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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
**Natural Resources Committee**

April 9, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Todd Donovan called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Todd Donovan, Barry Buchanan, and Satpal Sidhu  
**Absent:** None  
**Also Present:** Barbara Brenner, Rud Browne, and Carol Frazey

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**1. AB2019-217 REPORT ON SILVER LAKE PARK RENOVATION PROJECT**

The following Parks and Recreation Department staff submitted handouts, gave a staff report, and answered questions:

- Rod Lamb
- Mike McFarlane, Director

Staff and Councilmembers discussed options for reducing the total number of trees being removed, the location of the septic field, other timber harvests on parks properties, a tree planting program in the parks, natural self-thinning of smaller trees in the forest by bigger trees, and reuse and recycling of downed trees for other natural and cultural preservation efforts.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

**1. AB2019-216 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FUNDING FOR STEWARDSHIP FORESTER POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SMALL FOREST LANDOWNER OFFICE**

Brenner reported on the proposed resolution.

Councilmembers discussed sending it to the State legislature and the historical number of positions.

***Buchanan moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Donovan, Buchanan, and Sidhu (3)  
**Nays:** None (0)

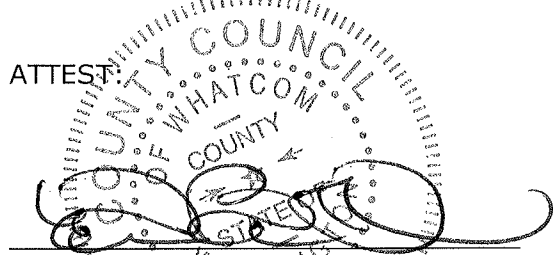
1 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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3 Sidhu reported on a grant received by the Public Utility District on the Whatcom  
4 County, regional, and state drought contingency plans.  
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7 **ADJOURN**

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9 The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

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18 Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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22 Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription  
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Todd Donovan, Committee Chair