

Meeting Minutes

Electoral Areas Committee

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

11:00 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; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; K. Campbell, Senior Manager, Salt Spring Island Administration (EP); S. Carby, Senior Manager, Protective Services; S. Carey, Senior Manager, Legal Services; S. Henderson, Senior Manager, Real Estate; J. Starke, Manager, Service Delivery, Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Areas; C. Vrabel, Coordinator, Fire Services; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Guest: T. Pley, Tim Pley & Associates

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Wickheim provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [23-716](#) Minutes of the September 13, 2023 Electoral Areas Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Wickheim, **SECONDED** by Director Holman,
That the minutes of the Electoral Areas Committee meeting of September 13, 2023 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [23-650](#) Bylaw No. 4573: Tax Exemption (Permissive) Bylaw, 2023

N. Chan spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding the restrictions to tax exemptions.

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

- 1. That Bylaw No. 4573, "Tax Exemption (Permissive) Bylaw, 2023", be introduced and read a first, second and third time;**
- 2. That Bylaw No. 4573 be adopted.**

CARRIED

6.2. [23-698](#) Fire Services Governance Review Report

K. Lorette introduced Tim Pley, Tim Play & Associates, and spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- concern from fire chiefs over loss of autonomy
- cost implications
- the drivers prompting these changes
- the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection Improvement District

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

That staff be directed to distribute the report and to engage the fire commissions and fire societies and to report back to the Committee with an implementation plan.

CARRIED

6.3. [23-667](#) 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 August 10, 2023**
- b) Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Committee minutes of June 13, 2023**
- c) Mayne Island Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of August 10, 2023**
- d) Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of April 17, 2023**
- e) Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of August 14, 2023**

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Wickheim, **SECONDED** by Director Holman,
That the October 11, 2023 Electoral Areas Committee meeting be adjourned at
11:34 am.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER