



**DISTRICT OF SOOKE**  
**Sooke Community Centre Advisory Committee Minutes**  
Meeting held April 21, 2016  
at 10:00 am  
Council Chamber, 2225 Otter Point Road

**Committee Members Present:**

1. Lee Boyko, Sooke Region Museum, Chair
2. Councillor Ebony Logins
3. Steve Knoke, SEAPARC
4. Karl Linell, Sooke Community Association
5. Jeff Bateman, Sooke Transition Town Society, EMCS Society
6. Bob Phillips, Sooke School District
7. Ellen Lewers, Sooke Fall Fair
8. Infinity Logan, EMCS Youth Council
9. Shirley Lowe, Sooke Seniors Drop In Society
10. Nicky Logins, Sooke Family Resource Society (arrived at 10:06 a.m.)

**Staff:** Gabryel Joseph, Director of Corporate Services  
Sarah Temple, Corporate Services Clerk

1. Lee Boyko called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:**  
**MOVED** to approve the agenda as circulated.  
**CARRIED**
3. **Approval of the Minutes:**  
**MOVED** to approve the minutes of March 21, 2016 as amended.  
**CARRIED**
4. **Draft Recommendations to Council:**
  - Lee Boyko provided an overview of the draft recommendations to Council document as presented in the Supplemental Information agenda.

**Committee Discussion:**

- Discussion of needs of the senior's community, both short and long-term. A recent delegation to the SEAPARC Commission on behalf of the seniors was well-received, but no decisions were made. SEAPARC has been mentioned as an interim space for the seniors, utilizing a portable structure acquired from a school district. There is a sense of urgency on behalf of the seniors to find a home, so they can start to increase their membership and better serve the community. Ayre Manor is still an option.
- Discussion of current partnerships and models for co-operation.
- Operating costs can be a challenge, but they are the reality of capital operations. Discussion of operating costs of the Sooke Community Hall.
- Working together to better use existing structures (such as SEAPARC, School Facilities, Community Hall etc.) is more cost-effective than any new build. These should

be maximized first.

- Any recommendations to Council that reference required partnerships, will need to state that all required partners will need to proceed through their own decision making channels.
- Discussion of EMCS Makerspace Initiative, which would create a space for the public to come together in a creative environment. Details are still to be determined, but it is an example of utilization of existing space to meet community need.
- Alternative Housing in an option that could be explored in conjunction with a new build. Rental revenue could help to offset operating costs. There are many exciting models for mixed-use buildings.
- Town Centre locations are desirable, but parking can be a challenge for larger events. Discussion of closing Eustace Road from Otter Point to Sheilds Road, making Sheilds into a two way street and developing a large parking area in partnership with neighbouring businesses and the Legion.
- The existing configuration of the Community Hall can be difficult to program. Any plans for a redesign will need to consider future programming needs.
  
- The Committee generally discussed changes to the Draft Recommendations to Council document and made the following suggestions:
  - **Firstly**, discuss how current spaces can be used more effectively to meet current needs. Identify the “low hanging fruit” and opportunities that could be maximized.
    - Support for a redesign of the Community Hall basement. This could involve a plan to physically maximize space and usage, generate income and preserve the building.
    - Relocation of storage space and some usage of the Community Hall basement to the Kaltasin Works yard. (Community Quonset?)
    - Make a very specific recommendation in favour of supporting the Sooke Community Hall.
  - **Secondly**, discuss how any new build could better meet current and future needs.
  - **Thirdly**, state that any new build could be considered for the Wadams Way property, but that there are other locations/options.
  
  - **Additionally**, add in reference to the work that the Parks and Trails Advisory Committee is working on regarding John Phillips Memorial Park, improving outdoor spaces for community use and advocating for increase pedestrian connectivity.
  - Give an overview of all of the community activities going on that are currently attempting to meet community needs – partnerships, new initiatives, HEROWORKS.
  - Highlight specific action steps that are required.
  - Ensure the outcome of each action is clearly stated.

#### **Next Steps:**

- The Committee agreed to review the Draft Recommendations to Council document and provide any feedback or suggested changes to Lee Boyko by Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

- Lee will then work with staff to create a document for Council for presentation at the May 9, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Lee will present the document to Council for discussion purposes. The Committee would like feedback on the direction they should focus moving forward into Phase 2.

5 **Public Input** - There was no input from members of the public.

6. **Next Scheduled Meeting:** May 26, 2016 at 10:00 pm

7. **Adjournment:**

**MOVED** and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Certified Correct:

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Chair

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Corporate Officer