

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
NATURAL RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

May 16, 2018

MINUTES FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CEDAR ROOM AT THE SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT OFFICES, 1975 FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, BC

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| PRESENT: | Members | Anayansi Cohen-Fernandez Gordon Cassidy Gordon Littlejohn Burt Myers |
| ALSO PRESENT: | Senior Planner Planner Planning Office Assistant/Recorder | David Rafael Julie Clark Genevieve Dixon |
| REGRETS: | Member | Gordon White Bill Henwood |
| ABSENT: | Member Electoral Area A Director | Andre Sobolewski Shawna Van Poppelen David Rush Gerald Shaffer Mariel Yglesias Frank Mauro |

CALL TO ORDER 3:35 p.m.

AGENDA The agenda was adopted as presented.

INTRODUCTIONS

David Rafael, Senior Planner acted as the Chair for the meeting.

Roundtable introductions of the Natural Resource Advisory Committee members and staff present at the meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Natural Resource Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

The NRAC Terms of Reference were reviewed in detail with the Committee. A PowerPoint orientation presentation was displayed for the committee with an overview of the Planning processes and the SCR D role as an organization.

Regarding specific points in the Terms of Reference:

- Electronic copies of the agenda will be circulated to Committee members one week prior to the meeting.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Natural Resource Advisory Committee agreed that selection of Chair and Vice Chair will be considered at the next meeting.

REPORTS

BC Timber Sales Operations 2018 - 2022

Key points of discussion:

- The SCRDR receives an annual update from BCTS each year, for five year cut block plans.
- BCTS should map out the eelgrass along the coastal areas
- Has BCTS commented on the eelgrass mapping and sensitive ecosystems?
- What is around the cut blocks as far as growth and regeneration?
- SCRDR staff to provide comments back to BCTS by June 5, 2018. NRAC will be able to submit feedback to BCTS through staff past the due date.
- SCRDR staff to invite NRAC to a future NRAC meeting to go over the BCTS proposed cut block 5 year plan for 2019.

Recommendation No. 1 *BC Timber Sales Operations 2018-2022*

The Natural Resource Advisory Committee accepts the SCRDR staff's recommendations as amended;

AND THAT the Natural Resource Advisory Committee requests further time to review the BCTS report. Further recommendations may be added next meeting;

AND THAT the Natural Resource Advisory Committee recommends that BCTS include an appropriately designed buffer for the wind farm around in the Coastal Douglas Fir biogeoclimatic zone.

Recommendation No. 2 *BC Timber Sales Operations 2018-2022*

The Natural Resource Advisory Committee recommended that the SCRDR staff invite BCTS to attend a future NRAC meeting.

Provincial Referral CRN00054 for BC Ferry Services Inc. Regarding Langdale Ferry Terminal Pedestrian Walkway – Electoral Area F.

Key points of discussion:

- Environmental study was discussed.
- Forged fish spawning on the foreshore area to be protected.
- A Building permit will be applied for, for the pedestrian walkway.
- Space confinement an issue for proposed pedestrian walkway.
- Viewing platform information on creek is vague, not a lot of detail noted on how to protect the environment. No tide chart information with respect to sediment movement during construction.
- No rationale for best practices for construction for moved and added sediments.
- Why the widening of the causeway? Staff will seek an answer and note it in Planning and community Development Committee report.

Recommendation No. 3 Provincial Referral CRN00054 for BC Ferry Services Inc.
Regarding Langdale Ferry Terminal Pedestrian Walkway – Electoral Area F.

The Natural Resources Advisory Committee recommended that the BC Ferry Services Inc. assessment report, provide a broader description of best management practices be used during construction with respect to sediment.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, June 20, 2018

ADJOURNMENT 5:21 p.m.