



# SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
TO BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
MINISTERIAL ORDER M192 AND TRANSMITTED VIA  
THE BOARDROOM OF THE SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT  
OFFICES AT 1975 FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, B.C.**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021**

## **AMENDED AGENDA**

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**CALL TO ORDER 2:00 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

1. Adoption of agenda

### **MINUTES**

2. Regular Board meeting minutes of April 8, 2021

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### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

3. Brian Anderson, BC Ferries -  
Regarding Summer Ferry Service Trial

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### **REPORTS**

4. Infrastructure Services Committee recommendation Nos. 1-5 of  
April 8, 2021
5. Planning and Community Development Committee recommendation  
Nos. 1-9 of April 15, 2021
- 5a. **⇒ADD** Corporate and Administrative Services Committee  
recommendation Nos. 1, 9 and 10 of April 22, 2021

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6. Chief Administrative Officer's Report of April 22, 2021

Verbal

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **MOTIONS**

### **BYLAWS**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Verbal

**NEW BUSINESS**

7. **⇒ADD** Draft Letter of Support for Help Cities Lead Campaign as referred per Planning and Community Development Committee recommendation No. 7 of April 15, 2021

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**IN CAMERA**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Recommendation No. 1**     *Draft Audited Financial Statements for Year Ended December 31, 2020*

THAT the report titled Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) 2020 Draft Audited Financial Statements, and the following documents, be received:

- Final Audit Report to the Board of Directors;
- Draft Independent Auditor's Reports for SCRD;
- Draft Independent Auditor's Reports for Foreshore Leases (Hillside);
- Draft Audited Financial Statements for year ended December 31, 2020;

AND THAT the draft audited Financial Statements for year ended December 31, 2020 be approved as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT this recommendation be forwarded to the April 22, 2021 Board Meeting.

**Recommendation No. 9**     *Local Government Development Approvals Grant Program Application*

THAT the report titled Local Government Development Approvals Grant Program Application be received;

AND THAT the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) endorses a grant application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for the Local Government Development Approvals Grant Program for \$253,000 for the SCRD Planning Enhancement Project;

AND THAT the SCRD indicates to the UBCM a willingness to provide overall grant management;

AND THAT a joint letter of support be written by the District of Sechelt and the SCRD for both application submissions;

AND FURTHER THAT this recommendation be forwarded to the April 22, 2021 Board Meeting.

**Recommendation No. 10**     *Online Accommodation Platform Funding - Affordable Housing Initiatives*

THAT the report titled Online Accommodation Platform Funding – Affordable Housing Initiatives be received;

AND THAT the 2019 / 2020 Municipal Regional District Tax / Online Accommodation Platform funds in the amount of \$86,001 be allocated to the Regional Planning Service [500];

AND THAT a proposal be submitted through Sunshine Coast Tourism to Destination BC to engage with an individual or agency to perform as a Regional Housing Coordinator for a fixed period of time and budget;

AND THAT staff explore options for collaboration with the Housing Action Table Steering Committee as part of next steps;

AND THAT staff report back to the May 20, 2021 Planning and Community Development Committee on the status of the proposal and next steps for implementation;

AND FURTHER THAT this recommendation be forwarded to the April 22, 2021 Board Meeting.

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April 22, 2021

The Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy:

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The Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs: [MAH.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MAH.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

The Honourable Bruce Ralston, Minister of Energy, Mines, and Low-Carbon Innovation:

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The Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance: [FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

The Honourable David Eby, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing:

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Dear Honourable Ministers:

**RE: Letter of Support for the Help Cities Lead Campaign**

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The Sunshine Coast Regional District is writing you in support of the Help Cities Lead (HCL) building decarbonization campaign, but through our own unique lens as a small rural community.

HCL is an education and awareness campaign focused on accelerating building decarbonization through collaboration between the Province of British Columbia and local governments. The group is led by Climate Caucus and supported by local governments and environmental NGO's.

Local governments are on the front lines of climate change dealing with the impacts of floods, droughts, forest fires, heat waves, etc. We are doing our best to provide the strong climate leadership that our residents are clamouring for, but we urgently need expanded regulatory authority in order to achieve our climate targets.

The need to accelerate building decarbonization is urgent, especially the retrofit of existing building stock. Recent climate policy modelling shows that existing policy tools and programs will not bring us near our GHG emissions targets. And small communities can't begin to do this without broader regulatory authority, well designed programs, and funding.

In particular, we urge you to take into account the needs and capacities of small, rural and remote communities when you create new programs. For example, implementation of the Step Code on the Sunshine Coast is challenging because we have no local source of required services, such as energy advisors. The cost of importing in-demand experts is adding to soaring construction costs at a time we already face an affordable housing crisis. Also, are you considering ways to decrease the burden of regulatory compliance instead of adding to it? We need immediate action, not further sources of delay.

The Sunshine Coast Regional District strongly supports addressing climate change through collaboration between the Province, local governments and First Nations. And we are willing to step up and work with you on solutions to the extra challenges faced by small, rural and remote communities.

Sincerely,

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT**

Lori Pratt,  
Board Chair

cc: Lisa Helps, Mayor, City of Victoria: [mayor@victoria.ca](mailto:mayor@victoria.ca)