

Meeting Minutes

Electoral Areas Committee

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

11:00 AM

**6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7**

PRESENT

Directors: P. Brent (Chair), G. Holman (Vice Chair), A. Wickheim, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; S. Carby, Senior Manager, Protective Services; S. Henderson, Senior Manager, Real Estate and Southern Gulf Islands Administration; C. Neilson, Senior Manager, Human Resources & Corporate Safety; D. Ovington, Acting Senior Manager, Salt Spring Island Administration; J. Starke, Manager, Service Delivery, Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area; M. Taylor, Manager, Building Inspection; C. Vrabel, Manager, Fire Services (EP); M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

Guest: Director M. Little

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Wickheim provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Wickheim, **SECONDED** by Director Holman,
That the agenda for the November 13, 2024 Electoral Areas Committee meeting
be approved.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [24-1161](#) Minutes of the October 9, 2024 Electoral Areas Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Wickheim,
That the minutes of the Electoral Areas Committee meeting of October 9, 2024 be
adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations.

5.1. Delegations

- 5.1.1. [24-1188](#) Delegation - Michael Kilpatrick; Representing Mayne Island Invasive Fallow Deer Committee: Re: Agenda Item 7.1.: Motion with Notice: Advocacy on Fallow Deer Issue (Director Brent)

M. Kilpatrick spoke to Item 7.1.

6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [24-1087](#) Fire Safety Act - Designation of Fire Safety Inspectors and Fire Investigators

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding any implications for the Salt Spring Island improvement district.

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Director Wickheim,
The Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**

That the positions identified in Appendix A be designated as fire safety inspectors and fire investigators for the electoral areas within the CRD.

CARRIED

- 6.2. [24-1088](#) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Grant: Volunteer & Composite Fire Department Equipment & Training 2024 Application

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- allocation of funds
- confirmation of which fire departments are eligible to apply directly

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Director Wickheim,
The Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**

That staff be instructed to apply for, negotiate, and if successful, enter into an agreement, and do all such things necessary for accepting grant funds and overseeing grant management for the proposed project.

CARRIED

6.3. [24-1167](#) Request to Amend Remuneration for Elected Officials of the Salt Spring Electoral Area

C. Neilson spoke to Item 6.4.

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Brent,
The Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the remuneration for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area Director and Commissioners of the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission be retained at the current remuneration level, and that this be evaluated in 2026 as scheduled and as part of the regular remuneration review for the 2027-2030 Board term.

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Brent,
That the main motion be amended to replace the words "That the remuneration for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area Director and Commissioners of the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission be retained at the current remuneration level" with the words, "That the local portion of remuneration for the SSI Electoral Area Director be reduced by \$10,000 per year and increased by \$2,500 per year for each of the SSI Local Community Commission Commissioners in 2025 and 2026 and bring back a revised Board Remuneration Policy to reflect these changes."

Discussion ensued regarding whether members of the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission are potentially taking on work that is outside of their scope.

The question was called on the amendment:

That the main motion be amended to replace the words "That the remuneration for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area Director and Commissioners of the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission be retained at the current remuneration level" with the words, "That the local portion of remuneration for the SSI Electoral Area Director be reduced by \$10,000 per year and increased by \$2,500 per year for each of the SSI Local Community Commission Commissioners in 2025 and 2026 and bring back a revised Board Remuneration Policy to reflect these changes."

DEFEATED

Opposed: Brent, Plant

The question was called on the main motion:

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CARRIED

6.4. [24-1089](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

The following minutes were received for information:

a) Mayne Island Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of September 12, 2024

7. Notice(s) of Motion

7.1. [24-1032](#) Motion with Notice: Advocacy on Fallow Deer Issue (Director Brent)

Discussion ensued regarding:

- whether the letter should be broadened to include the federal government
- whether the farmer responsible for introducing these deer can be held financially responsible
- whether fallow deer pose a threat to the native black-tailed deer or domestic animals
- provincial regulatory changes required to aid with resolving this issue

MOVED by Director Brent, **SECONDED** by Director Holman,
The Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the CRD Board write to the Province urging they provide sustained funding for control of the invasive fallow deer decimating island environments and economies.

CARRIED

Director Plant left the meeting at 11:48 am.

7.2. [24-1031](#) Motion with Notice: Boarding House Building Inspection Policy in the Electoral Areas (Director Holman)

This Motion with Notice was withdrawn.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Wickheim,
That the November 13, 2024 Electoral Areas Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:51 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER