

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

**AREA F – WEST HOWE SOUND
ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION**

July 27, 2021

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WEST HOWE SOUND (AREA F) ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:	Chair	Susan Fitchell
	Members	Doug MacLennan Kate-Louise Stamford Sarah Macdonald Alicia Lavalley
ALSO PRESENT:	Director, Electoral Area F	Mark Hiltz (Non-Voting Board Liaison)
	Recording Secretary	Diane Corbett
REGRETS:	Members	Al Hyland Fred Gazeley

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 pm

AGENDA The agenda was adopted as presented.

MINUTES

West Howe Sound (Area F) Minutes

The West Howe Sound (Area F) APC minutes of June 22, 2021 were approved as circulated.

Minutes

Minutes received for information:

- Egmont/Pender Harbour (Area A) APC Minutes of June 30, 2021
- Halfmoon Bay (Area B) APC Minutes of June 22, 2021
- Roberts Creek (Area D) APC Minutes of June 21, 2021
- Elphinstone (Area E) APC Minutes of June 23, 2021
- Planning and Community Development Committee Minutes of June 17, 2021

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APC Minutes of June 2021 regarding Forestry Referrals: BC Timber Sales and Sunshine Coast Community Forest

In light of the wide range of responses in the June 2021 minutes of the various Advisory

Planning Commissions regarding “Forestry Referrals: BC Timber Sales and Sunshine Coast Community Forest”, a question was raised about whether the APCs are getting all of the appropriate information.

Interest was expressed in attendance at a forestry workshop for APCs, to increase understanding of what goes on in forestry in this region, what logging is, and how APCs fit in the picture.

There was discussion of the “demonstration forest” on sixty hectares of land owned by the SCRD at Hillside.

It was noted that the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development is going through a process of modernizing legislation around forestry.

It was announced that the Sunshine Coast Community Forest is in preliminary stages of putting together a citizen advisory panel to enhance community engagement.

There was discussion of the “FireSmart” program and how it does not accurately reflect conditions applicable to the varied coastal environments and landscapes.

REPORTS

Renaming Halkett Bay Dock on Gambier Island

The APC discussed the staff report regarding Renaming Halkett Bay Dock on Gambier Island. The following points were noted:

- Having visited Gambier for decades, was surprised to learn that Fircom Dock was not the right name.
- There is confusion around the location.
- Support for renaming. It will be less confusing.
- Gambier Island Local Trust Committee recently recommended support for the name change and suggested the Squamish Nation be the ones to decide what is the most appropriate name.
- Concern: in reading the referral, the staff suggestion that it would be a “reasonable” choice to name the dock “Fircom Dock” reflected a colonial, business-as-usual attitude. Squamish Nation needs to be more of an integral part of the process rather than receiving a referral. It isn’t right to have a process whereby the Squamish may have to be the ones to say it should be named something else. When thinking of naming a place in Squamish territory, it isn’t the same as a referral.
- This seems like an opportunity to change the business as usual practice such that the Squamish Nation process is not just business as usual.
- There is a safety aspect in the marine industry of changing a name. When there is a distress call we want to make the response as easy as possible. That is a really important aspect of the renaming. Supportive of giving Squamish Nation the final choice.
- This is driven by the community. The community recommended a renaming of their community dock, driven by their experience. That is part of the process as well.
- This area has a welcome pole above the dock; there has been a lot of relationship building with Camp Fircom and the Squamish people. There is support for the name change from Fircom Plateau.
- This dock is feeling pressure of the additional subdivision.

Recommendation No. 1 *Renaming Halkett Bay Dock on Gambier Island*

The APC recommended that the West Howe Sound Advisory Planning Commission support the renaming of the Halkett Bay Dock initiative and that any renaming be done in conjunction with the Squamish Nation.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's report was received.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, September 28, 2021

ADJOURNMENT 8:08 pm