



## DISTRICT OF SOOKE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council  
held in the Council Chamber  
at 2225 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC  
on February 23, 2015  
7:00 p.m., Open Portion, Council Chamber

### COUNCIL PRESENT

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

### STAFF PRESENT (Open Portion)

Michael Dillabaugh, Director of Finance  
Bonnie Sprinkling, Corporate Officer  
Elisabeth Nelson, Municipal Engineer  
Steve Sorensen, Fire Chief  
Tara Johnson, Planner II (left at 7:55 pm)  
Tina Hansen, Corporate Assistant

**ABSENT:** Councillor Ebony Logins, Councillor Kerrie Reay

### 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 items and new business/supplemental information:

- **NB-1 New Business: Correspondence dated February 23, 2015 from Sooke Elderly Citizens' Housing Society** RE: Request that Council fund Development Permit Application fees
- **Agenda Item C-1 Supplementary Information: Correspondence dated January 26, 2015 from Rupert Yakelashek, Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations** RE: **Declaration of the Right of a Healthy Environment**
  - Correspondence received February 23, 2015 from the City of Port Moody
  - Correspondence received February 23, 2015 from Jeremy Newell

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**MOVED** and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on February 10, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOVED** and seconded that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 16, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## DELEGATIONS

### **D-1 Timberwest – Corporate Profile, Activity & Operations around Sooke – Domenico Iannidinardo, Vice President of Sustainability, Chief Forester**

Domenico Iannidinardo provided an overview of the Timberwest corporate profile, and operations in the Sooke region. Mr. Iannidinardo reported that Timberwest has been in operations for more than 100 years and manages lands that are both public and privately owned. Mr. Iannidinardo advised that Timberwest is privately owned and their land in this region makes up approximately 20 per cent of the lands in Sooke and the Capital Regional District. There are approximately 20 logging trucks per day hauling through the community of Sooke; of those, 10 trucks belong to Timberwest. The company works closely with First Nation communities in the region on a variety of projects including the WIND power project and silver culture. Mr. Iannidinardo reported that 2015 looks to be a typical year for production in the region.

A discussion ensued as to the following:

- Logging truck traffic travelling through Sooke versus taking the circle route through Lake Cowichan
- Concerns as to the speed that logging trucks travel through Sooke and along Highway 14
- Most appropriate way for residents to report speed limit violations with logging trucks
- Consideration to the resurfacing improvements and construction of the roundabout beginning this summer; working with the MoTI
- Many residents of Sooke benefit from the Timberwest woodlot program to salvage timber
- Whether Timberwest has plans to provide public access to recreational areas such as Bear Creek Reservoir

Council thanked Mr. Iannidinardo for his presentation.

### **D-2 Our Horizon – Warning Labels on Gas Pumps – Eric Gray**

Erin Gray, volunteer, provided a powerpoint presentation and overview of the Our Horizon initiative to encourage municipalities to have warning labels placed on gas station pumps in order to create more awareness of climate change. Ms. Gray advised that climate change is an issue that does not provide feedback making people less likely to make the appropriate changes. Ms. Gray further advised that the warning labels will provide a direct impact, encourage a more positive attitude and make people feel comfortable in their roles in climate change. Ms. Gray stated that municipalities in British Columbia have the authority to require gasoline retailers to place climate change labels on their gas pumps. Ms. Gray asked for Council's support for the labels and support of a resolution going forward to the UBCM Convention in September 2015. A discussion ensued between Council and Ms. Gray as to the following:

- Who would be responsible for the costs, distribution and maintenance of the labels on the gas pumps

- Whether Our Horizon have looked into having a resolution sent to the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities Convention in April 2015

**MOVED** and seconded to receive the information from Our Horizon as to Warning Labels for Gas Pumps.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ACTION ITEM:** Council requested that the information from Our Horizon as to Warning Labels on Gas Pumps go to a Council Committee such as the Climate Change Action Committee for future discussion.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

Rupert Yakelashek, Victoria resident (student), read his submission and request to Council to consider passing a Declaration of the Right to a Healthy Environment. Mr. Yakelashek advised that he participated in the David Suzuki Blue Dot Tour event and since the tour a number of cities across Canada have made similar declarations. Mr. Yakelashek has worked with the City of Victoria and other municipalities in the Capital Region on passing a declaration. Mr. Yakelashek asked for Council's consideration in passing a similar declaration for the Right to a Healthy Environment.

Franny Yakelashek, Victoria resident (student) read her statement to Council as to the Right to a Healthy Environment. Miss Yakelashek advised that she also attended the David Suzuki Blue Dot Tour event with her brother Rupert. Miss Yakelashek advised that she attends many activities in Sooke and asked Council to consider passing a Declaration.

Nathan Harlan, Victoria resident (student), read his statement to Council as to the Right to a Healthy Environment advising that he supports the proposal and that it is important to him because everyone has the right to clean environment. Nathan believes that the resolution is a step in the right direction to creating a healthy environment for everyone.

Erin Harlan, Victoria resident (student), read her statement to Council as to the Right to a Healthy Environment advising that we cannot live without it. Erin noted that other municipalities have also agreed to support the proposal.

Terrance Martin, Sooke resident, addressed Council as to the Timberwest presentation and concerns that Timberwest has hardened their stand on access to lands. Mr. Martin also addressed Council as to the Capital Regional District watershed and concerns as to the potential closing of the watershed and limited communications with the public.

Alexandra Martin, Sooke resident, addressed Council as to parking for the Sooke Horseshoe Pitch at Sooke River Road Park. Ms. Martin asked that Council consider parking arrangements so that it does not interfere with or obstruct parking at the Fred Milne soccer field.

Jeff Bateman, Sooke resident, took the opportunity to thank Rupert Yakelashek and his friends for coming from Victoria to speak to the issue of the Right to a Healthy Environment. Mr. Bateman advised that on the plebiscite question on "No Oil Tanker Traffic", 97 percent of students at a local elementary school voted in favour of the

question. Mr. Bateman would like to see Council take the information on Warning Labels for gas pumps to the Climate Change Action Committee.

**MOVED** and seconded to move Agenda Item C-1 Correspondence dated January 26, 2014 from Rupert Yakelashek, RE: Declaration to the Right to a Healthy Environment to immediately following Public Question and Comment Period.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C-1 Correspondence dated January 26, 2015 from Rupert Yakelashek, Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations RE: Declaration of the Right to a Healthy Environment**

**MOVED** and seconded to make the Declaration of the Right to a Healthy Environment similar to that of the City of Port Moody.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BYLAWS**

**B-1 Bylaw No. 610, *Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2015***

**MOVED** and seconded that Bylaw No. 610, *Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2015* **be** adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B-2 Bylaw No. 611, *Zoning Amendment Bylaw (600-15)* – 6509 Sooke Road – Rezone to Service Commercial (C3)**

**MOVED** and seconded that Bylaw No. 611, *Zoning Amendment Bylaw (600-15)* be introduced and read a first time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOVED** and seconded that Bylaw No. 611, *Zoning Amendment Bylaw (600-15)* be read a second time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOVED** and seconded to direct staff to schedule a Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 611, *Zoning Amendment Bylaw (600-15)* in accordance with the requirements of the *Community Charter* and the *Local Government Act*.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION**

**RA-1 West Island Consulting Inc. – Approving Officer Contract**

**MOVED** and seconded to approve the Consultant Service Agreement with West Island Consulting Inc. for Approving Officer services;

**AND** authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute the agreement on behalf of the District of Sooke.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RA-2 Tsunami Hazard Zone Signs**

**MOVED** and seconded to authorize staff to install Tsunami Warning signs at the following locations identified as Priority Hazard Zones:

- Whiffin Spit Park
- Ella Beach
- The old Butler log sorting area along West Coast Road at the western end of the District of Sooke
- Billings Spit area

**AND TO** carry out public communication including a News Release, as to the installation of Tsunami Hazard signage in conjunction with the Emergency Management BC Tsunami Preparedness Week in March, 2015.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RA-3 2015 Sponsorships**

**MOVED** and seconded to postpone a decision on Agenda item RA-3 2015 Sponsorships until Council has received the Preliminary 2015-2019 Five Year Financial Plan.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

**RI-1 Mayor and Council Reports**

Mayor Tait reported that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) will be working on a design for street lighting at the crosswalk at Sooke Elementary School and will be looking into costs for pedestrian activated crosswalks at Sooke Elementary and John Muir schools. Mayor Tait advised that she has drafted a letter to BC Hydro with regard to the fallen hydro pole incident that occurred last week. Mayor Tait also advised on a Memo she will be sending to Council regarding Council Committee and liaison appointments for consideration. Kinder Morgan has confirmed their attendance to the April 7<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting. Mayor Tait provided updates as to media inquiries and opportunities.

Councillor Parkinson read and submitted her Council report.

Councillor Kasper provided information to Council as to the possible closure of public access to the Leech River Watershed. Councillor Kasper advised that historically, the area has been open to the public providing a wide range of activities and uses to the public. This could be something that Council may wish to look into further. Councillor Kasper also advised that Council may wish to look at bringing discussions forward on the feasibility of the provision of water to Otter Point Road residents to the municipal boundary.

Councillor Pearson also spoke to the issue of water on Otter Point Road advising that it is incumbent that Council support. Councillor Pearson also spoke to the issue of access to

the Weeks Lake area, not necessarily motorized access but access to the public for activities such as hiking, mountain biking and trail riding.

Councillor Parkinson announced that the Pink Shirt Day will be held at the Evergreen Kiosk on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in support of Anti-Bullying.

**RI-2 BC Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP)**

**MOVED** and seconded to receive the BC Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) for information.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RI-3 Sooke Fire Rescue Service Monthly Staffing Report – January 2015**

**MOVED** and seconded to receive the Sooke Fire Rescue Service Monthly Staffing Report for January 2015 for information.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB-1 New Business: Correspondence dated February 23, 2015 from Sooke Elderly Citizens' Housing Society RE: Request that Council fund Development Permit Application fees**

**MOVED** and seconded to postpone a decision on Agenda Item NB-1 Correspondence dated February 23, 2015 from Sooke Elderly Citizens' Housing Society, until Council has received the Preliminary 2015-2019 Five Year Financial Plan;  
**AND THAT** staff encourage the Sooke Elderly Citizens' Housing Society to apply for their Development Permit.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION**

**C-2 Correspondence dated February 17, 2015 from the City of Victoria RE: Governance Review - Guidelines for Study on Amalgamation**

**MOVED** and seconded to file the correspondence dated February 17, 2015 from the City of Victoria.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE AND COUNCIL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

**I-1 Correspondence dated February 14, 2015 from Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure: News Release – Cycling funding supports active, healthy communities**

**MOVED** and seconded to file the correspondence dated February 14, 2015 from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

**NM-1 Mayor to acknowledge Notice of Motion by Councillor Kerrie Reay for consideration by Council at the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Council meeting (section 41 of the *Council Procedure Bylaw*).**

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

**"THAT COUNCIL** address locating the library in John Phillips Memorial Park"

**NM-2 Mayor to acknowledge Notice of Motion by Councillor Kerrie Reay for consideration by Council at the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Council meeting (section 41 of the *Council Procedure Bylaw*).**

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

**"THAT COUNCIL** address the parking on Sooke River Road, this is a public safety item."

## **MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

**MOVED** and seconded to close the meeting to the public under section 90(1) of the *Community Charter* to discuss:

90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

90(1)(l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [*annual municipal report*].

**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 9:30 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Certified Correct:**

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**Maja Tait**  
Mayor

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**Bonnie Sprinkling**  
Corporate Officer