

DISTRICT OF SOOKE

Protective Services Committee
Meeting # 11 December 1, 2009
1:00 PM – Fire Training Room
2205 Otter Point Road

Committee Members Present:

Bob Hudson, Acting Chair
Dave Court
Councillor Bennett

Staff:

Bill Hadikin, Head of Building/Bylaw Services, EOC Coordinator
Steve Sorensen, Fire Chief
Cpl. Scott Hilderley
Rick McLeod, Fire Inspector
Bonnie Sprinkling, Corporate Officer
Tina Hansen Aux. Council Clerk

Action

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 1:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3. Approval of Minutes:

MOVED to approve the minutes of November 3, 2009 as amended on page 2.
CARRIED

Tina Hansen

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

The Committee's concerns as to the CREST advertisements have been forwarded to Councillor Beech who will bring forward the issue at the next CREST meeting on December 3, 2009.

Item 5, Use of Alcohol in a Public Place, will be brought forward to the next Regular Council meeting scheduled December 14, 2009.

5. Staff Reports:

Fire Services:

Fire Chief Sorensen reported that a Fire Truck Committee has been reviewing the Fire department vehicles and insurance rates. The Committee concluded that it may not be feasible to insure the oldest of the fire department trucks.

The Fire Truck Committee has also provided new information as to the purchase of a new fire boat. A quote has been submitted for just under \$100,000. Fire Chief Sorensen will continue to pursue the purchase and keep the Committee updated. **Fire**

Fire Chief Sorensen stated that he is looking at a pay system for volunteer firefighters. He reported the following:

- An increase in call volume over the last year.
- A fifteen percent loss of volunteers over the last year.
- Increasingly more difficulty in volunteers available over the summer months.
- Volunteers receive \$20 to attend a call.
- Only full-time fireman are showing up for calls

A discussion ensued as to possible solutions including the investigation of what volunteer pay systems work best for other Fire Departments.

Chief Sorensen provided an overview of the response from Western Canada Fire Underwriters regarding the Silver Spray Protection Agreement. The following two options were discussed by the Committee if the agreement were to be cancelled:

- A Signed Automatic Response Agreement with CRD
- Response by Sooke Fire Department by boat

The Committee agreed that correspondence with the CRD and East Sooke Fire Department is warranted.

RCMP Services:

Cpl. Scott Hilderley reported that S/Sgt. Steven Wright has arrived and is expected to start on December 4, 2009. Two new members are due to arrive in January which will bring the Sooke RCMP Detachment to full strength. The S/Sgt and two other members will be going to Whistler for the duration of the Olympics.

Cpl. Hilderley reported that there has been a decrease in alcohol related incidents within the community and the RCMP is receiving positive support from the community in addressing alcohol related issues.

Cpl. Hilderley read statistics to the Committee which compared case loads per member and cost per capita with other detachments across the province.

Emergency Services:

Bill Hadikin reported that Emergency Social Services is proceeding with joint services with Juan de Fuca and a meeting is being held on December 3, 2009. Training has continued and he has received positive feedback from everyone involved. Mr. Hadikin announced that Rick

McLeod, Inspections Officer will be taking over the Emergency Program.

Mr. Hadikin informed the Committee that it seemed no items had been taken during the recent break- in to the emergency container.

The Committee discussed the following issues regarding the contents of the emergency container:

- The need for a new inventory list
- Updating the equipment
- Water storage concerns
- The need for a budget for emergency equipment

MOVED to recommend to the Finance Committee that funding be included in the 2010 Financial Plan to provide a budget to the Committee for the purchase of emergency equipment required for Emergency Social Services.

**Finance
Committee**

CARRIED

Municipal Services:

Mr. Hadikin reported that Media Mills, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, has returned to work four days per week. Ms. Mills will return to full time duties in January.

The Committee requests that Staff Reports commence directly after Approval of Minutes to accommodate members work schedules.

Tina Hansen

6. Information to Receive: Response to Silver Spay Question

Fire Chief Sorensen provided the Response to Silver Spray in his staff report.

7. Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled on January 5, 2009.

8. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 pm.

Certified Correct:

Bob Hudson
Acting Chair

Bonnie Sprinkling,
Corporate Officer