

# SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

## AREA F – WEST HOWE SOUND ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

February 23, 2021

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WEST HOWE SOUND (AREA F) ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	Chair	Gretchen Bozak
	Members	Susan Fitchell Doug MacLennan Fred Gazeley Kate-Louise Stamford Sarah Macdonald Alicia Lavalle Al Hyland
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Director, Electoral Area F	Mark Hiltz (Non-Voting Board Liaison)
	Alternate Director, Electoral Area F	Camilla Berry
	TELUS Representatives	Chad Marlatt (invited guest) Doug Anastos (invited guest)
	Recording Secretary	Diane Corbett
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*New members Alicia Lavalle and Al Hyland were welcomed to the Area F APC; past member John Rogers was recognized with thanks for his service.*

**CALL TO ORDER** 7:09 p.m.

### **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Gretchen Bozak was appointed Chair of the Area F (West Howe Sound) Advisory Planning Commission for 2021.

Susan Fitchell was appointed Vice Chair of the Area F (West Howe Sound) Advisory Planning Commission for 2021.

### **AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

## **MINUTES**

### West Howe Sound (Area F) Minutes

The West Howe Sound (Area F) APC minutes of November 24, 2020 were approved as circulated.

### Minutes

The following minutes were received for information:

- Egmont/Pender Harbour (Area A) APC Minutes of November 25/20 & January 27/21
- Halfmoon Bay (Area B) APC Minutes of January 26, 2021
- Roberts Creek (Area D) APC November 18, 2020 & January 20, 2021
- Planning and Community Development Committee Minutes of November 12, December 10, 2020 & January 21, 2021

## **REPORTS**

### TELUS Telecommunication Tower – Twin Creeks (BC109149) – Request for Local Government Concurrence

The APC discussed the staff report regarding a Request for Local Government Concurrence on the TELUS Telecommunication Tower – Twin Creeks (BC109149).

Chad Marlatt of Cypress Land Services and Doug Anastos of TELUS addressed the APC regarding the proposed telecommunications tower located in the Twin Creeks area of West Howe Sound.

Points from discussion included:

- This is long overdue; the telecommunication from YMCA Road area all the way to Port Mellon has very poor reception, with the exception of a few spots.
- This would help telecommunication reception on Gambier Island, and along Thornbrough Channel to McNab Creek.
- Have noticed on personal TELUS statements that transmission more often goes through Bowen Island rather than the tower on the bypass. The proposed tower location seems like a good position.
- Marine service in the area has very spotty communications.
- There are few residences in the area of the proposed tower.
- This would be an improvement of communications related to safety and in the event of emergencies, such as accidents due to poor Port Mellon Highway road conditions.
- People in Williamson's Landing will be positively impacted.

### **Recommendation No. 1**

### *TELUS Telecommunication Tower – Twin Creeks (BC109149)*

The West Howe Sound Advisory Planning Commission recommended that the application for a TELUS telecommunication tower at Twin Creeks (BC109149) proceed as planned, with the provision that the Crown right of way be provided from Port Mellon highway to the site, and that the application be supported for the following reasons:

- improved communications at Thornbrough Channel, Williamson's Landing, Port Mellon highway, Port Mellon, and Gambier Island;
  - necessity for communications for emergency conditions and safety concerns in the

area.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Director's report was received.

**NEXT MEETING**      Tuesday, March 23, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT**      8:50 p.m.