

# Directors Report Oct 2023

Oct has been a busy month.

The last Board meeting was held at Walter Cover Resort. Walter Cove Resort is located on the NW side of Vancouver Island in Kyuquot Sound.

This provided an outstanding opportunity for the Strathcona Regional District Directors to learn more about the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'les7et'h' First Nations and the challenges they are overcoming and to witness first hand the knowledge they bring to the Strathcona Regional District Board table as we all work together to enhance the Strathcona Regional District as a whole.

It was a valuable learning experience.

## Animal Control Services

As some may be aware that there was a very serious episode where one of Area D's long time resident who is known for her generosity and the tireless work that she does for humanitarian causes was seriously injured along with her dog who required emergency surgery in Nanaimo.

I would like to thank those residents that stepped up to help and made the time in their day to make a difference.

Your efforts were very much appreciated.

I am confident that the SRD staff will follow through with this matter with all involved parties.

It is important for all residents to feel safe on our streets and to enjoy walking their pets without fear.

## Development Applications

With three public hearings now completed and a forth hearing to be held on Nov 2 2023 I am happy to say that two of those Development Applications have been approved and the third application is still with the Board.

On Nov 8th at the Regional Board meeting the Craig Rd Development Application will have a further review by Directors.

I would like to stress that approval of these Development Applications thus far have solely been based on the desires of the community, and the support that the community has shown for each Development Application by submitting written responses and attending public hearings.

While its easy to post misleading and inaccurate information on social media I think anyone who takes the time to actually read the public record documents, take the time to view the recorded public meeting will see that each decision that has been made regarding Development Applications is because that is the majority desire of the community that took the time to become involved and show interest in their community.

## **Black Creek Oyster River Water Services**

On Nov 14th at the Oyster River Firehall starting at 5:00pm, the Black Creek Oyster Bay Services are holding an open house to present on the Capital Replacement plan for the BCOB Water Service.

Both myself and Director Grieve will be there.

This is your opportunity to become informed and ask your questions. As the BCOB water infrastructure is aging and will need replacement this early planning is critical to ensuring that water services continue without issue and that the rate payers are kept informed.

Hope to see some Area D residents at this important open house.