

Minutes of the Regional Services Committee Meeting held electronically in accordance with Ministerial Order No. M192 issued June 17, 2020 and transmitted via the Board Room, located at 201 – 55 Canada Avenue, Duncan BC, on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 9:30 AM.

**PRESENT:** Chair B. Salmon  
Director S. Acton  
Director L. Iannidinardo  
Director K. Kuhn  
Director B. Maartman  
Director K. Marsh  
Director I. Morrison  
Director T. McGonigle  
Director A. Nicholson  
Director A. Siebring  
Director M. Smith  
Director M. Staples  
Director A. Stone  
Director D. Toporowski  
Director M. Wilson

**ALSO PRESENT:** J. Elzinga, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
A. Legault, Corporate Officer  
M. Kueber, General Manager, Corporate Services  
A. Kjerulf, General Manager, Land Use Services Department  
H. Hatami, General Manager, Engineering Services  
N. Wehner, Corporate Financial Officer  
B. Farquhar, Manager, Parks & Trails  
M. Tippet, Manager, Community Planning  
B. O'Riordan, Manager, Economic Development  
K. Schumacher, Manager, Communications & Engagement  
C. Breen, Planning Coordinator  
R. Grant, GIS Supervisor  
R. Barnhouse, Secretary III  
C. Convery, Systems Support Technician

**9:32 AM** The Committee observed a minute of silence in recognition of the Day or Mourning for workers who have been killed, injured, or suffered illness as a result of work-related incidents.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**M1** Regional Services Committee meeting of March 24, 2021

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regional Services Committee meeting of March 24, 2021 be adopted.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **DELEGATIONS**

- D1** David Barnes, Koksilah River Ancient Forest provided a presentation regarding protection of the old growth trees in the Koksilah River Ancient Forest in Shawnigan Lake, for information.
- D2** Foster Richardson, Climate & Agriculture Initiative BC provided an overview of the organization and a presentation on their Winter Vegetable Crop Trials for Climate Resilience Project, for information.

## **REPORTS**

- R1** Report from the Economic Development Division Re: Climate & Agriculture Initiative BC – Funding Request – Winter Vegetable Variety Trials for Climate Resilience

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board on April 28, 2021, that \$10,000 be provided to Climate and Agriculture Initiative BC from the CVRD Regional Strategic Initiatives Fund upon submission of a final report documenting the outcomes of the Winter Vegetable Variety Trials for Climate Resilience project.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- R2** Report from the Community Planning Division Re: Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Referral 2021 Amendment Bylaw 1615.04

*Referred from the March 24, 2021 Regional Services Committee Meeting*

- 10:59 AM** The committee agreed by consensus to recess at 10:59 AM.

- 11:17 AM** The meeting resumed at 11:17 AM.

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board:

1. That the Regional District of Nanaimo's Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1615.04 be accepted.
2. That a letter be sent to the Regional District of Nanaimo outlining concerns about insufficient policies to protect the shared Cassidy Aquifer and request language amendments to the Electoral Area A OCP Regional Context Statement Goal 2 as the Regional Context Statement is an important legal link to the Regional Growth Strategy.
3. That a letter be sent to the Regional District of Nanaimo to initiate discussion on the merits of a bio-regional growth strategy.
4. That staff engage with Regional District of Nanaimo staff and report on the process to initiate a bio-regional growth strategy.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R3** Report from the Parks & Trails Division Re: Cowichan Valley Trail Licence of Use Renewal - Stebbings Road, Shawnigan Lake

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board on April 28, 2021 that renewal of a non-exclusive License of Use Agreement with Earth Corporation Inc, No. A0081362 for a one-year term beginning May 1, 2021, for the purpose of the Cowichan Valley Trail crossing a portion of Lot 4, Plan VIP85007, DL 50, Malahat Land District, PID: 027-514-366, be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**11:55 AM** The Committee took a 10-minute recess to receive Question Period submissions.

**12:05 PM** The meeting resumed at 12:05 PM.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

**12:06 PM** It was moved and seconded that the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter* Part 4, Division 3, Section 90 (1)(e) Land Acquisition; and the Closed Session Regional Services Committee minutes of March 24, 2021.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **RISE FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**12:59 PM** It was moved and seconded that the Committee rise without report, and returned to the Open portion of the meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**12:59 PM** It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 PM.

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Chairperson

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Recording Secretary

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_