

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

**AREA D – ROBERTS CREEK
ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 pm

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AREA D ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD IN THE LIBRARY OF ROBERTS CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOL AT 1088 ROBERTS CREEK ROAD, ROBERTS CREEK, BC

PRESENT: Chair Meaghan Hennessy

Members
Chris Glew
William Ferguson
Debbie Mealia
Kim Baranti
Mark Bodie
Gerald Rainville
Robert Hogg

ALSO PRESENT: Electoral Area D Director Kelly Backs
(Non-voting Board Liaison)
GM, Planning and Development Ian Hall
SCRD Recorder Vicki Dobbyn

REGRETS: Mathew Dickson

CALL TO ORDER 6:34 p.m.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

MINUTES

The following minutes were accepted as circulated:

- Roberts Creek (Area D) APC Minutes of January 27, 2025

The following minutes were received for information:

- Egmont/Pender Harbour (Area A) APC Minutes of January 26, 2026
- Halfmoon Bay (Area B) APC Minutes of January 26 & February 23, 2026
- Elphinstone (Area E) APC Minutes of January 27, 2026
- West Howe Sound (Area F) APC Minutes of January 27, 2026

REPORTS**BCTS Operating Plan Referral 2026-2030****Key points of discussion:**

- Area D APC members were encouraged by the recommendations of SCRD staff in the report.
- It was noted that many of the recommendations are the same every year, and that the SCRD has had a consistent position over the past 4-5 years.
- BCTS doesn't set the quota or the operations areas; this is done by the province. The BCTS mandate comes from Ministry of Forests.
- Often there is a recommendation to send the same recommendations to the province.
- After this meeting the recommendations go to the Electoral Area Services Committee meeting next week, then go to the Board on April 23, then are submitted to BCTS before the May deadline for comments.
- BCTS controls 20% of the forest and the remaining 80% is private lands, tree farm licences, or community forest. Community forest and non BCTS auctions exist in the northern part of the peninsula. Most of the harvestable forest is in control of BCTS. This is where consultation occurs around watershed considerations.
- In the Operating Plan terms are open to interpretation.
- The recommendations support a de facto buffer zone.
- The SCRD Infrastructure Department did a study on aquifers that led to decisions on public wells.

Recommendation No. 1 *BCTS Operating Plan Referral 2026-2030*

The Area D APC concurs and supports the proposed recommendations from staff.

Recommendation No. 2 *BCTS Operating Plan Referral 2026-2030*

The Area D APC recommends that language referring to monitoring be explicit and include the parameters of the monitoring, who is responsible for performing the monitoring, and the frequency of the monitoring, and further that the results of monitoring be publicly available.

Recommendation No. 3 *BCTS Operating Plan Referral 2026-2030*

The Area D APC recommends that BCTS perform pre-logging evaluations of the quality and quantity of both public and private available water sources and evaluate post-works water availability quality and quantity, in order to understand and prevent impacts from logging operations to the water sources.

Recommendation No. 4 *BCTS Operating Plan Referral 2026-2030*

The Area D APC recommends that BCTS accept and indemnify financial risks to property owners for reduction in water resources availability and water quality.

Recommendation No. 5 *BCTS Operating Plan Referral 2026-2030*

The Area D APC recommends that BCTS hold logging operations and logging stakeholders financially liable for any future negative impacts caused by their logging.

Recommendation No. 6 *BCTS Operating Plan Referral 2026-2030*

The Area D APC recommends that BCTS conduct an economic impact study and consult with all trail users about proposed logging areas and how it might impact trails and what remediation would be required.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT The Director's Report was received.

NEXT MEETING May 5, 2026

ADJOURNMENT 7:49 p.m.