



DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
NOTICE OF
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Monday, April 9, 2018 @ 7 PM
School House, 1589 Millstream Road

A G E N D A

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) [Special Committee of the Whole – March 26, 2018](#)

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Recommendation: Adopt

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) [RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SUSTAINABLE LAND USE SELECT COMMITTEE – FEBRUARY 20, 2018](#)

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i. **Mines Act Permit**

**Referred from the March 12, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting*

SLUSC's Recommendation to Council: That in consideration of the lack of response from BC MMEPR to the informal requests from DoH, that Council initiate a formal FOI request. (Specific information topics remain those identified as "missing from application" in our Oct 2017 recommendation to Council: mine reclamation plan, environmental assessment, impacts on migratory salmonids in nearby streams).

b) [Memo – L. Hilton, CAO, April 5, 2018](#)

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[DRAFT 2: 2018-2022 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN](#)

Recommendation: That Council endorse the 2018 Financial Plan – Option 2 Tax policy approach and That staff be directed to prepare the Financial Plan Bylaw and Tax Rates Bylaw reflecting the option 2 tax policy approach as contained in the report from the Chief Administrative Officer dated April 5, 2018.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a) [RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SUSTAINABLE LAND USE SELECT COMMITTEE – MARCH 20, 2018](#)

i. **Local Area Plan for the South Highlands**

Background discussion: SLUSC members agree that a Local Area Plan (LAP) for the South Highlands would provide useful advance guidance to both residents and developers about what types and scales of future development are appropriate (and at what locations) in the South Highlands. SLUSC is willing to provide input, but present members do not feel qualified to lead this process.

Committee Action (MOVED and CARRIED):

SLUSC recommends that Council/Staff:

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- a) Provide a brief update to our Committee on any current activity toward LAP development
 - b) Consider funding accelerated development of an LAP as a Special Project in the 2018 budget cycle

ii. **Traffic Safety/Regulation – Slow Community**

Background discussion: SLUSC members agree that

- *There has been a noticeable long-term trend toward increasing vehicle traffic volume and excessive vehicle speed on Highlands’s roads.*
- *Combined with instances of aggressive driving, these cause safety hazards for all road users (pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians perhaps even more than for motorized vehicle occupants) and degrade quality-of-life for residents living along the roads.*
- *Many Highlands roads will (and should) continue to be used by pedestrians, cyclists, equestrians and pet walkers.*
- *Traffic is especially problematic on the roads that connect across Highlands borders (Millstream Lake-Ross Durrance, Munns, lower Millstream, and Finlayson Arm Roads) and during morning and evening commute times. Current speed limits on these roads range from 25-50 km/hr (and were often exceeded by 10-15 km/hr or more).*
- *Bob McMinn and Cathy Reader reported improvement along the Millstream Lake/Ross Durrance corridor following recently intensified RCMP enforcement of existing speed limits.*

However, based on both personal experience and input from neighbours, SLUSC members felt that a District-wide maximum speed of 30km/hr (lower on some roads) could have unintended negative consequences such as:

- *Sense by some drivers that the reduced speed limits are “unreasonable”, leading to poor or greatly uneven compliance.*
- *Dangerous passing of accumulated lines of slower-moving vehicles.*
- *Increases in emergency response times.*

Committee Action (MOVED and CARRIED):

SLUSC recommends that:



- a) Council/Staff should consult the Fire Chief for an analysis of Fire Department response time implications (both to fire and as medical first responder).
- b) Current speed limits may be adequate if strictly enforced, especially during peak traffic time periods. Deterrent effect (compliance with speed limits due to fear-of-ticketing) is likely maximized if RCMP enforcement campaigns are unannounced and a bit unpredictable in timing.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**