



## Sorrento-Blind Bay Incorporation Advisory Committee MEETING SUMMARY

*Note: The following minutes are considered draft/subject to correction when endorsed by the Committee at its next meeting.*

**DATE:** Monday, November 16, 2020  
**TIME:** 6:00 PM  
**PLACE:** Shuswap Lake Estates Community Centre, 2405 Centennial Drive, Blind Bay  
**PURPOSE:** The Committee will meet as part of the analysis phase of the study. The Committee will review 2 service sheets and discuss the community engagement phase.

*The Incorporation Committee, which includes the Electoral Area C Director as non-voting ex-officio, will provide oversight and direction on the study process. Once a report is prepared by the consultant, the committee will present the findings to the CSR D Board and then make a recommendation to the Directors on an incorporation referendum or giving further consideration to dividing Electoral Area C into two separate Electoral Areas. This was supported as an alternative option, should an incorporation process not proceed.*

*A decision on incorporation would have to get the approval of the electorate through a **referendum vote** before any change could be made.*

*The 'default option' of dividing Electoral Area C into two electoral areas, is in the event that incorporation of Sorrento-Blind Bay does not go ahead.*

**PRESENT:**

Committee Members:

Rose Fritz (Blind Bay)  
Tim Van Den Heuvel (Blind Bay)  
Sandra Heschuk (Sorrento)  
Darlene Lincoln (Blind Bay)  
John Smith (Blind Bay), Chair  
Brian Butcher (Blind Bay)  
Tracy Lundberg-Schimpf (Blind Bay)  
Paul Demenok, Director, Electoral Area C (non-voting ex-officio)  
Lorrie Kelsey (Blind Bay) by Zoom

**ABSENT:**

Patrick Earley (Blind Bay), Vice-Chair  
Michael Shapcott (Sorrento)  
Larry Stephenson (Blind Bay)

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Allan Neilson, Neilson Strategies;  
Sherry Hurst, Leftside Partners by Zoom  
Lynda Shykora, Jennifer Sham and Brad Payne, CSR D staff

**PUBLIC ATTENDEES:** Approximately 3 members of the public in attendance in person and up to 25 members of the public in attendance online.

**1. Call to Order at 6:00 PM**

John Smith, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed the public and those attending virtually to the meeting.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved by Darlene Lincoln  
Seconded by Tim Van Den Heuvel**

THAT: the November 16, 2020 Sorrento-Blind Bay Incorporation Advisory Committee agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. COVID-19 Meeting Protocol**

Chair Smith outlined the protocol being followed for this meeting.

**4. Adoption of Incorporation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – October 29, 2020**

**Moved by Sandra Heschuk  
Seconded by Tim Van Den Heuvel**

THAT: the meeting summary of the October 29, 2020 Sorrento-Blind Bay Incorporation Advisory Committee with changes as discussed be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**5. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

Allan Nielson updates the Committee on additions to the evolving FAQ document.

**6. POLICE SERVICES Service Sheet**

The Police Service sheet was reviewed and presented by consultant Allan Nielson. The Committee was joined online by Kailey Laidlaw, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Christal Engleder, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Policing and Security Branch.

Discussion ensued with regards to municipal force vs RCMP, staffing decisions, crime rates, potential increase of costs with increase of population, tax impacts.

**7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Service Sheet**

The Economic Development Sheet was presented and reviewed by consultant Allan Nielson. The assumption for this service is based upon participation in the existing Shuswap Economic Development service. No tax impact foreseen.

Committee members discussed Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) that some areas have added to sales of short-term accommodation (Salmon Arm, Nanaimo, etc.).

**8. Questions from Public in Attendance and On-line**

Various questions on future summary information, impact on remainder of Area C should incorporation proceed, potential referendum procedures, potential costs of police building, other infrastructure costs.

Consultant Allan Nielsen responded to the questions. Committee members commented on several of the questions. Questions asked by public will be incorporated into the Frequently Asked Questions document for the public to reference on the CSRD website Incorporation page.

## **9. Community Engagement Plan**

Allan Nielson presented a draft outline plan and timeline for community engagement and asked for Committee input. The Committee was advised that the Provincial Offer of Financial Assistance was anticipated from the Province in early 2021, however some delays are being experienced due to the pandemic as well as the recent provincial election; the Offer is more likely in March, 2021. The Offer of Assistance will need to be considered before the community engagement begins.

The Committee supports a mail out to all potential voters, facilitated panel discussions with speakers from similar areas that have and have not decided to incorporate, community consultation of 3-4 months to allow time for all voters to have full information, delay until warmer months so presentations/displays might be offered outside.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

The Committee was advised that for next meeting the issues being reviewed will be Other Revenues, General Government – Administration, and possibly Roads.

## **11. NEXT MEETING**

The Committee discussed a potential December meeting date, Monday, December 7, 2020, at 6 pm, Sorrento Memorial Hall.

## **12. ADJOURN**

**Moved by Darlene Lincoln**

**Seconded by Sandra Heschuk**

THAT: the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 pm.

**CARRIED**

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Chair