



Sooke Community Centre Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 10:00 am
Location: Council Chambers
2225 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC

AGENDA

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1.	Call to Order	
2.	Approval of Agenda	
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4.	Information Roundtable: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sharing of new developments related to Committee mandate (eg. Seaparc DRAFT Strategic Plan)• Vancouver Island Regional Library RFP Update• Age Friendly Committee request	
5.	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter to Sooke School District No. 62 (Committee recommendation to Council from June 11, 2015 meeting)	7
6.	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next steps	
7.	Public Input	
8.	Schedule Next Meeting: October 15, 2015 at 10:00 am	
9.	Adjournment	



DISTRICT OF SOOKE
Sooke Community Centre Advisory Committee Minutes
Meeting held June 11, 2015
at 10:00 am
Council Chamber, 2225 Otter Point Road

Committee Members Present:

Lee Boyko, Sooke Region Museum, Chair
Councillor Ebony Logins
Dave Clark, Sooke Community Association
Paul Van Bergen, Sooke Community Association
Joe Medwedrich, Sooke Community Association
Karl Linell, Sooke Community Association
Sharon Bussard Grove, Sooke Community Arts Council
Karen George, T'Sou-ke Nation
Trevor Colley, Sooke Rotary Club
Carol Pinalski, Sooke Seniors Drop In Centre
Ellen Lewers, Sooke Fall Fair
Steve Knoke, SEAPARC
Nicky Logins, Sooke Region Community Health Initiative
Quinn Yates, EMCS Youth Engagement Project
Jeff Bateman, Sooke Transition Town Society

Staff:

Michael Dillabaugh, Director of Finance
Sarah Temple, Finance and Administration Assistant

1. Ebony Logins called the meeting to order at 10:11 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 May 21, 2015 as circulated.
CARRIED
4. **Committee Membership** (Terms of Reference)
 - Email Sharon Grove May 22, 2015
 - Email Ellen Lewers June 2, 2015

Committee Discussion:

- Additional community organizations with an interest in a proposed Community Centre have been invited to attend the SCACC meetings, as non-voting members.
- Clarification that each of the 15 member organization as outlined by the Committee Terms of Reference has one vote by its representative.

5. Information Roundtable:

- Sharing of new developments related to the Committee's mandate (eg. Seaparc Consultation Session)
- Review of [*Getting it Built*](#)
- Review of [*Sooke Seniors Drop-in Centre – Visioning Document 2013*](#)

Committee Discussion – New Developments:

- SEAPARC has held its Open House on the SEAPARC Strategic Plan and it is hoped to have a DRAFT Strategic Plan prepared early in July. Steve Knoke gave a brief overview of the proposed expansion.
- Discussion of possible partnerships for future development

Committee Discussion - Getting it Built:

- There is no need to “reinvent the wheel” as there has already been lots of outreach completed.
- The items in “Getting it Built” are not the absolute or have to happen. These were the maximum needs that were expressed at the time the information was collected
- Discussion of whether these suggestions still make sense; the issues still seem to be the same but the spaces may have changed already.
- Possibility of senior’s groups sharing space with youth groups. This has worked in the past.
- A coffee shop could be a social enterprise and youth could be trained to work there or it could be operated as a business; these would have to have to be looked at closely and have a business case as it most likely would not generate additional revenue and may only cover costs to operate a training program
- A lot of people spoke about having a welcoming environment, a place to be. This is identified as “lounge” space in the report.
- Concerns as to funding being a factor – not able to provide or create public facilities for everything.
- Importance of breaking bureaucratic barrier first and making existing spaces more accessible.
- Arts group want a specific place where people can take part in creating art; look at a multi-purpose room for art
- Discussion as to the Regional Library Request for Proposal (RFP) and whether it has been issued yet. Important that the Committee be informed/updated as to the RFP
- Discussion as to performance space and whether it is this just a matter of making better use of existing space or whether there is a need for a new performance space. There are difficulties with Edward Milne due to costs etc. and it has become prohibitive. Look at using the Community Hall as long as it fits with the Community Hall schedule.
- There have been more demands on the Community Hall for performances; the Community Association can usually work around performances but rehearsal time becomes challenging as the Hall is usually booked in the evenings with sports groups.
- Discussion as to the proposed all-weather sports fields and whether it will alleviate some of the demand on the Community Hall.
- Comments as to a table tennis club for seniors and youth.
- Discussion as to groups not having access to the Edward Milne Community Theatre as the concept is that it should be used by the “community”. Not having community access is a concern and these barriers need to be looked into
- Discussion as to the Community Theatre as a community space and the concerns as to the disconnect between the School Board who sets out the costs and the need for CUPE staff for the theatre facility, concerns that the community groups cannot meet these costs
- Discussion as to the changes in the community use of schools. The community built Edward Milne Community School is being used differently than what it is currently being used. It was supposed to be used by the community. Importance of the District of Sooke and the SCCAC to start advocating for the community use of

schools

- Discussion as to the community school being a non-profit, and whether they would be affected by asking for cut rates for community groups
- Importance of including SEAPARC and the Sooke Community Association in discussions with the Sooke Board.

MOVED to recommend to Council invite the Sooke School District #62 Superintendent and local school board members to an upcoming Sooke Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting in order to discuss community school access and how to break down the barriers to access.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Storage facilities are a need for many organizations. Currently the Community Hall has a lot of storage items in their basement. Discussion of alternate locations not in town centre, perhaps District of Sooke Public Works yard.
- Office space is another common need. Currently office space is being used in the basement of the Community Hall.
- Lounge space is defined as more of a gathering space, a place to be.
- Daycare/Preschool could be used as a revenue source. SEAPARC uses their multi-purpose space now and feels there is demand to expand the program if additional space were available as it is highly sought after.
- Could engage the TELUS Community Grants organizational efficiency program to provide a review of community spaces and efficiencies.
- Some additional sources of funding or support to explore could include HEROWORKS, Western Financial grants through Coast Capital and VAN CITY grants.
- A functional use plan of the community hall could allow for youth and seniors to share space, as long as ground level and had a community kitchen.
- Discussion of new places vs. renovation of existing places. Committee is leaning towards improvement of existing places – improving efficiencies and breaking down barriers to accessing existing places.

Committee Discussion – Sooke Senior’s Drop In Visioning Report:

- A useful document for each group to look at. The Seniors Drop In Centre spent the time to outline their needs and also say what they are prepared to pay/give towards the creation of a space.
- The Sooke Community Arts Council did also complete a similar exercise and report.

Action Item: Staff to make sure the Sooke Community Arts Council report is made available.

Committee Discussion – Next Steps:

- This Committee needs to focus on putting together a plan of action, rather than collecting more open feedback.
- Discussion of possible site visits to locations where facilities might be considered.
- One thing that needs clarification is how open the Sooke Community Association is to reorganizing the space at the Community Hall, possible expansions etc.

MOVED to support the Sooke Community Association in holding a facilitated meeting to help strategize the functional use of the Community Hall

CARRIED

6. Correspondence received

- **Song of SEAPARC**

MOVED to receive correspondence for information.
CARRIED

7. Public Input

- There was no input from members of the public

8. Next Scheduled Meeting:

September —TBD at call of the Chair.

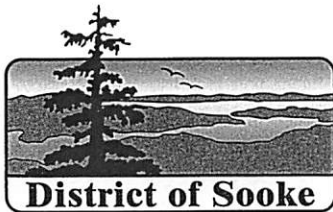
9. Adjournment:

MOVED and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Lee Boyko
Chair

Bonnie Sprinkling
Corporate Officer

Ebony Logins, Councillor



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File No. 0540-20

June 26, 2015

Jim Cambridge, Superintendent
Sooke School District No. 62
3143 Jacklin Road
Victoria, BC V9B 5R1

Dear Mr. Cambridge:

RE: Invitation to attend District of Sooke Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting

At the June 22nd, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, the District of Sooke Council resolved as follows:

***"MOVED** and seconded to invite the Sooke School District No. 62 Superintended and local school board members to an upcoming Sooke Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting in order to discuss community school access and how to break down the barriers to access.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY"

The Sooke Community Centre Advisory Committee makes recommendations to Council for the development of multi-use community centre facilities for the District of Sooke area.

On behalf of Council, I wish to take the opportunity to invite you and local school board trustees to attend an upcoming Sooke Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting to discuss community school access to groups in the community. We would like to receive comments from the Sooke School District on this particular issue.

Meetings are held at 10:00 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Please contact Tina Hansen, Corporate Assistant at 250-642-1622 to arrange attending a Committee meeting sometime in the fall.

Sincerely,



Meja Tait
Mayor

RA-5 Sooke Community Centre Advisory Committee Recommendations (June 11, 2015 Resolutions)

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SOOKE COMMUNITY CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

Meeting of June 11, 2015

Invitation to Sooke School District #62

THAT COUNCIL invite the Sooke School District #62 Superintendent and local school board members to an upcoming Sooke Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting in order to discuss community school access and how to break down the barriers to access.