



# COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

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## AGENDA AREA A LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAC) MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019  
**TIME:** 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM  
**PLACE:** Golden Civic Centre  
806 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Golden, BC

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **WELCOME NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Denise Darbyshire appointed April 18, 2019.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** THAT: the agenda for the Tuesday, May 28, 2019 Area A Local Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

### **ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion:** THAT: the minutes of the March 26, 2019 Area A Local Advisory Committee meeting be adopted (attached).

### **GUESTS:**

- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations & Rural Development
- CSR D: Gerald Christie, Director of Development Services
- CSR D: Corey Paiement, Team Leader, Planning Services

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Directors Report on April and May CSR D Board meetings
2. Update - TV Rebroadcasting Society for the LAC agenda
3. Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR) information
  - Being provided by guest attendees

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** THAT: the May 28, 2019 meeting of the Area A Local Advisory Committee be adjourned.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Golden Civic Centre

**Columbia Shuswap Regional District  
Area A Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting Minutes  
26, March, 2019  
Golden Civic Centre Lower Level**

**Present:**

- Karen Cathcart (Electoral Area "A" Director)
- Stephanie Knaak (Alternate Director)
- Craig Chapman (Chairperson)
- Derek Smith (Secretary)
- Ian Rowe
- Doug Whiting.
- Tom Blencowe
- Pearson Farnsworth

**Regrets:** Mandy Cattle  
Gladys Neumann

**Gallery:** Approximately 20 members of the public attended the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Craig Chapman (2018 Chairperson, Area A LAC CSRD) called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Nominations for Chair 2019,** Nomination Craig Chapman (acclamation)  
**Nomination for Vice Chair 2019,** Doug Whiting (acclamation)  
**Nomination for Recording Secretary 2019,** Derek Smith (acclamation)

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** That the agenda for the 26 March 2019 Area A Local Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as published.

Motion Moved By: Derek Smith

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** That the monthly LAC meetings be held on the Fourth Tuesday of each month in the Golden Civic Centre. The committee will be recessed during July and August each year.

Motion Moved By: Craig Chapman

**Motion Carried**

## **ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES**

Moved by Derek Smith, Seconded by: Doug Whiting that the minutes of the November 27, 2018 Area A Local Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

### **Motion Carried**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

### 1. Director's Report:

#### **Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Orientation –**

Director Cathcart delivered a presentation on the structure and processes related to the CSRD and the electoral Area A with particular emphasis on the function of the the LAC and the role of the committee. Introduction of the committee members, their background and interests in involvement in CSRD.

- Doug Whiting
  - Pearson Farnsworth
  - Craig Chapman
  - Stephanie Knaak
  - Derek Smith
  - Ian Rowe
  - Tom Blencowe.
- \$10,000 to monitor water in Nicholson, concerns with the nitrate levels in the ground water in Nicholson.
  - The CSRD Board approved an application from the Golden Snowmobile Club for \$30,000 from the Economic Opportunity Fund (EOF) for an emergency shelter at Gorman Lake. The application was supported by Town of Golden and the Area A Director.
  - Town of Golden requested CSRD place a moratorium on any third party applications to the Economic Opportunity Fund until May 2019.
  - Kicking Horse Mountain Resort (KHMR)- Crown Grant Application Referral. The CSRD Board will not support any Crown Grant Application within the specified Controlled Recreation Area by the Province due to concerns regarding support for a compliant fire service (structural) at the resort. (more detailed information available on the CSRD website [here](#))
  - Director Cathcart updated the committee on the Aquatic Study, the Trail Alliance, the Nicholson Boat Launch, and the Class E Licensing for rural farm communities in Area A.
  - Director Cathcart also spoke about the concerned raised by residents on Riparian Area Protection Regulations for Area A. As this is a very complicated and technical area, Director Cathcart requested the CSRD staff come to Golden to meet with the community to discuss in detail. The request has been made that they be available by mid May.
  - Director Cathcart also detailed the CSRD Board meetings held in December, January, February and March (prior to LAC 2019/20 formation).

**Motion Moved By:** Ian Rowe, Motion Seconded By: Doug Whiting to accept the Director's Report on the December, 2018 and the January, February and March 2019 Board meetings, as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**New Business:**

-No new business at this time.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The date and time of the next meeting is TBD as Director Cathcart has travel constraints during the regularly planned timeframe in April.

**Motion Moved By:** Ian Rowe to adjourn the meeting

**Motion Carried**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion Moved By:** Craig Chapman, Seconded by Doug Whiting that the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 pm.

**Motion Carried.**

Certified Correct

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Chair

**Discussion from the audience:**

- Public watershed: (see related Private Land Logging issue below) There are concerns that need to be brought forward. Director Cathcart will bring the issue forward and will engage.
- Scott Weir raised questions regarding telecommunications and in particular, issues regarding cellular coverage within Area A. Director Cathcart explained that there has been an ongoing and persistent effort to get the telecommunications companies to invest in the necessary infrastructure without substantial success in coverage area. There has been recent improvements in the cable network infrastructure but cellular coverage has not been as progressive.

- Brian Lavoie asked questions about the CSRD policy regarding cannabis production and distribution. Others in the audience expressed interest on related matters concerning enforcement. Looking for clear direction from the CSRD.
- Private land logging issue. The issue brought forward by several in the audience related to the massive clear cutting on private land. The impact of this practice changes surface water and erosion and therefore impacts other nearby residents. The question related to how we manage our communities in light of this practice.
- CSRD Landfill. Members of the audience reported that the landfill site continues to have issues and they are not getting better. Andrea Weissenborn provided an information sheet titled Golden Landfill Spring 2019 Update detailing the chronology of efforts to date.
- FireSmart initiative. The possibility of forest fires in the area is a serious concern for residents and businesses in Area A. Director Cathcart is working with local emergency preparedness community on a priority basis to bring more awareness to the FireSmart program. Local resources and expertise will be updating the community in the near future regarding strategies and tactics.

## RIPARIAN AREAS REGULATION (RAR)

The Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR) is typically implemented by local governments by way of Official Community Plans (OCPs) and, in some cases, zoning bylaws. OCPs may designate development permit areas for the protection of the natural environment, its ecosystems and biological diversity, and typically RAR is implemented within this designation. When an area is designated as a Development Permit Area (DPA) for this purpose, land within such an area must not be altered unless the owner first obtains a development permit.

At present, the CSRD does not have an OCP or zoning bylaw in force in Electoral Area A. It is not mandatory that local governments adopt an OCP or zoning bylaw in their jurisdictions to implement RAR, but if an OCP or zoning bylaw is adopted then protection of riparian areas in accordance with the RAR must be included within those bylaws.

The longer term goal of implementing a RAR Development Permit Area would be part of the discussion and implementation of an Official Community Plan and/or zoning bylaw in your area. This would be a long term planning process involving significant public consultation. It should be noted however that a RAR development permit requirement would only apply to private land and would not apply to forestry-related operations on private managed forest land or Crown land. The Province of BC is directly responsible for oversight and regulation of forestry activities on private managed forest lands and Crown lands.

For the subdivision of land a RAR assessment report is required before development takes place (definition of "development" in Part 1 of the RAR regulation includes "(j) subdivision as defined in section 872 of the Local Government Act". Where there is a Riparian Areas Regulation Development Permit Area, a RAR DP is required as a condition of subdivision. Where there is no RAR Development Permit Area the CSRD requires that the applicant either covenant the 30 m riparian area adjacent to the watercourse as a no disturbance area, or they can have the area assessed by a Qualified Environmental Professional who would provide an assessment report as required under the act. Most landowners opt to do the covenant.

For properties with no RAR Development Permit Area in place, and where there is a watercourse identified on CSRD or provincial mapping, the following statement is included in the CSRD subdivision initial comments letter:

*"The applicant is reminded that all watercourses in the CSRD are subject to the Provincial Government Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR). As the proposed subdivision may affect riparian area adjacent to a creeks, the CSRD requires confirmation that RAR concerns have been addressed. In order to satisfy local government's obligations under the RAR, the Regional District requires a Section 219 covenant for the area within 30 m of the watercourses located within or adjacent to the proposed subdivision. The covenant is required to restrict any development from occurring or disturbance of soil or vegetation within this area. Alternatively, the CSRD may accept an assessment by a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) pursuant to the Regulation, establishing the Streamside Protection and Enhancement Area (SPEA) for the watercourse. The SPEA thus established, would form the basis for the required covenant."*

Please note, if there are riparian related concerns please contact the Provincial Natural Resource Violation reporting line at 1 877 952-7277 or fill out a natural resource violation form, which is available online at <https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hen/nrv/report.htm>

Gerald Christie, MNRES, MCIP, RPP  
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