



**DISTRICT OF SOOKE**  
Committee of the Whole Minutes  
Meeting held January 5, 2015  
at 7:00 pm  
Council Chamber, 2225 Otter Point Road

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**COUNCIL PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

Gordon Howie, Chief Administrative Officer  
Michael Dillabaugh, Director of Finance  
Bonnie Sprinkling, Corporate Officer  
Elisabeth Nelson, Municipal Engineer  
Tina Hansen, Corporate Assistant

**ABSENT:** Councillor Rick Kasper

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** to approve the agenda as circulated.

**CARRIED**

3. **Presentation: Primary Health Group**

Linda Nehra introduced Primary Health Care Services Working Group (PHCSWG) members Emma Isaac, and Marlene Barry. Ms. Nehra provided a powerpoint presentation and addressed the Committee as to the work of the PHCSWG. Ms. Nehra reported that the working group was formed in December 2013, to build on the work of the Mayor's Advisory Panel on Community Health and Social Initiatives and to address specific gaps in the health care system in Sooke and surrounding areas. Ms. Nehra overviewed issues for Sooke such as shortage of family physicians, limited availability of diagnostic services, the need for housing and care for seniors and other gaps in the health care system. Ms. Nehra explained that Mayor and Council have a vital role to play in the creation of health services in the community. The Primary Health Care Services Working Group is recommending that Council appoint a liaison to the Working Group.

A discussion ensued between the Committee and Ms. Nehra as to the following:

- Whether physicians in rural practice still receive a subsidy for working in rural areas
- Whether the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area is included in the work of the Primary Health Care Services Working Group
- How often the Primary Health Care Services Working Group meets
- Council will be discussing Committee Structure during its Strategic Planning Session in February 2015.

**MOVED** and seconded to receive the report on the Primary Health Care Services Working Group (PHCSWG) for information;  
**AND THAT** Mayor Tait is to attend the PHCSWG meetings until Council has completed its Strategic Planning Session in February 2015.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **Town Centre Sidewalk Verbal Update**

Nathan Dunlop, McElhanney Consulting Services provided an update as to the Town Centre Sidewalk Project from Church Road to Otter Point Road which will be done in conjunction with resurfacing of Highway 14 by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI). Mr. Dunlop advised that they are working with MoTI, electrical contractors and the consultant for the roundabout on the sidewalk design. The tendering for the resurfacing and sidewalks will be done by MoTI in March 2015 with the award of construction to follow.

A discussion ensued between the Committee and Mr. Dunlop as to the following:

- Timeline for the award of construction for the roundabout on Sooke Road
- Whether there has been an indication from MoTI of what portion of Sooke Road will be resurfaced
- Concerns as to the curves and dips at the intersection of Sooke Road and Otter Point Road and whether the District can look into having this rectified during construction
- Whether ground work (drainage works) are being discussed at the sites of the roundabout project and sidewalk projects

**MOVED** and seconded to receive the update report on the Town Centre Sidewalk Project for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **District of Sooke Council Committees**

Mayor Tait advised that the District of Sooke Council Committees report is to provide information to Council for consideration and discussion during the upcoming Council Strategic Planning Session.

**Committee Discussion:**

- Clarification as to when the CRD Committees meet (i.e. CRD Housing Trust Committee)
- Council will need to consider whether there is value in having some of the Committees
- Once Council has completed their strategic priorities, Council will know what they wish to accomplish and have a better idea of what Committee they will want to liaise with
- Council will want to consider ways of eliminating duplication, and to consider what will and what will not work within the Committee structure

**MOVED** and seconded to receive the District of Sooke Council Committees Report for information.

**CARRIED**

6. **Public Input**

Ellen Lewers, Sooke resident addressed the Committee as to the Town Centre Sidewalk project and concerns as to the large number of entrances/exits coming off of Sooke Road that can make sidewalks hazardous. Ms. Lewers suggested that Council consider discussing the possibility of relocating some the entrances/exits away from Sooke Road with the project Consultant.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Maja Tait  
Mayor

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Bonnie Sprinkling  
Corporate Officer