

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT**

**AREA B - HALFMOON BAY  
ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION**

**November 26, 2019**

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AREA B ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD IN THE COOPERS GREEN COMMUNITY HALL AT COOPERS GREEN PARK, 5500  
FISHERMAN ROAD, HALFMOON BAY, BC

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	Chair	Frank Belfry
	Members	Elise Rudland Barbara Bolding (Recorder) Catherine Onzik Bruce Thorpe Jim Noon Marina Stjepovic
	Electoral Area B Director	Lori Pratt (Non-Voting Board Liaison)
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<b>REGRETS</b>	Members	Nicole Huska Eleanor Lenz
<b>ABSENT</b>	Member	Guy Tremblay Alda Grames

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

Meeting minutes taken by an APC member.

**AGENDA**                    The agenda was amended and adopted as follows:

Move # 10 under Reports to #8

**MINUTES**

Area B Minutes

The Area B APC minutes of October 22, 2019 were adopted as presented.

Minutes

The following minutes were received for information:

- Egmont/Pender Harbour (Area A) APC Minutes of October 30, 2019
- Elphinstone (Area E) APC Minutes of October 23, 2019
- Planning and Community Development Committee Minutes of October 10, 2019

## REPORTS

### Provincial Referral CRN00092 for a Private Moorage (2412002)

The following comments were made:

- The property cannot have two water access tenures i.e. concrete boat launch and a dock.
- The owner has no intention of using the remaining ramp.
- The owner has an opinion from a Registered Professional Biologist that removal of the concrete would damage the existing foreshore more than would leaving it in place.
- Future use of the concrete ramp could be prevented by the installation of a permanent concrete barrier/bollards on the upland side.
- Property is zoned W1 which does not allow a private boat ramp/launch.
- Highly likely that a Registered Professional Biologist's opinion supporting safe removal of the concrete could be obtained.
- Should the SCRDP or the Ministry allow the ramp to remain in place, we suggest that the tenure include specific wording to clearly and specifically indicate that if the ramp is used in the future, the dock tenure would become invalid and the dock would need to be removed.

### Recommendation No. 1      *Provincial Referral CRN00092 for a Private Moorage (2412002)*

The APC recommends option 3 listed in the staff report as reads "no objection to approval of the project subject to conditions. Those conditions are items 2 a-f of the Recommendations on the first page of the Report.

AND THAT The APC strongly supports Condition 2.a: "The existing boat ramp is removed and the foreshore restored under Provincial direction."

### Crab Road Beach Access Enhancement Opportunities

- The staff report was received and discussed.

### Recommendation No. 2      *Crab Road Beach Access Enhancement Opportunities*

The APC wishes to reiterate the importance of addressing:

- Debris and dead trees in the area (fire hazard);
- Neighbour encroachment onto the public access.

### Regional Inter-Jurisdictional Invasive Plant Management Strategy

The following comments were made:

- We were frustrated by the separate and different requests sent to the APC in the 2 documents:
  - 1) The "Referral" sent on November 19, 2019, and
  - 2) The "Staff Report" Recommendations dated May 9, 2019.After discussion we chose to respond to the "Staff Report...request for identification of priorities".

- Prioritizing and implementing actions to manage invasive species is complex and time consuming. It cannot be done off the side of someone's desk. Nor can it be done by volunteers. At this point the **SCRD must support the implementation of a plan that addresses local accountability** e.g. goals, objectives, policies, procedures, education/training programs, outcome measurements and timelines for the Board, for SCR D employees and for SCR D citizens. The management plan must have a budget and it must have a designated manager. And both must be in place soon because the longer they are delayed, the worse the problems will become.

Note: Other jurisdictions e.g. Squamish have already developed Invasive Species Management Plans. It may be possible to adapt an existing plan to meet the SCR D's requirements. Budget dollars will still be required, as will a SCR D project manager to adapt and implement an external plan.

**Recommendation No. 3**     *Regional Inter-Jurisdictional Invasive Plant Management Strategy*

The APC feels strongly that the priority for invasive plant management strategy is local accountability. A strategic plan has been developed. It must now be operationalized and this will require:

- A designated project manager
- A budget sufficient to achieve the project goals

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

The Director's report was received.

**NEXT MEETING**     January 28, 2020

**ADJOURNMENT**     8:40 p.m.