



## INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 15, 2018  
SCRD Boardroom, 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, B.C.

### AGENDA

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**CALL TO ORDER: 9:30 a.m.**

#### AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda

#### PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

#### REPORTS

2. Senior Planner  
SCRD Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017 (BC Ferries) Public Hearing  
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#### COMMUNICATIONS

8. Greg Moore, Chair, Metro Vancouver, dated January 18, 2018  
Regarding GVS&DD Commercial Waste Hauler Licensing Bylaw  
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9. Emanuel Machado, CAO, Town of Gibsons dated November 21, 2017  
Regarding SCRD Groundwater Investigation

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **IN CAMERA**

THAT the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting in accordance with Section 90 (1) (k) of the *Community Charter* “negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service...”.

## **ADJOURNMENT**



## SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** Infrastructure Services Committee – March 15, 2018

**AUTHOR:** David Rafael, Senior Planner

**SUBJECT:** SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW No. 310.173, 2017 (BC FERRIES) PUBLIC HEARING - ELECTORAL AREA F

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

**THAT** the report titled **Sunshine Coast Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017 (BC Ferries) Public Hearing - Electoral Area F** be received;

**AND THAT** *Sunshine Coast Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017* be forwarded to the Board for Third Reading:

**AND FURTHER THAT** the following conditions be met before the bylaw be considered for adoption:

1. an agreement be concluded with BC Ferries regarding Lot 7, District Lot 1401, Plan VAP14295 to resolve:
    - i. Access to the Langdale well; and
    - ii. BC Ferries' use of part of the parcel for parking;
  2. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure pursuant to Section 52 of the *Transportation Act*.
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### BACKGROUND

The SCRD received an application from BC Ferry Services Inc. (BC Ferries) to amend the zoning of part of the Langdale Ferry Terminal site to support current and proposed uses within the terminal development plan.

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the public hearing, propose amendments to *Sunshine Coast Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017* at Third Reading, establish conditions to be met before adoption can be considered and obtain direction from the Planning and Community Development Committee on moving forward.

At the January 25, 2018 Regular Board meeting the following resolutions were adopted:

026/18      **Recommendation No. 6**      *SCRD Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017 (BC Ferries, Langdale Ferry Terminal)*

THAT the report titled Sunshine Coast Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017 (BC Ferries, Langdale Ferry Terminal), Electoral Area F be received;

AND THAT *Sunshine Coast Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017* be amended as follows:

1. Under Permitted Uses delete “(3) (f) vessel personnel accommodation”;

2. Delete:

e. (4) Plan of Lease for the Langdale Ferry Terminal within Highway, Being Part of Lot 1, Plan 8089; Part of Lot 10, Plan 18562; and part of Port Mellon Highway Dedicated by the Deposit of the Explanatory Plan 3633 and Plan 8089, 18562, 19990, and Plans LMP 6457,

LMP 6503, LMP 9502, and LMP 11956, all in D.L. 1401;

(5) Lot 7, District Lot 1401, Plan VAP14295; and

3. Amend Appendix A to remove reference to Areas 4 and 5;

AND THAT *Sunshine Coast Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017* as amended be forwarded to the Board for Second Reading;

AND THAT prior to consideration of adoption, an agreement be concluded with BC Ferries regarding Lot 7, District Lot 1401, Plan VAP14295 to resolve:

1. Access to the Langdale well; and

2. BC Ferries' use of part of the parcel for parking;

AND THAT a Public Hearing to consider *Sunshine Coast Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017* be scheduled for 7:00 p.m., February 21, 2018, at Eric Cardinall Hall, located at 930 Chamberlin Road, West Howe Sound;

AND FURTHER THAT Director Lebbell be delegated as the Chair and Director Winn be delegated as the Alternate Chair for the Public Hearing.

026/18      **Recommendation No. 7**      *SCRD Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017 (BC Ferries, Langdale Ferry Terminal)*

THAT staff work with BC Ferries' to maximize the level of information available on the Langdale Ferry Terminal Development Plan throughout the rezoning process.

050/18      THAT *Sunshine Coast Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017* be read a second time.

## DISCUSSION

### *Analysis*

A public hearing was held on February 21, 2018 and the report of the public hearing is included in Attachment A.

The public hearing was attended by seven members of the public and a member of the media. No written submissions were received by staff during the notification period which ran from February 9, 2018 to February 21, 2018. No submissions were made at the hearing.

Staff noted at the public hearing *Sunshine Coast Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017* requires an amendment to correct a map reference in Appendix A. Upon further review, the map references in Bylaw No. 310.173 are correct and no changes are required at Third Reading.

Staff confirmed that the following conditions need to be met after Third Reading before the bylaw could be considered for adoption:

1. An agreement be concluded with BC Ferries regarding Lot 7, District Lot 1401, Plan VAP14295 to resolve:
  - i. Access to the Langdale well; and
  - ii. BC Ferries' use of part of the parcel for parking;
2. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure pursuant to Section 52 of the *Transportation Act*.

### *Options*

Possible option to consider:

#### **Option 1:      *Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017* Receives Third Reading.**

Conditions have been identified to be met after Third Reading and before consideration for adoption.

Staff recommends that *Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017* forwarded to the Board for Third Reading with adoption considered after the conditions are met.

*Organization and Intergovernmental Implications*

Staff will continue to work with BC Ferries to resolve access to the SCR D parcel that contains the Langdale Well.

*Timeline for next steps or estimated completion date*

Once the conditions are met then the bylaw can be forwarded to the Board for consideration of adoption.

**STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES**

The bylaw amendment process supports the Strategic Plan's values of Collaboration, Respect & Equity and Transparency.

**CONCLUSION**

A public hearing was held on February 21, 2018. No submissions were received at the hearing which was attended by 8 people.

Staff recommend that the bylaw receives Third Reading subject to conditions in the report.

*Attachments*

Attachment A – Report of Public Hearing

Attachment B - *Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017*

Reviewed by:			
Manager	X – A. Allen	Finance	
GM	X – I. Hall	Legislative	
CAO	X – J. Loveys	Other	



## ATTACHMENT A

### SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

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REPORT OF A PUBLIC HEARING HELD AT  
Eric Cardinal Hall  
930 Chamberlin Road, West Howe Sound, BC  
February 21, 2018

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#### *Sunshine Coast Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017*

PRESENT:	Chair, Area D Director Alternate Chair, Area F Director	Mark Lebbell Ian Winn
ALSO PRESENT:	Manager, Planning and Development Senior Planner Recording Secretary Members of the Public Member of Press	Andrew Allen David Rafael Diane Corbett 7 1

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#### CALL TO ORDER

The public hearing for *Sunshine Coast Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017* was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting was being held in territory of the Squamish Nation, and gave a brief overview of the process for the public hearing.

The Chair introduced the Area F Director and staff in attendance, and read prepared remarks with respect to the procedures to be followed at the public hearing. The Chair then indicated that following the conclusion of the public hearing the SCRD Board may, without further notice or hearing, adopt or defeat the bylaw or alter and then adopt the bylaw providing the alteration does not alter the use or increase the density. No further information can be received once the public hearing has concluded.

The Chair asked David Rafael, Senior Planner, Planning and Development, to introduce *Sunshine Coast Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017*.

#### PURPOSE OF BYLAW

David Rafael, Senior Planner

The Senior Planner reported that the purpose of Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017 is to rezone the Langdale Ferry Terminal, located at 1376 Port Mellon Highway, Gibsons, BC, from Water One and Residential One to Marine Transportation. The proposed Marine Transportation zone will reflect current and proposed uses and set the framework for the future redevelopment of the Langdale Ferry Terminal. It sets a maximum height for buildings and structures and total floor area for retail. The bylaw does not cover operational aspects, nor cover all aspects of the Langdale Terminal development. BC Ferries will conduct a separate consultation regarding the

development plan. Facilities that allow for the loading of the ferry, such as the walkway, are exempt from the rezoning.

To assist the public, BC Ferries provided a draft site plan; it is not part of the rezoning application (Annex A). The Senior Planner noted the handout available at the back of the room with BC Ferries contact details for the Langdale Terminal Development Plan.

### **Current Zoning Bylaw No. 310 Policies**

Zoning Bylaw No. 310 designates the subject property as Water One and Residential One zones. The R1 zone has limited residential development potential. The W1 zone is limited to dock sites related to upland residential development.

### **Proposed Rezoning Amendment**

The main purpose of *Sunshine Coast Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017* is to establish a new zone, Marine Transportation, to set a framework for the redevelopment.

Permitted uses include:

- 1) marine transportation including the temporary storage of marine vessels (private and/or public);
- 2) transportation centre including foot passengers, bicyclists, transit, car share, commercial trailer drop, float plane and emergency helicopter services;
- 3) auxiliary to (1) and (2):
  - office;
  - retail;
  - restaurant;
  - mobile vendors, including food trucks;
  - one dwelling for the purpose of housing a caretaker or watchman;
  - vessel personnel accommodation;
  - surface parking for employees, short and long-term public parking;
  - park.

The combined floor area and site area for retail, restaurant and mobile vendor uses shall not exceed 20% of the total building floor area up to a maximum of 835 square metres.

No structure shall be located within 7.5 metres of the front parcel line, and 4.5 metres of a side parcel setback.

Building height shall not exceed 20 m; height of structures shall not exceed 25 m; fences within the setback area may not exceed 3 m.

Maximum parcel coverage of all buildings and structures shall not exceed 50%.

More than one building may be permitted, subject to compliance with all other provisions of the bylaw.

### **Official Community Plan (OCP) Policies**

The West Howe Sound OCP identifies the subject property as being within a marine transportation land use designation. Policies recognize that the Langdale Ferry terminal should continue to be the primary location for ferry service.

The subject property is also located within the greater "Gateway" neighbourhood. Policies support an upgrade subject to a public consultation process, and allow for auxiliary commercial uses that maintain the quaint village market appeal and are available to the surrounding community. However this will need to be balanced against Transport Canada security requirements.

Development Permit Area (DPA) designations for hazardous or environmentally sensitive areas overlap the property and include:

- DPA #1A (Coastal Flooding)
- DPA #2A (Creek/River Corridor)
- DPA #2B (Ravines)
- DPA #2D (Low Channel Confinement)
- DPA#4 (Stream Riparian Assessment Areas)
- DPA#5 (Aquifer Protection and Stormwater Management)

### **First Reading**

The zoning amendment bylaw received First Reading on June 22, 2017, and was forwarded to referral agencies.

### **CONSULTATION**

#### **Advisory Planning Commission Referral**

The application was referred to the Area F Advisory Planning Commission (APC). At its June 27, 2017 meeting, the Advisory Planning Commission supported First Reading and that public engagement proceeds. The APC requested justification for the requested 25-metre height limit.

#### **Agency Referral**

As part of the bylaw consultation, the proposed bylaw was referred to the following agencies:

- Skwxwú7mesh Nation – had no concerns; BC Ferries to provide an archaeological review prior to construction. BC Ferries is aware of this requirement and has been in discussion with the Nation.
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – granted preliminary approval under Section 52(3) (a) of the *Transportation Act*. Formal approval will need to follow Third Reading. The Ministry remains interested in the Lease Area within the road right of way, and noted that this area is not to be included in this rezoning application; there are no concerns regarding its use for overflow.
- Islands Trust's Gambier Island Local Trust Committee – noted the bylaw is consistent with Islands Trust objectives and policy statement.
- Town of Gibsons – had no concerns.

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- Gibsons and District Volunteer Fire Department – requested that the property should have one single address. Access will need to be maintained to the SCRD pump station and well. Efforts should be maintained to ensure there isn't interference with SCRD radio infrastructure attached to that site.

#### **SCRD Internal Referral**

The site is supplied by Langdale water system. SCRD Infrastructure Services determined there is sufficient water supply. The site is metered. In terms of solid waste, there are recycling and collection facilities on site; BC Ferries also does recycling. The applicant was requested to minimize waste during construction.

SCRD Transit has engaged in discussions with and provided input to BC Ferries on transit services.

#### **Public Information Meeting**

The applicant held a public information meeting on October 26, 2017. Twenty-eight people attended. Issues included:

- Passenger amenities prior to loading need improvements;
- Impact on the aquifer and wellhead;
- Water metering;
- Noise concerns;
- Local shops, not chain stores;
- Impact on views; and
- Septic system capacity and functionality.

The applicant provided a report confirming the septic treatment plant can handle the sewage generated by the proposed redevelopment.

#### **Second Reading**

The zoning amendment bylaw received Second Reading January 25, 2018. Amendments included removal of the following from the rezoning bylaw:

- Lease area on road right-of-way;
- SCRD parcel containing the well;
- "Vessel personnel accommodation" use.

#### **Conditions**

Prior to adoption, the following conditions must be met:

- 1) Access to the Langdale well;
- 2) BC Ferries' use of part of the parcel for parking;
- 3) Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure approval (*Transportation Act*).

Amendment at Third Reading: ensure map shows correct references to the parcels.

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#### **PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS PRIOR TO PUBLIC HEARING**

The Senior Planner noted that no submissions were received prior to public hearing.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

The Senior Planner indicated that a report of this public hearing would be forwarded to a future Planning and Community Development Committee meeting. The Board may then give consideration and resolve to give the bylaw Third Reading or deny it. The conditions then need to be met. Once this is done then the Board can consider adoption.

#### **PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS AT PUBLIC HEARING**

The Senior Planner concluded his presentation and the Chair called a first time for written or verbal submissions.

The Chair called a second and third time for submissions.

The Chair called a fourth and final time for submissions.

The Chair announced an opportunity for questions or comments.

Area F Director Winn thanked the Chair and thanked the public for attending. The Director noted that at the public meeting a lot of other questions were raised. Director Winn invited the public to contact him regarding any questions or concerns. He pointed out that a representative for the applicant was present in the room if there were further inquiries after the meeting.

The Chair inquired of staff as to how the ferry terminal came to be in an area zoned residential.

The Senior Planner surmised that, historically, there may not have been a concern that the zoning match the Province's operations, which can override zoning in a lot of circumstances.

The Manager of Planning and Development reported that, about ten to twelve years ago when BC Ferries became separated from the BC government, items related directly to loading and unloading the vessel and operations were exempt from zoning, but buildings and structures were now subject to zoning.

#### **CONCLUSION**

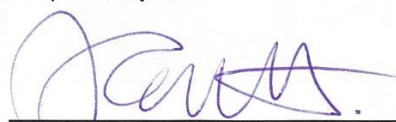
There being no further submissions, the Chair announced the public hearing for proposed *Sunshine Coast Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 310.173, 2017* closed at 7:23 p.m. The Chair thanked everyone for attending the public hearing.

Certified fair and correct:



Mark Lebbell, Chair

Prepared by:



Diane Corbett, Recording Secretary





## ATTACHMENT B

### SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT BYLAW NO. 310.173

A bylaw to amend *Sunshine Coast Regional District Zoning Bylaw No. 310, 1987*.

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The Board of Directors of the Sunshine Coast Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

#### PART A – CITATION

This bylaw may be cited as the *Infrastructure Services Committee*.

#### PART B – AMENDMENT

Sunshine Coast Regional District Zoning Bylaw No. 310, 1987 is hereby amended as follows:

- a. In Section 301 (1) add “M1 Marine Transportation” following “C5 Commercial Five”;
- b. In Section 502 (14), Business Signs in Non-Commercial/Industrial Zones, add “, M1” in the list of zones after “C6”;
- c. In Section 502 (15), Business Signs in Commercial and Industrial Zones, add “, M1” in the list of zones after “C6”;
- d. In Part VIII (Commercial Zones), insert the following in numerical order as follows:

#### **“851 M1 Zone (Marine Transportation)**

851 On a parcel in an M1 Zone.

#### **Permitted Uses**

851.1 except as otherwise permitted in Part V of this bylaw the following and no other uses are permitted:

- (1) marine transportation including the temporary storage of marine vessels (private and/or public);
- (2) transportation centre including foot passengers, bicyclists, transit, car share, commercial trailer drop, float plane and emergency helicopter services;

(3) auxiliary to (1) and (2):

- (a) office;
- (b) retail;
- (c) restaurant;
- (d) mobile vendors, including food trucks;
- (e) one dwelling for the purpose of housing a caretaker or watchman;
- (f) surface parking for employees, short and long term public parking;
- (g) park.

### **Conditions of Use**

851.2 the combined floor area and site area for retail, restaurant and mobile vendor uses shall not exceed 20% of the total building floor area up to a maximum of 835 square metres;

### **Siting of Structures**

851.3 no structure shall be located within:

- (a) 7.5 metres of the front parcel line;
- (b) 4.5 metres of a side parcel setback;

### **Height of Buildings and Structures**

851.4 (a) buildings shall not exceed 20 metres;

(b) structures shall not exceed 25 metres;

(c) fences within the setback area may not exceed 3 metres;

### **Parcel Coverage**

851.5 the maximum parcel coverage of all buildings and structures shall not exceed 50%;

### **Buildings Per Parcel**

851.6 subject to compliance with all other provisions of this bylaw more than one building may be permitted."



e. Schedule A is hereby amended by rezoning:

(1) District Lot 8007, Plan BCP6348;

(2) Lot 8, District Lot 1401, Plan 18562;

(3) Lot 11, District Lot 1401, Plan 19990;

from R1 (Residential One), RU2 (Rural Two) and W1 (Water One) to  
M1 (Marine Transportation), as depicted on Appendix A to this Bylaw.

### PART C – ADOPTION

READ A FIRST TIME this 22 DAY OF JUNE , 2017

READ A SECOND TIME this 25 DAY OF JANUARY , 2018

PUBLIC HEARING HELD PURSUANT TO THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT this 21 DAY OF FEBRUARY , 2018

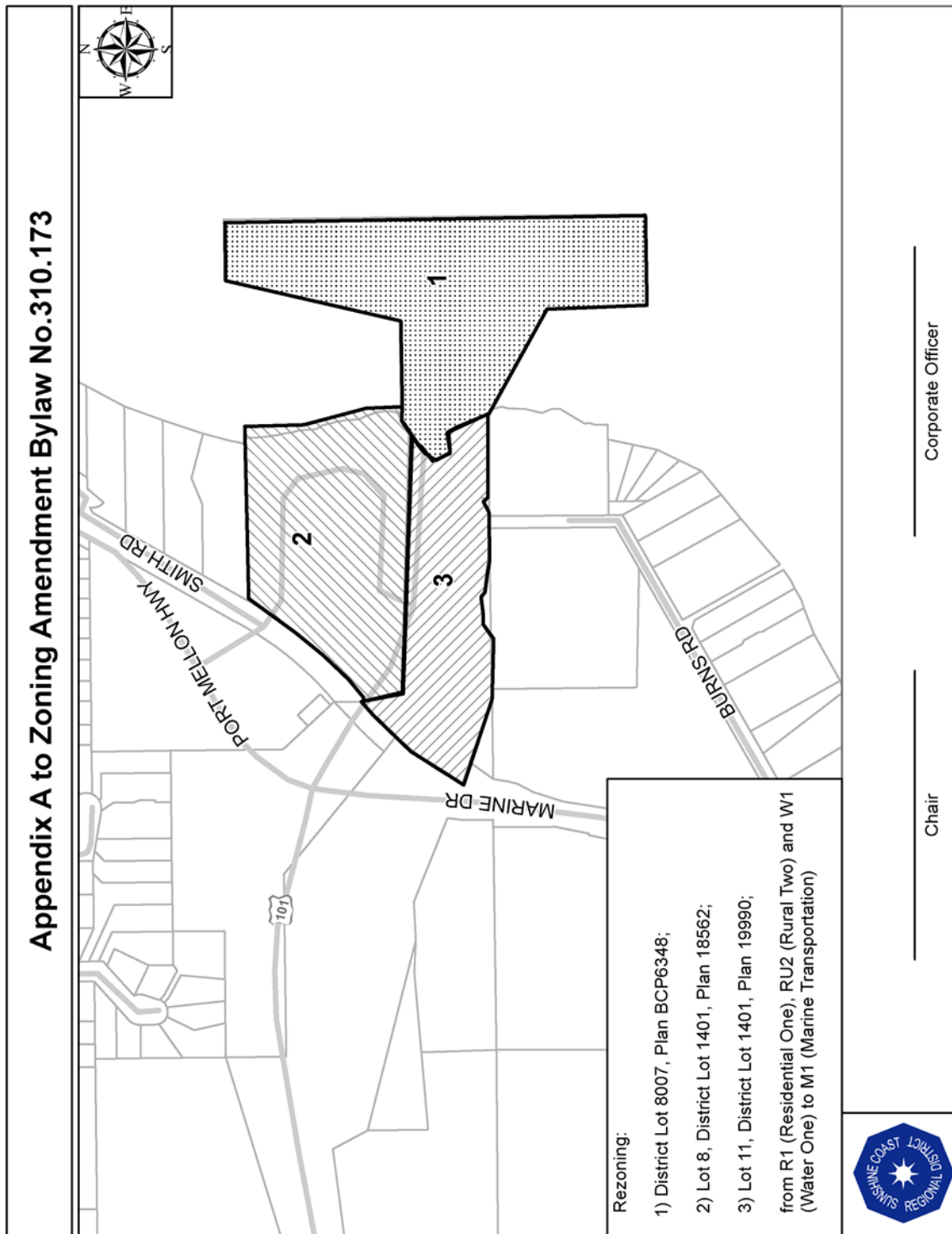
READ A THIRD TIME this ##### DAY OF MONTH , YEAR

APPROVED PURSUANT TO SECTION 52 OF  
THE *TRANSPORTATION ACT* this ##### DAY OF MONTH , YEAR

ADOPTED this ##### DAY OF MONTH , YEAR

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Corporate Officer

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Chair



## SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** Infrastructure Services Committee – March 15, 2018

**AUTHOR:** Remko Rosenboom – General Manager, Infrastructure Services

**SUBJECT:** REGIONAL GROUNDWATER TASK FORCE – NEXT STEPS

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the report titled Regional Groundwater Task Force – Next Steps be received;**

**AND THAT the SCRD proceed with Phase 2 of the Groundwater Investigation Project and that staff bring forward a future report with the results;**

**AND THAT the SCRD exchange information with local governments and other potentially affected parties on Phase 2 Test Drilling with respect to monitoring results;**

**AND THAT the SCRD collaborate on a framework with the Town of Gibsons to establish a Groundwater Management Zone related to the Gibsons Aquifer and that staff bring forward a future report;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the SCRD establish a working group with infrastructure staff from all four local governments to discuss upcoming projects and opportunities for collaboration.**

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### BACKGROUND

The Board adopted the following recommendation at October 26, 2017 meeting:

300/17      **Recommendation No. 1**      *Groundwater Investigation to Supplement Chapman Creek Water Supply*

THAT the report titled Groundwater Investigation to Supplement Chapman Creek Water Supply be received;

AND THAT recommendations from the Groundwater Investigation to Supplement Chapman Creek Water Supply Report be brought forward to the 2018 Budget process;

AND FURTHER THAT the SCRD consult with the Town of Gibsons, District of Sechelt, and Sechelt Indian Government District regarding proposed aquifer exploration identified in the report, prior to concluding the 2018 Budget process.

Consultation with local governments was structured as the Regional Groundwater Task Force with Terms of Reference adopted at the December 14, 2017 Board meeting.

346/17      **Recommendation No. 9**      *Regional Groundwater Task Force Draft Terms of Reference*

THAT the report titled Regional Groundwater Task Force Draft Terms of Reference be received;

AND THAT the 1. Purpose be amended as follows:

- a. Provide a forum for the staff at all four local governments on the Sunshine Coast to work towards – in the spirit of cooperation and collaboration – recommendations for the potential management of groundwater sources within the context of the region’s water supply concerns.

AND THAT 2.1 c. be amended to “To identify all the local governments water strategies, concerns and potential solutions...”;

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Groundwater Task Force Terms of Reference be adopted as amended.

The Regional Groundwater Task Force met on three occasions between January 24 and February 21, 2018. A report summarizing the results of the Task Force discussions was presented at the March 8, 2018 Planning and Community Development Committee.

## DISCUSSION

### *Phase 2 Test Drilling*

There were concerns and potential solutions identified in the Regional Groundwater Task Force report which relate to Phase 3 of the Groundwater Investigation Project, and would involve developing a production well and applying for Water Licences.

At this stage and without test wells, there are still many unknowns. The results from the Phase 2 Test Drilling will assist in informing Phase 3.

Staff will bring forward a future report on the results of the Phase 2 test drilling with the results for Committee review and decision making before any next steps are proposed in Phase 3.

Staff recommend proceeding with test drilling of the four recommended sites under Phase 2 of the Groundwater Investigation. Phase 2 test drilling will provide a greater understanding of the capacity and water quality of the targeted aquifers. Monitoring of neighboring wells during test drilling will provide clarity about their interconnections with the potential production wells. Staff also recommend sharing the information with all four local governments with regards to monitoring the results including test results and impacts.

### *Groundwater Management Zone*

Staff recommend that the SCRD collaborate on a framework with the Town of Gibsons to establish a Groundwater Management Zone to sustain and protect the Gibsons Aquifer. The Groundwater Management Zone is a recommendation in the Town's Aquifer Mapping Study (Waterline Resources Inc., 2013) and would be consistent with efforts the SCRD has undertaken to protect the existing SCRD wells as recommended in the Well Protection Plan (Associated Environmental, 2016) which was received by the Board on July 20, 2017.

### *Further Collaboration*

There was consensus among all members of the Regional Groundwater Task Force that efforts could be made to improve communication between local governments at a staff level to discuss upcoming projects and servicing strategies. Staff recommend that a working group with infrastructure staff from the four local governments be established to discuss upcoming projects and opportunities.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES**

The Groundwater Investigation Project will supplement the existing water supply and ensure that the SCRD can continue to meet its mission of providing quality services to our community through effective and responsive government.

Continued engagement with all four local governments, including the Sechelt Indian Government District, reflects the priority to Enhance Collaboration with the *shíshálh* and Skwxwú7mesh Nations.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Regional Groundwater Task Force identified a need for greater communication between local government staff to discuss upcoming opportunities. Staff recommend establishing a working group with infrastructure staff from other local governments to discuss upcoming projects and opportunities.

Staff also recommend proceeding with Phase 2 of the Groundwater Investigation. Results from the Regional Groundwater Task Force will inform staff recommendations that will accompany the report summarizing the Phase 2 Test Drilling.

Should Phase 2 Test Drilling move forward, staff recommend sharing the information with local governments and other potentially affected parties as it relates to monitoring results.

Reviewed by:			
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**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT**

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**TO:** Infrastructure Service Committee – March 15, 2018  
**AUTHOR:** Raphael Shay, Water and Energy Projects Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** **DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN 2017 REVIEW**

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**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**THAT** the report titled **Drought Management Plan 2017 Review** be received;

**AND THAT** a **2018 Drought Management Plan Implementation Report** be brought to the **April 19, 2018 Infrastructure Services Committee**.

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**BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the application of the Drought Management Plan (DMP) in the summer of 2017.

The Drought Management Plan provides direction for the timely and responsive management of water supplies during times of supply challenges or seasonal droughts. The Sunshine Coast Regional District's DMP was originally created in 2003.

**DISCUSSION***Calling Stages*

During the summer, staff conduct daily review and weekly update meetings to assess the DMP Stages based on the framework outlined in the DMP, which includes the following considerations:

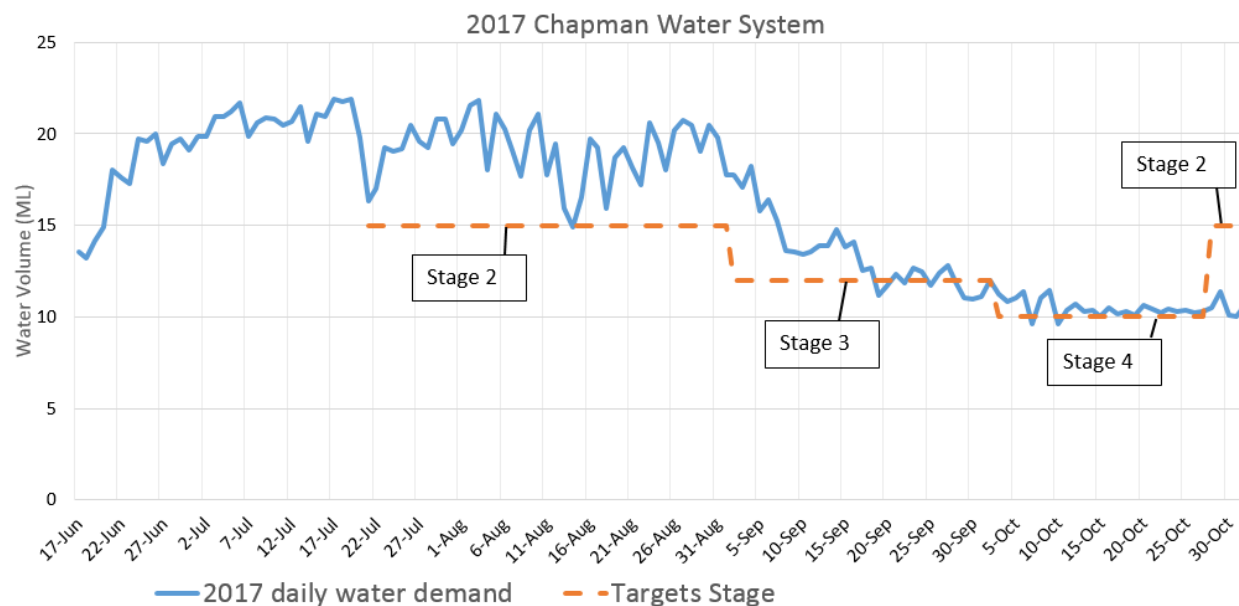
1. Time of year and typical seasonal trends;
2. Snow pack assessments and snowmelt forecasts;
3. Storage volume of water sources and draw down rates;
4. Stream flows and monitoring data;
5. Weather, recent conditions and forecasts;
6. Water usage, recent consumption and trends; and
7. Water supply system performance.

The following table summarizes when the DMP Stages were called in 2017 and the previous five years.

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Stage 2	13-Sep	9-Aug	7-Aug	9-Jun	25-Jul	21-Jul
Stage 3	18-Sep	--	--	11-Jul	26-Aug	1-Sep
Stage 4	5-Oct	--	--	13-Aug	--	3-Oct
Return to Stage 2	--	--	--	8-Sep	19-Sep	28-Oct

### Water Consumption versus Targets

The water use target used in the summer of 2017 conveyed the scale of conservation effort needed to prolong the accessible water supply. The graph below shows a summary of the summer water demand compared to the targets. Precipitation and temperature, which are not represented in the graph below, also have an impact on water demand.



### Communication, Outreach and Inquiries

Effective communication with the community is an important aspect of the DMP's implementation. SCRD conducts outreach and education activities in an effort to increase awareness about the importance of water conservation, educate community members on the water system, and respond to inquiries.

At every Stage of the DMP, a media release, the SCRD web-site, social media channels, and three road-side signs are updated. At Stage 2, the daily water consumption charts and targets are added to the web-site and social media streams. At Stage 3, five additional sandwich board signs are placed along the highway. Finally, Stage 4 includes a targeted mail-out to affected water users.



The SCRD participated in four community events in the summer of 2017 to share water conservation information. This compares to 27 in 2016, four in 2015, and six in 2014. The large number in 2016 is associated with the additional outreach conducted for the Universal Water Metering Program.

Many inquiries were received at the SCRD office via phone, e-mail, social media, or in-person visits. The frequency of inquiries rises during Stages 3 and 4.

Key messages from the community included:

- A consistent desire to see additional supply;
- Concerns from businesses that were previously exempt but are now subject to the restrictions and not allowed to use water for uses such as car washes and pressure washing; and
- Confusion around the need for outdoor water use restrictions, particularly Stage 4, late in the fall when weather appeared to be getting wetter.

#### *Lawn Watering Permits*

Lawn Watering Permits allow extra watering for 21 days or until Stage 3 is called. Permits may only be issued at Stage 1. 26 Lawn Watering Permits were issued in 2017 compared to 55 in 2016 and 16 in 2015.

#### *Patrols and Enforcement*

The purpose of patrols is to have a presence and assist with education and questions about water conservation and outdoor water use restrictions as well as enforce bylaws 422 and 638.

A violation must be witnessed by SCRD staff or have photographic or video evidence in order to escalate to a warning letter or ticket. Properties which received a complaint are contacted by staff. This presents an opportunity to share educational material about conservation and the outdoor watering restrictions.

The table below outlines the enforcement numbers for 2017 and the previous five years.

	<b>Period</b>	<b>Complaint/patrol</b>	<b>Warning letter</b>	<b>BEN ticket</b>
<b>2017</b>	May 1 – Oct 28	103	30	0
<b>2016</b>	May 1 – Oct 5	83	7	1
<b>2015</b>	Jun 1 – Sep 30	171	24	0
<b>2014</b>	Jun 1 - Sep 30	109	35	0
<b>2013</b>	May 1 - Sep 30	55	34	2
<b>2012</b>	May 1 – Oct 11	118	56	0

A 2018 Drought Management Plan Implementation Report will come to the April 19, 2018 Infrastructure Services Committee.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES**

The SCRDP Strategic Plan has a priority to Embed Environmental Leadership. The DMP helps the SCRDP minimize environmental impacts by promoting water conservation.

The Drought Management Plan is a critical component of the Region's overall water supply strategy, as outlined in the Comprehensive Regional Water Plan (CRWP, 2013), and furthers the SCRDP goal of reducing water consumption by 33% relative to 2010 levels by 2020 (CRWP, p. 3-16).

These conservation targets are consistent with the We Envision Regional Sustainability Plan (2012) targets.

### **CONCLUSION**

A Drought Management Plan provides direction for the timely and responsive management of water supplies during times of supply challenges or seasonal droughts.

In 2017 staff engaged the community on the benefits of water conservation. All four Stages of the DMP were used in the summer of 2017.

This report is for information. A report with recommendations for the 2018 DMP implementation will be brought to the April 19, 2018 Infrastructure Services Committee.

Reviewed by:			
Manager	X-S. Walkey	Finance	
GM	X-Rosenboom	Legislative	
CAO	X – J. Loveys	Other	

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
January 18, 2018**

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE CEDAR ROOM OF THE SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT AT 1975  
FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, BC

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<b>PRESENT:</b> (Voting Members)	Director, Electoral Area E, Chair Director, Electoral Area A Director, Electoral Area B Director, Electoral Area D Director, Electoral Area F Director, Sechelt Indian Government District Director, District of Sechelt Alt. Director, District of Sechelt Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Transportation Choices (TraC)	Lorne Lewis Frank Mauro Garry Nohr Mark Lebbell Ian Winn Keith Julius Darren Inkster Alice Lutes Don Legault Colin Midgeley Alun Wooliams
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b> (Non-Voting)	GM, Planning and Community Development Manager, Transit and Fleet S. Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee RCMP Crimestoppers Recorder Media	Ian Hall Gordon Dykstra Diana Mumford Sgt. Mike Hacker Mary Bitroff Diane Corbett 2

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**CALL TO ORDER**      2:45 p.m.

**AGENDA**      The agenda was adopted as amended:

- Defer to next agenda - Item 2: Lorne Lewis, Director, Electoral Area E, Chair, regarding Road Safety at Work

**ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS**

**MINUTES**

**Recommendation No. 1**      *Transportation Advisory Committee Recommendations*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the recommendations of the October 19, 2017 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting be received.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### **Recommendation No. 2**     *Communications*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the following communications be received:

- Diana Mumford, Southern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee, regarding BC Ferries New Ferry Schedule and Traffic Growth;
- Alun Wooliums, Transportation Choices – Sunshine Coast, regarding Access to Maintenance Contract Road Classifications.

#### **BC Ferries (BCF) New Ferry Schedule and Traffic Growth**

*Ms. Mumford highlighted aspects of the new schedule for the Langdale ferry and feedback received from the public:*

- *The number one issue was retention of a commuter ferry year round. The second issue was a need for later sailing times. Both are now available.*
- *Increased time between some sailings has been necessary to accommodate the added 5:25 p.m. commuter sailing.*
- *Ferry traffic and overloads have increased and it is believed that the rollback of fares and the return of a seniors discount Monday through Thursday will increase this further.*
- *Development of transit park and ride sites for ferry users was suggested at a recent FAC meeting. BCF is considering contracting the management of the Langdale parking lot.*
- *An additional ferry will be added in the summer, increasing sailings from eight to twelve.*

*BC Ferries is currently in Phase 1 of a five phase, 25-year terminal development plan for Horseshoe Bay.*

#### **Access to Maintenance Contract Road Classifications**

*Mr. Legault reported that road classifications are reviewed annually and subject to change. He will email the current classification for Marine Drive, Reed, Pratt, Lower, Roberts Creek and Redroofs Roads to TRAC and the SCRD.*

#### **Overhead Lights**

*Overhead lighting at Highway 101 and Oceanview Drive was discussed. It was noted that overhead lights are only installed at intersections and crosswalks if traffic lights are present. Evaluation is on a case-by-case basis and includes pedestrian counts and traffic volumes.*

## NEW BUSINESS / ROUNDTABLE

- *Directors expressed appreciation for work completed near Flume Road, Katherine Lake and Brooks Road.*

- *Items raised for the attention of MoTI included: faded line painting of crosswalks on lower Roberts Creek Road; signage for blind intersection at Church and Marine Drive in Granthams Landing; trees encroaching on road in Pender Harbour; Coopers Green Road; potholes near Trout Lake at Belair Road; pothole near B & K Road on Highway 101; drainage issues near 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Elphinstone.*
- *Highway litter removal is a responsibility of the maintenance contractor. The assistance of community groups through the Adopt-a-Highway program is encouraged and appreciated.*
- *SCRD planning work on Phase 2 of the Suncoaster Trail continues with support of a grant from Vancouver Coastal Health, in partnership with Sechelt and Gibsons.*
- *Bike Lane sweeping is expected to occur in February.*
- *MoTI has issued Requests for Proposals for maintenance contractors in Service Areas 2, 3, and 24.*
- *MoTI was asked to consider providing a location to dispose of the invasive plant species broom. Mr. Legault will research whether the Ministry was involved with invasive species incineration in the Powell River area.*
- *SCRD Transit expansion included adding smaller buses to the fleet. BC Ferries contacted SCRD Transit to explore park and ride options. Last month's snowfall caused only minor delays and disruption.*
- *The next revision of the Transit Riders Guide is targeted for May 17<sup>th</sup> to align with the ferry schedule changes.*
- *Aligning the bus schedule with Elphinstone Secondary School dismissal was discussed.*
- *Minutes of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) are forwarded to the Infrastructure Services Committee (ISC), and can be accessed online one week prior to the ISC meeting. From the ISC, any recommendations are forwarded to the Board for approval.*
- *The S-bend on Gower Point Road 1200 block will be addressed by MoTI and Capilano Highways with some rip-rap on the down slope side, with paving to occur in spring.*
- *MoTI and the Town of Gibsons are working on a design for Reed Road. Concerns were raised about the increasing traffic and road safety for cyclists.*

**NEXT MEETING**      April 19, 2018 at 2:45 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**      3:58 p.m.

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Committee Chair



## **SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT**

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**TO:** Infrastructure Services Committee – March 15, 2018

**AUTHOR:** Angie Legault, Senior Manager, Administration & Legislative Services

**SUBJECT:** APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF AND DEPUTY CHIEF ELECTION OFFICERS

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### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**THAT the report titled Appointment of Chief and Deputy Chief Election Officers be received;**

**AND THAT pursuant to Section 58 (1) and (2) of the *Local Government Act* Angie Legault be appointed Chief Election Officer for conducting the 2018 general local elections with the power to appoint other election officials as required for the administration and conduct of the 2018 general local elections;**

**AND FURTHER THAT Sherry Reid be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2018 general local elections.**

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### **BACKGROUND**

As per section 58(1) of the *Local Government Act*, “for the purposes of conducting an election, the local government must appoint both a chief election officer and a deputy chief election officer”.

### **DISCUSSION**

Election preparations are underway. Chief election officers should be appointed early in the election year in order to guide the election process.

Some of the duties of the Chief Election Officer include:

- Appointing other election officials (other than the deputy chief election officer)
- Designating voting places and ensuring they are supplied appropriately
- Issuing the notice of nomination and accepting nomination documents
- Establishing the form of ballots and ensuring that sufficient ballots are prepared
- Taking reasonable precautions to ensure electors vote only once
- Ensuring the election is conducted in accordance with applicable bylaws and legislation
- Declaring the official election results.

*Timeline for next steps or estimated completion date*

Some of the dates which may be of interest are as follows:

April 19	Last day to meet 6 month BC residency requirement for electors registering on General Voting Day
July 9	Last day to adopt Election Bylaw or Election Bylaw Amendment
Late July/early Aug.	Nomination Packages available to Candidates
September 4	Nomination period commences (at 9:00 am)
September 14	Nomination period closes (at 4:00 pm) Declaration of Candidates if sufficient number of Candidates
September 18	Deadline for challenge to nominations
September 19	Last day to meet the jurisdictional 30 day residency or property ownership requirement for purposes of registering on General Voting Day
September 24	Declaration of Election by Voting or Declaration of Candidates Elected by Acclamation
October 10	Required Advance Voting Opportunity
October 17	Additional Advance Voting Opportunity
October 20	General Voting Day

## **STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES**

The appointment of Chief and Deputy Chief Election Officer supports the SCRD's Mission to provide leadership and quality services to our community through effective and responsive government.

## **CONCLUSION**

As per section 58(1) of the *Local Government Act*, "for the purposes of conducting an election, the local government must appoint both a chief election officer and a deputy chief election officer".

Staff recommend the appointment of a Chief Election Officer and a Deputy Chief Election Officer to conduct the 2018 general local election.

Reviewed by:			
Manager		Finance	
GM		Legislative	
CAO	X – J. Loveys	Other	



## **SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT**

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**TO:** Infrastructure Services Committee – March 15, 2018

**AUTHOR:** Sherry Reid, Deputy Corporate Officer

**SUBJECT:** **SPEAKING TO RESOLUTIONS AT THE 2018 ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES (AVICC) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**THAT the report titled Speaking to Resolutions at the 2018 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual General Meeting be received;**

**AND THAT the Committee identify Director(s) to speak to the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) Resolutions at the 2018 AVICC Annual General Meeting.**

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### **BACKGROUND**

The Board approved four Resolutions for submission to the 2018 AVICC AGM and Convention. The Resolutions and background material have been submitted to AVICC for consideration at the April 13, 2018 AVICC meeting.

The purpose of this report is to appoint Director(s) to speak to the SCRD Resolutions at the convention.

### **DISCUSSION**

The following SCRD Resolutions were forwarded to AVICC for discussion at the 2018 AVICC Convention and Annual General Meeting:

#### **1. BC Ferries Medical Priority Loading**

WHEREAS individuals residing in ferry dependent communities who are travelling in relation to significant medical procedures are not automatically given priority loading on BC Ferries which can result in delays and unnecessary suffering;

AND WHEREAS applications for medical assured loading require advance planning which is not always possible given the variability of hospital stays and appointment times, and rely on medical practitioner time and awareness of the program:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Health be requested to modify the Travel Assistance Program to ensure that patients from ferry dependent communities requiring significant medical procedures receive priority loading.

## **2. Re-evaluation of Resolutions by the Province**

WHEREAS UBCM, as the conduit between its members and the provincial government, endorses numerous resolutions of significance to all local governments;

AND WHEREAS there has been a change in provincial government:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM review previous resolutions to determine whether they should be re-submitted to the Province within the context of the priorities and policies of the new provincial government.

## **3. Watershed Governance Model**

WHEREAS UBCM has consistently advocated for providing water purveyors with greater control over the watersheds that provide drinking water to their communities;

AND WHEREAS an integrated watershed governance approach that recognizes indigenous water rights and utilizes a collaborative, consensus building approach to decision making could provide a model that addresses community needs while balancing the resource and capacity limitations experienced by local governments and First Nations:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province recognize and support local watershed collaborative governance entities and adequately resource these entities.

## **4. Cycling Infrastructure Funding**

WHEREAS limited revenue sources constrain local government construction of active transportation facilities which support healthy lifestyles, local economic opportunities through tourism; and reduce congestion, greenhouse gas emissions and localized air pollution;

AND WHEREAS the current level of provincial cycling infrastructure grant funding is inadequate to meet the demand:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the provincial government be urged to increase the BikeBC Fund to \$50 million per year.

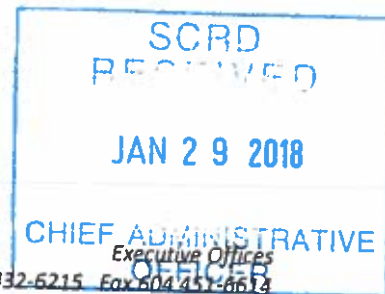
## **STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES**

Submission of Resolutions to AVICC is in alignment with SCRD's strategic value of Collaboration and also supports SCRD's mission to provide leadership and quality services to our community through effective and responsive government.

## **CONCLUSION**

Staff recommend that prior to attending the AVICC Annual General Meeting on April 13, 2018, the Committee appoint Director(s) to speak to the SCRD resolutions.

Reviewed by:			
Manager		Finance	
GM		Legislative	X - A. Legault
CAO	X – J. Loveys	Other	



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File: CR-12-01  
Ref: SDD 2017 Nov 24

Chair Bruce Milne and Board of Directors  
Sunshine Coast Regional District  
1975 Field Road  
Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A1  
VIA EMAIL: [milne@sechelt.ca](mailto:milne@sechelt.ca)

MASTER FILE COPY

Dear Chair Milne and Board of Directors:

**Re: GVS&DD Commercial Waste Hauler Licensing Bylaw No. 307, 2017**

The purpose of this letter is to request that your Regional District consider writing the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy in support of the *GVS&DD Commercial Waste Hauler Licensing Bylaw No. 307, 2017*.

At its November 24, 2017 regular meeting, the Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (Metro Vancouver) approved the *GVS&DD Commercial Waste Hauler Licensing Bylaw No. 307, 2017* and approved forwarding the bylaw to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy for approval.

Metro Vancouver's Commercial Waste Hauler Licensing bylaw would help increase waste diversion by requiring Commercial Waste Haulers in Metro Vancouver to ensure recycling containers are provided for all multi-family and commercial/institutional buildings. The multi-family and commercial/institutional sectors have lower recycling rates compared to the single family sector where municipalities typically directly provide waste and recycling services.

Commercial Waste Hauler Licensing would also facilitate the collection of the Generator Levy, which was approved by the GVS&DD Board on the same date as Commercial Waste Hauler Licensing. The Generator Levy is now in effect. The Generator Levy ensures all waste generators contribute to the fixed costs of the region's transfer station network and solid waste planning, which benefit all waste generators in the region.

The Generator Levy, set at \$40 a tonne for 2018, is incorporated into the Tipping Fee at Metro Vancouver and City of Vancouver disposal facilities and will not affect the total cost of disposal. If waste is delivered to other facilities, haulers will be required to collect the Generator Levy and remit it to Metro Vancouver, thus ensuring that all waste generators contribute to the system regardless of where the waste is ultimately disposed.

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Enclosed is an infographic describing the Generator Levy, Commercial Waste Hauler Licensing and updates to Bylaw 181, a bylaw regulating private facilities that manage solid waste and recyclable materials. Together, Metro Vancouver's regulatory framework updates aim to reduce waste, increase recycling, ensure current and future infrastructure is equitably funded and modernize the way private facilities are regulated.

More information on these regulatory framework updates, including Board reports, consultation program summaries and letters to the Minister, are available on our website: [www.metrovancouver.org](http://www.metrovancouver.org) by searching "Hauler Licensing", "Generator Levy" and "Bylaw 181".

Thank you in advance for considering our request to write the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy in support of *GVS&DD Commercial Waste Hauler Licensing Bylaw No. 307, 2017*.

If you have any questions or if you would like to have a presentation on Metro Vancouver's solid waste regulatory initiatives, please contact Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services, by phone at 604-432-6442 or by email at [Paul.Henderson@metrovancouver.org](mailto:Paul.Henderson@metrovancouver.org).

Yours truly,



Greg Moore  
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

GM/MB/CM/ph



Malcolm Brodie  
Chair Zero Waste Committee

Encl: Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Regulatory Updates Infographic dated December 2017  
(Doc #23835769)

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# METRO VANCOUVER SOLID WASTE REGULATORY UPDATES



Various service providers collect waste and recyclables in the region.

## NO GENERATOR LEVY

Dry Recyclables



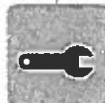
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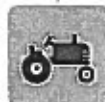
Construction and  
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Agricultural



To processors for  
recycling and disposal,  
**NO GENERATOR LEVY**

Haulers pay **TIPPING FEE** (which includes  
disposal rate plus **GENERATOR LEVY**)



## GENERATOR LEVY



Commercial waste  
haulers require  
license

Garbage to  
Metro Vancouver or  
City of Vancouver  
disposal facilities

Garbage to facilities other  
than Metro Vancouver  
or City of Vancouver  
disposal facilities



Haulers remit **GENERATOR LEVY**  
to Metro Vancouver

## GENERATOR LEVY

The Generator Levy ensures that all waste generators in the region contribute to the fixed costs of the region's transfer station network and solid waste planning.

## HAULER LICENSING

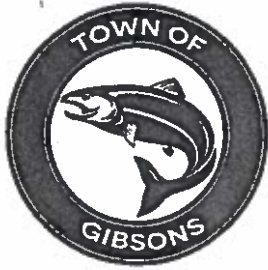
Commercial Waste Hauler licensing ensures that recycling systems are in place wherever garbage is collected in the region; assists the collection of a Generator Levy.

## BYLAW 181 (enacted 1996)

Bylaw 181 regulates private sector facilities that manage municipal solid waste and recyclable materials. Updates help encourage recycling and ensure level playing field.

Metro Vancouver manages garbage produced by residents and businesses in the Lower Mainland. With a strong commitment to first reducing the waste we generate and aspiring to recycle 80% of the region's waste by 2020, the Generator Levy, Commercial Waste Hauler Licensing and updates to Bylaw 181 are important tools to achieve our zero waste objectives.





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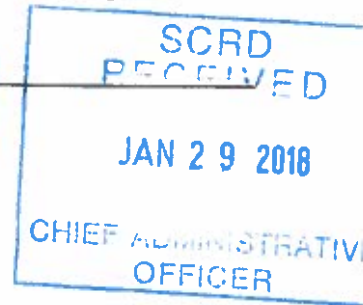
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November 21, 2017

Janette Loveys, Chief Administrative Officer  
Sunshine Coast Regional District  
1975 Field Road  
Sechelt, BC V0N 3A

Dear Janette Loveys,

**Reference     SCRD Groundwater Investigation**

At the November 7, 2017 Regular Council meeting, Council considered the SCRD's Groundwater Investigation program to supplement the Chapman Creek Water Supply; more specifically the SCRD's plan to consider drilling into the Gibsons Aquifer. The following resolution was unanimously adopted and is provided here for your information.

**R2017-269     SCRD Groundwater Investigation**

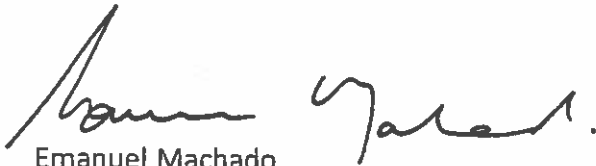
THAT in accordance with the recommendations in the Town's 2013 Aquifer Mapping Study, staff pursue establishing a joint Groundwater Management Plan with the SCRD that outlines the approach for our communities to achieve a balance between water consumption and environmental protection, while considering economic, social and ecological objectives;

AND THAT in accordance with the recommendations in the Town's 2013 Aquifer Mapping Study, staff pursue establishing a joint Groundwater Management Zone with the SCRD to define an area and depth for activities that the Town and the SCRD participate in to sustain and to protect the Gibsons Aquifer and the Town's groundwater supply;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town convey to the SCRD that it is not in support of any investigative drilling into the Gibsons Aquifer until a joint Groundwater Management Plan has been adopted, a joint Groundwater Management Zone has been established, and additional long-term monitoring is completed to establish that such drilling and groundwater use will not be detrimental to the Town's long range water strategy.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Emanuel Machado

*Chief Administrative Officer*

cc: SCRD Board of Directors

Town of Gibsons Council

