

Meeting Minutes

Electoral Areas Committee

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

11:00 AM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

PRESENT

Directors: M. Hicks (Chair) (EP), G. Holman (Vice Chair), P. Brent (for D. Howe) (EP), C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio) (11:03 am)

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; K. Campbell, Senior Manager, Salt Spring Island Administration; J. Starke, Manager, Service Delivery, Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area; M. Lagoa, Acting Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets Director D. Howe

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Hicks provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Alternate Director Brent, SECONDED by Director Holman,
That the agenda for the January 13, 2021 Electoral Areas Committee meeting be approved.**

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Alternate Director Brent,
That the agenda be amended to allow two (2) items of new business: Regional Arts Facilities Select Committee Report, and COVID-19 Relief Funding Advocacy.
CARRIED**

**MOVED by Alternate Director Brent, SECONDED by Director Holman,
That the agenda for the January 13, 2021 Electoral Areas Committee meeting be approved as amended.
CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes

- 3.1. [21-029](#) Minutes of the October 14, 2020 and November 4, 2020 Electoral Areas Committee Meetings

MOVED by Alternate Director Brent, **SECONDED** by Director Holman,
That the minutes of the Electoral Areas Committee meetings of October 14, 2020
and November 4, 2020 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair stated how remarkable it is that we are able to meet virtually today as the wind storm has prevented in person attendance.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [21-020](#) 2021 Electoral Areas Committee Terms of Reference

K. Morley spoke to item 6.1.

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Brent,
That the Electoral Areas Committee receive the 2021 Terms of Reference
attached as Appendix A.
CARRIED

6.2. [21-061](#) Connected Coast Proposal for the Southern Gulf Islands

J. Starke spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- the importance of allowing open access to all internet providers
- including the names of the staff who created the report should it be published

**MOVED by Alternate Director Brent, SECONDED by Director Holman,
The Electoral Areas Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District
Board:**

1. That the Board approve a letter of support for the Strathcona Regional District and the Connected Coast project for their efforts to secure all necessary permits within the CRD, including design and tenure agreements for landings, Points of Presence and Rights of Way. Where possible, identification of the best landing sites should be informed by the connectivity design plan currently underway for the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area.

2. That the Board Chair write a letter in support of the CityWest applications to the Federal Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) and the Provincial Economic Recovery Intake (ERI) programs for construction of last mile fibre to the home projects in the communities of Mayne Island, Galiano Island, Saturna Island, and North Pender Island.

3. That the Board approve in principle that funding beyond the 90% threshold will be provided by the communities to be served by last mile projects, subject to successful service establishment and voter assent, and to mutual agreement to the terms of any required partnership agreements.

CARRIED

6.3. [21-018](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Alternate Director Brent,
That the following minutes be received for information:**

- a) Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of October 1, 2020
- b) Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of November 5, 2020
- c) Mayne Island Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of October 8, 2020
- d) Mayne Island Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of November 12, 2020

CARRIED

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no Notice(s) of Motion.

8. New Business

Director Holman provided an update from the Regional Arts Facilities Select Committee meeting earlier today.

The recommendation to the Board was that committee continues in order to make a recommendation to the Board regarding the establishment of a regional arts service. The concern Director Holman raised was around the voting process to establish this service, potentially preventing regions from opting out of the service.

Director Holman requested an update on the COVID-19 Relief Funding.

Staff have been drafting the letter for the Board Chair to send to the appropriate parties. It is in the final review stage. The Chair will be meeting with Premier Horgan in the next few days. There is an open invitation to discuss issues of regional interest at that meeting. The Capital Regional District has put aside \$300 000 for Regional Emergency expenses from 2020. Some of those funds may be allocated to the electoral areas.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Alternate Director Brent, SECONDED by Board Chair Plant,
That the January 13, 2021 Electoral Areas Committee meeting be adjourned at
11:40 am.
CARRIED**

Chair

Recorder