

**REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREAS COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2023**

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**SUBJECT**     Request for Governance Study of Magic Lake Estates, North Pender Island

**ISSUE SUMMARY**

To confirm a resolution passed by the Board in February 2022, to support the Magic Lake Property Owners' Society's (MLPOS) request to the Province for funding to support a formal governance and services study.

**BACKGROUND**

On February 9, 2022 the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board received the staff report attached as Appendix A, and passed the following resolution:

*That the Board advance the request of the Magic Lake Property Owners' Society to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to evaluate the local context of the Magic Lake Estates neighborhood on North Pender Island and request the Ministry consider funding a Governance and Services Study to examine governance concerns within the community and provide options and alternatives to address those concerns.*

Staff forwarded this request to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on March 2, 2022 (Appendix B). The Ministry replied on September 30, 2022 with a request for more information (Appendix C), which was subsequently provided by the MLPOS. The Province further requested that due to the impending election, it wished to have the new CRD Board confirm the resolution of the previous Board from February 9, 2022. There is no legal or legislative requirement for the new Board to confirm a resolution passed in a properly constituted meeting by the previous Board, however, in the interest of advancing the Ministry's consideration of this issue without further delay, staff are complying with the request for the new Board to confirm its support.

**ALTERNATIVES**

*Alternative 1*

The Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the Capital Regional District Board reiterate its support for the resolution passed on February 9, 2022, to advance the request of the Magic Lake Property Owners' Society to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to evaluate the local context of the Magic Lake Estates neighborhood on North Pender Island and request the Ministry consider funding a Governance and Services Study to examine governance concerns within the community and provide options and alternatives to address those concerns.

*Alternative 2*

That the Request for Governance Study of Magic Lake Estates, North Pender Island report be referred back to staff for additional information.

## **CONCLUSION**

The original conditions that prompted the MLPOS to seek support from the Province for a governance study in 2022 have not changed. The recommended motion meets the request of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, that the current sitting Board affirms its support for funding that would enable a governance and services study for the neighbourhood of Magic Lake Estates on North Pender Island.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:  
That the Capital Regional District Board reiterate its support for the resolution passed on February 9, 2022, to advance the request of the Magic Lake Property Owners' Society to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to evaluate the local context of the Magic Lake Estates neighborhood on North Pender Island and request the Ministry consider funding a Governance and Services Study to examine governance concerns within the community and provide options and alternatives to address those concerns.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Appendix A: Staff Report of Feb. 9, 2022: Request for a Governance Study by the Magic Lake Property Owners' Society, North Pender Island
- Appendix B: Letter to ADM Faganello, March 2, 2022
- Appendix C: Letter to K. Morley, September 30, 2022
- Appendix D: Letter to B. Coulson, January 4, 2023