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#### CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

January 28, 2016 at 3:00 pm Location: Council Chambers 2205 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC

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#### DISTRICT OF SOOKE Climate Change Action Committee Minutes of Meeting held November 12, 2015 at 3:30 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 Bonnie Sprinkling, Corporate Officer Brent Blackhall, Deputy Director of Finance

Guest: Michael Tacon

**Recorder:** Sarah Temple, Finance and Administration Assistant

#### 1. Call to Order

Jeff Bateman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

#### 2. Approval of the Agenda

**MOVED** to approve the agenda with the addition of the following items as New Business:

- CRD Oil to Heat Pump Media Package
- CBC News Article

CARRIED

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

**MOVED** to approve the minutes of September 24, 2015 as amended. **CARRIED** 

#### 4. Alternative Energy Working Group:

Committee Discussion:

- Seeking to gather a number of key people together in a working group to begin exploration of expanding the "solar city" from the T'Sou-ke First Nation to the District of Sooke Municipal Hall and the Edward Milne Community School.
- Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions has a lot of information to get the working group started.
- Goal of the working group will be to put together a work plan for Council information, including a preliminary budget.
- One of the first steps will be to engage an energy auditing firm to assess the Municipal Hall.
- The working group will keep simple minutes of their meetings and will report back to the Climate Change Action Committee with their recommendations. The Climate Change Action Committee will then make any recommendations to Council.
- The working group will need to get started quickly in order for any budgeting requirements to be considered for the next year.

**MOVED** to establish an Alternative Energy Project working group, chaired by Andrew Moore, with the following members: Nitya Harris, Mark Ziegler, Brent Blackhall and Michael Tacon and with Jeff Bateman as an ex-officio member. **CARRIED** 

#### 5. Strategic Planning:

Committee Discussion:

- Strategic planning can be dictated by the contents of the CEEP and the specific goals that are listed within.
- An ongoing requirement is to promote Fortis and BC Hydro grants. One of the challenges of promotion is a lack of funding for promotional materials or advertising. A passive approach to promotion is currently being used where possible by putting existing materials at the Municipal Hall and on the District of Sooke website.
- A top priority of the CEEP is to promote a reduction in energy use.
- Some of the goals for the upcoming year could focus on alternative energy projects, solar vehicles and solar readiness.
- Discussion of a top-down, as well as a bottom-up, grassroots perspective. The Committee discussed getting youth involved through the schools, which has been done successfully through the aboriginal program.
- Non-profit groups in the community are also doing work around Climate Change, including Transition Town, Awareness Film Night and others. Discussion of working with community groups to promote grassroots initiatives.

Action Item: Staff to look at the CEEP and OCP to set out recommended strategic priorities for the new year.

Action Item: Staff to determine a budget request for advertising and promotion.

Action Item: Staff to investigate whether a Climate Change component is included in the Memorandum of Understanding with the T'Sou-ke Nation.

Action Item: Staff to look into a model for working with community groups on public communication and education.

#### 6. Green Communities Committee: MOVED to accept the correspondence from the Green Communities Committee for information.

CARRIED

#### 7. New Business:

#### CRD Oil to Heat Pump:

Committee Discussion:

- Received as correspondence for information purposes. The same information has been posted at the District of Sooke municipal hall and on the website.
- Discussion of putting heat pump in the municipal hall.

Action Item: Staff to investigate opportunity for having a heat pump installed at the municipal hall.

#### **CBC News Article:**

- Received as correspondence for information purposes.
- Discussion of price of electric vehicles lessening and opportunities to convert gas powered vehicles to electric.

Other:

• Clarification as to whether waste management issues fall to the Climate Change Action Committee. The District of Sooke currently does not have a solid waste management plan.

#### 8. Public Input:

Michael Tacon, Sooke resident, addressed the Committee and spoke regarding the provincial Climate Leadership Plan currently underway. Mr. Tacon encouraged the Committee to monitor this process.

Mr. Tacon also stated that he is involved in the Harbourside Cohousing project, which can be used as a model for energy efficient buildings in the region. Mr. Tacon further stated that Climate Change was a central theme in the Federal All Candidates meeting, which he found to be encouraging.

Mark Zeigler, Sooke resident, addressed the Committee and spoke regarding some potential partnerships between the Rotary and the District of Sooke for energy efficient improvements for public spaces.

Mr. Zeigler also shared with the Committee an article from the Fairfield News regarding the effects of higher than usual temperatures on produce in the region. The article encourages local business to work with local farmers and food growers to shift the balance of supply and demand within the region. Mr. Ziegler also mentioned that gardeners at Sunriver Gardens have been experimenting with heat resistant crops.

Committee Discussion:

• Does the adaptation of food growers to changing climate realities fall to the Climate Change Action Committee to discuss? The District of Sooke does have an Agricultural Plan that could be scanned for crossover with the Climate Change Action Committee.

Action Item: Staff to put Fairfield News article on the January 2016 Climate Change Action Committee agenda.

**Action Item:** Staff to put the District of Sooke Agricultural Plan on the January 2016 Climate Change Action Committee agenda.

#### 9. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- January 28, 2015 at **3:00 pm.**
- Fourth Thursday of the month, quarterly or at the call of the Chair.

#### 10. Adjournment:

**MOVED** and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

Certified by:

Jeff Bateman Chair Bonnie Sprinkling Corporate Officer

#### **REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION**

#### RA-1 Climate Change Action Committee recommendations from October 2, 2014 meeting:

**Corporate Energy and Emissions Planning (CEEP) – Stakeholder Feedback** 

**MOVED** and seconded to endorse the Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP); **AND TO** direct staff to implement the top priority objectives of the CEEP, as follows:

- 4. Promote home retrofits and demand side management (DSM) programs to reduce energy consumption
- 5. Improve walking infrastructure (sidewalks connecting central schools)
- 6. Organics diversion from Harland Landfill.

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STEP 2 - SELECT ACTIONS AND TIMING - Sooke District Municipality	Years reduction occurs i
Actions Buildings Basin	PLANNED? 2013 2014 2015 2015 2015 2016 2018 Annual
1.1 Promote BC Hydro DSM programs	2 1
1.2 Promote natural gas DSM programs	2 1 1 2 1 1
1.4 District energy / renewable energy systems	
1.5 Improve building code enforcement	
1.65K Solar Colwood promotion	
Buildings High-Growth Measures	
2.1 Sustainability checklist for buildings	0
2.2 Use zoning bylaws to define desired energy performance	0
2.3 Density bonus for energy performance	0
2.4 Expediting permit approvals, fee rebates, other financial incentives	0
2.5 Tax exemption bylaw	0
2.6 Development cost charge (DCC) reductions or waivers for GHG's	
Residential Buildings	
3.1 Sign on to solar-ready building code provision	
3.2 Education to developers - renewable energy technologies and efficiency	
Commercial / Institutional Buildings and Transportation	
4.1 Host climate-smart program delivery	0
4.2 Eco-industrial networking assessment	
4.3 Natural gas vehicle collaboration	0
LDV Transportation Urban Form	
5.1 Land use suite "lite"	1 1
5.2 Land use suite "enhanced"	1 1
5.3 Street design	
5.4 Flow RGS, OCP, and local area plans through to zoning	11
LDV Transportation – Infrastructure & Collaboration	
6.1 Active transportation planning	1
6.2 Improve walking infrastructure (sidewalks connecting central schools)	1 1
6.3 Cycling & alternative transportation infrastructure improvements	1
6.5 Collaborate with major employers on work-related transportation	0
6.6 Transit suite	1
6.7 Ride-sharing and guaranteed ride home programs	1 1
6.8 Intercommunity transit services	1
6.9 Low carbon and electric vehicle suite	1 1
6.10SK Galloping goose trail improvements with CRD	1 1
Waste	
7.1 Organics diversion	1 1
Enabling Actions	
8.1 Organizational structure for climate action	1 1
8.2 Establish a regional energy co-operative	0
8.3 Identify green economy opportunities	1 1
8.4 Leverage Local Government assets into community change	1 1
8.5 Long-term, deep community engagement (culture change)	0

The numbers of the actions listed above correspond to their numbers in the CEEP QuickStart Guide (see Appendix), which contains further detail about each of them. Further detail about action next steps can be found in the 'Unpacking actions' section. For further detail on BC Hydro DSM program incentives consult the BC Hydro Power Smart website, <u>http://www.bchydro.com/powersmart.html.</u>

British Columbia News

### Wood Stove Exchange Program benefits communities

https://news.gov.bc.ca/09945 Friday, December 11, 2015 9:00 AM

Victoria - As winter's cold embrace descends upon B.C., the Ministry of Environment is providing over \$190,000 to 13 communities and regional districts as part of the Provincial Wood Stove Exchange Program.

Since 2008, the B.C. government, in partnership with the BC Lung Association, has helped British Columbians replace their older model stoves with new cleaner burning models. Last year over 600 stoves were exchanged across the province and the goal is to have another 600 stoves exchanged again this coming year.

Smoke from older higher-polluting wood stoves, in combination with the cold still nights of winter, has a significant impact on air quality. This is one of the leading reasons why some areas of B.C. see more air quality advisories at this time of year.

The Wood Stove Exchange Program helps homeowners by providing a \$250 rebate when a new wood-burning, pellet or natural gas stove is purchased and an older model retired. New emissions-certified wood stoves burn one-third less wood; and reduce smoke and particulates entering the atmosphere by 70% or more.

The funding will also be put toward educational materials and workshops in communities to better inform residents on clean wood burning.

To date, the Province has put \$2.5 million toward the program, resulting in the purchase of over 6,600 cleaner-burning models.

There are close to 70,000 older-model wood stoves still in use around the province. Older wood stoves can affect the health of homeowners, neighbours and overall airshed health. Exchanging these wherever possible is highly recommended.

#### Quotes:

#### Mary Polak, Minister of Environment -

"Wood smoke is a major contributor to air pollution and through the resounding success of our Wood Stove Exchange Program, we are making a positive change in the air British Columbians breathe.

"This provincial funding will motivate hundreds of homeowners to swap their old wood stoves with more efficient, cleaner burning models that will significantly reduce emissions in their communities."

#### Scott McDonald, CEO, BC Lung Association -

"The Wood Stove Exchange Program is an important partnership with the Province that has seen considerable success to date in improving air quality in participating communities.

"We look forward to the program continuing to help B.C. families swap out their older highpolluting stoves and burn smarter by using newer more environmentally-friendly options."

#### **Quick Facts:**

- The Wood Stove Exchange Program has reduced particulate matter emissions by over 400 tonnes per year benefitting air quality in the 27 communities and regional districts that have participated.
- In B.C., all new wood stoves and inserts sold must meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or Canadian Standards Association (CSA) emission standards.
- More than 6,600 wood-burning stoves and inserts have been replaced by cleaner burning models since the Provincial Wood Stove Exchange Program began eight years ago this equates to an estimated reduction of 410 tonnes of particulate matter pumped into the air each year.
- Always use dry well-seasoned wood cut into pieces that are 10-15cm in diameter. Burning "green" or wet wood produces significantly more smoke.
- Firewood should be seasoned for at least six months. Burning seasoned wood also saves money by reducing wood consumption by 25%.
- The 13 communities/regional districts receiving grants for the 2016-2017 Wood Stove Exchange Program are:
  - Regional District of Central Okanagan and Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen – \$23,500
  - Regional District of Central Kootenay \$18,500
  - Regional District of Kootenay Boundary \$7,800
  - Prince George Air Improvement Roundtable \$11,000
  - Bulkley Valley and Lakes District Airshed Management Society \$9,200
  - Metro Vancouver \$19,250
  - Sunshine Coast Clean Air Society \$10,650
  - Regional District of Nanaimo \$18,900
  - Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District \$10,450
  - Campbell River \$8,900
  - Comox Valley Regional District \$16,700
  - Cowichan Valley Regional District \$24,500
  - Golden and District Air Quality Committee \$10,900

#### Learn More:

BC Newsroom - Ministry of Environment: https://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/ministries/environment-1

Find out more about the Provincial Wood Stove Exchange Program, smoke management in the province and current air-quality conditions throughout the province: <u>http://www.bcairquality.ca</u>

BC Lung Association tips for wood burning and your health: <u>http://www.bc.lung.ca/airquality/wood\_burning.html</u>

#### **Media Contacts**



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## B.C. Air Quality

# Provincial Wood Stove Exchange Program: Proposal Information and Requirements 2015 – 2016

#### Overview

The Provincial Wood Stove Exchange is a program designed to encourage British Columbians to change out their older, smoky wood stoves for low emission appliances, including new CSA/EPA-certified clean burning wood stoves.

Offered at the community level, the program provides funding to promote the exchange and offer incentives to replace old wood stoves. It also delivers education to help people operate their wood-burning appliances efficiently.

The program is managed by the Wood Stove Exchange Steering Committee, which has representation from the following parties:

- Provincial and municipal governments
- Community groups
- BC Lung Association
- Wood Energy Technicians of BC (WET BC)
- Hearth Patio Barbeque Association (HPBA) Western Chapter
- Manufacturers, suppliers and dealers of wood-burning and other fuel appliances.

In addition to contributing to the program development and management, the HPBAC have agreed to offer in-store discounts off their appliances for the period of March 1st to April 30th each year (discount details for 2014/15 to be determined). This period is an opportune time to implement and promote the program, although the program and its rebates can be run at any time of the year.

#### 2015 Call for Proposals

Groups interested in implementing or extending an exchange program **starting in winter 2015** are invited to put together a proposal: see Project Proposal Content (PDF: 133 KB/2 pages). The proposal should then be submitted to the Wood Stove Exchange Steering Committee. The deadline for proposals is **October 9, 2015**.

The committee will evaluate the proposals and work with successful proponents to get a program in place. Communities are encouraged to offer the program over multiple years in order to build momentum and encourage lasting change.

A list of selection criteria and how projects will be evaluated is in Community Criteria for Pursuing Local Wood Stove Exchange Programs (PDF: 63 KB/2 pages).

Please note that higher competition for grants in this round means that not every proposal may be selected. **Preference will be given to proponents with complete proposals, demonstrated leveraging of funds at the local level, and demonstrated need**. Programs that have previously been supported must clearly demonstrate plans for improving on program delivery. Proponents are welcome to submit their proposals for review prior to formally submitting them.

#### Resources:

- Barrier research (Skeena Region): Wood Stove Change-over Focus Groups and Survey (PDF: 718 KB/98 pages)
- Marketing: Highway 16 Wood Stove Exchange Positioning and Marketing Recommendations (PDF: 138 KB/21 pages)
- Implementation guide: Wood Stove Exchange Implementation Information and Program Basics (PDF: 70 KB/14 pages)
- Evaluation guide: Wood Stove Exchange Evaluation Tools and Tips (PDF: 435 KB/69 pages)
- WETBC (Wood Energy Technicians of British Columbia)
- Washington State Wood Smoke Education Campaign (www.burndryfirewood.com)
- Washington State Wood Smoke Education Report (U.S. EPA blog)

#### Related Links:

- Provincial Wood Stove Exchange Program: Home
- Types of Wood-Burning Appliances
- Smoke and Burning

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#### To: Kellerhals, Markus ENV:EX Subject: new wood stove exchange program funding

Hello current and former wood stove exchange coordinators and others that have expressed interest in the program!

As many of you know the BC government released additional funding for the BC Wood stove exchange program and announced it on Clean Air Day <u>https://news.gov.bc.ca/stories/bc-celebrates-clean-air-day-with-funding-for-air-quality-programs</u>

Because I have been very busy with other stuff I have been a bit slow getting out the call for proposals for funding for 2016. Later this week or early next week I will have a formal request for proposal to distribute however I thought I should let people know as soon as possible so they can start to prepare.

- 1) The deadline for proposals will be 9 AM on Oct 5, 2015
- The proposal process will be very similar to last year (information is online at http://www.bcairquality.ca/topics/wood-stove-exchange-program/proposal-info.html)
- 3) If you are a previous participant you will have to bring all reporting up to date before receiving additional funding

Best Regards

Markus

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All scientific work is incomplete – whether it be observational or experimental. All scientific work is liable to be upset or modified by advancing knowledge. That does not confer upon us a freedom to ignore the knowledge we already have, or to postpone the action that it appears to demand at a given time. (Sir Austin Bradford Hill, 1965)

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 From:
 Laura Hooper

 To:
 Sarah Temple

 Subject:
 FW: New wood stove exchange program funding

 Date:
 Tuesday, September 01, 2015 2:21:26 PM

Would you include the attached email and both hyperlinks from Markus' email onto the agenda for Climate Action?

Laura Hooper M. Sc. P. Ag. Parks and Environmental Services Coordinator

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From: Peter Robinson [mailto:probinson@communityenergy.bc.ca] Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 4:14 PM

Subject: New wood stove exchange program funding

Hi – this email is going out to the communities that have participated in the CEEP QuickStart program.

Many of you expressed an interest (either in your CEEPs or verbally to me) in participating in the woodstove exchange program, when it returns. Good news – it is back, see email below.

Please feel free to contact Markus (cc'd in above or contact details below) for further information.

I wish you success in moving forwards on this. And if your local government does not wish to apply, please forward this to your Regional District or any local non-profits that may be interested in applying.

Best regards,

Peter

From: Kellerhals, Markus ENV:EX Sent: August-12-15 4:04 PM



**British Columbia News** 

# **B.C. celebrates Clean Air Day with funding for air quality programs**

https://news.gov.bc.ca/08567

#### Wednesday, June 3, 2015 7:30 AM

VICTORIA - Breathing clean air is important to all British Columbians which is why the B.C. Government is providing \$300,000 to the BC Lung Association for the continuation of two successful air quality programs, in recognition of Clean Air Day.

The Province is providing \$200,000 to support the Provincial Wood Stove Exchange Program and \$100,000 for the BC Clean Air Research Fund (BC CLEAR).

Since 2008, the Province has partnered with the BC Lung Association to encourage British Columbians to replace their old uncertified wood stoves with new low-emission models or other cleaner types of space heating. During this period, government has put approximately \$2.5 million toward the program, successfully replacing over 6,000 wood stoves.

BC CLEAR is administered by Fraser Basin Council in partnership with the BC Lung Association and provides grants to academic institutions, government organizations, First Nations and consulting organizations to support important air quality and health research. The most recent funding will support, among other projects, a study by the Fraser Valley Regional District to assess open burning practices and present innovative options for reducing air emissions and other negative impacts associated with these practices.

A past recipient of BC CLEAR funding, the BlueSky Wildfire Smoke Forecasting System, is also up and running again this summer. The BlueSky system combines forest fire information and weather forecasts to provide the location and concentration of smoke up to 48 hours into the future. Currently, forecasts are produced for both a Western Canada and Eastern Canada region; however, Canada-wide forecasts will soon be available.

People can visit BlueSky to see hourly forecasts of smoke from wildfires through: <u>www.bcairquality.ca/bluesky</u> or directly at their new Canada-wide domain hosted by the University of British Columbia: <u>www.firesmoke.ca</u>

A new tool for smoke modelling called Playground has also been added to the website this year. Playground allows users to create emissions scenarios for a prescribed burn, then model and view the resulting smoke dispersion forecast to assess the impact on neighbours before the burn occurs.

Clean Air Day has been celebrated on the first Wednesday of June every year since 1992 and aims to raise public awareness about the need to protect and promote clean air.

Quotes:

#### Mary Polak, Minister of Environment -

"British Columbia has some of the best air quality in the world and we want to ensure it stays that way for future generations. By maintaining funding for key programs and working with our partners to promote important tools like BlueSky and Playground we are ensuring our province continues to be a leader when it comes to improving air quality."

#### Scott McDonald, CEO, BC Lung Association -

"The Wood Stove Exchange Program and BC CLEAR are two very important programs in terms of keeping our air as clean as possible and I thank the Province for their renewed commitment. I look forward to continuing our strong partnership with government and ensuring we keep making progress to improve air quality and health outcomes for British Columbians."

#### **Quick Facts:**

- Clean Air Day began as a B.C. event in 1992 and has since become a national day.
- The BC Lung Association administers the woodstove exchange program on behalf of the Province, providing funding and education materials to participating communities.
- The Wood Stove Exchange Program has reduced particulate matter emissions by over 300 tonnes per year benefitting air quality in the 27 communities that have participated.
- The ministry has provided \$1 million to BC CLEAR since the fund was created in 2008.
- The Ministry of Environment has led the development of the BlueSky system in partnership with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Natural Resources Canada, Environment Canada, the University of British Columbia, the Alberta Department of Environment and the U.S Forest Service.
- The information provided on BlueSky is a valuable source of information as different levels of smoke are provided in colours that correspond to different intensities of matter at ground-level.

#### Learn More:

BC Newsroom - Ministry of Environment: https://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/ministries/environment-1

#### Media Contacts:

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#### Beyond the hot season: MOTHER NATURE'S Produce

# **Advertorial**



My name is Stefan. I am the Produce Manager for **MOTHER NATURE'S MARKET & Dell**. My team and I have a great passion for what Nature has to offer to us. It is a great pleasure to be able to share it with all of you on a daily basis. Now that fall is settling in, I thought it would be good to step back and remember the summer days. The summer is always bountiful since we can enjoy the abundance of local fruits and vegetables.

So many varieties of local and organic produce are readily available. Summer is the busiest season for us. We are lucky to have so many wonderful farms around us and it is great to be able to carry produce grown here on the island. People have told me that we have some of the best produce in Victoria. It's an honor to be viewed in that category and my team and I work very hard every day to achieve nothing less. My standards are as high as yours and I thrive to deliver the best Produce in Victoria.

This past summer was challenging to adapt to. Heat records dating back 100 years were broken in BC last summer. The season for many local crops started earlier and ended very quickly. For example we usually can get our famous local blueberries until the beginning of September. This year, it was over in the beginning of August. We are becoming increasingly aware of the effect of climate change. Believe me, this summer I could experience it. It was an Interesting season with many uncertainties regarding crop availability.

This fall, the harvests came early due to the long hot summer. Apples, Corn and Squashes were available in August! We had to purchase from the south earlier on some products and later on others. The biggest factor this year is that it was so hot and dry early on that some crops were a month early – like zucchini, it was common to see multiple successions of plantings becoming ready at the same time, resulting in either a glut or gap on certain crops. It was also

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very challenging to keep fresh pumpkins until Halloween, they were ready in September. We can expect to see an awkward transition of produce availability and pricing in the months to come but we are doing our best to keep the prices reasonable and still delivering the best produce in Victoria to your neighborhood in Cook Street Village. Keep in mind that when you support local organic farming you help the planet and the future generations to come. You have power to help reverse the climate change. As for us, our promise is to keep working with local farmers as much as possible. They have the best quality and we all benefit from the effects on the local market together.

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Yours,

Stefan Haviland

Produce Manager MOTHER NATURE'S MARKET & Deli

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