

DISTRICT OF SOOKE

Protective Services Committee
Meeting # 2 – March 3, 2009
1:00 PM – Fire Training Room
2205 Otter Point Road

Committee Members Present:

David Court
John Smith
Bob Hudson
Councillor Bennett

Staff:

Evan Parliament, Chief Administrative Officer
Steve Sorensen, Acting Fire Chief
Media Mills, Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Staff Sergeant Roger Plamondon
Corporal Barb Cottingham
Lisa Urlacher, Council Clerk

Absent:

Paul McTavish
Rod McKenzie

Action

1. **Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was approved as circulated

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

MOVED and seconded to approve the minutes of February 3, 2009 as circulated.

CARRIED

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

Policing Priorities

The Committee identified substance abuse as a top issue for 2009. A discussion ensued as to the past initiatives and programs which engaged the entire spectrum of Sooke Youth. The Committee discussed current initiatives and programs that are working to involve the youth in decision making and concurred that there is a missing component as to the targeted offending youth and their families.

The Committee discussed exploring the legal implications of a curfew for Sooke Youth.

Crime Prevention Program:

Staff Sergeant Plamondon provided an update as to the neighbourhood Watch Program meetings and advised that there has been three to date. It was noted that Metchosin has been successful with their neighbourhood watch program and are marrying it with the Emergency Social Service.

The Committee inquired as to an unmarked patrol car on duty to support traffic law enforcement. Staff Sergeant Plamondon advised the committee of the allotted times for the unmarked car on patrol during each day.

The Committee discussed using a reward program for bicycle safety awareness and concurred that uniformed staff would hand out coupons from local businesses to reward residents and youth who are abiding by the law.

The Committee directed staff to advertise through a media release in the Sooke News Mirror, District of Sooke website and the District of Sooke newsletter to advise residents of the activities that the Protective Service Committee will be engaging in. **Staff**

A discussion ensued as to the measures and tactics used with the Edward Milne Community School students during school hours at Fred Milne Park.

The Committee was advised of a model as to Bylaw Enforcement and Peace Officer duties in the Westshore and asked staff to bring forward information of the agreement between the Westshore Community Police and the City of Langford. **Staff**

4. **Staff Reports:**

Fire Services

The Committee discussed the level of service that staff are required to maintain and agreed to direct staff to bring forward a report to Council outlining the following options and recommendations: **Staff to Council**

- Hire a Firefighter Inspector immediately
- Replace Deputy Fire Chief at a later date
- Business license inspector chargeback fee
- Volunteer Firefighter honorarium for business license inspection
- Parks/Firefighter position
- Vacation relief

Acting Fire Chief Sorensen submitted a year end report to the committee for discussion at the next meeting. **Lisa Urlacher**

Bylaw Enforcement:

Media Mills provided an overview of the bylaw report for January and submitted copies to the Committee members.

**Lisa
Urlacher**

The Committee discussed the safety measures for the Bylaw Enforcement Officer and directed staff to formalize a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sooke RCMP Detachment to enable the Bylaw Enforcement Officer the use of a portable radio.

Staff

Ms. Mills provided an update on the “no parking” signage issues at the corner of Sooke Road and Townsend Road, Otter Point Road and Sooke Road and Otter Point Road and Grant Road West.

Emergency Services:

The Committee discussed the Sooke Emergency Plan and agreed to bring forward the discussion at the April 7th meeting.

**Lisa
Urlacher**

The committee discussed grant opportunities available for Emergency Services and asked that it be brought forward for further discussion.

**Lisa
Urlacher**

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting is schedule on April 7th, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Bob Hudson
Vice Chair

Evan Parliament,
Chief Administrative Officer