

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

**November 20, 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>      | Alternate Chair<br>Members  | Andre Sobolewski<br>Gordon Littlejohn<br>Gordon Cassidy<br>Shawna Van Poppelen |
| <b>ALSO PRESENT:</b> | Electoral Area D Director<br>Electoral Area E Director<br>Planner<br>Planning Office Assistant/Recorder | Andreas Tize<br>Mark Hiltz<br>Julie Clark<br>Genevieve Dixon                   |
| <b>REGRETS:</b>      | Members   | Gordon White<br>Anayansi Cohen-Fernandez                                       |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>       | Members   | Burt Meyers<br>Mariel Yglesias   |

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**CALL TO ORDER**     3:30 p.m.

*Andre Sobolewski assumed the role of Chair for the meeting.*

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

**MINUTES**

**Recommendation No. 1**     *NRAC Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2019*

The Natural Resource Advisory Committee recommended that the meeting minutes of June 27, 2019 be received and approved as presented.

**REPORTS**

Provincial Referral CRN00088 for Log Handling and Storage (A & A Trading Ltd) – Electoral Area A

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

Key points of discussion:

- 10 - 30 year lease for log handling.
- A provincial referral for a road application will be referred to the SCRD in the future.
- Was there a depth assessment?
- A recent lot purchased in-trust up Princess Louisa inlet, will the log handling storage area turn the natural area into a more commercial zone and inhibit recreational use?
- Is this area frequented or rarely frequented?
- Herring spawning grounds not far from site.
- In future, could the herring spawning grounds be moved elsewhere?
- Majority of traffic for recreational use is 3-4 months in the summer.
- Any issues with log sorts in port melon or twin creek in the summer for recreational use?
- Is there an option for the lease to be reviewed every five years?
- No float camp
- Environmental assessments should be conducted after the lease for silt entering the ocean.

**Recommendation No. 2**      *Provincial Referral CRN00088 for Log Handling and Storage (A & A Trading Ltd) – Electoral Area A*

The Natural Resource Advisory Committee recommends A & A Trading Ltd conduct a review of harvesting time and the impacts on recreational use specifically with tour operators, every five years.

**Recommendation No. 3**      *Provincial Referral CRN00088 for Log Handling and Storage (A & A Trading Ltd) – Electoral Area A*

The Natural Resource Advisory Committee supports the staff report recommendations for Provincial Referral CRN00088 for log handling and storage (A & A Trading Ltd).

**BCTS Consultation**

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

Key points of discussion:

- Articulate how BCTS's consultation feedback will be used?
- Other external stakeholders to be involved: Beyond private and public water license holders, stream keepers association, mushroom, salal pickers, equestrian users and mountain bikers
- Public consultation will be costly and a time sensitive process.
- From the meaningful engagement with enough public concerns would the project be rejected?
- How well is the process suited to help BCTS through this process?
- BCTS to conduct two stage public consultation events.
- If BCTS didn't log District Lot 1313 they would harvest a similar lot somewhere else.
- Economic values on top of land value?
- Does the SCRD Board know what the tree value is on District Lot 1313?

**Recommendation No. 4**     *BCTS Consultation*

The Natural Resource Advisory Committee supports the staff report recommendations for BCTS Consultation process.

AND THAT BC Timber Sales includes the following information as a preface to the consultation process with the public about District Lot 1313:

- Economic assessment of the harvest potential.
- That BCTS identify the goals of consulting, how the feedback will be used and the process of making decisions.
- To identify whether the consultation process seeks to inform mitigating impacts of a full harvest.

**Provincial Referral CRN00095 for Log Handling and Storage (Interfor) - Electoral Area F**

Key points of discussion:

- What is happening to the water lot in the southeast that's being replaced?
- Communitive impacts from the expansion?
- Does Avalon treat the run off/ leachate properly?
- Will Avalon's wood debris pile grow larger as a result of this application?
- Depth in the staff report would have been useful.

**Recommendation No. 5**     *Provincial Referral CRN00095 for Log Handling and Storage (Interfor) – Electoral Area F*

The Natural Resource Advisory Committee supports the staff report recommendations for Provincial Referral CRN00095 for Log Handling and Storage (Interfor) – Electoral Area F.

AND THAT SCR D staff ask the Province what the use of the area that has been vacated by Interfor is going to be used for in the future, with a view to mitigate cumulative impacts.

AND FURTHER THAT Interfor clarifies what they plan to do with their wood waste pile.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Staff Memo – Tsain-Ko Forest Products

- The SCR D Planner provided an update on the forest stewardship plan.
- SCR D will not be making a response to the Tsain-Ko FSP referral.
- The committee thanks staff for the memo.

**NEXT MEETING**     Wednesday, January 22, 2020

**ADJOURNMENT**     5:49 p.m.