

**Columbia Shuswap Regional District
Area A Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting Minutes
30th, October, 2018
Golden Civic Centre, 806 10th Avenue South, Golden, BC**

Present:

- Karen Cathcart (Electoral Area “A” Director)
- Derek Smith
- Lynda Conway
- Blair Hudson
- Doug Whiting (Chairperson)
- Kathy Simpson (Secretary)

Regrets:

Diana Taufer
Craig Chapman
David Perez
Ian Rowe

Gallery: One member of the public attended the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Kathy Simpson, Seconded by Lynda Conway: That the agenda for the Tuesday, October 30th 2018 Area A Local Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Blair Hudson, Seconded by Lynda Conway: That the minutes of the Tuesday, September 25th 2018 Area A Local Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Director's Update and Report on October 18 CSRD Board meeting

- Ron Oszust, was appointed to the CBT Board of Directors. It is critically important to have the Town of Golden represented at the CBT Board table.
- Junior Fire Program: the Board was supportive to move a Junior Fire program forward for the CSRD fire services areas. This was seen as a good way to help build capacity in the recruitment areas as many fire departments are in need of new recruits. This has just been announced – Nicholson fire department is supportive of this program

- CBBC has created a telecommunications strategy for the Basin. The RBBC (Regional Broadband Committee) has endorsed the strategy. The CSRD Board has also endorsed. Director Cathcart spoke about the need of the CSRD Board developing a mandate around telecommunications. This remains a priority for her for moving forward over the next 4 years. Director Cathcart provided a copy of the Regional Broadband Committee's Connectivity Strategy memorandum and the Columbia Basin & Boundary Connectivity Strategy document for LAC members.
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities is proposing a 3 pillar national broadband strategy: Clear standards and timelines with a new target for rural mobile access, long term predictable funding so governments can plan for rural and remote communities, and affordable and accessible Internet guaranteeing access to hardest to serve populations.
- To this end, Director Cathcart wants to establish a telecommunication advocacy group for Area A. There are a number of people that are interested in working with Director Cathcart on this initiative and anyone from the LAC is welcomed as well.
- Director Cathcart is meeting with Mayor Oszust and Jon Wilsbard on October 31st to discuss moving the EDC concept forward for our community e.g. establish a regional steering committee to take the lead in moving services forward.
- Darcy Mooney and Director Cathcart will be meeting with the Champion group – for the pool feasibility study on November 22nd. She and the Mayor will be meeting with the group on November 6th.
- Director Cathcart met with the Nicholson fire chief Parker Vail and Ken Leonty – who is trained in the Fire Smart Community Program to discuss their support to make application to the Community Resiliency investment program. This is an opportunity for the regional district to apply for funds for wildfire mitigation and fire smart programming for our community. (\$100,000 of funding)

Referendum results and next steps

- Director Cathcart was pleased with the outcome of the referendum. 303 to 133 and thanked everyone for his/her support in moving this forward. Especially the calling team – Mike and Mandy Cantle, Alycia and Scott Weir, Stephanie Knaak, Lynda and Steve Conways, etc.
- The tax will appear on the tax roll for 2019 taxes.

Call to Action for Local Advisory Committee Members

- Director Cathcart thanked all LAC members for their commitment to the meetings over the past 2 years and let them know that they are all welcomed to stay on as members, however, everyone will need to fill in the application sent from the CSRD.
- Blair Hudson spoke about his decision to not continue for the next two years. Although he has enjoyed the LAC, Director Cathcart, and LAC members over the past 2 years, he believes, with a new baby on its way, that he will need to spend more time with his family.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion Carried