



DISTRICT OF SECHELT

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

**January 22, 2025, 3:00 pm
Community Meeting Room
1st Floor, 5797 Cowrie St., Sechelt
and Via Zoom Online Meeting Platform**

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

ABSENT: Councillor A. Toth

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

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair acknowledged their gratitude for living on the traditional lands of the shíshálh Nation.

2. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

The Chair called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 3:00 pm and asked for declarations of conflict. There were none.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Recommendation No. 1

Moved/ Seconded

That the January 22, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**4.1 Royal Astronomical Society of Canada- Sechelt Branch**

Charles Ennis, President of the Sunshine Coast Centre, of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, addressed Council regarding the Dark Sky Community Certification. He outlined benefits of directed lighting use and noted that the District of Sechelt has met the regulatory requirements for Dark Sky Community status since 2019 and would only need to submit an application.

Recommendation No. 2

Moved/ Seconded

That staff be directed to apply for status as a Dark Sky Community.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ITEMS**5.1 2024 Fourth Quarter Report**

Staff responded to and clarified questions about the Community Land Development Analysis (CLDA) and Official Community Plan (OCP), locations of where the art wrapped hydro boxes, the recent grant application by the Sechelt Downtown Business Association submitted for upgrades to the Trail Bay Boulevard, the potential use of tiny homes as dwellings in the District of Sechelt, and vacant staff positions.

Recommendation No. 3

Moved/ Seconded

That the 2024 Fourth Quarter Report be received.

CARRIED

5.2 Climate Action Initiatives For 2025

In response to questions, staff confirmed that there are some Green House Gas (GHG) emission targets listed in the OCP, though there is no official Climate Action Plan in place. A Climate Action Plan may help to expedite Sechelt's preparedness for climate

change and demonstrate Sechelt's commitment to climate action for future grant applications.

Recommendation No. 4

Moved/ Seconded

That the Climate Action Initiatives Report be received.

CARRIED

Recommendation No. 5

Moved/ Seconded

That staff bring back a report with a more detailed workplan and budget implications to address climate change in the District of Sechelt.

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation No. 6

Moved/ Seconded

That the January 22, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 3:59 pm.

Certified correct by:

Darren Inkster, Chair

Certified correct by:

Kerianne Poulsen, Corporate Officer