

**DISTRICT OF SOOKE**  
Committee of the Whole Minutes  
Meeting held January 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 2225 Otter Point Road

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**COUNCIL PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT:** Councillor Herb Haldane

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 5 - Supplemental Information: Letter received from Pacific Centre Family Services Association.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** that the Mobile Youth Services Team present prior to the Sooke R.C.M.P. 2011-2012 Policing Priorities.

**CARRIED**

3. **CRD Regional Sustainability Strategy**

Marg Misek-Evans, MCIP, Senior Manager, Planning and Protective Services, Regional and Strategic Planning, Capital Regional District provided a power point presentation detailing the nine policy option papers that have been developed to guide development of the new RSS:

- Climate Change
- Transportation
- Resource Management
- Social Wellbeing
- Sustainable Development
- Food Security
- Affordable Housing
- Economic Sustainability
- Ecological Health

It was explained that each paper provides a brief background, presents the policy goals and the status quo of policy in each area, and provides a number of policy options to consider. The policy options range in scope from moderate to significant change, compared to the status quo. The following questions were presented:

1. Sooke has developed or updated several plans recently, OCP, Town Centre, Liquid Waste Management, Trails & Parks, Transportation – what prevailing strategies could be applied to the RSS?
2. What role does Sooke see itself playing in the region over the next quarter century?
3. Is Sooke's vision for accommodating future growth consistent with the Region's?

It was noted that feedback is invited either individually or as a group submission. The deadline for submissions is February 11<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the Council Forum.

A discussion ensued involving questions and comments from members of Council, staff and CRD representatives. The following comments were made:

- Sooke has established policies within the 2010 Official Community Plan
- Developments in neighbouring communities affect the District's infrastructure – no referral process for input
- CRD Board submissions require unanimous consent – change legislation

Public Input:

Rick Gates, resident, asked for clarification as to the relationship between the municipality and the CRD regarding sustainability.

Ms. Misek-Evans acknowledged the shortcoming in the legislative framework and stated that the CRD identifies matters of a regional nature and ensures an over arching of the local policy mechanisms. Ms. Misek-Evans stated that local governments should include in their OCP a Regional Context Statement to demonstrate consistency with the Regional Growth Strategy.

Terrance Martin, resident, inquired as to the external cost of the Regional Sustainability Strategy and commented on the large scale removal of land affecting the tax base.

Ms. Misek-Evans invited Mr. Terrance to submit his concerns in regards to land being converted into park and explained that land acquisition is part of the Parkland Acquisition Strategy. There is an avenue for public process during the development of the Parks Management Strategic Plan. Ms. Misek-Evans noted that they are currently developing a process to interconnect and share concerns and issues throughout the organization.

After discussion the following **ACTION ITEM** was assign to staff:

To prepare a written submission:

- To identify additional policy options that are not currently captured
- To identify whether Sooke is looking for a moderate or significant shift in policy

- To provide ideas on implementation measures or actions that would put the policies into effect.

#### 4. **Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST)**

Staff Sergeant Wright introduced Constable Theresa Tuttle.

Constable Tuttle provided an overview of MYST which addresses the issue of Sexually Exploited Youth in the CRD. Constable Tuttle reported that she has been involved in over 65 files since the New Year. Many of these were significant files that ended up in charges, locating missing youth, gathering intelligence, liaising with outside agencies and coordinating and sharing information. Also, Constable Tuttle has made over 10 presentations on Drug/Sexual Exploitation to school students in grade 10 planning.

Constable Tuttle has worked closely with the youth investigators, attends weekly intelligence meetings with the Victoria youth officers, Saanich youth officers, SCIT workers, and Social services. Monthly meetings for high risk youths, Regional Crime Unit, West Shore Probation and is also part of the Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth and FCYJ-Family Court Youth Justice. She also tries to attend youth court every week. Constable Tuttle provided examples of case files.

A discussion ensued as to the preventative measures of education.

It was noted that the minutes of the Family Court and Youth Justice Annual Report, Terms of Reference and meeting minutes are available through the council reader file.

Bill Mackery, resident, and chair of the Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth (CRAT-sey) explained that this position provided intermunicipal cooperation and coordinated activities throughout the region. Mr. Mackery implored Council to support the service.

Mr. Mackery explained the Taking Care of Ourselves, Taking Care of Others (TCO<sup>2</sup>) which is a unique and empowering interactive workshop designed and delivered by youth, for youth, about preventing sexual exploitation with the use of monologues, role-plays and engaging activities.

After discussion the following **ACTION ITEM** was assigned to Councillor Berger: to liaise with the Leadership class in regards to TCO<sup>2</sup>.

#### 5. **Sooke R.C.M.P. 2011-2012 Policing Priorities**

Staff Sergeant Steve Wright held an informal session to establish policing priorities for 2011-2012. It was explained that the consultation process includes the Electoral Area Regional Director and the T'Sou-ke First Nations. Staff Sergeant Wright reported that last year policing concentrated on Sooke Proper and this year on of the priorities will be expanding patrol to include the entire jurisdiction. Staff Sergeant Wright provided other policing priorities such as; traffic violations, property damage, communication, youth, drugs, crime reduction, cultural, personal safety and homelessness.

It was explained that Drugs and Youth are a priority mandated by the R.C.M.P. as well as crime reduction of prolific offenders. This year crime reduction will be expanded to drunk driving offences as well as motor vehicle accidents involving injury and collision. Staff Sergeant Wright reported that domestic violence reports have increased and education will be another priority.

Staff Sergeant Wright asked Council to provide policing priorities to be included in 2011-2012. The following is a summary of Council's submission:

- Domestic Violence
- Compliment good behaviour
- Pro-active, public awareness and education
- Visible within the community
- Presence and connection with youth
- Senior outreach
- Dialogue with licensed facilities
- Speed zone enforcement

Public Input:

Moonfist, resident, commented on the positive connection that MYST has on youth in need and stated that lights create safer streets and trail system. Moon fist also mentioned youth night, block watch and temporary alarms as tools to address the issues.

## 6. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

**Certified Correct:**

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**Janet Evans**  
**Mayor**

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