



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

**Tuesday, February 20, 2018 @ 7:00pm
SCHOOL HOUSE, 1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD**

PRESENT

Ingo Lambrecht
Dave Mackas
Bob McMinn
Allan Roger

ABSENT:

Ellie Rayner

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:

Councillor Karen Burns

1. ELECTIONS

It was moved and Seconded that the following nominated committee members be elected: Chair: Allan Roger; Vice-Chair: Ellie Rayner; Recording Secretary: to rotate monthly. CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved and Seconded that the Agenda be approved. CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved and Seconded that the minutes of the Committee meeting of November 17, 2017 be adopted. CARRIED

4. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Councillor Burns outlined council's recent major initiatives and decisions for December through February.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) **Groundwater Protection**

Committee Action: concluded that this topic is currently inactive (no Council referrals, no planned SLUSC reports); remove from monthly agendas until new actions are required.

b) **Local Area Plan for the South Highlands**

Committee Action: Ongoing SLUSC interest, but discussion deferred until March meeting to include input from Ellie Rayner

c) **Weather Stations**

3 stations are operational (Municipal Hall, Community Hall, Cal Reville). The East and West Firehall stations still await installation of mounting hardware (masts & brackets).

d) **Mines Act Permit FOI Recommendation to Council**

Committee Action: understanding is that no additional information was provided by BC Ministry of Mines, Energy and Petroleum Resources in response to a November 2017 informal enquiry by CAO Hilton.

Moved and Seconded that it be recommended 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).

CARRIED

The Committee anticipates that any FOI cost-recovery fee would be negligible in light of the informal response assertion that there were no communications on the file.

e) **SLUSC Work Review**

Committee Action: continue periodic internal review of effectiveness and outcomes of SLUSC activities. This will consist of monthly updating of activity log (by Chair) and annual discussion/evaluation of progress (by full Committee.)

6. THREATS TO HIGHLANDS SUSTAINABILITY

Committee Action: discussed risk to residents and property posed by potential for a major interface wildfire. Chair will discuss with Fire Department whether SLUSC can usefully contribute to future outreach and education meetings and/or pamphlets.

7. ANNUAL WORKPLAN

Committee Action: continue to respond to referrals from Council, plus initiate research and recommendations regarding emergency threats to sustainability.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:45 pm.

CARRIED

Recording Secretary

Chair

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday March 21, 2018, 7:00 pm at the School House
(Note: delayed one day to avoid conflict with the HDCA
Speaker Series Event scheduled for March 20)