



DISTRICT OF SOOKE
Climate Change Action Committee
Meeting held May 28, 2015
at 3:30 pm
Council Chamber, 2225 Otter Point Road

Committee Members Present:

Councillor Ebony Logins
Bonnie Sprinkling, Corporate Officer
Brent Blackhall, Deputy Director of Finance
Laura Hooper, Parks & Environmental Services Coordinator
Steve Sorensen, Fire Chief
Katherine Lesyshen, Planner II
Andrew Moore, T'Sou-ke Nation
Jeff Bateman, Sooke Transition Town/Zero Waste Sooke

Recorder: Sarah Temple, Finance and Administration Assistant (recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda:

Moved to approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve the minutes of October 2, 2014 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Introductions

- Committee members introduced themselves and stated why they are interested in the work of the Committee.

4. Selection of Chair

- Jeff Bateman volunteered as the Chair of the Committee.

5. Background of the Committee

- Bonnie Sprinkling provided an overview of the Climate Change Action Committee Terms of Reference.
- The goal of the Climate Change Action Committee is to reduce greenhouse gases and work together to reduce the carbon footprint across departments and in the wider community.

6. Corporate Energy and Emissions Planning:

Laura Hooper provided an overview of the Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP).

Committee Discussion:

- Council gave direction to implement the priority objectives of the CEEP and in conjunction with staff have been working to do so since the CEEP was adopted in October 2014.

- Discussion of importance of public education. BC Hydro has an outreach team that can be contacted for local events, as well as public education materials for distribution.

Action Item: Andrew Moore to send BC Hydro outreach team contact to Laura Hooper

MOVED to direct staff to investigate additions to the building and traffic bylaws which may facilitate the goals of the CEEP.

CARRIED

MOVED to receive the report on Corporate Energy and Emissions Planning (CEEP) for information.

CARRIED

7. **Corporate Carbon Neutrality:**

Committee Discussion:

- Brent Blackhall gave an overview of Corporate Carbon Neutrality efforts.
- Sooke is a level 2 community under the BC Climate Action Charter.
- CARIP rebates are placed in a reserve account for future local offsets.
- Discussion of promoting Carbon Neutrality to the entire community.

MOVED to receive the report on Corporate Carbon Neutrality for information.

CARRIED

8. **Waste Management**

Committee Discussion:

- Laura Hooper provided a verbal update on Municipal and Parks and Community Spaces Waste Management Initiatives.
- The Municipal Hall and Fire Hall both have organics diversion systems in place.
- A Request for Proposals for Parks and Community Spaces Garbage Collection closed on May 15th.
- A new organization, called Zero Waste Sooke has been formed recently and will be hosting an Open Space meeting on waste management in the fall.

Action Item: Staff to draft a Press Release to inform the community about corporate waste management initiatives.

Action Item: Staff to coordinate a corporate energy audit through a third party, such as City Green Solutions.

9. **Our Horizons: Warning Label on Gas Pumps**

Action Item: Staff to investigate West Vancouver's experience in implementing warning labels on gas pumps. Staff to write a report and bring back to the Climate Change Action Committee for further analysis and recommendation to Council.

4. **Public Input:**

- Transition Town Sooke and BC Sustainable Energy Association will be hosting a Federal All Candidates meeting on Climate Change, Wednesday Sept 16th at EMCS.

5. **Next Scheduled Meeting:**

- TBD

Action Item: Add to next agenda - Strategic Planning to leverage current successes and bring to the larger community, including Public Education initiatives

6. **Adjournment:**

MOVED and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Jeff Bateman
Chair

Bonnie Sprinkling
Corporate Officer