



**DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF SUSTAINABLE LAND USE
SELECT COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, January 17, 2017 @ 7:00pm
SCHOOL HOUSE, 1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD**

PRESENT:

Val Fletcher
Neville Grigg
Dave Mackas
Bob McMinn
Allan Roger

ABSENT:

Ingo Lambrecht
Ellie Rayner

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Warren Lee

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Councillor Karen Burns

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved that the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. ELECTIONS

It was moved that the following nominated committee members be elected:

Chair: Allan Roger;
Vice-Chair: Ellie Rayner;
Recording Secretary: Val Fletcher

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved that the minutes of the Committee meeting of December 20, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Councillor Burns outlined council's recent major initiatives/decisions for January.

5. THREATS TO HIGHLANDS SUSTAINABILITY

Moved that the committee recommend to Council that the District use a local area plan approach to provide better control over future developments in the commercial/industrial areas of the south Highlands.

CARRIED

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Groundwater Education Pamphlet 2016

Dave discussed final edits (in RED) with the committee to the pamphlet for mail out with the 2017 tax notices.

It was Moved that the document (see Attachment: Groundwater Pamphlet 2017 (FINAL REV).docx) be forwarded to council for final review and approval. CARRIED

b. UVIC Geography Reports on for Community Education and Outreach for Groundwater Protection Practices.

Val presented a summary of the Group 3 report and felt it was the most comprehensive report and captured much of which was in the other two reports (see Attachment: Outline of UVIC Report 3.docx). The report recommends that one way to promote public awareness of groundwater protection is accessible reference materials – a start on this could be made by posting the groundwater education pamphlet on-line along with other available resource materials (well maintenance, water conservation measures etc.)

Given the difficulty and scope of pulling together an action plan from the UVIC Law Clinic Analysis and the Golder Groundwater Protection Plan, Neville thought it was best to focus on the greatest threat to our groundwater. The Golder report points out that the Highlands Emergency Response Plan currently does not specifically address events that could result in contamination of groundwater resources – e.g. a hazardous waste spill of furnace oil through road accident on land or near a stream – and what the immediate response procedures, actions and resources would be required. A Hazard-Specific Plan has not been prepared to specifically address groundwater contamination. (refer to Section 13, Phase III, of Golder Report).

Moved that this shortfall in Hazard-Specific Plans be forwarded to Council for consideration and their referral to the Emergency Planning Committee for their consideration and action. CARRIED

The committee will continue to review all the documents mentioned above and propose action items as we move forward.

7. NEW BUSINESS

After reviewing a presentation from Warren Lee (see Attachment: SLUSC Update On Weather Stations.txt) regarding purchase of two new weather stations and their location the committee recommend to Council that two new weather stations be purchased for \$2500 to be installed at the East Fire Hall and the Community Centre. CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved that the meeting adjourn at 9:45 pm. CARRIED

Recording Secretary

Chair

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday February 21, 2017, 7:00 pm at the School House