

DISTRICT OF SOOKE

Spirit of BC Sooke Community Committee

Meeting #27 – October 27th 2009

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Sooke Region Museum Service Building

Committee Members Present:

Raymond Vowles	Shirley Vowles
Lorna Barry	Elizabeth Johnson
Laurie Szadkowski	Mike Thomas
Beverley Myers	Rose Dumont
Joan Titus	Peter Wilford
Bob Stinson	Beverly Berger

Staff: Elida Peers (recorder)

Guests/Staff: Bonnie Hill, Laura Byrne, Bonnie Sprinkling
Steve Sorenson

Absent: Janet Broadbent, Dave Slater

1. The meeting was called to order by Ray Vowles at 7:10 pm.
2. **MOVED** by Bev Myers, seconded, to approve the agenda as circulated.
CARRIED
3. **MOVED** by Liz Johnson, seconded, to approve the minutes of the last meeting.
CARRIED
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT** - Elida reported that the Spirit account at the Royal Bank had a balance of approx 40.00; that a cheque for \$450.00 had been received from Sooke Rotary; and that the provincial grant available for torch celebrations had been received and deposited into the District of Sooke account.

MOVED by Lorna, seconded, to approve the report.
CARRIED
5. **BUSINESS ARISING:** Flag stands – Bob Stinson demonstrated the prototype stand, and explained that the Flag Shop had not been able to fill his order for the appropriate national flags, so explained the need to delay presentation of the flag stands until a later date. He reported that eight stands would be made for the schools, plus one to be purchased by the museum and one by the District. The Flag Shop was so impressed with his creation, that they also ordered a unit, so Bob will now be making eleven in all.
Elida confirmed that Heritage Canada was considering the grant application supporting student involvement in the Torch Relay, but

no answer had yet been given.

She also confirmed that she had been called by EMCS to discuss the Torch Committee's use of the facility, and the limitations now being placed on access to the school and grounds, ie. the tents could not be erected on the playing field. Adjustments have now been made.

6. **REPORTS:**

Regarding the official 7:00 am ceremony at the Municipal Hall and start of the Torch relay:

Fire Chief Steve Sorenson, Liz Johnson and Shirley Vowles reported on the placement of stage, decorations, and film screen at the truck bay entrance of the firehall.

Bonnie Sprinkling reported on the use, access, parking, staffing, etc of the Municipal building on Saturday 31st.

Bev Berger reported she had arranged for five youth representatives for Soccer, Figure Skating, Hockey, Baseball and Football to stand on the stage with the Mayor and make the commemorative presentation.

Lorna Barry reported she had purchased the presentation Rowan Tree and it would be delivered onsite by Lorne Christensen.

Bev Myers reported she had picked up the 78 second film clip of All Sooke Day champion climber Ed Johnson and demonstrated it for the group.

Mike Thomas reported on the seven security passes he was handing out on behalf of RCMP Corporal Scott Hilderley. He will have his Lions Club parking volunteers meet early with Corporal Hilderley for briefing.

Mike also discussed the shuttle buses between EMCS and uptown Sooke. Elida reported on the Wilsons buses chartered from Port Renfrew to EMCS and East Sooke to EMCS. The group's consensus was that Elida should try to book the Playland bus to take over from Wilsons transportation shuttle at 9:30. am.

Laurie Szadkowski updated that about 15 Port Renfrew students would be staying over on Friday night at Ecole Poirier, under the care of teacher Tim May, in order to be certain of participating in the early morning choir presentation.

Elida confirmed that Ethan Swinburnson would open the event with O Canada, and discussed the participation of the Sooke Pipes and Drums, with Angus Stanfield. She also reported that she had met with Father Michael Favero of St Rose Church who would be officiating at the blessing of the flame.

Laura Byrne reported on the status of the contracting work at the Park & Ride at Derbend, and that it would be put in good order ready for the Saturday morning spectators. Laurie Szadkowski confirmed that she will have the risers for the youth choir put in place at Derbend early Saturday and removed later in the day. It was agreed that the Spirit Song presented by the youth choir would be the FINALE.

Pete Wilford reported on the breakfast; that he had received many offers of help with serving; and the cooking staff at Edward Milne had been very supportive. He had organized 1,000 pizza pretzels, 1,000 bagels, beverages and fruit, serving to begin at 8:00 am.

Bonnie Sprinkling reported that she had created the design for the 2,500 commemorative bookmarks, shipped to Sooke Printing, and

Laurie Szadkowski confirmed she would have them counted and distributed to all students on Thursday 29th if received in time. Lorna Barry reported she had placed the posters created by the Elementary students, throughout the area Shirley to East Sooke. Elida reported that Thom Southwood had agreed to manage the basic choreography for the placard presentation by the massed spectator group at Derbend. He would be assisted by Bev Myers and Joan Titus.

Liz Johnson reported on the extensive publicity, e-mailing and advertising program she and Elida had carried out.

Elida reported that all concert performers were confirmed, and EMCS had arranged for a student to manage the sound system as needed. She asked for suggestions for an M/C at the concert.

She said that as there were requests for a printed souvenir program, a limited number would be created.

Elida reported that the videographer, Michael Worth, had been out in Sooke to go over the route, and had four cameras planned for the project, intended to create a finished video of some 15 minutes recording Sooke's Torch event.

Bev Myers reported that washrooms would be opened early Saturday morning for the public's convenience at the Sooke Community Hall, the Sooke Region Museum and St Rose Church. Pete and Mike were asked to advise of the directional signage they would need so it could be created for them.

Bonnie Sprinkling reported that as the events were taking place through the organizing of a Select Committee of the District, liability insurance coverage would be in place.

7. **T'SOU-KE PROGRAM** - Bonnie Hill described the event that will take place at the T'Sou-ke Nation, including the blessing, drumming and running time on Lazzar. She reconfirmed the Band's commitment to sharing in the organizing costs as planned, particularly with the breakfast.
8. The next meeting was set for November 25, 2009.
9. **ADJOURNMENT** of meeting at 8:50 by Rose Dumont.

Certified by:

Raymond J Vowles

Evan Parliament