

**DISTRICT OF SOOKE**  
**Committee of the Whole Minutes**  
Meeting held December 14, 2009 at 6:00 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 Herb Haldane  
Councillor Maja Tait

**STAFF PRESENT**

Evan Parliament, Chief Administrative Officer  
Dave Devana, Director of Finance  
Bonnie Sprinkling, Corporate Officer  
Elisabeth Nelson, Municipal Engineer  
Steve Sorensen, Fire Chief  
Sue Lin Tarnowski, Deputy Director of Finance  
Katherine Lesyshen, Planner  
Tara Johnson, Planner

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

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

3. **Strategic Plan**

Council discussed the order of their Top Priority Projects and the 2010 Five Year Capital Program Priorities.

**Public Input**

Clive Kitchener, Sooke resident, inquired as to Item #6 on Page 12 as to a draft Memorandum of Understanding with Ministry of Transportation. The draft MOU will come to Council when completed; and as to Item #3.a on Page 14, stated that he is opposed to selling parks in the municipality.

Deb Wood, Sooke Resident, requested an extension of deadline beyond January 4th, 2010 for the Pineridge Park Disposal bylaw and a change to the elector response form to allow for multiple electors response.

**MOVED** to recommend that Council adopt the updated 2009-2011 Strategic Plan, the Council Top 15 Priority Projects and the 2010 Five Year Capital Program Priorities.

**CARRIED**

**Councillor Herb Haldane opposed the motion**

4. **Smaller Lot Sizes for Duplexes in Sewer Specified Area**

Councillor Bev Berger declared under legal advice received earlier today by the District of Sooke that she had a conflict of interest with this issue due to the fact that her husband is in the construction industry and excused herself from this portion of the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Councillor Herb Haldane declared under legal advice received earlier today by the District of Sooke that he had a conflict of interest with this issue due to his business in construction and excused himself from this portion of the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Tara Johnson, Planner gave a powerpoint presentation as to smaller lot sizes for duplexes in the sewer specified area.

Council discussed duplexes on smaller lots:

- Opportunities to acquire amenities
- Support in general for duplexes on 600m<sup>2</sup> lots
- Duplexes on corner lots with 600m<sup>2</sup>
- Zoning bylaw will provide time for more consideration

Larry Champagne, Sooke resident, duplexes on smaller lots would allow for reduced building costs and provide more affordable housing.

John Brohman, Otter Point Resident, stated his support of smaller lots sizes for duplexes; provides affordable housing.

Lorne Christensen, Sooke Resident, stated his support for duplexes on small lots.

**MOVED** to accept the report on smaller lot sizes for duplexes for information.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**Certified Correct:**

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**Janet Evans**  
Mayor

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**Bonnie Sprinkling**  
Corporate Officer