

**FROM: COUNCILLOR TOTH**

**REPORT DATE: MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2021**

**PERIOD COVERING: FEB 13<sup>TH</sup> TO FEB 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

**Planning & Community Development Committee Feb 18<sup>th</sup>:**

- A feedback summary was presented for the community engagement around the Cooper's Green Hall replacement project. Directors continue to have concerns around the project, and further details should be coming to Round 2 budget.
- The agreement for the Pender Harbour Aquatic Society to operate the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre was recommended to be renewed for an additional five years. Unlike the Sechelt and Gibsons facilities, the Pender pool is operated under agreement by a non-profit society.
- Staff brought forward emerging issues at the Sechelt Aquatic Centre regarding the building's sprinkler system. Due to internal corrosion of the piping, the entire sprinkler system may need to be replaced well in advance of it's 2037 original replacement date. Staff continue to investigate sources and spread of this issue. A budget item will need to be approved for 2021 around this work.
- Committee recommended application to the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for downstream flood analysis of Chapman, Edwards, McNeil, and Harris Lake dams. If any of these were to fail, it could have serious implications for downstream homes and businesses. This work would help to identify hazards and implications of a dam failure, and is required under Provincial dam safety regulations.
- Telus is seeking local government concurrence to build a new cell tower along the highway in Madeira Park, just south of the recycling depot. This would greatly improve cell coverage through that area. The committee recommended providing concurrence for their application.
- The Sunshine Coast Electric Vehicle Association provided recommendations for pre-wiring, or at least preinstalled conduit to allow for future electric vehicle charging or solar systems in buildings. While the letter was passed to staff for consideration, the organization has been invited to speak at a future committee meeting about who they represent, and their ideas.

**Corporate & Administrative Services Committee Feb 25<sup>th</sup>:**

- The committee discussed the Sechelt Public Library draft funding agreement, and has asked them to come back to Round 2 budget to clarify a few details around percentage increases being asked for in the agreement.
- The contract was recommended to be expanded for the Chapman Water Treatment Plant onsite hypochlorite generation system. The SCRd is currently using chlorine gas for water treatment, which poses several hazards around safe transport and storage of chemicals within our community. The plant is being upgraded to manufacture a salt brine onsite from a dry chemical storage system. It will result in much fewer chemicals being transported through the community, and safer storage and operation at the WTP.
- Staff brought forward some considerations around the eco fee reserves, and some funding options for items in the 2021 budget that were originally proposed to be funded from taxation. The committee endorsed those recommendations, which include bringing forward a proposal to change the Solid Waste Program Coordinator to a fully taxation funded position.

- Recommendations were endorsed to remove the remaining (undeveloped) Seawatch properties from the Regional Water Service and Community Recreation parcel taxes. That needed to be completed before the District of Sechelt roll review meeting takes place.

**Board Meeting Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021:**

- Several of the budget recommendations from CAS were further discussed. A couple of them were referred back to Round 2 for more details.

- Other than adopting the recommendations of the committees, Board had two notice on titles to address. One was deferred for approximately 60 days, and the other was approved. Removal of notice on title is a fairly straight forward matter, once the contraventions have been cleared up.

- Final adoption was given to the landfill fees bylaw amendment.

**Upcoming SCRD Meetings:**

Special Corporate and Adm

Planning & Community Development Committee: March 18 at 9:30 am  
Administrative Services Committee –

Round 2 Budget: March 4 and 5 at 9:30 am

Infrastructure Services Committee: March 11 at 9:30 am

Regular Board: March 11 at 2:00 pm