

## SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

### AREA A - EGMONT/PENDER HARBOUR ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

September 27, 2023

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AREA "A" ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT PENDER HARBOUR SECONDARY SCHOOL, 13639 SUNSHINE COAST HIGHWAY, MADEIRA PARK, BC

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	Chair	Alan Skelley
	Members	Sean McAllister Tom Silvey
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Area A Alternate Director	Christine Alexander (Non-Voting Board Liaison)
	Recording Secretary	Kelly Kammerle
<b>REGRETS:</b>	Members	Yovhan Burega Jane McOuat Dennis Burnham Gordon Littlejohn Catherine McEachern Bob Fielding
	Electoral Area A Director	Leonard Lee (Non-Voting Board Liaison)

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**CALL TO ORDER** 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA** The agenda was adopted as presented.

#### MINUTES

##### Area A Minutes

The Egmont/Pender Harbour (Area A) APC Minutes of July 26, 2023 were approved as circulated.

The following minutes were received for information:

- Halfmoon Bay (Area B) APC Minutes of July 25, 2023
- Roberts Creek (Area D) APC Minutes of July 17, 2023
- Elphinstone (Area E) APC Minutes of July 26, 2023
- West Howe Sound (Area F) APC Minutes of July 25, 2023

#### BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

This APC again requests a meeting with the planning department with all APC's in attendance.

## REPORTS

### **Recommendation No.1**      Forestry Referrals: BC Timber Sales Operating Plan (CRN00155) 2023-2027

The Area AAPC recommended that the SCRD's response to BCTS referral be supported as follows:

“THAT SCRD does not support the logging and construction of McNR005

AND THAT SCRD recommends that in advance of proposing/ engineering cut blocks on Mount Elphinstone near Roberts Creek, that a review of the cumulative impact to ground water resources of Aquifer 555 by qualified experts selected by Local Government water service providers be completed. Historical and any proposed forestry activities for the next 5 years, and climate change considerations should be considered as part of such assessment.

AND THAT BCTS completes a Watershed Assessment for the Roberts Creek watershed prior to auctioning of the proposed cut blocks.

### CONCLUSION

SCRD received forestry referrals from BC Timber Sales regarding the 2023-2027 Operating Plan. SCRD analysis shows potential impact to drinking water services, and increased risk of flooding and sediment transfer which could impact downstream SCRD assets.

SCRD has and will continue to emphasize strong concern to BCTS regarding cumulative impacts to:

- Downstream private property owners' stormwater impact
- Downstream public assets, such as roads, parks, watermain, and creeks
- Regional and provincial emergency response requirements for stormwater impact such as recent events in Fall of 2021.

SCRD has and will continue to advocate for:

- A proactive, landscape-level, multidisciplinary, cumulative impact assessment framework;
- Climate change informed, climate-resilient forest planning that recognizes and values local forests as local assets that protect against increasing climate impacts.”

Area AAPC feels that the SCRD should protect all areas whether they have any assets in the area.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No Director's Report

**NEXT MEETING**      October 25, 2023

**ADJOURNMENT**      7:30 p.m.