

SCRD Meeting – Dec. 8, 2011

I attended the inaugural meeting of the regional Board this morning. Angie Legault, Manager of Legislative Services, acted as Mistress of Ceremonies. She administered the oath of office to new Directors as follows:

- Frank Mauro Area A Pender Harbour
- Garry Nohr Area B Halfmoon Bay
- Donna Shugar Area D Roberts Creek
- Lorne Lewis Area E Elphinstone
- Lee Turnbull Area F West Howe Sound
- Alice Lutes District of Sechelt
- Gerry Tretick Town of Gibsons
- Jordan Louie, the appointed representative of the Sechelt Indian Government District, was unable to attend

Director Tretick nominated, and Garry Nohr was acclaimed as Chair of the Board

Director Turnbull nominated, and Director Shugar was acclaimed as Vice Chair of the Board.

Chair Nohr addressed the assembly. (The Board Chamber was nearly full of Coast residents and some SCRD staff.)

He welcomed everyone and offered thanks to the Sechelt First Nation on whose traditional lands the meeting was being held. He also acknowledged the Squamish First Nation whose traditional lands include part of the Sunshine Coast.

He recognized the newly elected mayors of Gibsons and Sechelt, Wayne Rowe and John Henderson, as well as Gibsons Alternate Director Lee Ann Johnson.

He noted that the new Board is a solid one, strengthened by the new municipal representatives. Only one Director is a “rookie” (Frank Mauro); all others have served at the SCRD at some time in the past.

He thanked staff for their assistance in the past year.

He set as a goal improved relations with First Nations.

He listed issues which need to be completed in the term ahead:

- Settle wages with staff
- Watershed management (with the province)
- Implement solid waste management plan in a way that ensures each area of the Coast gets what it wants
- Lobby Ministry of Highways & Infrastructure regarding Highway 101
- Affordable housing
- Water filtration and metering
- BC Ferries rates and service
- Process of economic development
- Forestry protocol with BC Timber Sales

- Parks & Recreation master plan
- Work with John Weston MP on funding for “shovel ready” projects
- Jobs (with economic development)

Chair Nohr recognized and thanked former Area A Director Eric Graham for his efforts during the past three years.

Meeting adjourned and all were invited to remain for refreshments.

The first business meeting of the Board is tonight. I'll be there. Notes will be sent to my new SCRD list, which is still quite short, so if you want to receive them, please reply to this message.

Cheers,

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