



## DISTRICT OF SECHELT

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 4, 2024, 7:00 pm  
Community Meeting Room  
1st Floor, 5797 Cowrie St., Sechelt  
and Via Zoom Online Meeting Platform

PRESENT: Mayor J. Henderson, Councillor D. Bell, Councillor D. Inkster, Councillor D. McLauchlan, Councillor B. Rowe, Councillor A. Shepherd, Councillor A. Toth

STAFF: Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Corporate and Community Services L. Roberts, Director of Planning and Development A. Allen, Director of Financial Services and Information Technology D. Douglas, Acting Director of Engineering & Operations M. Lee, Corporate Officer K. Poulsen, Administrative Assistant C. Kidd (Recording Secretary)

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#### 1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair acknowledged the land acknowledgement on the Agenda.

#### 2. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

The Mayor called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:01 pm and asked for declarations of conflict. There were none.

#### 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

##### Res. No. 2024-9A-01

Moved/ Seconded

That the September 4, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be amended to defer item 6.1 to a future meeting; and

That the September 4, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4. DELEGATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

**4.1 British Columbia Conservation Officer Service, Sergeant D. Miller**

Sergeant Dean Miller briefed Council on the BC Conservation Officer Services' bear cub response policies and procedures.

**5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**5.1 Notice of Motion - Mayor Henderson: Governance Audit**

The Mayor provided an overview of the proposed motions.

**Res. No. 2024-9A-02**

Moved/ Seconded

That the full reports from the George B. Cuff District of Sechelt Governance Audit be released to the public.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED: Councillor McLauchlan**

**Res. No. 2024-9A-03**

Moved/ Seconded

That Staff be directed to update Council on their plans, recommendations and next steps to address the recommendations of the Governance Audit in writing at the September 25, 2024 meeting of Council.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED: Councillor Toth**

**5.2 Notice of Motion - Mayor Henderson: Community Safety**

Council discussed the current community safety strategy, the budget process needed to fund the recommendations, and the community engagement that is currently underway.

**Res. No. 2024-9A-04**

Moved/ Seconded

That Council directs staff to implement a Community Safety Officer programme comprising at least 4 full time positions; and

That Council directs staff to hire a Coordinator to implement and manage a Community Block Watch programme in cooperation with the RCMP; and

That Council direct staff to provide a detailed road map, at our September 25th Council meeting, to deliver the above, including necessary bylaws that contemplates full implementation, including hiring of personnel, not later December 31st, 2024; and

That Council direct staff to identify and recommend options for funding the costs for these initiatives (likely in the order of \$750,000 per annum) including from general reserves, tax increases and grant funding programmes; and

That Council authorize the Mayor and at least one Councillor to travel to Victoria and elsewhere to advocate with Provincial political and senior bureaucrats for funding for these projects; and

That Council authorize at least one Councillor to accompany that Mayor to Ottawa in November to advocate with appropriate federal government ministers and senior staff regarding changes to the criminal code; and

That Council invite leaders of other municipalities to join these advocacy efforts in Victoria and Ottawa; and

That Council send a letter to all candidates for the Provincial election outlining our concerns about Crime & Safety in Sechelt and ask them what actions they will take, if elected.

**DEFEATED**

**OPPOSED: Councillors Bell, Inkster, McLauchlan, Rowe, Shepherd, Toth**

*The meeting was recessed at 8:05 pm.*

*The meeting reconvened at 8:07 pm.*

### **5.3 Development Permit with Variance for 4686 Sunshine Coast Highway**

Staff informed Council that after the building permit was issued, a series of construction decisions resulted in the structure being higher than what was allowable in this zone. In order to correct the issue and bring the building into compliance, a large portion of the structure would have to be removed and re-constructed.

**Res. No. 2024-9A-05**

Moved/ Seconded

That the property owner or their agent negotiate an amenity to support the Davis Bay Wilson Creek Selma Park Community Association that is approximately equal to the cost to modify the structure in order to comply with Zoning Bylaw 580.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED: Councillors Rowe, Inkster.**

**Res. No. 2024-9A-06**

Moved/ Seconded

That consideration of Development Variance Permit 2024-14 be deferred pending the result of the community amenity negotiations.

**CARRIED**

**5.4 Development Permit with Variance for 6217 Highmoor Road**

**Res. No. 2024-9A-07**

Moved/ Seconded

That Development Variance Permit 2024-11 be approved and issued, subject to removal of retaining walls from the public road right of way and adjacent private property.

**CARRIED**

**5.5 Development Permit with Variance for 7071 Porpoise Drive**

**Res. No. 2024-9A-08**

Moved/ Seconded

That Development Variance Permit 2024-04 be approved and issued.

**CARRIED**

**6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**6.1 Minutes of the August 19, 2024 Special Council to Closed Meeting**

**Res. No. 2024-9A-09**

Moved/ Seconded

That the Minutes of the August 19, 2024 Special Council to Closed Meeting be amended to replace "Mayor" with the "Chair" under the Call to Order; and

That the minutes of the August 19, 2024 Special Council to Closed Meeting be adopted, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Minutes of the August 7, 2024 Regular Council Meeting**

**Res. No. 2024-9A-10**

Moved/ Seconded

That the Minutes of the August 7, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be amended to removes "12" from the fifth bullet point under Item 5.3; and

That the Minutes of the August 7, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be adopted, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**6.3 Minutes of the July 24, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**Res. No. 2024-9A-11**

Moved/ Seconded

That the Minutes of the July 24, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting be received and the following recommendation be endorsed:

(3) That the July 24, 2024, Committee of the Whole staff report titled Community Forest Legacy Fund Dividends Policy and Bylaw Amendment be referred back to staff for further analysis and consideration of comments from the Sunshine Coast Community Forest Board of Directors.

**CARRIED**

**6.4 Minutes of the July 2, 2024 Advisory Planning Commission**

**Res. No. 2024-9A-12**

Moved/ Seconded

That the Minutes of the July 2, 2024 Advisory Planning Commission Meeting be received.

**CARRIED**

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

**8. COUNCIL REPORTS**

**8.1 Sunshine Coast Regional District Representatives**

Council received verbal updates from the Sunshine Coast Regional District Representatives.

**8.2 Council**

Council provided verbal updates on their activities.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**9.1 Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs (UBCIC)**

**Res. No. 2024-9A-13**

Moved/ Seconded

That the District of Sechelt Council issue a letter to the Union of BC Indian Chiefs and shíshálh Nation in support of UBCIC Resolution No. 2024-33.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED: Mayor Henderson**

**10. RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING ITEMS**

None.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Res. No. 2024-9A-14**

Moved/ Seconded

That the September 4, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 9:13 pm.

**CARRIED**

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Certified correct by:

John Henderson, Mayor

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Kerianne Poulsen, Corporate Officer