLAWS

There were none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

10. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

10.1. Motion to Close the Meeting

Director Plant left the meeting at 3:00 pm.

MOVED by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Derman,
That the meeting be closed in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4,
Division 3, 90(1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who
holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the
regional district or another position appointed by the regional district; and (e)the
acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the board
considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of
the regional district.

CARRIED

The Board moved to the closed session at 3:10 pm.
The Board rose from the closed session at 3:17 pm with report.

11. RISE AND REPORT

11.1. Appointments to CRD Committees/Commissions

The following persons were appointed as representatives to the Juan de Fuca
Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Committee, for an appointment to expire
December 31, 2018:

- East Sooke: Valerie Braunschweig
- Otter Point: James Gaston
- Shirley: Melody Kimmel
- Willis Point: Patricia Sloan

The following persons were appointed as representatives to the Pender Island
Parks and Recreation Commission, for an appointment to expire December 31,
2018:

- Arnold Alksne
- Rob Fenton

The following person was appointed as representatives to the Peninsula
Recreation Commission, for an appointment to expire December 31, 2018:
Sidney: Brian Losie

The following persons were appointed as representatives to the Saanich
Peninsula Water Commission, for an appointment to expire December 31, 2017:
Central Saanich: Michael C. Williams

Sidney: Michael Thompson
North Saanich: Ron Barnhart

The following persons were appointed as representatives to the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission, for an appointment to expire December 31, 2018:

Central Saanich: Michael C. Williams
Sidney: Michael Thompson
North Saanich: Ron Barnhart

The following persons were appointed as representatives to the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission, for an appointment to expire December 31, 2018:

Bill Cote
Shellie Barrett

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Derman, SECONDED by Director Helps,
That the meeting be adjourned at 3:17 pm.
CARRIED

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER

2017 CRD Board Chair's Inaugural Speech

January 11, 2017

Introduction

Good afternoon. It is my pleasure to welcome you to the first Capital Regional District Board meeting of 2017.

I am honoured by the opportunity to continue serving the region as your Chair and I look forward to a year of continued progress on regional priorities.

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Coast Salish and Nuu chal nuth peoples, on whose traditional territory the CRD resides, and in particular, the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations on whose traditional territory we are all gathered today.

I am excited by the work underway with First Nations within the region to build relationships, nurture cultural understanding, and practice inclusive decision making.

This work is key to creating a strong future together and making our region whole. I'll speak more on this a little later.

50th Anniversary

Today, we have a stunning addition to our Boardroom.

As part of its 50th anniversary community engagement, the quilting community has worked to create a regional quilt.

A video has been created that summarizes our 50th anniversary activities and I am excited to share it with you publically for the first time.

[Video: <https://youtu.be/j6HW5M9JlAo>]

As you saw in the video, the regional quilt showcases our region and creates a sense of connection and inclusion.

Each municipality and electoral area that makes up the CRD is represented by a block of the quilt. Together, the blocks form a regional quilt - a community of communities.

Municipalities and electoral areas will be gifted a framed block, a duplicate from the one that is in the quilt.

I would like to thank the 35 quilters who, over many months, met in this boardroom to create this beautiful quilt together.

You will notice contributions from Indigenous artists on the panels which help make the quilt whole and complete.

With us here today is Susan Teece, who was a valuable member of the quilting team from start to finish. Susan was vital in coordinating both the team and materials required for this piece and I am pleased to acknowledge her and the team today.

The quilters have done, by stitching, what we at the CRD board do: work together, representing our local government but ultimately creating something great for the region.

This action is bound again by the strength of the stitching and the care in placement of each representative block. I will look to the regional quilt as an example of the meaning and value for regional governments.

Thank you to the quilting community as well as all the staff and partners who worked together to help us mark 50 years of shaping the region.

Accomplishments and Regional Activities

It is our task as we move forward into the next 50 years that we honour the past by approaching each day with a common effort and purpose for the benefit of our region.

2016 was a year of progress as we focused on delivering on strategic priorities that benefit the region while continuing to provide cost-effective core services.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment and enthusiasm of the Directors in 2016 for participating on various committees and for taking on the role of chair or vice chair of a committee.

We have an amazing pool of skills, talent and experience around the table.

It is important to acknowledge the work of the Capital Region Housing Corporation and Capital Regional Hospital District and our many committees and commissions.

We could not function as regional district without these people and their passion and expertise.

I also would like to acknowledge the skill and capability of staff, as we look to them to help provide innovative ideas and opportunities for us to be the best at what we take on, and to lead in environmental, social and economic initiatives.

We ended 2016 with considerable discussion at the Governance committee and then the Board at a Committee of the Whole meeting regarding committee structures.

I provided all members with an opportunity to give input in a candid and open way and have considered this in making my decisions.

Key in my consideration for committee and chairperson choices were to look at regional representation and to utilize directors' passions and skills.

I have also looked to committee chairs for their input on the vice chair partnership.

The willingness of most board members to take positions of chairing speaks highly of your commitment to CRD.

Because of this interest I have also tried to provide opportunity for mentoring through former board and committee chairs as vice chairs for new chairs.

Committee work is essential to carrying out the many activities we undertake and at the Committee of the Whole we heard a call for respecting the work, discussion and decisions taken by committees to the board level.

There are many significant and exciting projects ahead for each committee this term with a wide range of activities planned in support of our strategic priorities. I would like to take a moment to highlight a few of them:

Climate Change

Climate change remains a top strategic priority as together we recognize the need to adapt, mitigate and reduce climate change.

At the community level, the Regional Climate Action Strategy will guide the CRD's services to support community-focused climate mitigation and adaptation action over the next five years.

The Strategy aligns with federal, provincial and regional initiatives to ensure a coordinated approach that identifies all opportunities and maximizes region-wide benefits.

The recent Forum of All Councils on Climate Change will provide valuable input. The Strategy will be finalized and presented to the CRD Board early this year.

I want to acknowledge the passion and coaxing we have had from Director Derman that there is urgency to plan and more importantly act on this issue.

I want to encourage the board to be bold, to leap forward with the required changes and actions that we must make, with the CRD leading by example and advocacy to encourage others to take similar steps forward.

Environmental Services

The Environmental Services Committee will take steps to reduce dependency on fossil fuels and address climate change while continuing to work on monitoring, education and remediation programs that support decision-making and management of natural resources.

The Environmental Services Committee will be chaired by Director Hamilton with Director Atwell as Vice-Chair.

Work will continue in 2017 to investigate integrated resource management solutions. We must, as a region, look to integrated resource management and for this reason the IRM Advisory committee will operate as a sub-committee reporting up through the Environmental Services Committee.

Solid waste, and biosolids, have great potential as resources, which can give the CRD that leap forward in climate action that I referred to. We need to get this done and develop the path forward on this initiative.

First Nations Task Force

First Nations relations is a critical priority for the Board and I want to acknowledge the work of the Special Task Force on First Nations Engagement, led by Director Alto and supported by Directors Windsor, Jensen, Tait and Kasper while Director Tait was on maternity leave.

The Task force will continue to be led by Director Alto.

2016 was a big year for Aboriginal Initiatives and the First Nations Task Force.

Many of the successes are a direct result of the foundational relationships that have been built since the Board identified the importance of government to government relationships with First Nations.

This year the Special Task Force on First Nations will move forward with an extended and expanded mandate.

I am looking forward to supporting the Task Force in the important work of establishing an inclusive model of governance while continuing the journey of reconciliation – both at the leadership, staff and personal level, by undertaking tangible initiatives that respond thoughtfully to the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Calls to Action.

Hospitals and Housing

A new Health and Housing Standing Committee will be established with Director Howe as Chair and Director Tait as Vice-Chair.

This Standing Committee recognizes health and housing as areas for ongoing financial investment and strategic focus and will make recommendations to the CRD and Capital Regional Hospital District boards.

The Capital Regional Hospital District continues to invest in the development of health-related infrastructure through various projects including the development of The Summit at Quadra Village, a 320-unit residential complex and dementia care facility.

Work will commence on the newest Capital Region Housing Corporation housing project located at 3816 Carey Road. Geared towards families, seniors and individuals, this development will help support the goal of increasing affordable housing in our region.

This year, in an innovative partnership between the CRD, the Province and Island Health and working with the Coalition to End Homelessness, we expect to see the first projects take shape from the Regional Housing First Program.

This program will deliver housing units to address the needs of people experiencing chronic homelessness while also helping stimulate the development of housing for low to moderate income households.

Wastewater

The Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee will be chaired by Director Helps and Director Brice will fill the role of vice-chair.

We now have an approved plan that provides a high level of wastewater treatment and the Project Board is working on the necessary land tenures for all program elements.

This will be a great step forward to ensure that we will have wastewater treatment in the Core Area by 2020.

Planning and Protective Services

The Planning and Protective Services Committee will be chaired by Director Finall with Director Young as Vice-Chair.

An important piece of the work of this committee will be continuing to lead the Regional Growth Strategy which promotes the long-term livability of the region and seeks to optimize social, economic and environmental performance.

We have included \$16 million in the budget for a proposed unified 911 call answer and police dispatch centre. This is another regional cooperative initiative to create a centre that meets post-disaster standards and can accommodate shared services for the region.

Regional Parks

The Regional Parks Committee will be chaired by Director Hicks with Director Screech as Vice-chair.

The first phase of the Sea to Sea Regional Park is completed at the southern section of the park known today as Mount Manuel Quimper but referred to by the T'Sou-ke people as Chuck-snanit or Big Mountain. The park will be formally opened in April.

The 13 km Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail is being developed as part of both the Trans Canada Trail, now known as the Great Trail, and the Vancouver Island Spine Trail routes.

The trail will open in the summer of 2017 as part of the Great Trail's 25th and Canada's 150th anniversary celebrations.

Work continues on the E&N Rail Trail - Humpback Connector. The section that links the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations with View Royal and my community of Esquimalt is currently on track for construction in 2017, and an additional 2.3 km of trail will be complete by 2019, creating a continuous trail from Langford to Victoria.

These trails are an important part of the cycling and walking network and provide transportation and recreation opportunities for visitors and residents alike.

Regional Water Supply

Renewing and improving drinking water and wastewater infrastructure for the region's urban centres and local service areas continues to be a priority for 2017.

The Japan Gulch drinking water disinfection plant for the Regional Water Supply System is currently well underway, and planned infrastructure upgrades include those to existing wastewater conveyance and treatment infrastructure for the Core Area, Saanich Peninsula and Electoral Areas.

Electoral Areas

Salt Spring Island will continue work on various Capital Projects including the Ganges Sewer Plant, Maliview Sewer Plant and the Burgoyne Bay Liquid Waste Facility – all of which are important pieces of infrastructure for the community.

In addition, work will continue on the North Ganges Transportation Plan with Pedestrian, cycling, and intersection improvements.

Within the Juan de Fuca electoral area, work is underway at Jordan River to set up a world class early warning alarm system for local residents and guests in the event of a large offshore earthquake or tsunami.

This important piece of safety infrastructure will become operational this year.

On the Southern Gulf Islands, the CRD is developing a Regional Trails Plan for Galiano, Mayne, North and South Pender, Salt Spring and Saturna Islands.

The plan will identify a conceptual regional trail route on each of the six islands and will outline policies to assist with its implementation.

Transportation

The Transportation Committee will be chaired by Director Brice with Director Price as Vice-Chair.

In 2017, the Transportation Committee will continue to work towards establishing a transportation service and will now also advance transportation initiatives and projects across the region, including the *People Power program* and the *Active & Safe Routes to School Program*.

In the Fall, the CRD will conduct an Origin Destination Survey, a comprehensive trip diary which profiles residents' travel behavior and provides valuable updated information on regional travel patterns.

This survey will inform future transportation planning and priority implementation of projects across the region, as well as allow for planning and programming initiatives to be targeted where they are most needed.

Finance

I have asked Director Howe to Chair the Finance Committee with Director Williams to be Vice-Chair.

Building on the great work done in 2016, the Finance Committee will continue its focus on sound financial management as it works to achieve maximum value for local taxpayers' dollars and ensure the long term fiscal health of the region.

Governance

The Governance Committee will be chaired by Director Ranns and Vice-Chair Jensen.

The role of the Governance Committee has evolved to include important work that enhances our commitment to good governance. In particular, the Governance Committee reports and provides recommendations on committee structures.

The Governance Committee has also worked on improving efficiency through an enhanced service planning process that identifies potential service adjustments on an ongoing annual basis

In the coming weeks we expect to see a report from the provincial Capital Integrated Services and Governance Initiative which will provide recommendations related to local governance and service efficiencies.

Concluding remarks

As you can see, the CRD continues to shape the region by pushing ahead on strategic priorities and actions.

To my fellow Directors, I encourage you to be bold and push forward on changes that enable sustainable growth and enhance community well-being.

I challenge each of us as leaders to work together toward a common vision of a vibrant, sustainable and livable region.

I will look to the regional quilt as an example and a reminder to all of us that the diversity of our members and our shared commitment will ultimately benefit our region as a whole.