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Minutes of a Meeting of the Electoral Area Services Committee

Held Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Executive Meeting Room, 6th Floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

Present: Directors Ken Hancock (Chair), Garth Hendren (Vice Chair), Mike Hicks

Staff: Chris Grelson, Robert Gutierrez, Bob Lapham, Diana Lokken, Ted Robbins, Sonia Santarossa, Travis Whiting, and Rosemary Frederiksen (Recorder).

Also Present: Alternate Director Dave Howe

GENERAL BUSINESS

The meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Director Hancock requested an additional item on the agenda under New Business to allow discussion on Animal Control Bylaw No. 1465 and how it applies to compensation for killed or injured sheep.

MOVED by Director Hendren, **SECONDED** by Mike Hicks,
That the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of the new item under New Business.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Hendren,
That the minutes of the September 7, 2011 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations – None

4. Joint Emergency Preparedness Planning Grant For the Juan De Fuca Electoral Area

Travis Whiting reviewed the decision to fund and locate two new tsunami sirens in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area.

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Hendren,
That it be recommended to the Board that it endorse the application to the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program for funding to cover 50% of the cost of two tsunami sirens for the Juan de Fuca area, one each, for Jordan River and Elliottville

CARRIED

5. Electoral Area Permissive Tax Exemptions

Diana Lokken reviewed the requests by the Pender Island Golf & Country Club, the Galiano Golf & Country Club and the Magic Lakes Property Owners Society for

permissive tax exemptions on certain properties. Both golf course properties qualify for exemption under Section 809 of the *Local Government Act*.

MOVED by Director Hendren, **SECONDED** by Director Hicks,
That it be recommended to the Board that Bylaw No. 3807, "Tax Exemption (Permissive) Bylaw, 2011, be introduced and read a first and second time, read a third time and adopted.

CARRIED

6. Funding For the Highland and Fernwood Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

Ted Robbins provided an overview of the Highland and Fernwood Water Treatment Plant upgrade project funding shortfall.

MOVED by Director Hendren, **SECONDED** by Director Hicks,
That it be recommended to the Board that it authorize a contribution of \$160,000 from the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area's Community Works Fund to the Highland and Fernwood Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project.

CARRIED

7. Salt Spring Island (SSI) Street Lighting Service Establishment

Diana Lokken discussed the issue of street lighting on Salt Spring Island, once the responsibility of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District and now, with the receipt of an Order-In-Council, a responsibility of the Capital Regional District requiring a bylaw to establish the service.

MOVED by Director Hendren, **SECONDED** by Director Hicks,
That it be recommended to the Board that Bylaw No. 3746, cited as "Salt Spring Island Street Lighting Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2011" be introduced and read a first and second time, and read a third time.

CARRIED

8. Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act

Chris Grelson provided an overview of the Federal Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act which is designed to protect lighthouses that have significant heritage value. Coastal communities are being encouraged to purchase these structures which are "surplus" to operational requirements.

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Hendren,
That the report be received for information and forwarded to any known parties who might be interested.

CARRIED

9. New Business

Bob Lapham answered some questions surrounding the issue of financial compensation to farmers who have had sheep injured or killed by stray dogs. Compensation awards are discretionary and not bound by the limits set in Animal Control Bylaw No. 1465. A report will be presented in the New Year to provide an overview of this bylaw.

10. Pending List

Pending List was discussed and updated.

11. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Hendren, **SECONDED** by Director Hancock,
That the meeting be adjourned at 2:23 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 2, 2011, starting at 1:30 p.m.

CHAIR