

DISTRICT OF SOOKE

Protective Services Committee
Meeting # 10 – November 3, 2009
1:00 PM – Fire Training Room
2205 Otter Point Road

Committee Members Present:

David Court Bob Hudson
Rod McKenzie Councillor Bennett
John Smith

Staff:

Bill Hadikin, Head of Building/Bylaw, EOC Coordinator
Fire Chief, Steve Sorenson
Lisa Urlacher, Council Clerk

Action

1. The meeting began at 1:08 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as circulated with the addition of Item 5: The Use of Alcohol in a Public Place.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

MOVED and seconded to approve the minutes of October 6, 2009 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

Committee members expressed concern as to the CREST advertisements and asked that those concerns be forwarded to Councillor Beech.

**Councillor
Bennett**

The Committee discussed the information that staff provided regarding Municipal Traffic Revenue received for 2009. The District received \$84,100 for 2009 which has been allocated as an offset for our RCMP contract as in the past.

4. **Staff Reports:**

Fire Services:

The Committee received correspondence as to medical marijuana sites in our communities. The Committee discussed the federal jurisdiction regarding regulations and permits. The committee was advised that under the *Marijuana Medical Access Regulations* licensees are required to adhere to safety standards and local zoning and that these provisions are not monitored.

Fire Chief Sorenson updated the Committee as to the 1st Responder Program and the Committee discussed the concerns regarding ambulance service in Sooke. The Committee asked that ambulance service stats be provided at the December meeting. **Fire**

Fire Chief Sorenson reported that the fire department has not completed the fit testing for protective gowns eye gear and N-5 masks.

A discussion as to equipment ensued and the Committee asked if an oxygen tank group purchase with other agencies could be investigated. **Fire**

Fire Chief Sorenson reported on the department's training budget and the Silverspray Fire Protection contract. The Committee inquired as to insurance concerns. **Fire**

A discussion as to tanker accreditation ensued and the committee discussed an amenity option.

Emergency Services and Municipal Services:

Mr. Hadikin provided an update regarding volunteer training and municipal services.

The Committee discussed Safe Halloween and supported the consideration of moving the location of the haunted house closer to the town centre. The Committee suggested that the business community be approached regarding thier involvement.

The Committee was advised that the storage container at the Coast Guard Site will eventually need to be relocated and that it has financial implications.

5. **Use of Alcohol in a Public Place**

The Committee discussed issues as to substance abuse in the community and the following recommendation was made:

MOVED and seconded to recommend that Council continue to support and provide leadership for initiatives as to substance abuse, in particular alcohol, within the Community; **To Council**
AND THAT a letter be sent to the RCMP thanking them for their efforts and initiatives as to substance abuse education and enforcement.
CARRIED

6. **Schedule Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled on December 1, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Rod Mackenzie
Chair

Bonnie Sprinkling,
Corporate Officer

