

**Columbia Shuswap Regional District
Area A Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting Minutes
25th, September, 2018
BC Visitor's Centre, 111 Golden Donald Upper Road, Golden, BC**

Present:

- Karen Cathcart (Electoral Area "A" Director)
- Derek Smith (Secretary)
- Ian Rowe
- Lynda Conway
- Blair Hudson
- Kathy Simpson

Regrets: Diana Taufer
Craig Chapman
David Perez

Gallery: Approximately 6 members of the public attended the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Ian Rowe (Chairperson, Area A LAC CSRD) called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

BUSINESS ITEMS:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Kathy Simpson, Seconded by Linda Conway: That the agenda for the DAY, MONTH, DATE 2017 Area A Local Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Ian Rowe, Seconded by Derek Smith: That the minutes of the December 14, 2016 Area A Local Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

Business and discussion

- Broadband Internet Service
- Columbia River Treaty Update

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Director's Report:

Preamble:

Welcome back from Karen

Karen is back as the Area A Director by acclimation and will serve the Area for the next 4 years. Very pleased to be able to continue the work in progress and to excited about the future for the Area. Director Cathcart stressed the importance of these monthly meetings for the communities and for the flow of information back to the CSRD.

Director's Report

Area A highlights for the last couple of months.

Director Cathcart presented a summarization of the CSRD Board meetings held in Salmon Arm over the summer months. For detail information, see the links below:

CSRD Board in Brief – August (click [here](#))

CSRD Board in Brief – September (click [here](#))

- Of note from the June Board meeting, the CSRD Board received a letter from Mayor Ron Oszust and CAO Jon Wilsgard requesting a task force and participation on the solid waste management committee. Mayor Ron Oszust now sits on the solid waste committee of the CSRD.
- Director Cathcart confirmed the recommendation that the pool survey be done before the election. Reason because the information is comprehensive. Last week received information from group championing the initiative is working on a Class C estimate (*a comprehensive list of requirements and assumptions, including a full description of the preferred schematic design option, construction/design experience, and market conditions;)*
Ref: <https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/biens-property/sngp-npms/bi-rp/conn-know/couts-cost/definition-eng.html>)
- CSRD Policy A-71 regarding the production and distribution of cannabis. If a firm is interested in opening a retail/distribution facility, they need to contact CSRD for an application package. The application package includes guidelines and regulations on location, description, Health Canada etc. as well as public consultation.
- A letter was sent to the Minister responsible for Tourism regarding the need to address the temporary foreign worker program. Director Cathcart met with Minister of the BC Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Honourable Lisa Beare at the UBCM and discussed this important issue as it relates to Area A. Positive response from the Minister.
- Director Cathcart commented on the announcement from Greyhound Bus service that the elimination of reliable bus service to our region will have a significant impact. The issue was raised with the Minister at the UBCM.
- In August Board Meeting, the Core Contribution bylaw as negotiated with the Town of Golden was approved by the CSRD Board. Next step is electoral ascent from the voters in Area A.

- Director Cathcart announced the endowment fund of \$2,000 Peter Evans of the Golden Snow mobile club and further funds for the development of more trail facilities.
- There were no ALR applications

In the September Board meeting, it was announced that

- Hydrological study for the Golden landfill were ongoing. Two test wells are being drilled to monitor run-off and seepage as well as more comprehensive fencing to limit wildlife intrusion. Director Cathcart commented that she understand the need to continue the work to ensure the health and safety of residents is of utmost importance.
- Director Cathcart announced \$10 K EOF funding for Summer Kicks and a further \$30 K EOF funding for improved boat dock and other facilities at Cedar Lake
- There has been approval for a 3.42 % increase in remuneration for Directors. Changes in the income tax act allowed for a percentage of income to be deducted from annual taxes has been removed. The increase approximately corrects for this change in the income tax act.
- CSRD received a letter from Town of Golden confirming support for the core contribution facilities

Motion made to adoption of the Directors Report by Ian Rowe, seconded by Blair Hudson
Motion Carried

Carried

New Business

- Broadband and high speed Internet connectivity is still a huge issue in the region. Some progress has been made in the Blaeberry, but progress is slow. There is a program in the works at the Federal level to address communities like those in Area A, however the monies are slow in coming and the queue for service is long and complicated.
- The Columbia Basin Treaty discussions are ongoing. Awaiting more information from the negotiation team and government representatives.
- The Referendum regarding the Core Contribution Bylaw addresses a formula to share a portion of the operating costs with the Town of Golden. Director Cathcart stressed the importance of good turnout to get the voice of the community through the public consultation and communication.
- Meeting at the UBCM with the Minister Agriculture went quite well. There has been a survey from the minister's office regarding rural farmers and the identified issues with respect to Class A and Class E licences. Minister was very open and receptive so that our rural farmers can make a living as long as they are in compliance with Health Canada. Some change appears to be in motion
- Environment BC Recycling changes are coming – curb side pickup for populations over 5,000 presents issues and smaller communities need to be included as well. At this time, it is not a regulation but is being studied for feedback
- Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development Minister, Doug Donaldson met with Mayor Ron Oszust and CAO Jon Wilsard at UBCM to discuss the a community forest wildfire mitigation and Fire Smart program. There is funding available but requires a wildfire management plan for the community.

Economic development

- Business owners want an economic development plan. Perhaps related to opportunities for the community forest management initiative. Director Cathcart spoke about the Trail strategy that is happening and assured that conversations are ongoing.

Parks and recreation.

- Upgrades to the Cedar Lake campground are in the planning phase. Expecting to expand the campground 12 new sites, improvement to the road access, signage, garbage management, construction of a swim platform and floating dock. There has also been a request for more sand for the beach.
- The playground at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort is now officially transferred to Kicking Horse Mountain Resort for ongoing support.
- Nicholson boat launch. The statutory approval through the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) has been approved. ALR application and ALC did the site visit. Awaiting Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) approval. Positive meeting but work can't go forward until ALC approval.
- Clarification requested from audience member regarding the Nicholson Boat Launch access road from McBeath Road. Director Cathcart to request follow-up from CSRD.
- Director Cathcart announced upgrades/repairs to the Tom Kelly Park in Blaeberry.
- Trail Alliance has been submitted their study and it has been approved by CSRD Board.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

30 October 2018

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Ian Rowe, Seconded by Blair Hudson that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Motion Carried