

Meeting Minutes

Electoral Areas Committee

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

11:05 AM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard 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; A. Fraser, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; M. Barnes, Acting General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; S. Carey, Senior Manager, Legal Services; S. Henderson, Senior Manager, Real Estate; J. Starke, Manager, Service Delivery, Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Areas; M. Taylor, Manager, Building Inspection; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

Guests: M. Harcourt, Former Premier of British Columbia; R. Bortolin, Stewart McDannold Stuart, Barristers & Solicitors

The meeting was called to order at 11:12 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 August 9, 2023 Electoral Areas Committee meeting be
approved.
CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [23-528](#) Minutes of the July 12, 2023 Electoral Areas Committee Meeting

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Wickheim,
That the minutes of the Electoral Areas Committee meeting of July 12, 2023 be
adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Brent spoke about the presentation Former Premier Mike Harcourt will be presenting in today's meeting and the relevance to the Electoral Areas.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no delegations.

5.1. [23-577](#) Presentation: Mike Harcourt, Re: Affordable Housing Initiatives

M. Harcourt presented on Affordable Housing Initiatives.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- policy and regulatory environment surrounding recreational vehicles
- advocacy for accessible housing in rural areas
- proposed pilot project details on Pender Island
- existing problems and uncertainty surrounding affordable housing

6. Committee Business

6.1. [23-532](#) 2023 Electoral Areas Committee Terms of Reference - Revised

K. Morley spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the disbandment of commissions and jurisdiction given to the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission.

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Director Plant,
The Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District
Board:
That the revised 2023 Electoral Areas Committee Terms of Reference be
approved as presented.
CARRIED**

6.2. [23-545](#) Enforcement Practices for Alternative Forms of Housing - Recreational Vehicles

M. Barnes spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- differentiation between permanent versus temporary service connections
- differences between zoning and building permits
- yurt usage and building code compliance
- building code regulations and requirements

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Director Brent,

The Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That occupancy of recreational vehicles, without alterations for permanent or long term use, will be considered a land use matter and referred to the local land use authority. Temporary service connections, and steps and decks not requiring a building permit and that are not affixed to the recreational vehicle will not be considered permanent alterations.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Holman,

To allow Mr. Harcourt to participate in the discussion on Item 6.2. Enforcement Practices for Alternative Forms of Housing - Recreational Vehicles.

CARRIED

Motion Arising:

MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Holman,

The Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the Board work collaboratively with former Premier Mike Harcourt to advocate to other levels of government and their agencies for housing opportunities in the Electoral Areas.

CARRIED

6.3. [23-512](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information.

The following minutes were received for information:

- a) Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of June 1, 2023
- b) Mayne Island Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of June 8, 2023
- c) Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of June 12, 2023
- d) Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Areas Community Economic Sustainability Commission minutes of January 17, 2023
- e) Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Areas Community Economic Sustainability Commission minutes of February 21, 2023
- f) Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Areas Community Economic Sustainability Commission minutes of March 21, 2023
- g) Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Areas Community Economic Sustainability Commission minutes of April 18, 2023
- h) Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Areas Community Economic Sustainability Commission minutes of May 16, 2023

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Motion to Close the Meeting

9.1. [23-522](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Director Plant,
That the meeting be closed for Legal Advice in accordance with Section 90(1)(i)
of the Community Charter.
CARRIED**

The Electoral Areas Committee went into the Closed Session at 12:07 pm.

**The Electoral Areas Committee rose from the Closed Session at 12:24 pm without
report.**

10. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Director Wickheim,
That the August 9, 2023 Electoral Areas Committee meeting be adjourned at
12:24 pm.
CARRIED**

CHAIR

RECORDER