



DISTRICT OF SOOKE

Committee of the Whole Minutes
Meeting held November 28, 2016
at 6:30 pm
Council Chamber, 2225 Otter Point Road

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Maja Tait
Councillor Bev Berger
Councillor Rick Kasper
Councillor Brenda Parkinson
Councillor Kerrie Reay

STAFF PRESENT

Teresa Sullivan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gabryel Joseph, Director of Corporate Services
Brent Blackhall, Director of Financial Services
Rob Howat, Director of Development Services
Patti Rear, Deputy Corporate Officer
Sarah Temple, Corporate Services Assistant

Absent: Councillor Logins, Councillor Pearson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED to approve the agenda as circulated.
CARRIED

3. Establishment of a Regional Transportation System

Kevin Lorette, Signe Bagh and John Hicks, representing the Capital Regional District, presented to the Committee of the Whole regarding the establishment of a Regional Transportation System.

Ms. Bagh provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining some of the current transportation challenges in the region and proposed solutions that may be offered by a regional transportation service. Ms. Bagh provided an overview of some frequently asked questions and the draft bylaw, which are included as part of the agenda package.

Committee Discussion:

- Concerns as to adding an additional level of bureaucracy to transportation planning.
- Discussion as to the cost of operating a regional transportation service.
- Concerns regarding the Capital Regional District's governance model and weighted vote system. Sooke's voice may be lost when larger, core municipalities are at the table.
- Core municipalities share concerns over key thoroughfares and transportation routes.

- Sooke could focus efforts on lobbying the provincial government for improvements to Highway 14, its main transportation corridor. Other municipalities don't share the same concerns.
- Collaborating with other municipalities could strengthen lobbying efforts and access federal infrastructure funding.
- Discussion regarding Sooke residents' need to travel to other municipalities for services such as universities and hospitals.

Public Input:

- Ellen Lewers, Sooke resident, spoke regarding Light Rail Transit as an option for improving regional transportation.

4. **Adjournment**

MOVED B. Parkinson

To adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

CARRIED

In favour:

Councillor Berger, Councillor Kasper, Councillor Parkinson, Councillor Reay, Mayor Tait

Certified Correct:

Original signed by

Maja Tait
Mayor

Original signed by

Gabryel Joseph
Corporate Officer