



**DISTRICT OF SOOKE**  
Committee of the Whole Minutes  
Meeting held September 12, 2016  
at 6:00 pm  
Council Chamber, 2225 Otter Point Road

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**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Mayor Maja Tait  
Councillor Bev Berger  
Councillor Ebony Logins  
Councillor Brenda Parkinson  
Councillor Kevin Pearson

**STAFF PRESENT**

Teresa Sullivan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gabryel Joseph, Acting Corporate Officer  
Rob Howat, Director of Development Services  
Brent Blackhall, Director of Finance  
Nikki Lewers, Land Development Technician  
Katherine Lesyshen, Planner II  
Tara Johnson, Planner II  
Patti Rear, Deputy Corporate Officer  
Jennifer Royer-Collard, Corporate Services Asst.

**Absent:** Councillor Kasper, Councillor Reay

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** to approve the agenda as circulated.

**CARRIED**

3. **Presentation: Zero Waste Sooke**

Wendy O'Conner, ZWS Organization Team Member, addressed Council and provided an overview of the Zero Waste Sooke Open Space Symposium. Which was held on April 17, 2016, at the Sooke Community Hall. A PowerPoint presentation was provided as well as a report on the events topics, workshops and proposed potential implementations that could assist Sooke in becoming a Zero Waste Community.

**Topics of the presentation:**

- Upcycling opportunities;
- Waste reductions options;
- Other communities in BC who are practicing Zero Waste;
- Desire for the District to embrace, legislate and practice Zero Waste;
- Energy Efficiencies;
- Recommendations: Drinking fountains in high traffic areas, ban on plastic bags in the District,

(Patti Rear joined the meeting at 6:25 p.m.)

Members of Council and members of the Zero Waste Sooke organization participated in an open discussion:

- Mayor Tait suggested the PowerPoint presentation be forwarded to staff as input for the Official Community Plan review.
- Councillor Logins ask if there were conversations with local businesses regarding banning plastic bags and what type of feedback was received? Joan Phillips answered: both grocery stores would support a ban of single use plastic bags, although they were hesitant to be the first and would support the District a ban was imposed. Ms. Phillips plans to visit other stores in future conversations.
- Zero Waste Sooke confirmed they would be willing to participate with the District on other future initiatives.
- Councillor Parkinson would like to have Buddy Boyd present to Council and learn from what his previous accomplishments in this field.
- It was Discussed that the District could put a garbage bylaw into place to restrict garbage receptacles being placed out the night before pick up. In addition, would it be possible for the District to implement a garbage fee or tax in the future.
- Councillor Pearson was concerned about the issue of plastic packaging and garbage, identifying that the consumer may need to be educated and that manufacturers of goods need to assume responsibility.
- Mayor Tait would like a drop off location for hazardous waste/ chemicals to be safely disposed of, and a bag drop off area. She enquired whether there are options for shoreline or off-shore water clean up uses.

4. **Public Input**

- Geoff Bateman. The two Sooke grocery stores have agreed to place signage at the front of their store, stating BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag). The former Idlemore waste transfer station may not be a suitable location for a resource recovery center as the qualifications may not fit into the M2 or M3 zoning.
- Ralph Hall: You care or you don't, education on recycling required and would like to see Sooke be a leader in this area.

Councillor Parkinson noted that access to water fountains in the parks would be a benefit, as many events that are held bring bottled water in to sell.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Maja Tait  
Mayor

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Gabryel Joseph  
Acting Corporate Officer