

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

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

June 22, 2021

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

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

CALL TO ORDER 7:01 p.m.

AGENDA The agenda was adopted as presented.

MINUTES

West Howe Sound (Area F) Minutes

The West Howe Sound (Area F) APC minutes of April 27, 2021 were approved as circulated.

Minutes

The following minutes were received for information:

- Egmont/Pender Harbour (Area A) APC Minutes of April 28, 2021
- Halfmoon Bay (Area B) APC Minutes of April 27, 2021
- Roberts Creek (Area D) APC Minutes of April 19 & May 17, 2021
- Elphinstone (Area E) APC Minutes of April 28 & May 26, 2021
- Planning and Community Development Committee Minutes of April 15 & May 20, 2021

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Planning and Community Development Committee Minutes, April 15 & May 20, 2021

There was discussion of Planning and Community Development Committee recommendations

made regarding the following:

- Proposed changes to planning processes
- Risk assessment for Grantham's Community Park
- Housing on the Sunshine Coast
- Agricultural Land Commission applications
- Proposed subdivision of District Lot 1312 forest lands in Area E

REPORTS

APC member Alicia Lavalle recused herself from discussion of the forestry referrals at <insert time she left the meeting to avoid a perception of conflict of interest, as she was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of Sunshine Coast Community Forest (SCCF). She clarified that the information in the forestry referrals report pre-dated her involvement with the SCCF, and that she had no financial interest in the project.

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 points were noted:

- A main issue is the quality of the maps and tables; some tables are so small you can't read them, so it is difficult to identify the cut blocks. There is so little detail it is hard to really comment, or to understand some of the referral.
- The only blocks for Area F are McNair and Rainy River; the Commission has no comments on those.
- Disagree with recommendation opposing logging in Dakota Creek; it is watershed reserve not community watershed. The cut block is only 20 hectares; it is in a huge watershed that has recovered hydrologically. There is zero impact from those timber blocks. Last year SCRD agreed they could log in the watershed reserve, but had to meet zero turbidity guidelines; this year SCRD are saying no. This is a reserve for the very distant future. Yet recommendation is to oppose as a blanket any harvesting within this community watershed reserve, without qualifiers. If you don't have good qualifiers to any argument, the ministry will ignore you.
- Would like to keep the recommendations noted in the report. If concerns are expressed around the watershed at Dakota Ridge, it is important to keep that clarified.
- There are no comments in the staff report on the look of the logging.
- People need to see what the logging looks like; there could be impacts on the overall visual quality of Howe Sound.
- We understand the value of good paying jobs that can support families, and that don't have huge negative impacts on anything; it is still really important on the coast.
- Appreciate the BCTS-SCRD protocol; it is working. At least now we/the SCRD Board are getting some information, whereas in the past, the only time you found out was when you drove up the hill and saw the opening.

Recommendation No. 1 *Forestry Referrals: BC Timber Sales (CRN00127), Sunshine Coast Community Forest (CRN00128)*

The Area F APC recommended that, in general, the APC supports the Regional District recommendations for the referrals; and that, particularly on the proposed Dakota Ridge community watershed block, the SCRD give very specific criteria on why they have not

approved it, so that, if the province does go ahead in allowing it, there are more specific criteria that have to be met.

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

The Area F APC recommended that the proposed Dakota Ridge cut block meet the zero silt and turbidity guidelines.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's report was received.

There was discussion of the Marine Reference Guide for Howe Sound, available at <https://howesoundguide.ca/>.

NEXT MEETING July 27, 2021

ADJOURNMENT 8:32 p.m.