

## DISTRICT OF SOOKE

### COMMUNITY GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Meeting #12 – June 2, 2011  
6:00 PM – Council Chambers

#### Committee Members Present:

David Mallett, Chair  
Councillor Maja Tait (arrived at 6:10 pm)  
Alexander Chandler  
Myke Colbert (Moonfist) (arrived at 6:20 pm)  
Chris Dykman

Regrets: Patricia Baye

Staff: Michael Dillabaugh, Manager of Finance  
Tina Hansen, Recorder

#### Action

The meeting began at 6:08 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. **Adoption of Minutes:**

**MOVED** to approve the minutes of May 18, 2011 as circulated.  
**CARRIED**

**Committee Presentations:**

3.

David Mallett introduced the committee members and advised the applicants that the intent of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for the applicants to speak to their applications and for the Committee to ask questions on the individual applications. It was also clarified that no financial reward decisions will be made until all presentations have been heard, at that time the Committee will make recommendations to Council for ratification at the Regular Council meeting June 13, 2011.

Mr. Mallet provided an overview of the purpose and the eligibility criteria for the Community Grant Program.

**Sooke Canada Day Society**

Judithe Ann Gatto provided information to the Committee as to the Canada Day Society grant application. The Canada Day celebration is an opportunity to bring the community together for a fun filled drug and alcohol free event. The grant funds will be used towards the evening band.

## **Sooke Fine Arts Society**

David Mallett stated that he was in conflict of interest with this grant application and excused himself from the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Sally Manning provided an overview of the Sooke Fine Arts Society project which will mark the Sooke Fine Arts Show's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. As a legacy project to document the shows success, a short film documentary will be produced by Kay Lovett, and a pictorial storyboard display will be created involving volunteers and supporters throughout the 25 years. Sooke Fine Arts is hoping to gain exposure through Shaw Channel 11 and the Knowledge Network.

Ms. Manning provided information, including a prototype, on the jewelry display cases which will be constructed by volunteer hours and will offer improvements in the areas of display, security, and ease of access for potential purchasers of jewelry pieces.

David Mallet returned to the meeting at 6:25 pm.

## **Scouts Canada – Camp Barnard**

Bill Schult, provided an overview of the Scouts Canada program to replace the shingled roofs of sleeping cabins at Camp Barnard with metal roofs and improvements to the cabin's ramps and porches. Four of the cabins will be made accessible for wheelchair-bound campers. Other sources of funding have been requested by the Rotary Club and the Victoria Foundation. The grant funds will be used strictly for materials.

## **Juan de Fuca Marine Rescue Society**

Robert Roe thanked the Community Grant Program and the District of Sooke for the previous year's grant which assisted in the purchase of floatation suits and survival equipment for the Juan de Fuca Marine Rescue Society. The current application is for the purchase of electronic navigation equipment. Mr. Roe provided a powerpoint presentation which included the following information:

- Role of the Juan de Fuca Marine Rescue Society: to respond to major marine emergencies and potential large scale disasters
- Vision of the Organization
- Past, Present, Future
- Limited Capabilities of Current Vessel
- Advantages of a new Vessel

The Juan de Fuca Marine Rescue Society currently has 25 active volunteers.

### **Sooke Region Food CHI Society**

David Mallett stated that he was in conflict of interest with this grant application and excused himself from the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Keeley Nixon and Jessica Boquist provided an overview of the Sooke Food CHI Society's 2011-2012 Farm Programs including Farm Mentorship; Farmer2Farmer; Fruit Tree Gleaning and Farm Tours. The purpose of the current application is to support and mentor new farmers and promote food production and sustainability. The volunteer led programs have been very successful to date including the Fruit Tree Gleaning which harvested thousands of pounds of fruit and distributed it to the local Food Bank and Crisis Centre.

David Mallet returned to the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

### **Sooke Philharmonic Society**

Bonnie Ziegler addressed the Committee on the Sooke Philharmonic Orchestra's Christmas concert in December which will be a community event. The Philharmonic will be collecting for the Sooke Food Bank and have partnered with the Sooke Transition House to operate the concession with all proceeds going to the Transition House programs. The Sooke Philharmonic's mandate is to develop and promote an orchestra that will provide a high standard of music performance for the benefit of the community.

### **Greater Victoria Film Commission**

Kathleen Gilbert thanked the Committee for the previous years community grant. The Greater Victoria Film Commission is an economic development agency which brings film production to the region. Plans for 2011 include the development of a wide range of business seminar series. They will continue with their marketing plan and social media campaign as well as provide more updating to the digital locations library in an effort to bring more film business to the District. In addition to the public education forums, plans are also underway for industry mixers and other events.

### **EMCS – Student Art Bus Shelter Project**

Susan Percival provided an overview of the history and success of the EMCS Student Art Bus Shelter Project. All Sooke schools as well as Sooke Options for Community Living have been involved in the project. The current artwork in the bus shelters will be relocated to the Youth Health Clinic. A portion of the budget will go towards refurbishing the bus stop in front of Village Food Markets.

### **Sooke Horseshoe Pitching Club**

Rick Hobday and Gordon Butts provided information on the Sooke Horseshoe Pitching Club project to build 8 horseshoe pitching courts at a suitable site approved by Council. The grant funds will be used towards liability insurance, tools, fencing, and providing water and hydro to the site. The goal will eventually be to complete 16 pitching courts and to host tournaments which may include the Canadian Horseshoe Pitching Championships.

### **Ladybug Garden and Greenhouse**

Christine George provided an overview of the Bus Stop project which will provide a safe shelter for youth and the awareness workshops through the Ladybug Garden and Greenhouse. The T'Sou-ke Nation is working to create awareness amongst its members from youth to elders towards a healthier lifestyle and to encourage traditional methods of food harvesting, production and preparation. The workshops are open to all members of the Sooke community and will be advertised on the T'Sou-ke Nation website.

### **Royal Canadian Legion Branch #54**

Sharon Ward provided information on the Royal Canadian Legions project to provide short mat bowling for the community. The Legion would like to provide sport combined with recreation for Legion members and residents of the community including youth groups. Residents with bowling memberships outside of Sooke would have the opportunity to enjoy the activity within the community. Score boards would be built by volunteers.

### **Community Prevention Education Continuum**

Corporal Scott Hilderley addressed the Committee on concerns of the use of drugs and alcohol among youth in the community. Corporal Hilderley provided an overview of the Community Prevention Education Continuum project of a "Dry June" which coincides with the school graduation celebrations. The funds will be used to promote the project and create awareness of the importance of promoting the development of healthy youth by making healthy choices in their daily lives resulting in a positive investment for the community's future. It is hoped that the project will gain momentum and will become an influence to surrounding communities.

### **Sooke Classical Boating Society**

Judy Gilligan provided a brief history on the Sooke Classical Boating Society and their purpose of ensuring that longboats continue to be maintained and are available to residents and school groups in the community. Grant funds will be used to purchase a boat cover to ensure the longboats are protected from the elements of the weather.

There are currently 50 registered members of the Sooke Classical Boating Society who provide the labour required for the upkeep of the longboats.

### **Navy League of Canada – Sooke Branch (Admiral RC Waller)**

Chris Dykman stated that he was in conflict of interest with this grant application and excused himself from the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Merle Fulton provided an overview of the Navy League of Canada's flaghoist signaling project to train cadets in the use of the International Code of Signals – an important part of Maritime flag signaling. The training of the flags will be carried out by all cadets and will be ongoing throughout the training year.

### **Navy League of Canada – Sooke Branch (Admiral Girouard)**

Deena Burnett addressed the Committee on the community grant application for the Navy League of Canada (Admiral Girouard) and the need for providing cadets with sufficient uniform dress (parkas) to help identify them in the community while participating in community service events as well as mandatory training events.

Chris Dykman returned to the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

### **Journey Middle School Hockey Program**

David Strange and Ross Elm provided background on the Journey Middle School Hockey Skills Program which will provide an important connection for youth between education, recreation and competitive sports. The program is a grade 7 pilot project and will involve approximately 30 youth from Journey Middle School with a focus on individual skill development and academic achievement. Students will receive education credits for taking the program.

### **Addiction Recovery Coach Canada Society**

Janet Christie and Cynthia Piercy reported that Addiction Recovery Coach of Canada is a new society whose mandate is to serve vulnerable mothers, including pregnant women who struggle with a range of social, health and legal issues. The grant funding will be used to provide a series of empowering and informational workshops for high risk mothers in the community.

### **Citizens on Patrol Sooke**

Constable Steve Murchie and John Armitage provided information on the Citizens on Patrol program. COPS are volunteers who patrol the Sooke area and act as additional eyes and ears for the RCMP. The grant funding will go towards the purchase of two CREST radios and night vision binoculars which will provide volunteers with the ability to communicate with emergency service agencies in a safe and efficient manner. There are currently 15 volunteer members as part of the COPS program.

The Committee adjourned for a break at 9:17 p.m. while applicants and members of the public left the meeting.

The meeting went back into session at 9: 24 p.m.

The Committee discussed ways to alleviate the large amounts of information to review each year with Community Grant Applications and agreed by general consensus that only the completed application form with the budget was necessary for review.

The Committee directed staff to ensure that all future Committee agendas only contain copies of the grant application and budget for the Committee's review. **Staff**

The Committee discussed the Community Grant Program applications and after discussion agreed to recommend to Council the following amounts for disbursement:

**Sooke Canada Day Society:**

To allocate \$1,100 towards the Sooke Canada Day Society's Canada Day Celebration evening band.

**Sooke Fine Arts Society:**

To allocate \$7,000 towards the Sooke Fine Arts Society's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary film documentary and jewelry display cases.

**Scouts Canada – Camp Barnard:**

To increase the requested amount of \$4,000 to \$6,910 to Scouts Canada – Camp Barnard towards the sleeping cabin upgrade project.

**Juan de Fuca Marine Rescue Society:**

To allocate \$12,600 towards the Juan de Fuca Marine Rescue Society's purchase of electronic navigation equipment.

**Sooke Region Food CHI Society:**

To reduce the requested amount of \$8,500 to \$6,700 to the Sooke Region Food CHI Society's food systems – 5 food sustaining initiatives.

**Sooke Philharmonic Society:**

To allocate \$4,625 towards the Sooke Philharmonic Society's Christmas Concert.

**Greater Victoria Film Commission:**

To allocate \$1,000 towards the Greater Victoria Film Commission's Business Seminar Education Series.

**EMCS – Student Art Bus Shelter Project:**

To allocate \$2,357 towards the EMCS Student Art Bus Shelter Project and Youth Art Display.

**Sooke Horseshoe Pitching Club:**

To allocate \$3,000 towards the Sooke Horseshoe Pitching Club's Horseshoe Pitching Courts project, subject to Council's approval on a suitable site.

**Ladybug Garden and Greenhouse:**

To reduce the requested amount of \$7,000 to \$4,808 to Ladybug Garden and Greenhouse towards the Bus Shelter Project and Food Awareness Workshops.

**Royal Canadian Legion Branch #54:**

To reduce the requested amount of \$8,912 to \$5,000 to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #54 towards the purchase of materials for Short Matt Bowling.

**Community Prevention Education Continuum:**

To reduce the requested amount of \$2,500 to \$2,400 to the Community Prevention Education Continuum towards Promoting Healthy Youth, Healthy Choices project.

**Sooke Classical Boating Society:**

To allocate \$3,000 towards the Sooke Classical Boating Society's purchase of a boat cover for longboats.

**Navy League of Canada – Sooke Branch (Admiral RC Waller):**

To allocate \$300 towards the Navy League of Canada Sooke Branch (Admiral RC Waller) flaghoist signaling project.

**Navy League of Canada – Sooke Branch (Admiral Girourd):**

To reduce the requested amount of \$2,700 to \$2,000 to the Navy League of Canada Sooke Branch (Admiral Girourd) towards the purchase of uniform kits for cadets.

**Journey Middle School Hockey Skills Program:**

To reduce the requested amount of \$5,000 to \$3,200 to the Journey Middle School Hockey Skills Program towards the Grade 7 pilot project.

**Addiction Recovery Coach of Canada Society:**

To reduce the requested amount of \$10,378.68 to \$5,000 to Addiction Recovery Coach Society towards workshops for high risk mothers.

**Citizens on Patrol Sooke:**

To allocate \$4,000 towards the Citizens on Patrol Sooke purchase of 2 CREST handheld radios and night vision binoculars.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

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David Mallett  
Chair

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Bonnie Sprinkling  
Corporate Officer