



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Note: The following minutes are subject to correction when endorsed by the Committee at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Date: August 14, 2024
 Time: 9:30 AM
 Location: Prestige Harbourfront Resort
 251 Harbourfront Drive NE
 Salmon Arm, BC V1E 2W7

Directors Present	K. Cathcart D. Brooks-Hill^ M. Gibbons D. Trumbley^ R. Martin J. Simpson N. Melnychuk (Vice Chair) R. Oszust G. Sulz^ D. Cannon^* T. Lavery^	Electoral Area A Director Electoral Area B Director Electoral Area C Director Electoral Area D Director Electoral Area E Director Electoral Area F Director Electoral Area G Director Town of Golden Director City of Revelstoke Director City of Salmon Arm Alternate Director City of Salmon Arm Director 2
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Directors Absent	C. Anderson K. Flynn (Chair)	District of Sicamous Director City of Salmon Arm Director
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Staff In Attendance	J. MacLean J. Sham C. Robichaud J. Pierce* B. Van Nostrand* D. Sutherland*	Chief Administrative Officer General Manager, Corporate Services (Corporate Officer) Deputy Corporate Officer General Manager, Financial Services (Chief Financial Officer) General Manager, Environmental and Utility Services General Manager, Community and Protective Services
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*attended a portion of the meeting only

^electronic participation

1. Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are meeting in service to the Columbia Shuswap Regional District which is on the traditional and unceded territories of the Secwepemc, Syilx Okanagan, Sinixt and Ktunaxa Nation. We are privileged and grateful to be able to live, work and play in this beautiful area.

Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act

Article 10: Indigenous peoples shall not be forcibly removed from their lands or territories. No relocation shall take place without the free, prior and informed consent of the indigenous peoples concerned and after agreement on just and fair compensation and, where possible, with the option of return.

2. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Director Martin asked to explain her request for a special meeting. Discussion included under item 5.6.

Moved By Director Oszust

Seconded By Director Cathcart

THAT: the Committee of the Whole meeting agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. Meeting Minutes

4.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By Director Brooks-Hill

Seconded By Director Lavery

THAT: the minutes attached to the Committee of the Whole meeting agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

4.2 Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Alternate Director Cannon entered the meeting at 9:36 AM.

5. Business General

5.1 Short Term Rental Update and Discussion

Post Agenda - updated presentation added.

Moved By Director Cathcart

Seconded By Director Martin

THAT: the Committee receive the report for information.

Discussion:

The Committee acknowledged that many questions remain unanswered as staff were still waiting for information/confirmation from the province. The Committee was seeking additional information about financial costs, compliance and additional short term rental rules for accommodators and potential licencing options.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 11:00 AM and resumed at 11:07 AM.

5.2 Road Rescue Feasibility Study

Recommendation from the May 7, 2024 EAD Committee Meeting deferred to the August Committee of the Whole meeting from the June Board meeting.

Discussion:

Many Directors expressed a preference of combining options 2 and 4 together and felt the road rescue as a necessary essential service. Some felt the provincial government should be accountable for providing the road rescue and that the local government should not be assuming provincial responsibilities.

The Committee asked if the CSRD had sufficient support from the Volunteer Fire Departments to successfully operate a road rescue service and questioned the additional financial costs (i.e. equipment, personnel) of implementing a new service.

General Manager, Community and Protective Services commented that he had been in communications with volunteer fire fighters they are in favour and were willing to support and undertake a road rescue service.

Director Oszust was opposed to the motion and offered a word of caution for escalating costs year over year to operate a road rescue service.

Director Gibbons asked if Community Works funds could be used to purchase rescue equipment.

General Manager, Financial Services confirmed road rescue equipment was not eligible through Community Works Funds and the Local Government Act does not allow for reserved from another service be transferred to a new service establishment.

Director Martin proposed meeting with provincial staff and ICBC at the UBCM Convention to pressure the province to provide adequate funding for road rescue in BC.

Moved By Director Simpson

Seconded By Director Gibbons

THAT: the Committee of the Whole recommends to the Board of Directors, Option 2 as outlined in the staff report dated April 29, 2024 regarding options for service delivery of road rescue.

CARRIED

Opposed: Director Oszust

5.6 Emergency Preparedness and Social Service Agencies Discussion

Requested by Director Cathcart

Discussion:

Director Cathcart said there was lots to learn from the Dogtooth wildfire in Electoral Area A. Good communication and protocol existed between the Town of Golden and Emergency Support Services but communication gaps exist. She felt that more information should have been shared with residents quicker and that geography likely played a key role. Director Cathcart noted the importance of building Neighbourhood Emergency Plans to help coordinate the community groups.

Director Cathcart touched on the need for free or reduced rates at landfills for residents FireSmarting their properties and asked for a discussion at the September Board meeting.

With the Hullcar wildfire, Director Trumbley spoke to the CAO and EOC to have a fire information center established in the Electoral Area to provide factual up to date information to residents.

Director Martin took this opportunity to clarify a request she submitted for a special meeting. Her intent was to ensure the Columbia areas (Electoral Areas A, B, Town of Golden and City of Revelstoke) of the CSRD received the same support as the Shuswap region. She recognized that there were three emergency programs operating in the CSRD and wanted to ensure

that all three had equal support and information was shared between the three programs and communications by the CSRD.

Director Gibbons stated that the Shuswap Emergency Program should have a Terms of Reference outlining information surrounding roles and responsibilities for each of the emergency programs.

The Committee took a lunch break at 12:09 PM and the meeting resumed at 12:25 PM.

Alternate Director Cannon left the meeting at 12:09 PM.

5.3 Septage and Sewer Waste Management

Report from Ben Van Nostrand, General Manager, Environmental and Utility Services, dated July 30, 2024. A summary of options for septage and sewer waste management in the CSRD.

Discussion:

Director Cathcart and Brooks-Hill supported a combination of options 2 and 3.

Director Gibbons voiced concerns regarding provincial and federal environmental regulations and the potential risks and liabilities of operating septage and sewer waste facilities.

Municipal Directors Oszust, Sulz and Lavery were open to exploring option 3 and suggested that staff begin dialogue with municipal partners.

Moved By Director Martin

Seconded By Director Cathcart

THAT: the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Board of Directors to direct staff to further explore Option 3 as outlined in the Septage and Sewer Waste Management staff report dated July 30, 2024;

AND THAT: a Board report be presented at a future Board meeting.

CARRIED

5.4 Canada Community Building Fund (Community Works Funds)

Report from Jodi Pierce, General Manager, Financial Services dated August 2, 2024.

Moved By Director Cathcart

Seconded By Director Simpson

THAT: the Committee receive the report for information.

Discussion on the motion:

The Committee discussed the changes to eligible funding options and expressed disappointment the new constraints to third party agreements.

CARRIED

5.5 Permissive Tax Exemption Discussion

Staff report attached to Late Agenda.

Report from Jennifer Sham, General Manager, Corporate Services, dated August 12, 2024.

Discussion:

The Committee commented that because there had not been an eligible request in over fifteen years, it would not be the best use of staff time to prepare a policy and bylaw at this time.

Moved By Director Martin

Seconded By Director Cathcart

THAT: the Committee of the Whole recommend Option 3 of the staff report dated August 12, 2024, to the Board of Directors regarding Permissive Tax Exemptions, this 14th day of August, 2024.

CARRIED

6. Rise and Report

Moved By Director Gibbons

Seconded By Director Cathcart

THAT: the Committee of the Whole meeting Rise and Report.

CARRIED

1:23 PM

CORPORATE OFFICER

CHAIR