



DISTRICT OF SOOKE
Climate Change Action Committee

Minutes of Meeting held
March 17, 2016 at 3:00 pm

Council Chamber, 2225 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC

Committee Members Present:

Jeff Bateman, Sooke Transition Town/Zero Waste Sooke, Chair
Councillor Ebony Logins
Andrew Moore, T'Sou-ke Nation
Laura Hooper, Parks and Environmental Services Coordinator
Katherine Lesyshen, Planner II
Steve Sorensen, Fire Chief

Recorder: Sarah Temple, Corporate Services Clerk

1. Call to Order

Jeff Bateman called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED to approve the agenda as circulated.
CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

MOVED to approve the minutes of January 28, 2016 as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Solar Ready Building Code

- Andrew Moore provided an update on Solar Photovoltaic technology as it relates to building codes and energy conservation.
- Mr. Moore advised that "solar readiness" now relates to more than solar hot water readiness.
- Solar Photovoltaic technology readiness may be addressed by changes to the BC building code, including electrical safety considerations.

ACTION: Staff to investigate generic solar readiness bylaws from other municipalities.

5. Agricultural Plan:

- Katherine Lesyshen gave an overview of the Agricultural Plan as it relates to the Climate Change Action Committee.
- Growing local food relates to Climate Change Action in both mitigation of energy costs used for importing food, as well as adaptation to a changing climate.
- A composting facility and/or program could be investigated.
- Discussion of ways to support local food security initiatives.

MOVED to recommend that Council direct staff to investigate opportunities for local yard waste composting facilities and/or programs.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Other Business:

a) CEEP Priorities for 2016:

Committee Discussion:

- Solar Building Code
- Sidewalks – modeling exists on how much sidewalk is needed to complete “connectivity” through Sooke.
- Green economy opportunities – this could include model demonstration projects, local yard waste programs.

b) Public education planning:

Committee Discussion:

- Jeff Bateman provided an overview of an upcoming Zero Waste Sooke event called “Talking Trash” on Sunday, April 17, 2016 - an open space symposium at Community Hall.

ACTION: Staff to investigate allocation of District of Sooke general advertising funds to promote the April 17th “Talking Trash” event as an avenue to promote waste management initiatives.

c) 2016 – 2020 Five Year Financial Plan

- Requests for Inclusion include Municipal Hall energy audit and research fees for consultant.

Committee Discussion:

- Solar panels on the municipal hall would be a great demonstration project for the community.

d) RFP for Alternate Energy Solutions

Committee Discussion:

- **ACTION:** Carry forward to next meeting a discussion of the possibility of a Request for Proposals for feasibility of alternate energy solutions in conjunction with new heat pumps for the municipality, including grant opportunities. This will require the following information:
 - Determine when heat pumps need to be replaced.
 - More info on demonstration projects.
 - More information on grants available. (including Community Energy Leadership Program – BC program)

e) Clean Energy Vehicle Program

If a budget is approved for purchase of a new municipal vehicle, the Climate Change Action Committee could recommend the purchase of an energy efficient vehicle, possibly electric. The Fraser Basin Council provides subsidies for electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

7. Public Input:

There were no comments from members of the public.

8. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- June 23, 2016 at 3:00 pm.
- Fourth Thursday of the month, quarterly or at the call of the Chair.

9. Adjournment:

MOVED and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Certified Original signed by:

Committee Chair