



DISTRICT OF SOOKE
Sooke Community Centre Advisory Committee Minutes
Meeting held March 17, 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. Peter Clark, Sooke Community Association
4. Nicky Logins, Sooke Region Community Health Initiative
5. Jeff Bateman, Sooke Transition Town Society, EMCS Society
6. Sandy Pedneault, Sooke Elderly Citizens Housing Society
7. Bob Phillips, Sooke School District
8. Ellen Lewers, Sooke Fall Fair
9. Shirley Lowe, Sooke Seniors Drop In Society

Staff: Gabryel Joseph, Director of Corporate Services (arrived at 11:12 am)
Sarah Temple, Corporate Services Clerk

1. Lee Boyko called the meeting to order at 10:09 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 February 18, 2016 as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Recommendations to Council:

- Discussion of various locations for community use, both indoor and outdoor.
 - The Sooke Community Hall is in a prime location in the Town Centre. Pedestrian traffic is high and many families use the area.
 - Parking in the Town Centre could be a challenge, but opportunities exist for partnerships with neighboring properties.
 - Discussion of possibility of land swaps to gain additional space in the Town Centre.
 - The Sooke Community Hall could be renovated to improve usage.
 - Potential for use of Kaltasin Works Yard as a location for storage, which would free up much of the basement of the Sooke Community Hall.
 - The Sooke Community Hall will celebrate its 80th anniversary in 2018.
 - Discussion of land acquisition on Wadams Way.
 - Discussion of potential for partnership with the Vancouver Island Regional Library.
 - Discussion of possibility of acquiring portables from school districts.
 - Discussion of the improvement of outdoor spaces in conjunction with recommendations for indoor space. Families utilize local parks and with improvements to infrastructure such as shelter, washrooms etc. the use of these

spaces would improve.

- Discussion of improving connectivity through the Town Centre and through to John Phillips Memorial Park.
- Discussion of funding options for a Community Centre, including money currently set aside in District of Sooke budget, HEROWORKS funding and grant possibilities.
- The Committee further discussed operational considerations which will need to be factored in to subsequent phases of planning. These include management of building(s) usage, contracting requirements, maintenance issues, leasing of space, partnerships and operational costs.

Next Steps:

- The Committee agreed by general consensus that the next step is to write a report outlining the Committee's proposed recommendations to Council in alignment with Phase 1 of the Sooke Community Centre Advisory Committee's (SCCAC) Terms of Reference.
- The written report will:
 - Outline the current needs of community groups (the "asks")
 - Outline where the "asks" are able to be accommodated
 - Outline that not all "asks" are able to be accommodated currently
 - Focus on connectivity and pedestrian accessibility
 - Make an assertive ask regarding the land acquisition on Wadams Way.

ACTION: A working group consisting of Lee Boyko, Nicky Logins and Bob Phillips agreed to draft a report outlining the Committee's proposed recommendations. The report will be circulated among SCCAC members to ensure it meets the needs of families, youth, seniors and arts organizations and will be discussed at the SCCAC's April meeting.

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

6. Next Scheduled Meeting: April 21, 2016 at 10:00 am.

7. Adjournment:

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

Certified Correct:

Chair

Corporate Officer