

**Columbia Shuswap Regional District  
Area A Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting Minutes  
24<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
Golden Hockey Arena - Lounge**

**Present:**

- Karen Cathcart (Electoral Area "A" Director)
- Stephanie Knaak (Alternate Director)
- Craig Chapman (Chairperson)
- Derek Smith (Secretary)
- Ian Rowe
- Lynda Conway
- Diana Taufer
- David Perez
- Doug Whiting.
- Jason Jones (Larch Architecture – Trail Design)

**Regrets:** Kathy Simpson

**Gallery:** Six members of the public attended the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Craig Chapman (Chairperson, Area A LAC CSRD) called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- I. Director Cathcart introduced Jason Jones from Larch Architecture to the Local Area Committee. Jason is to provide latest information on the public consultations being conducted and other consultations related to Trail Development Plans.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion by Ian Row  
Second by Diana Taufer

Motion Carried

**ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Doug Whiting  
Second by Linda Conway

Motion Carried

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

### **Director's Report:**

#### **Area A Director Fall Update**

As we all welcome the change of seasons, we take the time to thank all the fire fighters and emergency responders who worked tirelessly in our community, our region and our province to keep us safe.

It has been a busy summer for the regional district with spring floods and wildfires across the province. The Local Advisory Committee took a break from the meeting schedule for July and August to respect the family vacation period. The September meeting was cancelled as I attended UBCM (Union of British Columbia Municipalities) in Vancouver. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Arena Lounge at 6pm. I hope to see folks out for the meeting.

#### **1. Proposed Noise Bylaw**

A focus of the summer work for me was meeting with residents regarding the proposed noise bylaw. Folks were asked to provide their comments to the CSRD for consideration. Residents were concerned about a bylaw affecting their livelihoods and identified activities such as farming with livestock guardian dogs, wedding receptions, and business from home to be considered for exemption from the bylaw. The Board agreed that these activities identified by residents be exempted in the proposed bylaw. As a result, the Board asked the CSRD staff to bring back the proposed noise bylaw with exemptions to the October 19 meeting for further review.

#### **2. Heemskirk/Northern Silica**

Another area of focus is the construction of the haul road for the Heemskirk/Northern Silica plant. Working with local agencies and provincial ministries such as Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resources, to support the design scheme so that the permits can be issued and construction of the haul road can move forward. The construction of the haul road remains a priority. Bill Bennett (former BC Minister of Energy and Mines – on the board of Northern Silica) is aware and will be involved with decisions related to the haul road.

#### **3. Telecommunications**

Flexinet continues to work with the CBBC (Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation) on the Industry Canada 150 project. Flexinet upgraded existing infrastructure, which increased the capability for higher internet speeds in rural Golden. Flexinet continues to work in collaboration with CBBC (Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation) to determine next steps in providing a reliable internet service for rural residents.

#### **4. Parks and Recreation**

Parks and Recreation department had a busy summer! Two benches were installed on concrete pads on the edge of the Parson playground. Twelve trees are scheduled to be planted around the playground and bleachers this fall. A post and rail fence will also be installed in the next few weeks at the edge of the parking area above the playground as a safety buffer between vehicles and playground users.

In partnership with BC Rec Sites and Trails, four new picnic tables were ordered and delivered to Cedar Lake Recreation Site in the spring. Other picnic tables received fresh paint and minor repairs including the replacement of damaged and/or rotting boards. BC Rec Sites and Trails collaborated with the CSRD to complete the grading of the Cedar Lake Recreation site loop. The grading work was coordinated in conjunction with planned grading to the forest service road. Fresh paint was applied to the outhouse this year. BC Rec Sites and Trails provided a welcome sign that was installed next to the existing kiosk. Both kiosks were given a fresh coat of paint.

Parson Community Park received new hockey nets, a tennis net and pickleball nets this year. The concession stand was given some much-needed attention including some sections of new siding and a fresh coat of paint. The concession door was repaired and the counter top was given a fresh finish of paint. The vault toilet was spruced up with a coat of fresh green paint on the rooftop.

CSRD Parks continues to work on engineering and design for a boat launch on the Columbia River in the Nicholson area.

## **5. CSRD Area A Trail Strategy**

Over the summer and fall months, LARCH Landscape Architecture lead consultant, Jason Jones continues to receive feedback from local residents on the development of the CSRD Area A Trail strategy. The Electoral Area A Regional Trail Strategy will be a comprehensive plan to guide the development and management of a sustainable trail network within the region. This plan will serve as an evaluation and decision making tool for trail development within Area A for the next 10 years and beyond.

## **REPORT ON BOARD MEETINGS**

### ***June Board Meeting:***

- The communication plan was decided on for the Noise bylaw that included an overview of the bylaw, on social media, a comments section for folks to make comments. And the bylaw posted on the website.
- EOF funds were approved in the amount of \$25,000.00 to move the regulatory approvals for channel modifications of the KH river.
- Support for EOF funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 to secure funds for the Golden cycling club to finish the development of Mount 7 trail.

### ***July Board Meeting:***

- The CSRD Board provide a letter of support for the Spec-Team Society to the province to express support for the society's application for funding to support costs for those individuals assessments for those suffering from Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder.
- Operations Management of the CSRD reported on the wildfire situation in the region. We went from a flooding to fire situation very quickly in the region this year. The concerns I brought forward to the operation team was, given that the Area A represents the largest geographic region of the CSRD and we have limited internet access, and limited resources on the ground – a report from the staff will be forth coming to the Minister to advance these issues.
- Golden Visitor Centre Land: transfer of the land from the province to local government has happened. The town and regional district now have to purchase the land for \$260,000.00. Then sell the land and building.

### ***August Board Meeting:***

- Fire Smart brochures and information will be sent out in with the property tax notices.
- Grant in aid for the Golden and District Museum for 1500.00 for the fall faire.
- Grant in Aid to cover the wood debris from the wind storm in the amount of \$4,250.00) it should be noted that the town of golden paid half of the costs. I believe the total came in about \$10,000.00
- Highway Planning Donald Development Corporation: read from the minutes. DDC purchased the land and have been clearing the land all summer. Concerns voiced by residents included the degradation of the creek and the dust. KCathcart visited the neighbors to see what was happening. She emailed MOE to indicate she was concerned about the creek. MOE indicated to DDC to stay away from the creek. MOTI has issued 2 permits for DDC to transfer the trees via the roadways. The plan to construct the truck stop at this point. There have been some management changes with DDC. The CSRD have indicated to DDC that they need to keep the local residents informed. After the second reading this application will go to a public hearing for input.

***September Board Meeting:***

- The CSRD Board directed the CSRD staff to write a letter to Greyhound Canada to oppose the reduction of services for the BC Pax transportation services. We already have limited services for transportation on our rural areas.
- Presentation from Tolko Industries Ltd. – More community consultation is required from these logging companies to ensure residents are aware of the logging process and can participate in the process.
- GAI for the Kicking Horse Chamber of Commerce for 1,100.00 for the business awards.
- Noise bylaw - is currently with the CSRD to be re-written with the exemptions requested. The bylaw is in support of the RCMP to deal with noise related issues.

***October Board Meeting:***

- GAI: \$1,500 Golden Agricultural Society (Halloween Hunted Trail)
- The Nicholson Fire Suppression Service Area is an established bylaw and occasionally owners of property currently outside the existing service area will petition the CSRD for inclusion. An informal petition was received in September 2017 requesting the inclusion of one property lying to the southeast of the existing Nicholson Fire Suppression Service Area on McMurdo Road. The Nicholson Fire Chief has determined the property is within an appropriate distance from the Nicholson Fire Hall and should be considered for inclusion into the service area. The Electoral Area Director also supports the inclusion.
- In July 2017, the Town of Golden purchased the British Columbia Visitor Centre located in Golden. Significant upgrades were required to the surface works, landscaping, utilities and lighting; the Town of Golden used its' General Surplus Fund to provide bridge financing for this project in anticipation of partial repayment from RMI as well as the Golden/Area A Economic Opportunity Fund (EOF). As the requested \$300,000 is not currently available in the Golden/Area A EOF, this amount will not be distributed until the 2018 Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes is received from BC Hydro in July 2018.

Moved by Dave Perez to accept the Director's Report for 24 Oct 2017 as presented.  
Seconded by Ian Rowe

Motion Carried

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **4. New Business:**

1. Logging issue Brought up by Doug Whiting. Redburn forest service road has controlled access because of recent vandalism to logging equipment. This restricts access to recreation and firewood. Question whether gates to be open at predetermined times for example for legitimate users of the road. Note: This is an active LP Logging area. Decision would have to come from them.
2. Diana Taufer raised a question about the herbicide and pesticide signage along the side of the road. Is this for removal of invasive species or blanket herbicide spraying. Enters into the water stream in the area. Director Cathcart to follow-up with EMCON and if possible, have them attend a future LAC meeting to clarify what is being sprayed and environmental impacts.
3. Ian Rowe asked a question regarding Northern Silica related to what money has been set aside for site remediation at the end of the mining operations. Normal legislation requires sinking funds before they a permit is granted. Are there funds in place and what is the basis of their deposit. Director Cathcart to follow-up

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

TBD

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Doug Whiting that the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Dianna Taufer

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 1900 hrs, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## Discussion and questions from the Gallery.

### 1. Noise Bylaw

- Several people from the gallery expressed sincere concerns about the fairness of the noise bylaw and how it can be enforced. It was expressed that the noise bylaw as it is currently proposed leaves too much to interpretation by enforcement officials. Seems to be a solution looking for a problem to solve rather than the opposite. Suggestion that the RCMP (who are requesting more legislation to support their efforts) be asked to attend a future LAC to present their side of the discussion.

### 2. Firewood

There was some general discussion around access to firewood on Crown land as well as on private land where the owner has granted permission. Obviously, one needs to have a permit detailing what species and precisely where a person can harvest wood. Excess wood not fit for commercial purpose is normally stacked in wood piles and burned through the winter period. Much of this wood is ideal for residential firewood but access is difficult because of road barricades (relates to vandalism experienced by some logging companies). Is it possible to have some access for responsible users?