



**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: Thursday, October 29, 2020
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: Sorrento Memorial Hall, 1159 Passchendaele Road, Sorrento

PURPOSE: This meeting is the second meeting since the COVID-related hiatus earlier this year.

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:

ABSENT:
Brian Butcher (Blind Bay)
Tracy Lundberg-Schimpf (Blind Bay)

- Rose Fritz (Blind Bay)
- Tim Van Den Heuvel (Blind Bay)
- Sandra Heschuk (Sorrento)
- Lorrie Kelsey (Blind Bay)
- Darlene Lincoln (Blind Bay)
- John Smith (Blind Bay), Chair
- Larry Stephenson (Blind Bay)
- Patrick Earley (Blind Bay), Vice-Chair
- Michael Shapcott (Sorrento)
- Paul Demenok, Director, Electoral Area C (non-voting ex-officio)

ALSO PRESENT: Allan Neilson, Neilson Strategies;
Kailey Laidlaw, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Zoom)
Lynda Shykora, Jennifer Sham and Brad Payne, CSR D

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Approximately 3 members of the public in attendance in person and 13 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. Volunteer Recording Secretary

Lorrie Kelsey volunteered to serve as a Committee Recording Secretary for tonight's meeting.

3. Adoption of Agenda

**Moved by Darlene Lincoln
Seconded by Michael Shapcott**

THAT: the October 29, 2020 Sorrento-Blind Bay Incorporation Advisory Committee agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

Chair Smith outlined the protocol being followed for this meeting.

5. Adoption of Incorporation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2020

**Moved by Tim Van Den Heuvel
Seconded by Patrick Earley**

THAT: the meeting summary of the October 6, 2020 Sorrento-Blind Bay Incorporation Advisory Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

6. Service and Issue Sheets change

Water Service Sheet to be changed to reflect contract to be maintained and operated/joint operation with CSRD, reduced reliance to .75 FTE (full time equivalent) and a small increase to users of 3 water systems.

7. EMERGENCY SERVICES Sheet

The Emergency Services Sheet was reviewed and presented by consultant Allan Nielson.

Some discussion ensued following questions about operation cost versus tax requisitions by committee, Fire Hall standards, White Lake Service area, and local jurisdictions regarding Fire Halls.

8. SEWER AND UTILITIES Service Sheet

The Sewer and Utilities Service Sheet was presented and reviewed by consultant Allan Nielson.

Committee members discussed Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) authority, sewage disposal authorities and sites, grant funding, etc.

9. Questions from Public in Attendance and On-line

- Q. How fund reserves held by CSRD would be divided up should incorporation occur. Also, how assumptions are made regarding asset management and existing equipment. Commented on COVID impacts on First Responders and paid versus volunteer status was also discussed.
- Q. What about First Responders, are they volunteers?
- Q. Is it assumed that Highway Rescue would be provided by the new municipality? Costs and service levels?
- Q. Policing, staffing and general public safety issues.
- Q. Local water systems and who would manage the service and if changes would or could occur if incorporation happened.
- Q. What is the expectation for a Fire Chief and what the assumptions were regarding part time versus full time and costs.
- Q. Would the new municipality take control of the Shuswap Lake Estates water and sewer systems?
- Q. How is a sewer system established? Does it matter if it's a municipality of the CSRD?

Consultant Allan Nielsen responded to the questions. Committee members commented on several of the questions.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL Service Sheet

Service Sheet presented and discussed by consultant Allan Nielson.

Two other areas covered under this service sheet: Weed Control and Milfoil Control.

Discussion occurred regarding why the Shuswap Watershed Council (SWC) topic was not under Environmental Service Sheets. It was agreed to move the SWC topic to the Environmental Services Service from Water Service.

11. MISCELLANEOUS Service Sheet

Topics presented by consultant Allan Neilson under this service sheet include Dog Control, SPCA Grant and Anti Whistling (Train).

12. NEW BUSINESS

It was discussed that the Planning and Development Service Sheet required updating. Consultant Allan Nielson agreed to provide an updated sheet to the Committee.

The Committee was advised that for next meeting: three further Service Sheets are: Economic Development, Police Service Sheet and Grants. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General will attend virtually in regards to police service.

13. NEXT MEETING

Monday, November 16, 2020 Shuswap Lake Estates Community Centre at 6:00 pm.

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

14. ADJOURN

Moved by Sandra Heschuk

Seconded by Larry Stephenson

THAT: the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 pm.

CARRIED

Chair