

DISTRICT OF SOOKE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held in the Council Chamber
at 2225 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC
on May 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Evan Parliament, Chief Administrative Officer
Bonnie Sprinkling, Corporate Officer
Elisabeth Nelson, Municipal Engineer
Steve Sorensen, Fire Chief
Lisa Urlacher, Corporate Assistant
Staff Sgt. Steve Wright

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED and seconded to approve the agenda with item RI-4 being moved to immediately after the Public Information item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED and seconded that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 9, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on May 9, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

MOVED and seconded that the following minutes be received for information:

April 13, 2011	Capital Regional District Board
April 6, 2011	CRD – Sooke & Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Commission
March 8, 2011	Victoria Regional Transit Commission
April 26, 2011	Victoria Regional Transit Commission

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Ellen Lewers, resident, commented on the Galloping Goose Crossing and the participation of the OCP Committee in regards to this initiative. Ms. Lewers highlighted other areas in which the money could be spent. Ms. Lewers questioned the survey results and stated that the public were not aware of the cost of the project at the time of the survey.

Charmaine Munroe, resident, provided Council with the benefits of off-leash parks for dog and human integration.

Larry Rumsby, resident, commented on the Galloping Goose Crossing and stated that, if any, he would favour site location 3 as a second crossing.

Ken Ebbs-Canavan, resident, stated that a cyclist path could be cantilevered off the existing bridge and that the cost for a new one is extreme. Mr. Ebbs-Canavan noted that he has seen the one bridge utilized for over 30 years and there have been no repetitive issues. Mr. Ebbs-Canavan commented on flood plane concerns for site option 2 and 3.

PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS AND RELATED REPORTS

PI-1 Development Variance Permit – New Freestanding Sign for 6660 Sooke Road (Evergreen Mall)

Mayor Evans advised that this public input meeting is being held to allow the public an opportunity to make submissions to Council on this particular item on the agenda.

Ms. Nelsen provided an overview of the staff report.

Warren Paron, representing owners of property, provided information as to the illumination and back lighting for the sign and explained that there will be a time sensor. Mr. Paron further explained the percentage for normal florescent lighting and the decrease of illumination when using high output lamping.

Council inquired as to the current sign bylaw regulations and proposed bylaw changes. It was explained that back lit signs are prohibited in the draft sign bylaw.

Mr. Paron noted that he has met with the Sign Bylaw Committee and explained that the proposed structure will match the Kiosk and they are also updating the sign pylon. It was further noted that the current bylaw needed updating and the Sign Bylaw Review Committee was provided examples of signage in other areas as Malls require more prominent visibility.

Council discussed:

- Total square footage
- Ministry of Highways approval
- Memorandum of Understanding with Ministry of Highways
- Interference with traffic visibility
- Location of new sign
- LED illumination versus florescent – affordability and technology

Public Input:

There was no public input.

MOVED and seconded to authorize the issuance of Development Variance Permit PLN00880 for 6660 Sooke Road, legally described as Lot 1, Section 10, Sooke District, Plan VIP67155, Except Part in Plan VIP87872 to vary the following from Bylaw No. 109, *Sign Regulation Bylaw, 2003*:

(a) To vary section 6.6.5(a) to allow the total display surface of a freestanding sign to be increased from 7.4m² (80ft²) to 13.93m² (149.9ft²)

(b) To vary section 6.6.5 (b) to allow the height of the freestanding sign to be increased from 6m (20ft) to 8m (26.2ft)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RI-4 Petition form Residents - Off-leash Dog Park

MOVED and seconded to receive the Petition from Residents - Off-leash Dog Park report for information;

AND TO direct staff to work with developers and the group of concerned citizens to establish an off-leash dog park and bring forward a report with a negotiated price for Council consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

B-1 Policy No. 8.7, *Excess or Extended Services – Latecomer Policy, 2011*

MOVED and seconded to adopt Policy No. 8.7, *Excess or Extended Services – Latecomer Policy, 2011*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw No. 495, *Latecomer Interest Rate Bylaw, 2011*

MOVED and seconded that Bylaw No. 495, *Latecomer Interest Rate Bylaw, 2011* be introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED and seconded that Bylaw No. 495, *Latecomer Interest Rate Bylaw, 2011* be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED and seconded that Bylaw No. 495, *Latecomer Interest Rate Bylaw, 2011* be read a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw No. 496, *Delegation Bylaw Amendment Bylaw (474-1)*

MOVED and seconded that Bylaw No. 496, *Delegation Bylaw Amendment Bylaw (474-1)* be introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED and seconded that Bylaw No. 496, *Delegation Bylaw Amendment Bylaw (474-1)* be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED and seconded that Bylaw No. 496, *Delegation Bylaw Amendment Bylaw (474-1)* be read a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION

RA-1 Millennium Memorial Park and Muirside Cemetery Regional Heritage Site - 1971 Maple Avenue South Transfer of Ownership

MOVED and seconded to authorize staff to proceed with transfer of ownership of the Millennium Memorial Park and Muirside Cemetery Regional Heritage Site located at 1971 Maple Avenue South and legally known as Lot 1, Section 3, Sooke District, Plan VIP71553 from the Sooke Region Historical Society to the District of Sooke;

AND TO authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute all documents required to affect the transfer of property.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RA-2 Galloping Goose - Sooke River Pedestrian Crossing Site Selection for Detailed Design

MOVED and seconded to direct staff to provide a conceptual design and financial information for site 1, and bring forward site 1, 2 and 3 for Council consideration

DEFEATED

MOVED and seconded to direct staff to proceed with the detailed design of site 3 for the Galloping Goose - Sooke River Pedestrian Crossing as per the agreement with HB Lanark so that the project can be shovel ready for future grant applications

CARRIED Councillor Haldane and Councillor Berger opposed the motion

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

RI-1 Mayor and Council Reports

MOVED and seconded to receive Mayor Evans and Councillor Bennett's reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RI-2 RCMP Monthly Mayor Report –April 2011

Staff Sgt. Steve Wright provided a summary of the 70 weekend calls for service and stated that there were no serious incidents. It was noted that presence was supplemented by integrated marine and BC parks for the Rave at Sombrio Beach.

MOVED and seconded to receive the April 2011 RCMP Monthly Mayor report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RI-3 Green Spaces Maintenance Service contracts

MOVED and seconded to receive the Green Spaces Maintenance Service contracts report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

I-1 Municipality of North Cowichan – Pacific Marine Circle Route

MOVED and seconded to send a letter to the Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of Jobs Tourism and Innovation highlighting Sooke's assets for the Pacific Marine Circle Route; **AND TO** send a copy to Mayor Forrest, Town of Lake Cowichan, Mike Hicks, JDF Electoral Director, Pacific Marine Circle Route Ad Hoc Committee, John Horgan, MLA and Sooke Region Tourism Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICES OF MOTION

NM-1 Mayor to acknowledge Notice of Motion by Councillor Bennett for consideration by Council at the June 13th, 2011 Regular Council meeting (section 41 of the *Council Procedure Bylaw*).

Whereas the tanker truck incident on April 16, 2011 in Goldstream Park on Highway No. 1 (The Trans Canada Highway) resulted in the complete closure of this highway for approximately twenty-four hours, and necessitated the response of four Fire Rescue Services and one HazMat unit, the District of Sooke being one of them; and

Whereas the resulting administrative setup provided significant challenges for response team members in terms of being financially reimbursed;

Be it resolved that the District of Sooke Council request that the UBCM Executive meet with the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia and other agencies or ministries as needed, with regard to facilitating the reimbursement process for volunteer and career Fire Rescue Services across British Columbia in a timely manner.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:

Janet Evans
Mayor

Bonnie Sprinkling
Corporate Officer