



SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

August 17, 2021

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT HELD ELECTRONICALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MINISTERIAL ORDER M192 AND TRANSMITTED VIA THE BOARDROOM AT 1975 FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, B.C.

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| PRESENT*: | Chair | Electoral Area B | L. Pratt |
| | Directors | Electoral Area A | L. Lee |
| | | Electoral Area D | A. Tize |
| | | Electoral Area E | D. McMahon |
| | | Electoral Area F | C. Berry (Alt.) |
| | | District of Sechelt | A. Toth |
| | | Town of Gibsons | B. Beamish |
| ALSO PRESENT*: | Chief Administrative Officer | | D. McKinley |
| | Corporate Officer | | S. Reid |
| | GM, Corporate Services / Chief Financial Officer | | T. Perreault |
| | GM, Infrastructure Services | | R. Rosenboom |
| | GM, Community Services | | S. Gagnon |
| | Deputy Corporate Officer / Recorder | | J. Hill |
| | Media | | 0 |
| | Public | | 33 |

**Directors, staff, and other attendees present for the meeting participated by means of electronic or other communication facilities in accordance with Sunshine Coast Regional District Board Procedures Bylaw 717.*

CALL TO ORDER 2:15 p.m.

AGENDA It was moved and seconded

230/21 THAT the agenda for the meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Moratorium on
Water Connections **It was moved and seconded**

231/21 THAT the SCRD, recognizing the pressures that climate change and recent growth have had on our regional water supply and the delays from the Provincial government in issuing a water license for the Church Road well field, implement a temporary moratorium on new water service connections in the Regional Water Service as serviced primarily by Chapman Creek effective September 14, 2021;

231/21 cont.

AND THAT the SCRD write a letter to Katrine Conroy, the minister responsible for FLNRORD, outlining:

- a) that a water license for the Church Road well field was promised expediency by the previous minister at a 2019 UBCM meeting due to the health and safety concerns around ensuring an adequate water supply;
- b) that climate change has resulted in challenges to our current ability to rely on Chapman and Edwards Lakes and watersheds, and that additional sources of supply are urgently needed;
- c) that conservation alone is insufficient to meet the demands of our growing community;
- d) that without new sources of water being ultimately authorized by the Provincial government, the SCRD cannot in good conscience continue to accept increased demand on our strained water system;

AND FURTHER THAT that the temporary new connection moratorium stay in place until such time as the Provincial government has issued the long awaited water license for the Church Road well field.

DEFEATED

Chapman Creek
Water Connections

It was moved and seconded

232/21

THAT the report titled Temporary Moratorium on Chapman Creek Water Service Connections be received for information;

AND THAT the SCRD write a letter to Katrine Conroy, the minister responsible for FLNRORD, outlining:

- a) that a water license for the Church Road well field was promised expediency by the previous minister at a 2019 UBCM meeting due to the health and safety concerns around ensuring an adequate water supply;
- b) that climate change and the increased water flow requirement for the Chapman Creek watershed under the provincial Environmental Flow Needs (EFN) policy that was implemented in 2016 have resulted in challenges to our current ability to rely on Chapman and Edwards Lakes and watersheds, and that additional sources of supply are urgently needed;
- c) that conservation alone is insufficient to meet the demands of our growing community;

- 232/21 cont. d) that the SCRD Board will be considering further conservation measures, including a potential moratorium on new connections, until such time as we are able to guarantee adequate water supply for our community.

CARRIED

BYLAWS

Bylaw 422.38 **It was moved and seconded**

233/21 THAT the report titled Consideration and Implications of Stage 4 Water Restriction Exemptions for Properties with Farm Class Status be received for information;

AND THAT *Sunshine Coast Regional District Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 422.38, 2021* be read a first time.

CARRIED

Bylaw 422.38 **It was moved and seconded**

234/21 THAT *Sunshine Coast Regional District Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 422.38, 2021* be read a second time.

CARRIED

Bylaw 422.38 **It was moved and seconded**

235/21 THAT *Sunshine Coast Regional District Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 422.38, 2021* be read a third time.

CARRIED

Bylaw 422.38 **It was moved and seconded**

236/21 THAT *Sunshine Coast Regional District Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 422.38, 2021* be adopted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT **It was moved and seconded**

237/21 THAT the Special Emergency Board meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Certified correct _____
Corporate Officer

Confirmed this _____ day of _____

Chair