

Meeting Minutes

Electoral Areas Committee

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

10:05 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: P. Brent (Chair), G. Holman (Vice Chair), A. Wickheim, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; I. Jesney, Acting General Manager, Integrated Water Services; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; S. Henderson, Senior Manager, Real Estate; J. Starke, Manager, Service Delivery, Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area; M. Taylor, Manager, Building Inspection; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 10:18 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

A Territorial Acknowledgement was provided in the preceding meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Wickheim,
That the agenda for the January 11, 2023 Electoral Areas Committee meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [23-001](#) Minutes of the December 14, 2022 Electoral Areas Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Wickheim,
That the minutes of the Electoral Areas Committee meeting of December 14, 2022 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Brent noted that he is looking forward to the work to come in the new year.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [23-018](#) 2023 Electoral Areas Committee Terms of Reference

K. Lorette presented Item 6.1. for information.

This report was received for information.

6.2. [23-043](#) Report on Sooke Basin Aquaculture Proposal

G. Harris presented Item 6.2. for information

Discussion ensued on the following:

- the seaweed species being cultivated
- staff bringing back a report after the formal referral process

This report was received for information

6.3. [23-058](#) Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area - Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program Grant Application

J. Starke spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued on the expected returns.

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Brent,
The Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**

That the Capital Regional District Board authorizes submission of a grant application under the BC Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program for Last-mile Connectivity and Economic Diversification for the Southern Gulf Islands; and direct staff to provide overall grant management.

CARRIED

6.4. [23-019](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

These minutes were received for information

7. Notice(s) of Motion

7.1. [22-677](#)

Motion with Notice: Sooke Basin Aquaculture Proposal (Director Wickheim)

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Wickheim,
That the Electoral Areas Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the CRD Board refer its concerns regarding the potentially invasive seaweed aquaculture in Sooke Basin to appropriate provincial and federal agencies and request the updating and enforcement of regulations for such species as soon as possible.

MOVED by Director Wickheim, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
That the motion be amended to replace the wording "such species" with the wording "foreign and/or non-native species".

CARRIED

The question was called on the main motion as amended.

That the Electoral Areas Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the CRD Board refer its concerns regarding the potentially invasive seaweed aquaculture in Sooke Basin to appropriate provincial and federal agencies and request the updating and enforcement of regulations for foreign and/or non-native species as soon as possible.

CARRIED

8. New Business

8.1.

Notice of Motion: Re-capitalize Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) (Director Holman)

Director Holman proposed the following Notice of Motion for same day consideration: "That the CRD Board urge the Province to re-capitalize the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET)."

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
That the same day consideration be applied to the Notice of Motion.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
That the CRD Board urge the Province to re-capitalize the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET).
CARRIED

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Holman,
That the January 11, 2023 Electoral Areas Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:55 am.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER