

DISTRICT OF SOOKE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held on February 11, 2008
7:00 p.m. Council Chamber

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Janet Evans
Councillor Rick Armour
Councillor Sheila Beech
Councillor Ron Dumont
Councillor Brenda Parkinson

STAFF PRESENT

Evan Parliament, Chief Administrative Officer
Bonnie Sprinkling, Corporate Services
Manager/Deputy Clerk
Marlaina Elliott, Director of Planning
Dave Devana, Director of Finance
Darcey Kohuch, Director of Engineering
Bob Kelsey, Fire Chief
Lisa Urlacher, Council Clerk

ABSENT

Councillor Jen Smith
Councillor Rick Kasper

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Beech, seconded to approve the agenda as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Parkinson, seconded that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 21, 2008 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Parkinson, seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on January 28, 2008 be adopted as amended on page 4.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Parkinson, seconded that the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on January 30, 2008 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Beech, seconded that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 4, 2008 be adopted as amended on page 1.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Beech, seconded that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 5, 2008 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

MOVED by Councillor Dumont, seconded that minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on January 30, 2008 be received for information.

AND that the minutes of the Capital Regional District Board meeting held on January 9, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

BA-1 Finance and Administration Committee Recommendation – January 30, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Dumont, seconded to direct staff to work with EMCS to research upfront capital costs and ongoing operating costs, and to bring forward to Council for consideration the information on the conceptual joint venture project with EMCS for a Community Public Notice Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Fred Vonllberg, Tara Place expressed concerns with the process and the Council conduct at the Special Council meeting of January 30, 2008.

Clive Kitchener, Maple Avenue South, expressed opposition to the BC Climate Charter and the Twinning Asia Project. Mr Kitchener submitted a CTV News update.

PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS AND RELATED REPORTS

PI-1 Development Variance Permit – 2008 Norton Road

Marlaina Elliott provided an overview of the proposed development variance permit for 2008 Norton Road. Ms Elliott stated that the existing residence (to be demolished) is encroaching into the Water Street right-of-way. And that R-1 setbacks renders this lot as virtually unbuildable, therefore, a variance from the required setbacks is necessary to construct a single family home.

Doran Musgrave, Architect, reported on the proposed residence and asked Council for a relaxation to the front and rear setbacks. Mr. Musgrove stated that it is a difficult site to work with, but is confident that when done in sequence it will work.

Council discussed the proposed development variance permit and had the following concerns and recommendations:

- Stability of rock boulder retaining wall
- Preservation of natural sea boundary
- Geo-fault requirement

- parking requirements
- Cul-de-sac turnaround
- zero setback to Water street
- Bond on construction

Mr. Musgrove submitted a new plan with revised setbacks to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Armour, seconded that Council refer back to staff to bring back a report to Council with the new setbacks for the issuance of a development variance permit for 2008 Norton Road.

CARRIED

PI-2 2008-2012 Financial Plan

Committee of the Whole Recommendations – February 5, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Parkinson, seconded that Council add \$5,000 in revenue to the Lease and Rentals (account # 10-15320-000-1) in 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Beech, seconded that Council accept the replacement sheet as amended for the Sewer Operating Fund and the Sewer Replacement Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Armour, seconded that Council increase the Transfer from General Operating Fund Surplus (account # 10-19110-000-1) by an additional \$80, 000 (\$175,000 to \$255,000) to reduce the increase in the municipal portion of property taxes to 10.34 percent.

CARRIED

Councillor Parkinson opposed the motion

MOVED by Councillor Dumont, seconded that Council introduce and give first reading to Bylaw No. 357, *Five year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2008*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Dumont, seconded that Council give second reading to Bylaw No. 357, *Five year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2008*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION

RA-1 BC Climate Action Charter

Council discussed the level of commitment for the District of Sooke and asked Staff to report on simple changes such as:

- turning lights off at Municipal Hall
- Hybrid vehicles
- Changing to energy efficient light at Municipal Hall
- Switching from propane to natural gas

MOVED by Councillor Beech, seconded authorize Mayor Janet Evans to sign the *BC Climate Action Charter* on behalf of the District of Sooke;

AND to direct staff to bring back a report on the level of commitment the District of Sooke could make to green house gas reduction initiatives.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Dumont, seconded to direct staff to investigate the Veto rights for Sooke on certain bylaws proposed by the Capital Regional District on Climate Change.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RA-2 Resolution to AVICC concerning additional Homeowners Grant

MOVED by Councillor Armour, seconded to forward a resolution to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities as follows:

“WHEREAS many senior residents of British Columbia have owned and lived in their home for more than twenty years, paid property taxes and intend to continue to live in their home;

AND WHEREAS senior residents have experienced an extraordinary rise in their property assessments over the past twenty years;

AND WHEREAS, due to the high assessed value of their property, some senior property owners do not meet the requirements for the additional Home Owner Grant and it is a hardship for them to pay their property taxes without the grant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the Provincial Government to amend the *Home Owner Grant Act* to allow all senior property owners to claim the full additional Home Owner Grant.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

RI-1 Council Reader File – January 2008

MOVED by Councillor Beech, seconded to receive the report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Evans read and submitted her report.

Councillor Parkinson state that she attended the same events as Mayor Evans and reported on the Tourism Committee meeting and SPA meeting. Councillor Parkinson submitted her report.

Councillor Beech reported that she also attended the same events and reported on the Literacy program and the OCP Review Committee schedule of upcoming events.

Councillor Armour reported that he attended the Sooke Economic Development Commission meeting as chair and reported on Councillor Kasper's progress.

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

- C-1 Intermunicipal Advisory Committee on Disability Issues – resolution 10 by 10 challenge**

MOVED by Councillor Beech, seconded to receive and file the correspondence.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- I-1 AVICC – resolution deadline / Call for Nominations**

MOVED by Councillor Dumont, seconded to receive and file the correspondence.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- I-2 CREST**

MOVED by Councillor Beech, seconded to receive and file the correspondence.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- I-3 Westshore Chamber of Commerce - Branding**

MOVED by Councillor Beech, seconded to receive and file the correspondence.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- I-4 ADR Education – acceptance review period extension**

MOVED by Councillor Beech, seconded to receive and file the correspondence.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- I-5 Ministry of Community Services – BC Asia Twinning Project**

MOVED by Councillor Beech, seconded to receive and file the correspondence.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- I-6 Victoria Sketch Club – suggestions and feedback**

MOVED by Councillor Beech, seconded to receive and file the correspondence.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

B-1 Bylaw No. 324, *Zoning Amendment Bylaw (270-25)*- four lots behind Village Foods and the end of Lincroft and Goodmere Roads

MOVED by Councillor Beech, seconded that Bylaw No. 324, *Zoning Amendment Bylaw (270-25)* be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

MOVED by Councillor Beech, seconded to close the meeting to the public under section 90 of the *Community Charter* to discuss the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Beech, seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:

Janet Evans
Mayor

Evan Parliament
Chief Administrative Officer