

DISTRICT OF SECHELT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Held via Zoom Online Meeting Platform
Wednesday, February 3, 2021

PRESENT Mayor D. Siegers; Councillors J. Kuester; T. Lamb; M. McLean; B. Rowe; E. Scott; A. Toth

STAFF Chief Administrative Officer A Yeates; Director of Engineering and Operations K. Dhillon; Director of Planning and Development Services A. Allen; Director of Financial Services D. Douglas; Communications Manager J. Rogers; Community Planner M. Stjepovic (partial attendance); Corporate Officer J. Frank and Recording Secretary J. Chamberlain

In accordance with the orders from the Provincial Health Officer regarding COVID-19, the February 3, 2021 Regular Council meeting was conducted by electronic means.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

The Mayor called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the shíshálh Nation.

The Mayor asked for any declarations of conflict. There were none.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Res. No. 2021-02A-1 – Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. APPOINTMENTS AND DELEGATIONS

None.

4. PROCLAMATIONS

The Mayor proclaimed the month of February, 2021 as Toastmasters Month in the District of Sechelt.

5. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES OF COUNCIL

5.1 Minutes of the 3:30 pm Regular Council Meeting of December 23, 2020

Res. No. 2021-02A-2 – Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 23, 2020 be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 Minutes of the 7:00 pm Regular Council Meeting of January 20, 2021

Res. No. 2021-02A-3 – Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 20, 2021 be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

5.3 Minutes of the 3:30 pm Regular Council Meeting of January 27, 2021

Res. No. 2021-02A-4 – Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 27, 2021 be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

7. COMMITTEE / COMMISSION MINUTES AND REPORTS

None.

8. BYLAWS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. BUSINESS ITEMS

10.1 Road Naming Policy No. 3.1.10

Res. No. 2021-02A-5 – Moved/Seconded

That the report from the Community Planner regarding a new road naming policy be received.

CARRIED

In discussion it was noted:

- The proposed policy is intended to provide clear and consistent guidance, criteria and expectations for the process of new road naming.
 - It is important to provide distinct road names to emergency and other service companies to allow for efficiency in providing their services.
- Local governments do not have jurisdiction over private strata development roads.
- If a road name is not included in the reserve list, as long as the proposed road name meets the criteria set out within the policy, the proposed road name can be brought forward to Council for consideration.

Res. No. 2021-02A-6 – Moved/Seconded

That the proposed Road Naming Policy 3.1.10 be amended under sub-title MAKING A ROAD NAMING APPLICATION, to read, “4. The District may propose names for new roads or initiate the renaming of a road. For District-initiated renaming, notifications will be sent to all affected property owners and residents, allowing them up to 30 calendar days to respond to staff before the bylaw is presented to Council for consideration.”; and

That the draft road naming policy, as amended, be referred to neighbouring jurisdictions: shíshálh Nation, Sunshine Coast Regional District, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and Sechelt Community Associations for comment; and

That staff be directed to design and trial a process for soliciting community input on new road names towards creating a reserve list.

CARRIED
OPPOSED: Councillor Lamb

10.2 Zoning Bylaw 580 – Summary of Pre-Draft Public Engagement

Res. No. 2021-02A-7 – Moved/Seconded

That the report from the Director of Planning and Development titled Zoning Bylaw – Summary of Pre-Draft Public Engagement be received for information.

CARRIED

Res. No. 2021-02A-8 – Moved/Seconded

That the Zoning Bylaw 580 – Summary of Pre-Draft Public Engagement staff report be forwarded to the Advisory Planning Commission.

CARRIED

11. REPORT FROM NON-STANDING COMMITTEES, LIAISON APPOINTMENTS AND GENERAL REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

11.1 Reports from Councillors

Councillor Kuester reported that she attended the Youth Advisory Committee and added that the support for youth and families on the Sunshine Coast has been amazing, especially during the pandemic. She attended the Sechelt Library Board meeting where budget discussions were held and noted their AGM is upcoming and they are looking for new members. Councillor Kuester attended the Advisory Planning Commission meeting, and she noted the new Chair and members are adding a new dynamic to the commission.

Mayor Siegers added that new Library board members would need to be nominated prior to their upcoming AGM.

Councillor Rowe reported that she is preparing to look at Community Investment Program grant applications in the upcoming weeks and noted her plan to attend an upcoming Poverty Reduction Steering Committee meeting.

Councillor McLean reported that he attended a Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society meeting and noted they have hired an administrator to provide an organizational boost to the Society.

Councillor Toth acknowledged that he was joining the meeting from the traditional territories of the Sinixt Nation.

Councillor Lamb reported that he attended the SCRD's Water Supply Advisory Committee (WSAC) and noted that because the Gray Creek well does not give enough water volume, they are looking at raising the intake in the Langdale Creek well, as it has excellent water and produces thoroughly. He added that a test well was done for Maryanne West Park, which taps into the Gibsons and Church Road aquifer. Between all three wells, there is potential to meet the water deficit up until 2035. Councillor Lamb noted that the members of the WSAC have requested to be more involved in the decision-making process and that better public information be available.

Mayor Siegers reported that she attended an Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) Board meeting and noted that the provincial government had requested that ICET change their boundaries to include some of the Gulf Islands. Although the maps have been updated to reflect this change, ICET has not been provided increased funding for the addition to their boundaries, and as such, are pursuing additional provincial funding. Mayor Siegers and the Director of Engineering and Operations did radio adverts focused on the Public Works and Parks departments and snow removal. She advised that she had an interview with CBC National on local opioid overdoses and summarized that she stated the Sunshine Coast is like every other rural community in that these communities have the same issues as urban centres, but lack the resources needed. The Local Government Leadership Academy began today, and she highlighted a keynote speaker Nora Young, who spoke about data and the importance of access to the internet, how data is being collected, shared, and used. Mayor Siegers noted that the RCMP are looking to put together their annual performance plan and they are requesting feedback on priorities for inclusion in their performance plan by March 1, 2021. She noted upcoming events and meetings: the District will host a Facebook Live tour of the Public Works and Parks facilities at 12 pm on February 4, 2021; Local Government Show on February 4, 2021; Budget Planning Public Participation virtual session regarding Sewer at 12 pm on February 8, 2021.

11.2 SCRD Board – Council Representative Report

Mayor Siegers noted that she and the CAO attended a SCRD-hosted local government construction industry meeting, Meeting with Government to Bridge the Gap, intended to be regular conversations with some long-standing local resident builders and architect to provide a better understanding of local government processes and requirements, and how processes could adapt or change to better assist builders.

Councillor Toth's SCRD report was included in the agenda package. He further highlighted a presentation from Tetra Tech regarding disposal options for the Sunshine Coast going forward, including siting a new landfill and waste export options as there is potential that a landfill site may not be identified and operational in time before the Sechelt landfill reaches capacity. He noted that budget discussions are ongoing and are set to finish on February 5th, and further noted that there are many budget items included that cannot be deferred, postponed, or cancelled.

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING ITEMS

12.1 Council Correspondence

Res. No. 2021-02A-9 – Moved/Seconded

That Council Correspondence included on the February 3, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be received.

CARRIED

In discussion it was noted that although the concept outlined in Council Correspondence item 2. *01-25, Email, E Pednaud, Chamber letter on Operations Centre Alternative* is innovative, there is no interest in supporting the idea of selling District land assets.

13. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were no emergency items brought forward.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Res. No. 2021-02A-10 – Moved/Seconded

That the Regular Council meeting of February 3, 2021 be adjourned at 7:55 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Darnelda Siegers, Mayor

Jo-Anne Frank, Corporate Officer