



ELECTORAL AREA A LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Note: The following minutes are subject to correction when endorsed by the Committee at the next Electoral Area A Local Advisory Committee meeting.

Date: February 27, 2025
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Golden Civic Centre
806 10th Ave S, Golden

Committee Members Present K. Cathcart, Electoral Area A Director
 C. Chapman
 D. Darbyshire
 D. Whiting (Chair)
 R. Pullen
 D. Murphy

Committee Members Absent M. Cantle
 T. Blencowe
 F. Brissette

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 34

Indigenous peoples have the right to promote, develop and maintain their institutional structures and their distinctive customs, spirituality, traditions, procedures, practices and, in the cases where they exist, juridical systems or customs, in accordance with international human rights standards.

2. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

7. Delegation/Committee Update

7.1 Edison Motors

Chace Barber, Founder and CEO, and Theron Groff, Chief Marketing Officer / Director of Truck Filming, Edison Motors to present.

As the delegation from Edison Motors were short on time, the Committee allowed that their presentation be made at this time in the meeting:

Edison Motors presented their current plans to build and operate a new truck building plant on land recently acquired in Donald. It was expected that 20 to 40 hybrid diesel electric vehicles per month would be built in the fall of 2025 with 40 to 50 employees. They would be using temporary accommodation and were currently raising money for the project. The trucks would be up to the size of a Western Star. Edison Motors is looking for help with work force development.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By D. Darbyshire

Seconded By D. Murphy

THAT: the Electoral Area A Local Advisory Committee meeting agenda be adopted as amended.

Discussion on the motion:

The Committee requested an amendment to the motion moving item 7.1 to immediately following item 2 Call to Order.

CARRIED

4. Meeting Minutes

4.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By D. Murphy

Seconded By D. Darbyshire

THAT: the minutes attached to the Electoral Area A Local Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as amended.

Discussion on the Motion:

A correction to the November 26, 2024 LAC minutes item 5.1, that the Canyon to Confluence Initiative was being administered by the Golden Community Economic Development Office.

CARRIED

5. Director's Report

Director Cathcart reported that:

- There are a few planning and development applications underway in Area A.
- Existing Swimming Pool Update:
 - The condition assessment indicates \$9-12 million needed to get the pool in a condition to operate for another 20 years. Conversations with the Town Council and staff have indicated support to look at an assessment to determine the feasibility of the existing pool to a year-round facility.
 - Conversations with the Town of Golden would begin in earnest in March 2025.
- Community Projects
 - Arena concession would be upgraded, looking for an operator.
 - Canadian Timberframe and the CSRD are working to get emergency water access set up.
 - A new condenser would be installed at the arena for \$161,000.
 - New boards would be installed at the Parson rink.
 - A new stove would be installed in the curling rink kitchen along with some tree removal and outdoor stair repairs. An elevator is planned in 2027.
- Neighbourhood Emergency Planning (NEP)
 - NEP is ongoing with good enthusiasm in Parson.
 - We are reminded that the NEP is always going to be ongoing and evolving as the situations develop and communities' change.
 - Blaeberry has a registered society set up to manage the local NEP and have received some funding.
 - Accommodators need to ensure their guests and tenants are aware of the emergency procedures in their area and know what to do in the event of a warning and/or an evacuation.
 - Local FireSmart practitioner Crystal Gauer can do free assessments as needed. Yard waste from FireSmart work can be disposed of free of charge at the Golden Landfill. FireSmart information can be found on the CSRD website.
- Budget work continuing on the 5-year plan.

- Kicking Horse Resort was progressing on the fire brigade setup and building of the fire hall and maintenance garage
- Internet connectivity program (fibre to the door in rural area A) was scheduled to be completed by 2027.
- MLA McInnis has been informed that the rural foreign workers were disadvantaged when working in Golden compared to a larger center. The workers get more points to a Permanent Resident card in a larger centre; hence they quit as soon as they find an opportunity to work in a larger center. A rural foreign worker program is needed. There was mention that we need a Hospitality Workers program in this area.
- Province is pushing on the municipalities to up their game for emergency preparedness.
- Master Parks Planning is scheduled for all CSRD regions. Area A will be one of the first plans to be created.
- Director Cathcart has been attending and participating in many meetings and events lately as things are getting busier.

Alternate Director's Report

Alternate Director Pullen reported that:

- He will be attending the FireSmart Resiliency conference in Penticton April 13 – 16 to learn more about how to engage the community and increase community awareness to mitigate the risks of wildfire.
- He attended the Farmers Roundtable on February 25. The major learning is that labour is the biggest challenge to the farms followed by getting the products sold. We learned that the Golden Food Bank is working to set up a hub where food can be stored, sold online, and made available to other foodbanks in the region.
- The ReDi Grant Committee is holding a public information session at Town of Golden on March 6, 2025, at 5:30 PM. Applicants are invited to verbally present their requests for funding. There are 17 applications for \$500k with approximately \$300k available to distribute.
- Both Director Cathcart and Alternate Director Pullen attended the Golden Conservation Action Forum in January. Many presenters updated the attendees with progress on their individual conservation activities. Once the final report is published, it will be distributed to the LAC.

6. Staff Reports

None.

8. Next Meeting

The next Area A LAC Meeting to be held March 25, 2025 at the Golden Civic Centre Board Room at 6:00 PM.

9. Adjournment

Moved By C. Chapman

Seconded By D. Murphy

THAT: the Electoral Area A Local Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

7:45 PM

CORPORATE OFFICER

CHAIR