



DISTRICT OF SOOKE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held in the Council Chamber
at 2225 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC
on January 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT (Open Portion)

Gordon Howie, Chief Administrative Officer
Michael Dillabaugh, Director of Finance
Bonnie Sprinkling, Corporate Officer
Steve Sorensen, Fire Chief
Tina Hansen, Corporate Assistant
Staff Sgt. Jeff McArthur (left 7:38 p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tait called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED and seconded to approve the agenda with the following item as new business:

NB-1 MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion to close the meeting to the public immediately following Agenda Item RIC-1 under section 90(1)(a) of the *Community Charter* to discuss personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on November 3, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED and seconded that the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on November 6, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED and seconded that the minutes of the Inaugural Council meeting held on December 1, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED and seconded that the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on December 8, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED and seconded that the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on December 29, 2014 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED and seconded that the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on January 5, 2015 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED and seconded that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 5, 2015 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

MOVED and seconded that the following minutes be received for information:
November 5, 2014 Board of Variance
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

D-1 Transition Sooke Open Space Meeting Final Summary – Tony St. Pierre

Jeff Bateman, President, Transition Sooke introduced Tony St. Pierre, Facilitator for the Transition Sooke Open Space Meeting held October 18, 2014. Mr. Bateman reported that it is Transition Sooke's hope that the Open Space Meeting Final Report will assist Council in their Strategic Planning for the future.

Tony St. Pierre provided a powerpoint presentation and summary of the Transition Sooke Open Space Meeting Final Report as submitted. Mr. St. Pierre overviewed the recommendations that resulted from the workshop on the following issues:

- Energy independence and collaboration with the T'Sou-ke Nation
- Council/community relationship (structure, communications, integrity)
- Emergency Response Services
- Quality of Life (beautification, trails and parks, infrastructure)
- Health, Education and Social Services
- Jobs and the Environment
- Food Security, Sustainability & Local Food Economy

A discussion ensued between Council and Mr. St. Pierre as to future Transition Sooke Open Space Meetings, opportunities to work with T'Sou-ke Nation on energy projects, and Council's upcoming Strategic Planning Session.

Mayor Tait took the opportunity to thank Mr. Bateman and Mr. St. Pierre for the presentation.

MOVED and seconded to receive the Transition Sooke Open Space Meeting Final Report as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Dick Thut, Sooke resident, commended Transition Sooke for their work and addressed Council as to the concept of composting to generate heat for the community.

Ellen Lewers, Sooke resident, inquired as to whether Council's upcoming Strategic Planning Session will be open to member of the public. Ms. Lewers suggested having the trees in the town centre (previously lit up for Christmas) be lit up with white lights. Ms. Lewers further provided comments as to agenda items; correspondence from Hudson's Hope and Council Conventions. Ms. Lewers inquired as to the RCMP Monthly Mayor Reports and occurrences under the *Mental Health Act*.

Jeff Bateman, Sooke resident, addressed Council as to the recommendation for the plebiscite question on Expansion of Oil Tanker Traffic through Coastal BC Waters and concerns that the resolution that Council submits will be read, filed and forgotten like so many others. Mr. Bateman advised that he hopes Council will find other ways of moving forward with this statement against Oil Tankers including a resolution to the upcoming AVICC Convention.

MOVED and seconded to move Agenda Item RA-1 RCMP Monthly Mayor Report – October and November 2014 to immediately following Public Question and Comment Period.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RI-1 RCMP Monthly Mayor Report – October and November 2014

Staff Sgt. Jeff McArthur addressed Council as to the RCMP Monthly Mayor Reports for October and November 2014 and provided further clarification as to occurrences under the *Mental Health Act*.

Staff Sgt. McArthur reported that the Sooke Detachment members have received training in stationary mobile radar and laser which may have some affect future traffic statistics. Staff Sgt. McArthur advised that enforcement during the holiday season was status quo; there were no more incidents than in previous years. The Staff Sgt advised the Detachment is at full staffing levels at this time with the exception of the Administrative position; the successful applicant is currently undergoing the security screening process.

A discussion ensued between Council and Staff Sgt McArthur as to the upcoming Strategic Planning Session and what the Detachments operational needs will be for the upcoming year including looking at the provision of 24 hour Police coverage to the community.

ACTION ITEM: By general consensus, Council requested that Staff Sgt. McArthur provide the following information for the Council's strategic planning session:

- RCMP operational "wish list", including costs associated with an increase of Police coverage to 24 hours/7 days per week
- Information on what other RCMP Detachments are doing in communities with similar demographics (size/population)

- Information on other means or mechanisms to achieve any operational changes within the Detachment's operational guidelines without increasing costs

MOVED and seconded to receive the RCMP Monthly Mayor Report for October and November 2014 for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

B-1 Bylaw No. 609, Sooke Core Sewer Specified Area Amendment Bylaw (147-22) – Sooke Community Association – Removal of Lot from Sewer Specified Area

MOVED and seconded that Bylaw No. 609, *Sooke Core Sewer Specified Area Amendment Bylaw (147-22)* be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION

RA-1 Multi-Use Community Centre Facilities

MOVED and seconded to authorize the Mayor and staff to proceed with the planning process for new or renovated multi-use community centre facilities;
AND TO include the planning process in the 2015 Strategic Plan and 2015-2019 Five Year Financial Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RA-2 Expansion of Oil Tanker Traffic through Coastal BC Waters

MOVED and seconded to refer the Expansion of Oil Tanker Traffic through Coastal BC Waters report back to staff to re-draft the resolution for Council consideration to reflect the results of the non-binding question on the 2014 municipal ballot.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RA-3 2015 Council Convention

MOVED and seconded to confirm attendance at the following 2015 Convention and Seminars as follows:

Council Member	LGLA	AVICC	FCM	UBCM
Mayor Maja Tait	x	x		x
Councillor Bev Berger			x	x
Councillor Rick Kasper	x		x	x
Councillor Ebony Logins	x	x		x
Councillor Brenda Parkinson	x	x		x
Councillor Kevin Pearson		x		x
Councillor Kerrie Reay				

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Mayor Tait advised that once Council members begin to attend the various Board or Commission meetings that they have been appointed to, they will want to take the opportunity to report back to Council on meetings and events that they attend.

Councillor Parkinson reported that the Mayor's Advisory Panel on Arts and Beautification participated in making Christmas swags and decorating the Town Centre for Christmas and that it was well received by the community. Councillor Parkinson further reported that the Communities in Bloom Committee participated in the SEAPARC Festival of Trees and received first prize for the Communities in Bloom Christmas tree. A total amount of \$1,655.00 was raised and will be donated to the Children's Foundation.

RI-2 Sooke Fire Rescue Service – Monthly Staffing Report – October and November 2014

MOVED and seconded to receive the Sooke Fire Rescue Service – Monthly Staffing Reports for October and November 2014 for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RI-3 Finance Department Verbal Report – Review of Preliminary Assessment Information

Michael Dillabaugh reported that the 2015 Preliminary Assessment Role has been received and that the final Revised Assessment Role will be received in April 2015. Mr. Dillabaugh advised that although there has been a general decrease in residential properties, the total assessment has increased by 2.2 percent or 43 million dollars for all classes of properties in Sooke. Mr. Dillabaugh provided information as to non-market and market changes affecting the Assessment Role.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to provide Council with a copy of all classes of property in Sooke and the preliminary assessed values.

MOVED and seconded to receive the Finance Department Verbal Report – Preliminary Assessment for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

C-1 Correspondence dated December 2, 2014 from Hudson's Hope Re: Referral of Proposed Site C Dam Project to BC Utilities Commission

MOVED and seconded to receive the correspondence dated December 2, 2014 from Hudson's Hope Re: Referral of Proposed Site C Dam Project to BC Utilities Commission for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE AND COUNCIL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

I-1 Correspondence dated December 1, 2014 from Islands Trust to Minister of Transport Re: Pleasure Craft Sewage Dumping

MOVED and seconded to file the correspondence from Islands Trust to Minister of Transport Re: Pleasure Craft Sewage Dumping.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I-2 Correspondence dated December 16, 2014 from Rob Martin Re: Derelict Vessels in the Sooke Harbour and Basin

MOVED and seconded to direct staff to follow up with a formal complaint to senior government agencies as to Rob Martin's correspondence regarding Derelict Vessels in the Sooke Harbour and Basin.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I-3 Council Reader File – October, November and December 2014

MOVED and seconded to file the Council Reader File for October, November and December 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT OF IN CAMERA RESOLUTIONS

RIC-1 October 27, 2014 Regular Council – In Camera Portion

RA-1 Sooke Road Roundabout – Memorandum of Understanding with MOTI

MOVED and seconded to approve the draft Memorandum of Understanding with the Province – Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the implementation of the Sooke Road Roundabout Project;

AND authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the final version of the Memorandum of Understanding;

AND release this resolution when the Province and the District release the joint news release for the Memorandum of Understanding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Memorandum of Understanding
- News Release

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded to adjourn the open portion of the Regular Council meeting at 8:34 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:

Maja Tait
Mayor

Bonnie Sprinkling
Corporate Officer