

DISTRICT OF SOOKE
Committee of the Whole Minutes
Meeting held November 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 2225 Otter Point Road

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
Gerald Christie, Director of Planning
Al Fontes, Director of Engineering
Steve Sorensen, Fire Chief

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED to approve the agenda as circulated.
CARRIED

3. **Official Community Plan Draft #5**

Gerald Christie and Felice Mazzoni gave a powerpoint presentation on the OCP Draft #5 and its current status:

- What is an OCP?
- The development of the OCP
- Public Input process
- Changes from Draft #4
- Structure of the OCP
- OCP highlights
- Land Use Designations
- Development Permit Areas
- Implementation
- Next steps

Council discussed:

- Addressing in the OCP water and sewer for areas outside infrastructure service area; services for industrial use
- Arts policy to be added in the listing of policies
- Remove on Page 31 opening of the Whiffin Spit for flushing
- Page 65 –5.1.4 “Amend the Sooke Zoning Bylaw . . .”
- Appendices will be added to final draft

- Transportation Master Plan Rhodonite Road to be investigated as a collector road.
- Consider a “Gateway Residential” area for the western area of Sooke

Public Input

Rick Gates, Member of OCP Review Committee, expressed his frustration that he has not had an opportunity to discuss a few key issues on the OCP and stated that the initial process for the public input was phenomenal; Mr. Gates suggested that the Director of Planning give public presentations on the OCP.

David Mallett, Member of OCP Review Committee, stated his support for the OCP and encourages Council to proceed with the OCP under the proposed timeline.

Jen Smith, resident of Sooke, asked if the agencies would receive draft #5 of the OCP. Staff advised that they would.

Gail Hall, resident of Sooke, stated that she understood that the OCP would identify the items under Page 49, Section 4.10.4(c).

MOVED to recommend that Council receive the Official Community Plan Draft #5 for information and authorize Staff to begin the formal referral of the OCP Draft #5 to external referral agencies for comments.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Janet Evans
Mayor

Bonnie Sprinkling
Corporate Officer