

# SUN PEAKS INCORPORATION STUDY COMMITTEE

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## Incorporation Study Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

**Date:** Saturday, November 28, 2009  
**Time:** 5:00 PM  
**Place:** Delta Sun Peaks Resort

Committee Members & Staff	Present	Absent
Ines Popig, Co-Chair	✓	
Darcy Alexander, Co-Chair	✓	
Adam Earle	✓	
Dennis Karpiak (via phone)	✓	
Mike Forster	✓	
Al Raine	✓	
Kyle McGauchie	✓	
Mario Pozza	✓	
Colleen Hannigan	✓	
Nicky Braithwaite (SPRID staff)	✓	

### 1. Call to Order and Approve Agenda

The meeting was Called to Order by Darcy Alexander at 5:10 PM.

Committee agreed upon the following agenda items:

- Aug 19 and Aug 20, 2009 Minutes
- Committee Recommendations
  - a. Boundary
  - b. SPRC representation
  - c. Advisory committees
  - d. Name
  - e. Limitation on the Business tax rate
- Referendum Vote
- Referendum Committee
- Dissolution of Sun Peaks Incorporation Study Committee

### 2. Minutes

Moved by Kyle McGauchie and seconded by Mike Forster

*That the August 19 and August 20, 2009 Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.*

**Vote:** All in favour                      Motion carried

### 3. Committee Recommendations

**a) Boundary** – The Committee recommends using the Controlled Recreation Area (CRA) boundary. Reasons for choosing this boundary include: issues with dual taxation authorities, safety, fire protection and, forestry.

*Vote: All in favour.*

**b) SPRC representation** – The Committee recommends that there should be a SPRC representative (or nominee) on council and that this appointed position be in place for 10 years. It was noted that there are concerns with the existing provincial conflict of interest regulations with respect to this position and that the Province is working on this challenge with respect to the Sun Peaks situation. The committee also expressed concerns that the new council may not be as effective if there is not senior representation from SPRC at the table. Committee is hopeful that an exemption could be possible with respect to SPRC business.

*Vote: All in favour.*

**c) Advisory committees** – The Committee recommends that the following advisory committees be required in Letters Patent:

- Economic (including TSP and other business)
- First Nations
- Non-BC resident property owners
- Transitional (comprised of SPRID trustee(s) if none of the current SPRID trustees are elected to the first council)

*Vote: 9 members in favour and one opposed.*

**d) Name** – The Committee recommends that the name of the new municipality be “Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality”.

The two options put forward by the Province were: 1) Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality (SPMRM); or 2) Mountain Resort Municipality of Sun Peaks (MRMSP)

*Vote: All in favour*

**e) Limitation on the Business tax rate** – The Committee recommends a limit of 3.5 be set for the business tax rate in relation to the residential tax rate. Various ratios were discussed for the business rate and the impact on tax rates compared.

*Vote: All in favour*

*Dennis Karpiak joined the meeting by phone and was updated on the outcome of the public meetings, as well as the discussion on the above-noted agenda items. He then added his vote to each item (included in the appropriate Voting results section above).*

#### 4. Referendum Vote

It was reported that the results of the informal written straw poll taken at the end of each public meeting asking the attendees if they supported a referendum on municipal incorporation was 97 ‘Yes’, 7 ‘No’.

Moved by Kyle McGauchie and seconded by Colleen Hannigan

***That the Sun Peaks Incorporation Study Committee make a recommendation to the Minister for a referendum vote at the earliest possible date.***

**Vote:**                    All in favour                    Motion carried

Committee wished it to be noted that the recommendation for a referendum vote is not contingent upon the Minister's agreement to the other recommendations of the Committee. However, the Committee strongly supports the implementation of all the recommendations.

The Committee then agreed that:

- A press release be circulated immediately stating that the Committee has agreed to ask the Minister for a referendum; and,
- Community newsletters be drafted and circulated as soon as the Minister agrees to the vote.

## **5. Referendum Committee**

Moved by Mario Pozza and seconded by Kyle McGauchie

*That Colleen Hannigan, Darcy Alexander and Al Raine be appointed as the Referendum Committee.*

**Vote:**                    All in favour                    Motion carried

## **6. Dissolution of Sun Peaks Incorporation Study Committee**

Moved by Ines Popig and seconded by Adam Earle

*That the Sun Peaks Incorporation Study Committee be dissolved.*

**Vote:**                    All in a favor                    Motion carried

## **7. Adjournment**

Moved by Al Raine and seconded by Colleen Hannigan

*That the meeting be adjourned.*

**Vote:**                    All in favour                    Motion carried