

DISTRICT OF SECHELT
MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING
Held at the Sechelt Seniors Activity Centre
5604 Trail Avenue, Sechelt, BC
Wednesday, November 7, 2018

- PRESENT** Mayor D. Siegers; Councillors J. Kuester; T. Lamb; M. McLean; B. Rowe; E. Scott; A. Toth
- STAFF** Chief Administrator Officer, A. Yeates; Director of Corporate and Financial Services, D. Stewart; Director of Planning and Development Services, T. Corbett; Director of Infrastructure and Engineering, D. Kutney; Corporate Officer, J. Frank; Communications Manager, J. Rogers; Executive Assistant, K. Poulsen and Recording Secretary, J. Chamberlain
- GUESTS** Staff Sargent and members of the RCMP, Sunshine Coast Detachment; Legion Colour Party, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #140 Sechelt; BC Provincial Court Justice Steven Merrick; and Kwayimin (Andy Johnson)
- PUBLIC** Approximately 200 members of the public were in attendance
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1. WELCOME SONG

kwayimin (Andy Johnson) performed a traditional welcome song and provided some opening remarks.

2. OATHS OF OFFICE

BC Provincial Court Justice, Mr. Steven Merrick administered the Oaths of Office to: Mayor Darnelda Siegers; Councillors Janice Kuester, Tom Lamb, Matt McLean, Brenda Rowe, Eric Scott, and Alton Toth.

3. CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Siegers called the Inaugural Council Meeting to order at 7:32pm.

Res. No. 2018-11A-1 – Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 Official Election Results

Res. No. 2018-11A-2 – Moved/Seconded

That the report from the Chief Election Officer dated October 30, 2018 with attached 2018 Local Election Official results be received for Council's information, per Section 158 of the *Local Government Act*.

CARRIED

4.2 Appointment of Monthly Rotation of Acting Mayor

Res. No. 2018-11A-3 – Moved/Seconded

That Acting Mayors be appointed on a monthly rotation as follows:

November 2018 – Councillor Rowe	June 2019 – Councillor Lamb
December 2018 – Councillor Lamb	July 2019 – Councillor Kuester
January 2019 – Councillor Kuester	August 2019 – Councillor McLean
February 2019 – Councillor McLean	September 2019 – Councillor Scott
March 2019 – Councillor Scott	October 2019 – Councillor Toth
April 2019 – Councillor Toth	November 2019 – Councillor Lamb
May 2019 – Councillor Rowe	December 2019 – Councillor Kuester

And further, That if the designated Acting Mayor is unable to fulfill his/her responsibility, it will fall to the next in rotation.

CARRIED

4.3 Appointment of SCRD Board Representatives

Res. No. 2018-11A-4 – Moved/Seconded

That Mayor Siegers be appointed as Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) Board Director; and That Councillor Toth be appointed as Alternate Director; and That Councillor Lamb be appointed as SCRD Director; and That Councillor Rowe be appointed as Alternate Director.

CARRIED

4.4 Appointment of Signing Authorities

Res. No. 2018-11A-5 – Moved/Seconded

That Mayor Siegers and two alternates, Councillors Toth and Kuester, be appointed as bank signing authorities for the District of Sechelt.

CARRIED

4.5 Appointment of Committee of the Whole Chair

Res. No. 2018-11A-6 – Moved/Seconded

That the Acting Mayor be appointed Chair of Council's Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

4.6 Scheduling of Meetings

Res. No. 2018-11A-7 – Moved/Seconded

That all remaining scheduled 2018 Council Standing Committee meetings be cancelled; and
That a Committee of the Whole meeting be scheduled on November 14 and 28 and December 12, 2018.

CARRIED

4.7 Address by Mayor

Mayor Siegers welcomed those in attendance and addressed the gathering. A copy of Mayor Siegers' address is attached to these Minutes.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Res. No. 2018-11A-8 – Moved/Seconded

That the Inaugural Council meeting of November 7, 2018 be adjourned at 7:41 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:



Darnelda Siegers, Mayor



Jo-Anne Frank, Corporate Officer

Mayor D. Siegers Address:

I want to acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the shíshálh First Nation.

A big thank you to RCMP Staff Sergeant Hallam, BC Sheriff's Service Sergeant Jeff Dann, and the Sechelt Legion Colour Guard for leading us in, to Provincial Court Justice Steven Merrick for his service, and to kwayimin Andy Johnson of the shíshálh Nation for honouring us with the Welcome song.

Thank you to the District staff for their support in handling the details that brought this evening together.

We welcome the newly elected officials who've joined us this evening from up and down the coast including the Town of Gibsons, Sunshine Coast Regional District, School District #46 and our neighbours, the shíshálh Nation. Welcome all. We look forward to working closely with you over the next 4 years.

This evening represents a handover, a point in time, a transition from one council to another.

As your new council, we are stewards of Sechelt for only a MOMENT IN TIME, on a continuum THROUGH time.

Sechelt and the shíshálh people were here long before we were, and will be here long after this council is gone.

We look back and acknowledge the past and those people and events that brought us to where we are today.

The job you have elected us to do is to build on that past and lead us all into the future.

The lens we must look through to do that job is not from today but from the tomorrow we envision, not only for us, but for our grandchildren's grandchildren.

This council will make decisions to move us forward. That is what you elected us to do.

But we can't make decisions in a vacuum.

Throughout the campaign, you asked us questions, you challenged our stands, and you offered your collective wisdom.

Please continue to be with us and engage with us throughout these coming four years.

Continue to bring your ideas, your passion, your experience, and your wisdom. Make sure we hear from you.

As a community, coming together, in collaboration with our neighbours and friends up and down the coast, and the other levels of government, we can make more informed decisions that will be better than those, we, as a Council, can make on our own.

Together, through honouring our ancestors, the environment, and the world around us, we can create the future we envision.

Our commitment to you is that we will listen with intent.

We will listen to understand what your values are, but we will also do the work, read the reports, study and research the issues, talk to other communities, identify best practices and then, as a council, make the decisions we believe are best for Sechelt.

Every single one of us is here because our community is important to us.

So, thank you for the honour you have bestowed on us by electing us as your District of Sechelt Council.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in us. We will strive to live up to your expectations.

We have the courage to lead in creating our future. Together, with our community, it is possible.

Thank you.