

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

HALFMOON BAY (AREA B) ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

June 22, 2021

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE HALFMOON BAY (AREA B) ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD ELECTTONICALLY VIA ZOOM.

PRESENT:	Chair	Frank Belfry
	Members	Barbara Bolding (recorder) Nicole Huska Eleanor Lenz Alda Grames Kelsey Oxley
ALSO PRESENT:	Electoral Area D Director	Lori Pratt (Non-Voting Board Liaison)
	Canadian Weather Radar Replacement Representatives	Alvin Au Duong (Invited Guest) Pat Wong (Invited Guest) Sylvain Savard (Invited Guest)
REGRETS:	Members	Bruce Thorpe Dieter Greiner
ABSENT:	Members	Catherine Ondzik

CALL TO ORDER 7:05 p.m.

AGENDA The agenda was amended to change the order of business and to add New Business item: Election of APC Chair.

MINUTES

Area B APC Minutes

The Area B APC minutes of April 27, 2021 were amended as follows:

- Change Attendance to: Eleanor Lenz was absent
- Change Recommendation No. 1 to: With the exception of 1 member, the Area B APC supports the application for modification of the TELUS Tower in Secret Cove as proposed.

Minutes

The following minutes were received for information:

- Egmont / Pender Harbour (Area A) APC Minutes, April 28, 2021
- Roberts Creek (Area D) APC Minutes, May 17, 2021

- Elphinstone (Area E) APC Minutes, April 28 and May 26, 2021
- West Howe Sound (Area F) APC Minutes, April 27, 2021
- Planning and Community Development Committee Minutes, April 15 and May 20, 2021

REPORTS

Three representatives from Environment and Climate Change Canada attended the meeting.

Alvin Au Duong presented a short Power Point presentation summarizing the key points of the Weather Radar Replacement plans outlined in the Public Notification Package received with the APC meeting agenda. The Power Point reiterated the following:

- Need and reasons for the application
- Proposed location
- Capabilities of the new unit
- Steps taken to mitigate possible environmental effects

Canadian Weather Radar Replacement—Request for Local Government Concurrence (File#2412466)

The APC discussed the staff report regarding Weather Radar Replacement—Request for Concurrence. Questions were answered by the three ECCC representatives. The following points were noted:

- Location:
 - To be located on Crown land, able to share existing services including access road with nearby TELUS installation.
 - 10 minutes from Sechelt.
 - The site has many favourable features:
 - Five or six other sites were considered but none have as many positive attributes.
- Local benefit
 - No specific local benefit. Benefit is for the greater (wider community) good.
 - Once installed no local jobs because servicing requirements:
 - Should be much less than those of the current generation of equipment.
 - Are quite technical and will likely be provided by an agent based in Richmond.
- Need for the service
 - Replaces former service which was defective, outdated and has been decommissioned.
 - Wider range than former service.
 - Invaluable to both commercial and recreational users.

Recommendation No. 1 *Canadian Weather Radar Replacement – Request for Local Government Concurrence (File #2412466)*

The Area B APC recommends that the SCRD supports that Request for Concurrence as outlined in the Staff Report attached to the meeting agenda;

AND THAT the Area B APC supports the *Weather Radar Replacement proposal* for the reasons related to Location and Need for Service outlined in the preceding discussion.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The APC discussed the letter dated April 28, 2021, sent to the SCRD from Area A APC in response to Planning Staff Proposed Changes.

The following points were noted:

- Mixed opinions amongst the members. Some felt that it was a good letter and should be supported as is. Others felt able to support some, but not all parts. Positive parts included the need for better definitions/terms of reference for APCs and the need for a wider net to gather public input. All recognized the need to improve department efficiencies including the use of staff's time.
- A number commented on the manner in which the changes addressed by the letter were introduced at the April 2021 APC orientation meeting i.e. the process:
 - Unilateral
 - No APC discussion before changes implemented

The APC recommended that the letter not be approved as written and instead the APC would write our own, carefully worded letter to address our concerns with the current situation regarding the APCs' role, and with the Area A letter itself

- Kelsey Oxley APC member volunteered to draft an Area B letter to the SCRD Board.

Forestry Referrals: BC Timber Sales (CRN00127), Sunshine Coast Community Forest (CRN00128)

The APC discussed the staff report regarding Forestry Referrals: BC Timber Sales (CRN00127), Sunshine Coast Community Forest (CRN00128).

The following concerns/points were noted:

- All proposed cut blocks are in community watersheds of the SCRD.
- If complete, three blocks in Roberts Creek would preclude any future possibility of creating a Protected Area.
- A member reminded the APC that
 - There is no "old growth" left on the Sunshine Coast. What is often called "old growth" is old second growth.
 - Most Sunshine Coast recreational trails follow old logging roads.

Recommendation No. 2 *Forestry Referrals: BC Timber Sales (CRN00127), Sunshine Coast Community Forest (CRN00128)*

The Area B APC recommended that the Forestry Referrals: BC Timber Sales (CRN00127), Sunshine Coast Community Forest (CRN00128) be denied because:

- There should be no logging in community watersheds

AND THAT the SCRD should consider a more strongly worded recommendations than just "...does not support..."

NEW BUSINESS

Election of a replacement Chair-

In January 2021, the current Chair Frank Belfry, indicated his wish to resign from the position due to competing commitments. Between that time and now, there has not been a meeting at which a replacement could be elected or appointed.

During the discussion of a replacement, it became clear that there were no APC members willing to take on the role. Consequently, Frank agreed to extend his Chairmanship until December 2021. He was confirmed following three requests for nominations. The area director thanked Frank for his service in the role of chair, and for extending his time in the role beyond what he had intended.

Barbara Bolding was confirmed in her role as vice-chairperson until December 2021.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's report was received.

NEXT MEETING July 27, 2021

ADJOURNMENT 8:44 p.m.