



**MINUTES**  
**District of Sooke**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
**March 6, 2017 6:00 PM**  
**Council Chamber**  
**2225 Otter Point Road**  
**Sooke, BC**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Tait  
Councillor Berger  
Councillor Kasper  
Councillor Parkinson  
Councillor Pearson  
Councillor Reay

**ABSENT:**

Councillor Logins

**GUESTS:**

Autumn Longley	Senior Financial Manager, Contract Policing, Corporate Management & Comptrollership Branch, RCMP
Syvia Poon	Acting Financial Manager, Municipal Policing, Corporate Management & Comptrollership Branch, RCMP
Jeff McArthur	Staff Sergeant, Detachment Commander, Sooke RCMP

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Teresa Sullivan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Brent Blackhall, Director of Financial Services  
Gabryel Joseph, Director of Corporate Services  
Rob Howat, Director of Development Services  
Kenn Mount, Fire Chief  
Jennifer Royer-Collard, Corporate Services Assistant

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Tait called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**2. NEW BUSINESS/SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

No new business or supplementary information was provided for this meeting.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOVED** by Councillor Berger, seconded by Councillor Parkinson:

THAT the agenda for the March 6, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting of Council, be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

**In Favour:**

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

**Absent:**

Councillor Logins

4. **DELEGATIONS**

4.1 **RCMP Corporate Management and Comptrollership Branch Presentation**

Staff from the RCMP Comptrollership Branch provided a PowerPoint presentation (which is attached and forms part of these minutes) to Council regarding:

- Planning and Invoicing Cycle
- Direct Costs (FTE - pay, allowances, overtime, support staff)
- Indirect Costs (division administration - health/ leave, national programs - police dog services, recruiting, training)
- Looking Forward
  - No significant changes assumed (2.5% retro not included)
  - 12 members at Sooke Detachment.
  - Issues at higher level: under negotiation - severance, "E" Division (BC) Head Quarters, legislative changes - Bill C42 (eliminated Civilian members - does not affect Sooke).
  - 2018/19 RCMP Financial Plan may or may not include member pay increase
  - Increased fees for training

Council provided input to the presenters regarding the services provided by the RCMP for the District of Sooke.

- Disappointment with lack of cost sharing with the rural areas
- Length of time taken to have another member brought on board.
- Concerns with lack of coverage in the community.
- Inquired about quarterly billing; estimate to actual.
- Funding and impact on detachment when members are off (sick or leave of absence).
- Direct costs (shared detachment).

Staff Sergeant McArthur addressed council regarding the cost sharing and how the finances are distributed between the District and the Province.

**Public Input**

Mark Whiteson, Sooke resident, spoke regarding the need for Policing increases, for the short and long term, for the community.

5. **REPORTS (Public Input to follow each item)**

5.1 **Chief Administrative Officer Report**

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an overview of her report, framing the budget for financial discussions, service levels, highlight historical trends, and effects of growth in the community. A few key items discussed included:

- Anticipated costs for the future.
- Fixed costs.
- Road repairs and drainage issues.

- Diversify revenue increases.
- Areas where staff need direction from Mayor and Council.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

No new items were presented.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED by Councillor Pearson, seconded by Councillor Reay:**  
THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED.**

**In Favour:**

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

**Absent:**

Councillor Logins

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**Certified Correct:**

*Original Signed by*

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**Maja Tait**  
**Mayor**

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**Gabryel Joseph**  
**Corporate Officer**