

DISTRICT OF SOOKE

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council
held in the Council Chamber
at 2225 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC
July 06, 2009 immediately following the Committee of the Whole.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Janet Evans
Councillor Sheila Beech
Councillor David Bennett
Councillor Bev Burger
Councillor Ron Dumont
Councillor Herb Haldane
Councillor Maja Tait

STAFF PRESENT

Evan Parliament, Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Devana, Director of Finance
Lisa Urlacher, Council Clerk
Gerald Christie, Director of Planning
Al Fontes, Director of Engineering
Steve Sorensen, Fire Chief

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded to waive the requirement under the *Council Procedure Bylaw, 2004* that a copy of a bylaw must be made available to the members of Council and to the public at least 24 hours before the Council meeting;

AND THAT the following items to be added to the agenda:

RA-1 Resolution to UBCM – Derelict Vessels

B-1 Bylaw No. 405 - Mariner's Village – Section 219 Covenant

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

There were no questions or comments from the public.

REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION

RA-1 Resolution to UBCM – Derelict Vessels

MOVED and seconded that Council approve the following resolution for submission to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities:

“WHEREAS the sixty-five year-old tugboat, *Florence Filberg, British Columbia*, became grounded in November 2007 within the Sooke Harbour after breaking loose from its mooring and being abandoned by its owner;

AND WHEREAS the District of Sooke has requested assistance from senior levels of the provincial and federal governments with regards to the safe and efficient removal of the *Florence Filberg, British Columbia* with no success;

AND WHEREAS the *Florence Filberg, British Columbia* was the target of arsonists on the evening of Friday July 3, 2009 causing it to burn fiercely, thus causing potential air quality and environmental issues and causing a further navigational hazard;

AND WHEREAS the estimates to remove what remains of the *Florence Filberg, British Columbia* from the Sooke Harbour are approximately \$120,000;

AND WHEREAS there are approximately twenty abandoned derelict vessels in the Sooke Harbour and Basin and other coastal communities in Canada can be or have been faced with the same predicament such as the *Florence Filberg, British Columbia*;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia negotiate directly with the Government of Canada to determine which of those two levels of Government has appropriate jurisdiction in these matters;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Union of British Columbia Municipalities negotiate with the Province of British Columbia to continue to work with the Federal Government in addressing this outstanding issue affecting all coastal communities in BC;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the removal of derelict vessels be at no cost to Local Government.”

CARRIED

Council asked that a media release be sent out regarding the Derelict vessel in the Sooke Harbour and the potential hazards that the arsonist incident created and that the residents be made aware that the District of Sooke is appealing to all senior levels of government to remedy the situation.

BYLAWS

B-1 Mariner’s Village Covenant

Staff provided an overview of the covenant and explained how the proposed public space and trails will be transferred to the District of Sooke in fee simple. It was further explained that the second covenant in favour of the Ministry of Transportation that was introduced at the public hearing details the works and services required for Highway 14 as part of this development.

MOVED and seconded that Council authorize the Mayor and CAO to enter into a section 219 covenant with Condor Properties Ltd.

CARRIED

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

MOVED and seconded to close the meeting to the public under section 90(1) of the *Community Charter* to discuss:

90(1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;

90(1)(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.
CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Janet Evans
Mayor

Bonnie Sprinkling
Corporate Officer