

Committee Report of Resources Committee Meeting of April 16, 2024

Present: Christine Lervold, Trustee (Committee Chair)
Ebony Logins, Trustee (Committee Chair)
Trudy Spiller, Trustee
Cendra Beaton, Trustee
Paul Block, Superintendent
Harold Cull, Secretary Treasurer
Monica Braniff, Deputy Superintendent
Ceilidh Deichmann, PVP
Ed Berlando, STA
Trudy Court, CUPE
Tom Davis, SPEAC
Mhairi Bennett, Director, Facilities
David Lee-Bonar, Assistant Secretary Treasurer
Nicole Gestwa, IT

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by the Committee Chair, who acknowledged that we are honoured to be meeting on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish, specifically Esquimalt Nation, Songhees Nation and acknowledge the three nation SD 62 works with directly in our schools; Scia'new Nation, Coast Salish, and T'Sou-ke Nation; including the West Coast Pacheedaht Nation Nuu-chah-nulth. (words gifted by the three Nations SD62 works with)

2. COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board of Education of Sooke School District 62 (Sooke) received the Resources Committee Report dated March 6, 2024, at its Public Board Meeting dated March 12, 2024.

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. BUSINESS

4.1 24/25 Budget Development Process – Harold Cull

The Chair acknowledged our partner groups and the Leadership Budget Working Group (LBWG) for their participation and feedback on the 24/25 budget process. Staff provided an update to the Committee on the process and indicated that the budget is expected to grow by \$8.473M. albeit, there remain unfunded pressures of approximately \$2.8M due to inflation and growth.



The Committee discussed several aspects including:

- “Ghost” riders and the potential impacts if transportation fees are charged;
- Challenges with surveying the public on a complex issue such as the budget;
- Working with municipalities on carbon offset credits;
- Transportation fees and service level changes if the fee option is adopted by the Board;
- Reserve Policy @ 2%

4.2 24/25 Annual Facilities Grant Project Details – Mhairi Bennett

Staff provided an overview of the 24/25 Annual Facilities Grant (AFG) and Minor Capital Program plans. The amount of funding was discussed and the challenges with the funding not increasing based on the amount of schools/buildings in the District.

The Committee discussed the proposed plan and how abatement work is addressed on a project by project basis. The Committee also discussed the importance of accessibility and inclusivity and how these projects are identified and reviewed by the Minor Capital Committee.

4.3 24/25 Capital Plan Bylaw – Harold Cull

Staff presented the approved 24/25 minor capital projects that were included on the Capital Plan submission approved by the Board and the need to pass the Capital Plan bylaw in order to start these projects.

As a result, the Committee supports the following motions going forward to the Board for consideration:

Motion Requested: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) allow all three readings of the Capital Plan Bylaw 2024/25-CPSD62-01 at its meeting of April 30, 2024.

Motion Requested: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give first, second and third readings of the Capital Plan Bylaw 2024/25-CPSD62-01.

5. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE: May 14, 2024

