



DISTRICT OF SOOKE
Committee of the Whole Minutes
Meeting held February 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm
Council Chamber, 2225 Otter Point Road

COUNCIL PRESENT

Acting Mayor Kerrie Reay
Councillor Bev Berger
Councillor Rick Kasper
Councillor Ebony Logins
Councillor Brenda Parkinson
Councillor Kevin Pearson

STAFF PRESENT

Teresa Sullivan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gabryel Joseph, Director of Corporate Services
Tina Hansen, Acting Corporate Officer
Brent Blackhall, Director of Finance
Sarah Temple, recorder

Absent: Mayor Maja Tait

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED to approve the agenda as circulated.
CARRIED

3. **Presentation: Nature Trails Society, Daniel Cammiade, Executive Director**

Daniel Cammiade, Executive Director of the Southern Vancouver Island Nature Trails Society, addressed the Committee and spoke regarding the Society's vision of shared use, natural surfaced trail connections. The Society is looking to secure access and authorization to specific cross-regional trail corridors and connections.

Committee Discussion:

- The Nature Trails Society recently presented to the Capital Regional District Board and the matter was referred to staff for further investigation.
- Discussion of funding arrangements and opportunities. The Nature Trails Society clarified they are not looking for CRD or municipal funding.
- Clarification of ownership of specific parcels of land.

Public Input:

- Ellen Lewers, Sooke resident, addressed the Committee and inquired as to liability for trail construction and trail users.
- Mr. Cammiade provided additional information regarding insurance.

MOVED to recommend that Council direct staff to draft a letter of support for the Southern Vancouver Island Nature Trails Society's vision of shared use, natural surfaced wilderness trail connections in our region.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Current Issues**

Acting Mayor Reay provided clarification as to Public Input during Committee of the Whole meetings. Public Input must be in relation to items on the Committee of the Whole agenda, as per Bylaw No. 422, *Council Procedure Bylaw, 2009*.

Action: Gabryel Joseph to determine whether minutes attached to an agenda are considered to be meeting agenda items and therefore, eligible for Public Input.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Kerrie Reay
Acting Mayor

Tina Hansen
Acting Corporate Officer