

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT  
NATURAL RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**June 27, 2019**

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MINUTES FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CEDAR ROOM AT THE SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT OFFICES, 1975 FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, BC

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	Chair Members	Gerald Shaffer Gordon Littlejohn Gordon Cassidy Shawna Van Poppelen Burt Meyers
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Electoral Area D Director Electoral Area E Director Electoral Area F Director GM, Planning & Community Development Planner Planning Office Assistant/Recorder Public	Andreas Tize Mark Hiltz Donna McMahon (part) Ian Hall Julie Clark Genevieve Dixon 0
<b>REGRETS:</b>	Member	Gordon White Anayansi Cohen-Fernandez
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Member	Mariel Yglesias Andre Sobolewski

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**CALL TO ORDER**     3:30 p.m.

**AGENDA**             The agenda was adopted as presented.

**MINUTES**

**Recommendation No. 1**     *NRAC Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2018*

The Natural Resource Advisory Committee recommended that the meeting minutes of July 18, 2018 be received and approved.

**REPORTS**

**BC Timber Sales (BCTS) Operations Plan 2019 – 2023**

The SCRD Planner provided an overview of the report to the committee.

## Key points of discussion:

- Due to complex subject matter, some NRAC members requested more time to review the report in order make a decision.
- The staff report does not discuss what the actual impacts would be to the Egmont area:
  - What type of logging is proposed for each block?
  - Has an environment assessment been completed?
  - What will be the impact on the species at risk?
  - Would future SCRD recreation trail development plans be impacted by this cutting?
- Concern about logging up to the access trail to Skookumchuck Narrows area and the impact on local recreation and tourism
- What is typically included in the referral to SCRD?
  - BCTS maps (proposed cut blocks, recently logged cutblocks and proposed road building), excel sheet list of cut blocks
  - New cut blocks have typically been added in the fifth year of the Operations Plan.
  - Is re-planting information included in the referral information provided? No.
  - Is respacing for tip for tip replanting included in the referral information provided? No.
- Five years is a long plan to approve.
- Have the residents of Egmont seen the Operations Plan?
- Are aquifers protected when exposed? How are they dealt with?
- Time of year is an important consideration regarding impacts to communities and tourism.

**Recommendation No. 2**     *BC Timber Sales (BCTS) Operations Plan 2019 - 2023*

The Natural Resource Advisory Committee recommended that the spatial data regarding Bio-Inventory and wetland survey data be shared with NRAC.

**Recommendation No. 3**     *BC Timber Sales (BCTS) Operations Plan 2019 - 2023*

The Natural Resource Advisory Committee recommended that BCTS be requested to consider and be sensitive to tourism peak seasons in their operations.

**Recommendation No. 4**     *BC Timber Sales (BCTS) Operations Plan 2019 - 2023*

The Natural Resource Advisory Committee recommended that BCTS be requested to provide the SCRD more details on the type of logging proposed such as tree species, type of block design, and type of equipment to be used.

*A survey of NRAC member's availability will be conducted in order to set a start time for the July meeting.*

**NEXT MEETING**     Wednesday, July 17, 2019

**ADJOURNMENT**     4:38 p.m.