SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE APRIL 4, 2013

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MEETING OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT OFFICES AT 1975 FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, BC.

Recommendation No. 10 BURNCO

The Infrastructure Services Committee recommended that the Senior Planner's report entitled "BURNCO Draft Application Information Requirements" be received;

AND THAT the following interim comments be forwarded to the Environmental Assessment Officer:

- a) Environmental impact on key species such as eel-grass, forage fish and cetaceans (especially from increased barge movement) needs to be emphasized and appropriate studies provided;
- b) Proponent should address the gap relating to assessing the potential impact on economic activity such as tourism and recreation which may result from the mine;
- c) The Application Information Requirements includes a section on the environmental recovery of Howe Sound, including estimated investment to date that achieved the current improvements and any proposed reclamation projects, the objective is to assess what impact the mine (including barge activity and potential accidents) could have on the on-going recovery of Howe Sound;

AND THAT if the application is considered by the Environmental Assessment Office then the proponent should advise of the net benefits, not just the direct economic benefit of the mine, to Howe Sound and the community including:

- d) Consideration to be given to making improvements to the foreshore area that may have suffered from the impacts of previous forestry and industrial activity, in light of the proposed loading and barge facility;
- e) As mitigation/benefit, the Application Information Requirements should include a review of improvements such as new trails to lands beyond the site and kayak landing near or on the site but away from the gravel works.

AND THAT the draft Application Information Requirements be forwarded for information and comment to:

- West Howe Sound Advisory Planning Commission,
- Natural Resources Advisory Committee,
- West Howe Sound Community Association,
- Howe Sound Community Forum, (including Squamish Lillooet Regional District and Metro Vancouver Regional District.
- Future of Howe Sound Society;
- Islands Trust;
- Williams Landing Association;
- McNab Creek Strata Association;
- Squamish Nation;

AND THAT the final draft be referred to the above for comment when the Environmental Assessment Office starts the public consultation period;

AND THAT staff provide a report which includes the comments from the referral organizations to the Planning and Development Committee prior to the completion of the public consultation period to allow for additional comments to be provided from the SCRD Board;

AND THAT the rezoning application not be addressed until the results of the Environmental Assessment is received;

AND THAT the proponent be notified of these changes;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be authorized to act on these recommendations immediately.