

Minutes of the Electoral Area Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 3:00 pm in the Regional District Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC.

PRESENT

Director L. Iannidinardo, Chair
Director M. Marcotte
Director B. Harrison
Director K. Cossey
Director G. Giles
Director I. Morrison
Director M. Dorey
Director K. Kuhn
Absent: Director L. Duncan

CVRD STAFF

Tom Anderson, General Manager
Mike Tippett, Manager
Rob Conway, Manager
Brian Farquhar, Manager
Ann Kjerulf, Planner III
Brian Dennison, General Manager
Dave Leitch, Manager
Jacob Ellis, Manager
Maddy Koch, Planning Technician
Cathy Allen, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair noted changes to the agenda which included adding two items of listed New Business, four items of additional new business, and one Closed Session new business item.

It was Moved and Seconded
That NB1 (Webb Signs) be added as a delegation.

MOTION CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

M1 - Minutes

Pages 5 change spelling of smart meters.

It was Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of the September 20, 2011, EASC meeting be amended on page 5 by changing the spelling of "smart metres" to "smart meters", and that the minutes, as amended, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

Delegation – Aimee Webb

Rob Conway, Manager, briefed the Committee regarding development permit for a sign at the Super 8/Smitty's restaurant (Application No. 1-D-11DP).

Aimee Webb of Webb Signs and the owner of the Super 8 motel were present to request an amendment to the development permit. They reported that software issues has hindered their ability to advertise adequately so are requesting an amendment to the sign permit. They noted that the CVRD is working on amending the existing Sign Bylaw but stated that they need an amendment now. They have changed to an LED sign as required but it has limited what can be put on the sign.

The Committee directed questions to staff.

Directors expressed concern that constantly flashing and moving signs are very distracting to drivers on the highway.

STAFF REPORTS

R1 - Fraser

Maddy Koch, Planning Technician, reviewed staff report dated September 27, 2011, regarding Application No. 1-D-11DVP by Gordon Fraser, to build an addition to the side of the existing two bay fire truck garage located on Wilmot Road.

It was Moved and Seconded

That Application No. 1-D-11DVP by Gordon Fraser for a variance to Section 10.1 (b)(3) of Zoning Bylaw No. 1015 by reducing the minimum interior-side parcel line setback from 6 metres to 4 metres for Lot A, Section 3, Range 3, Cowichan District, Plan VIP78945 (PID: 026-301-482), be approved subject to the applicant providing a legal survey confirming compliance with approved setbacks.

MOTION CARRIED

NB1 – Webb Signs

It was moved and seconded
That agenda item NB1 be dealt with next.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion ensued.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the request by Webb Signs to amend the Development Permit regarding Application No. 1-D-11DP (Super 8/Smitty's) be tabled until the next EASC meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

R2 – Industrial zone amendment

Mike Tippett, Manager, reviewed Staff Report dated September 26, 2011, regarding amendment bylaws to eliminate recycling type uses and composting from industrial zones.

The Committee directed questions to staff.

It was Moved and Seconded

That zoning amendment bylaws be prepared that would remove composting and the more intensive forms of recycling from all industrial zones in Electoral Areas A, B, C, D, E, F, H and I, and that the draft amendment bylaws be presented at a future EASC meeting for review.

MOTION CARRIED

R3 – Vessel Operation Regs

Ann Kjerulf, Planner III, reviewed staff report dated September 29, 2011, regarding Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation and Navigation Channel Proposal for Cowichan Bay.

The Committee directed questions to staff.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Cowichan Valley Regional District Board of Directors support the adoption and implementation of a federal Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation in Cowichan Bay along with exemptions for the following activities: First Nations FSC (Food, Social and Ceremonial), search and rescue, marine research and education, habitat restoration, kayaking/canoeing tour support, and waterfront property access; and to support the implementation of a clearly marked navigation channel to access the marinas and boat launch in Cowichan Bay.

MOTION CARRIED

R4 – Strategic Energy Plan

Jacob Ellis, Manager, reviewed staff report dated September 29, 2011, regarding Corporate Strategic Energy Management Plan.

The Committee directed questions to staff.

It was Moved and Seconded

That \$50,000 of Community Works Funds be allocated to develop a strategic energy management plan for the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION

IN1 - Minutes

It was Moved and Seconded

That the minutes of the Area I Parks Commission meeting of September 13, 2011, be received and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

IN2 - Minutes

It was Moved and Seconded
That the minutes of the Area G Parks Commission meeting of September 19, 2011, be received and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

IN3 - Minutes

It was Moved and Seconded
That the minutes of the Area G Parks Commission meeting of June 21, 2011, be received and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NB2 – Grant in Aid

It was Moved and Seconded
That a grant in aid, Electoral Area C – Cobble Hill, in the amount of \$500 be given to South Island Mountain Biking Society, to assist with costs to host their “Take a Kid Mountain Biking” day.

MOTION CARRIED

**NB3 – TCH
intersection
improvements**

Director Giles reported that improvements to the Valley View intersection and Fisher Road intersection are scheduled to take place at the end of October. The progressive action and lobbying by RCMP Sergeant Webb will see improvements being made to the South Cowichan area in mid-November.

It was Moved and Seconded
That the CVRD forward a letter of thanks to Sergeant Webb of the Shawnigan Lake RCMP for his efforts to have improvements made to various dangerous intersections in the South Cowichan area, and as well forward a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure congratulating them on the improvements being made.

MOTION CARRIED

NB4 – Smart Meters

Director Cossey expressed further concerns respecting the installation of smart meters by BC Hydro. Referenced motion made at the recent UBCM conference regarding a moratorium on the installation of the meters.

It was Moved and Seconded
That the CVRD send a letter to BC Hydro with a copy to the Premier requesting a moratorium on the installation of Smart Meters.

MOTION CARRIED

NB5 – Feral Cats

Director Cossey expressed concerns regarding the feral cat situation in Shawnigan Lake and who if anyone deals with the problem.

It was Moved and Seconded

That staff be directed to investigate what feral cat issues exist in the CVRD electoral areas and how other jurisdictions and the local Animal Control officers deal with the situation, and report back to EASC.

MOTION CARRIED

NB6 – Positive Ticketing Program

Director Cossey advised that the Shawnigan Lake RCMP, through the South Cowichan Community Policing Advisory Society, did a positive ticketing program that is now coming to a close on October 8th. The RCMP gave out a “positive” ticket to people who were found doing a positive action, who then turned it in for a prize with a final prize of a \$500 term deposit.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Board Chair send a congratulations letter to the Island Savings Credit Union, the Rotary Club of South Cowichan, Mill Bay Lions Club, Shawnigan Lake RCMP, and the South Cowichan Community Policing Society in recognition of their Positive Ticketing Program.

MOTION CARRIED

RECESS

The Committee adjourned for a five minute recess.

CLOSED SESSION

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), subsections as noted in accordance with each agenda item.

MOTION CARRIED

The Committee moved into Closed Session at 4:40 pm.

RISE

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Committee rise without report.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded
That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

Chair

Recording Secretary