

DISTRICT OF SOOKE

Protective Services Committee
Meeting # 13 February 2, 2010
1:00 PM – Fire Training Room
2205 Otter Point Road

Committee Members Present:

Rod MacKenzie, Chair Bob Hudson
Dave Court
Councillor Bennett
Fred Parker

Staff:

Media Mills, Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Steve Sorensen, Fire Chief
Staff Sergeant Steve Wright
Tina Hansen, Acting Council Clerk
Laura Byrne, Engineering Technologist

Action

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 1:05 p.m.

2. Introductions:

The Chair introduced Mr. Fred Parker as the newest member of the Committee.

3. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as circulated.

4. Approval of Minutes:

MOVED and seconded to approve the minutes of January 5, 2010 as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

Councillor David Bennett advised members that the Committee's recommendation to Council (Item 4) regarding Medical Marijuana Licensing Requirements went to the January 25, 2010 Council meeting and Council resolved to send a Resolution to AVICC and a letter to Health Canada.

Tina Hansen confirmed that the Consultant's Report for Metchosin Emergency Preparedness Plan and a copy of Bylaw 137, *Emergency Program Bylaw, 2003* was provided to the Chief Administrative Officer and Corporate Officer.

Steve Sorensen informed the Committee that the Report requesting funding for Emergency Social Services will be forwarded to the Finance Committee for review and the Firefighter Training budget will be discussed at the next managers meeting.

6. **Appointment of Chair:**

MOVED and seconded to re-appoint Rod Mackenzie as Chair of the Protective Services Committee.

CARRIED

MOVED and seconded to re-appoint Bob Hudson as Vice-Chair of the Protective Services Committee.

CARRIED

7. **New Business:** BC Ambulance Vehicle Shut Down

The Committee discussed issues and concerns related to BC Ambulance having to shut down vehicles throughout the Province due to insufficient staffing.

MOVED and seconded to recommend that Council send a letter to BC Ambulance requesting the Sooke Fire Department be notified each time an ambulance is unavailable within the District of Sooke.

AND THAT a copy of the correspondence be sent to AVICC, UBCM and the local MLA.

CARRIED

To Council

8. **Staff Reports:**

RCMP Services:

Staff Sergeant Steve Wright provided information as to arranging shifts with Detachment staff members which could provide optimal 24 hour shift coverage but due to continuing manpower issues, the possibility cannot be implemented in the foreseeable future.

Staff Sergeant Wright also provided information on the following:

- Prolific Offenders Program
- Domestic Violence Program
- Citizens on Patrol Program
- Speed Watch Program
- First Nations Liaison Officer
- Auxiliary Members

Fire Services:

Fire Chief Sorensen reported that Sooke Fire Rescue Services raised \$6000.00 in hot dog sales to go towards the purchase of 6 shelter boxes to assist in the relief efforts following the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

Fire Chief Sorensen informed the Committee that interviews for the full time Firefighter position have taken place and an applicant has been chosen for the position. If the budget is approved for a second Firefighter position, another applicant has been pre-selected to fill the position.

The Committee discussed Firefighter's Underwriters requirements of having to replace the second line fire truck. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of purchasing a new versus used truck. The Committee agreed by consensus that the purchase of a new or demonstrator truck was the most ideal possibility.

MOVED and seconded that the Fire Chief look into the purchase of a new or demonstration fire truck to replace the second line fire truck as the preferred option. **Steve Sorensen**

CARRIED

Municipal Services:

Media Mills, Bylaw Enforcement Officer addressed the Committee on upcoming changes due to the retirement of Bill Hadikin.

Ms. Mills inquired as to what the appropriate identification should be on the District of Sooke decal that is fixed to the municipal vehicle. At this time the vehicle is identified as "Municipal Services" only.

The Committee discussed and agreed that the vehicle should be clearly identified as a "Bylaw Enforcement" vehicle.

MOVED and seconded to recommend that the District of Sooke decal on the municipal vehicle read as "Municipal and Bylaw Enforcement Services." **Media Mills**

CARRIED

9. **Delegation:** Bear Smart BC Society

Crystal McMillan, Executive Director of the Bear Smart BC Society, introduced the following members in the delegation:

- Tony Hamilton, Large Carnivore Specialist, Ministry of Environment
- Mike Badry, Wildlife Conflict Prevention Coordinator, Ministry of Environment
- Dawn Boyce, Director, Bear Smart BC Society
- Peter Pauwells, Conservation Officer, South Coast Region

Tony Hamilton, Large Carnivore Specialist gave a power point presentation on "Black Bear Behaviour and Biology. "

The presentation focused on the following topics:

- Bear biology related to bear/human conflict

- Use of non-lethal methods to bear/human conflict
- Hunting
- Threats to Vancouver Island Bears
- Black bears frequently in BC Communities
- Bear Smart Communities
- Bear Behaviours
- Aversive Conditioning

Mike Badry, Wildlife Prevention Coordinator informed the Committee that approximately 1000 black bear per year were being killed in British Columbia due to bear/human conflict. It is important for communities to become “Bear Smart” and reduce attractants.

Peter Pauwells, Conservation Officer reported that last year Sooke had approximately 240 complaints and 5 bear had to be killed due to bear/human conflict.

Crystal McMillan, Bear Smart BC Society, gave a power point presentation on the Bear Smart Community Program and how to become a Bear Smart Community. The presentation covered the following:

- Criteria for Communities to achieve “Bear Smart” status
- Benefits of becoming a “Bear Smart” Community
- Bear Smart Approval Process
- Bear Smart Community Evaluation Process

Crystal recommended the first step the Committee should look into is having a Hazard Assessment done.

Laura Byrne

The Committee decided to wait until the next scheduled meeting before further discussion and have staff look into what a Hazard Assessment would cost.

The Committee agreed that a Stewardship Committee would be required to initiate a “Bear Smart” program.

10. Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled on March 2, 2010.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Certified Correct:

Rod Mackenzie
Chair

Bonnie Sprinkling,
Corporate Officer

