

**DISTRICT OF SOOKE**  
Committee of the Whole Minutes  
Meeting held February 14, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 2225 Otter Point Road

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**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Mayor Janet Evans  
Councillor David Bennett  
Councillor Bev Berger  
Councillor Ron Dumont  
Councillor Sheila Beech  
Councillor Herb Haldane  
Councillor Maja Tait

**STAFF PRESENT**

Evan Parliament, Chief Administrative Officer  
Bonnie Sprinkling, Corporate Officer  
Sue-Lin Tarnowski, Deputy Director of Finance  
Elisabeth Nelson, Municipal Engineer  
Al Fontes, Manager of Operations  
Steve Sorensen, Fire Chief  
Michael Dillabaugh, Manager of Finance  
Lisa Urlacher, Council Clerk

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

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

3. **2011-2015 Five Year Financial Plan – Preliminary Review**

Sue-Lin Tarnowski gave an broad overview of the five-year financial plan which is intended to be in line with the 2011 Top Priority Projects. Ms. Tarnowski summarized the sources of revenue and expenditures for 2011 as well as the consolidated revenue and expenditure changes from 2010 to 2011.

The Committee reviewed the *Draft # 1 - 2011-2015 Financial Plan* as submitted. The following is a summary of the discussion:

- 2010 Five Year Financial Plan's projected increase for 2011
- The use of reserves to reduce to the 3.86% increase
- Concern of not receiving grants for targeted projects and the use of Gas Tax funding
- Attainable Housing/Homelessness Policy not listed as a key initiative for funding
- Seniors/Youth Centre not listed as a key initiative for funding
- Galloping Goose Crossing not listed as a key initiative for funding
- Staff to internally investigate cost for the District to manage SEAPARC
- Growth rate and assessment values - revenue
- Building Permit revenue
- Increase in utility costs
- Estimated yearly tax received from the hotel
- offset of the \$300,000 partnering agreement
- New commercial growth

- Building Green incentives
- Requisition costs
- FM frequency to be included in the EDC budget
- DCC breakdown of sewer and roads

The committee agreed to proceed with the Financial Plan Development Calendar as set out in draft # 1.

**Public Input:**

Ellen Lewers, resident, inquired as to solid waste, it was explained that \$75,000 will be used from Gas Tax funding to develop a Solid Waste Management Plan. Ms. Lewers commented on the 5% increase for BC Hydro and stated that a 10% increase is too low. Ms. Lewers inquired as to the \$5,000 funding for a community radio. It was explained that it will be part of the SEDC budget. Ms. Lewers inquired as to the growth rate increase, reserve transfers and general government serves.

Fred Vonllberg, resident, inquired as to room tax pertaining to the Prestige Hotel. It was explained that they will be taxed as commercial and room tax.

Ms. Tarnowski asked for direction as to the increase for sewer parcel tax: Council will discuss at an upcoming meeting.

4. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

**Certified Correct:**

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**Janet Evans**  
**Mayor**

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**Bonnie Sprinkling**  
**Corporate Officer**