

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, March 18, 2021
5:35 P.M.
Held Electronically**

In Attendance:	Director B. Rogers	Chair
	Director K. Wilson	Electoral Area A
	Director V. Craig	Electoral Area B
	Director M. Young	Electoral Area C (5:48 PM)
	Director L. Salter	Electoral Area F
	Director L. Wallace	Electoral Area G
	Director S. McLean	Electoral Area H
Also in Attendance:	P. Carlyle	Chief Administrative Officer
	D. Pearce	Gen. Mgr. Transportation & Emergency Services
	J. Hill	Mgr. Legislative Services & Corporate Officer
	C. Morrison	Mgr. Emergency Services
	A. Sharma	Fire Services Coordinator
	G. Smith	Zoom Moderator
	C. Golding	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

MOTION TO WAIVE NOTICE

It was moved and seconded that the Special Electoral Area Services Committee meeting notice requirements be waived.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair respectfully acknowledged the Coast Salish Nations on whose traditional territory the meeting took place and welcomed the Fire Chiefs, Society Chairs and Treasurers from the Regional District funded fire departments in the Regional District of Nanaimo.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved, as amended, to add an item under New Business as follows:

Canada Income Tax Credit for Firefighters, Land and Sea Search and Rescue Volunteers

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FIRE PROTECTION

DRAFT Fire Services Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Pam Shaw, Facilitator, through an open dialogue process, guided the Committee and invited members from the Regional District of Nanaimo funded Fire Departments and Board Chairs and Treasurers of the associated Fire Societies through the process of reviewing and drafting the terms of reference for the Fire Services Advisory Committee.

The Electoral Area Services Committee and invited members from the Fire Departments and associated Societies provided their input regarding the draft terms of reference for the Fire Services Advisory Committee. Discussion included information sharing and collaboration with all emergency service providers operating within the region, updates from fire departments at meetings, agenda content and distribution, meeting frequency, time and location, alternates attending for members, and a consensus was reached on the terms of reference.

Director McLean left the meeting at 6: 47 PM

NEW BUSINESS

Canada Income Tax Credit for Firefighters, Land and Sea Search and Rescue Volunteers

It was moved and seconded that the Regional District of Nanaimo draft a letter of support to the Federal and Provincial Governments in favour of and supporting Member of Parliament Gordon Johns' private member's Bill C-264 to increase the annual Canada Income Tax Credit for firefighter and land and sea search and rescue volunteers from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 7:35 PM

CHAIR