

DISTRICT OF SOOKE

Climate Change Action Committee
Meeting # 4 February 1, 2011
7:00 pm Board Room – Sooke Fire Department
2205 Otter Point Road

Committee Members Present:

Laura Byrne, Chair
Katherine Lesyshen, Planner
Steve Sorensen, Fire Chief
Sue-Lin Tarnowski, Deputy of Finance
Councillor Maja Tait

Absent:

Bonnie Sprinkling, Corporate Officer
Councillor Bev Berger
T'Sou-ke Nation Representative

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| 1. Call to Order | |
| The meeting began at 7:03 p.m. | |
| 2. Approval of Minutes: | |
| The minutes were approved as circulated. | |
| 3. Approval of Agenda: | |
| The agenda was approved with the addition of the following new business: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• T'Sou-Ke Nation Update• Green Incentive Bylaw• Bike Racks | |
| 4. Business Arising from the Minutes | |
| Mr. Sorensen reported that the use of the Wise computer terminals was discouraged by management. iPads and other technology to reduce paper use will not be a priority at this time. | |
| Ms. Tarnowski will discuss the creation of the 2012 reserve account in the next management meeting and discuss the creation of a 2011 capital account for climate change initiatives. Ms. Byrne to forward capital plan to Ms. Tarnowski for management level discussion. It was agreed that a retrofit of water fixtures would be conducted pending budget approval to conserve water. | |
| | Sue Lin Tarnowski |
| 5. Staff Reports: | |
| Ms. Byrne initiated discussion regarding carbon credits and carbon sequestering projects. Ms. Byrne is to investigate the ability to consider newly planted street trees by developers on public property as carbon credit for the District of Sooke. | |
| Discussion in the need for a green procurement. Ms. Byrne will discuss climate change issues with staff tasked with office supply purchasing to determine the viability of more green paper towel, soaps and office paper products. | |
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| 6. Discussion | |
| Climate Action Plan | Laura Byrne |

Ms. Byrne will work with Mr. Dillabaugh to use existing database and the Smart Tool to determine corporate emissions. Finance staff will begin to log energy bills into existing database for use in Smart Tool. Ms. Byrne provided updates on the updated Community Energy and Emissions Inventory (CEEI) results for the District's total carbon footprint estimated to be 52,076 tonnes and 1.1 million gigajoules of energy consumed annually. Over seventy percent of the emissions are from transportation – 10% higher than the provincial average. Mr. Dillabaugh will participate in the document editing. Ms. Byrne will have a draft of the document to the committee for review in April.

Ms. Byrne updated the committee regarding the municipal hall, fire hall and fire hall #2 building light retrofit. The retrofit occurred during the last three weeks of December and came in under budget due to the BC Hydro Powersmart grant. Ms. Byrne will write a letter to the companies involved thanking them for a job well done.

Laura Byrne

7. **New Business**

Councillor Tait described her meeting with the T'Sou-Ke Nation Update Energy group and updated the committee on the innovative community climate action messages. It is expected that the group will be a great resource and partner as Sooke moves forward with the community climate action initiatives.

Totangi Properties has expressed interest in Green Incentive Bylaw, similar to the Downtown Revitalization Plan, but for properties outside the town centre. Ms. Tarnowski indicated that the finance department is working on this bylaw.

**Sue-Lin
Tarnowski**

Ms. Byrne provided an update on the District's purchase of bike racks. Sooke is offering the same price to local businesses and will organize the purchase and installation to all interested businesses. Notice has been posted on the website, Chamber of Commerce, District of Sooke's Newsletter, Cycling Coalition and via the EDC.

7. **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2011.

8. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm

Certified Correct:

Laura Byrne
Chair

Bonnie Sprinkling,
Corporate Officer