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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Electoral Area Services Committee
Held September 19, 2012 in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC**

Present: Directors: M. Hicks (Chair), W. McIntyre (Vice Chair), D. Howe
Staff: R. Lapham, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; D. Lokken, General Manager, Corporate Services; D. Wilde, Bylaw Enforcement Officer; and S. Norton (recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Howe, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre,
That the agenda and supplementary be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Howe, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre,
That the late requests from James Squires and Myrna Francis to address the Committee regarding item 5 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Director McIntyre, **SECONDED** by Director Howe,
That the minutes of the July 18, 2012 meeting be adopted as previously circulated.

CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations

- 1) Ken Cameron, Salt Spring Island Rod & Gun Club, re item 5, spoke against the proposed noise bylaw amendment because it was too broad, would affect the Club's operation, and consultation was needed. He noted that the Club has already voluntarily reduced its hours in deference to the neighbours. He asked that the bylaw be rejected or tabled to allow for consultation with the Club, the regional director, CRD staff and neighbours.
- 2) Brian Milne, re item 5, spoke in favour of the proposed noise bylaw amendment as an interim solution and called for the re-location of the Rod & Gun Club as the long-term solution. He cited Provincial Firearms regulations from the 1960's regarding location of gun clubs to development, provided a map showing the Gun's borders in relation to adjacent properties, and listed noise, safety and contamination concerns.
- 3) Fay Sims, re item 5, spoke in favour of the proposed noise bylaw amendment. She described the impact of the gunfire from Rod & Gun Club on the quiet, peace and enjoyment of the adjacent residents.

- 4) James Squires, re item 5, spoke in favour of the proposed noise bylaw amendment. He advised that he was aware of the Rod and Gun Club when he moved to his property ten years ago, but has found the noise becoming louder and more frequent in the last five years. He suggested alternative hours to that proposed in the bylaw. .
- 5) Myrna Francis, re item 5, spoke against the proposed noise bylaw amendment and asked that it be rejected or tabled to allow for consultation with the Club, the regional director, CRD staff and neighbours. She noted that there had not been sufficient notification that this item was being considered today.

4. Appointment of Officers

MOVED by Director McIntyre, **SECONDED** by Director Howe,
That it be recommended to the CRD Board:

That, for the purpose of Section 200 of the *Local Government Act* and Section 28(3) of the *Offence Act* and in accordance with Capital Regional District Bylaw No. 2681, Kathleen Davis be appointed as an Animal Control Officer.

CARRIED

5. Salt Spring Island Electoral Area Abatement and Control of Noise Bylaw

R. Lapham spoke to report and the proposal to amend the noise bylaw to restrict the discharge of firearms on a firearms range to prescribed parts of the day and on days of rest such as Sundays and statutory holidays. He noted that Island Trust has advised that the Rod and Gun Club property is legally zoned for this activity. He noted that the Club has voluntarily reduced its operating hours to address the noise concerns of its neighbours. He advised that tickets have been issued to the Rod and Gun Club for offences under the current noise bylaw, which will be proceeding through the courts.

MOVED by Director McIntyre, **SECONDED** by Director Howe,

That the report be referred back to staff for discussion with Director McIntyre on how to consult with the Rod and Gun Club and residents, either separately or jointly, and report back at the next meeting on how to move forward.

CARRIED

6. Proposed Amendment to Bylaw No. 1857, “Capital Regional District Information Authorization Bylaw, 1990”

R. Lapham advised that this bylaw would accompany the amending bylaw under item 5 when it comes back for consideration. The report was also referred back to staff.

D. Wilde left the meeting at 12:30 pm.

7. Community Works Fund – Shirley/Jordan River Official Community Plan Update and East Sooke Official Community Plan Update

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Howe,
That the report be referred back to staff for discussion on the work program.

CARRIED

8. Grants-in-Aid

MOVED by Director Howe, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre,
That it be recommended to the CRD Board:

That the following grants-in-aid applications be approved for payment:

- 1) Southern Gulf Islands Grants-in-Aid, as approved by Director Howe
 - a) Magic Lake Property Owners' Society \$ 1,000
 - b) Mayne Island Waterworks \$ 1,500
 - c) Pender Islands Conservancy Association \$ 2,000

CARRIED

9. Electoral Area Permissive Tax Exemptions

D. Lokken advised that the three requests meet the criteria for exemption by a regional district, and have been exempted previously. Further to the report, she advised that BC Assessment is reviewing exemptions for non-profit organizations. Discussion ensued on what impact this could have for the CRD.

MOVED by Director Howe, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre,
That it be recommended to the CRD Board:

That Bylaw No. 3859, "Tax Exemption (Permissive) Bylaw, 2012" be introduced and read a first and second time, read a third time and adopted.

CARRIED

10. New Business

11. Pending List

12. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Howe, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre,
That the meeting be adjourned at 12:39 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR