

# SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

## AREA E – ELPHINSTONE ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

March 27, 2019

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AREA E ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD AT FRANK WEST HALL, 1224 CHASTER ROAD, ELPHINSTONE, BC

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	Chair	Mary Degan
	Members	Bob Morris Rod Moorcroft Dougald Macdonald Nara Brenchley Ann Cochran Rick Horsley Ken Carson Michael McLaughlin
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Electoral Area E Director Recording Secretary Public	Donna McMahon Diane Corbett 2
<b>REGRETS:</b>	Members	Sandra Cunningham Lynda Chamberlin
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Members	Mike Doyle

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**CALL TO ORDER** 7:00 p.m.

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

### **MINUTES**

#### Area E Minutes

The Elphinstone (Area E) APC minutes of January 23, 2019 and February 27, 2019 were approved as circulated.

#### Minutes

Minutes received for information included:

- Egmont/Pender Harbour/Area A APC Minutes of January 30, 2019 & February 27, 2019
- Roberts Creek (Area D) APC Minutes of January 21, 2019 & February 18, 2019
- West Howe Sound (Area F) APC Minutes of February 26, 2019

- Planning and Community Development Committee Minutes of February 7, 2019

## REPORTS

### Whispering Firs Name Change Request

The APC discussed the staff report regarding Whispering Firs Name Change Request.

Points from discussion included:

- Name change could enhance community identity and create consistency between the Woodcreek Park neighbourhood and the park. The proposal as stated seems to meet the SCRD policy regarding naming.
- There is a public process regarding whether a name change is a good idea.
- There is an opportunity to consult with the Squamish Nation whose territory we are on to talk about signage, and make sure the signage reflects the Squamish Nation. There is a process of consultations. It has been a respectful process, and respectful of the people who got here before we got here.
- There is a trail in that park; perhaps, as a middle ground, it could be called Whispering Firs Trail.

Concerns included:

- How representative the petition is and whether there would be a body of opposition.
- It happens that place names may get changed. Local First Nations should have the right to suggest what the name is.
- Opposition to name change: there are thirty years of history behind the current name (school naming contest, 1984). It does not seem “logical” for the subdivision and the park to share the same name; perhaps there is a “vanity crisis”. Despite what the letter from the Woodcreek Park Neighbourhood Association member stated about not noticing a fir in the park, a registered professional forester had confirmed to an APC member that there are a lot of Douglas Firs in the park. Firs have quite a distinctive sound in the wind.

### Zoning Bylaw No. 310 Questionnaire March 25-April 15, 2019

The referral regarding Zoning Bylaw No. 310 Questionnaire March 25-April 15, 2019 was received for information. APC members were urged to encourage people to respond to the questionnaire by the April 15 deadline; feedback is needed.

## NEW BUSINESS

Director McMahon inquired of APC members regarding the possibility of changing the meeting schedule. Discussion ensued. This topic will be re-visited in the fall.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's report was received.

**NEXT MEETING**      April 24, 2019

**ADJOURNMENT**      8:10 p.m.