

## DISTRICT OF SOOKE

Protective Services Committee  
Meeting # 3 – April 7, 2009  
1:00 PM – Fire Training Room  
2205 Otter Point Road

### **Committee Members Present:**

David Court  
Rod McKenzie  
Bob Hudson

### **Staff:**

Bill Hadikin, Head of Building/Bylaw, EOC Coordinator  
Steve Sorensen, Fire Chief  
Staff Sergeant Roger Plamondon  
Lisa Urlacher, Council Clerk

### **Absent:**

Paul McTavish  
Councillor Bennett  
John Smith

### **Action**

1. The meeting began at 1:07 p.m.

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was approved as circulated

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

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

**CARRIED**

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

The Committee was updated on the status of the following action items:

- Staff to provide a media release in the newsletter as to the activities that the Protective Services Committee will be engaging in.
- Staff to bring forward information as to the Peace Officer duties of Langford Bylaw enforcement.
- Staff to bring forward a report to Council as to the Fire Services recommendations of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Protective Services meeting.
- Staff are currently working on the CREST radio services for Bylaw Enforcement.

4. **Discussion:**

RCMP Services

Staff Sergeant, Roger Plamondon provided an update as to the eleventh position at the Sooke detachment and stated that an additional female officer was requested. The Committee expressed concerns as to the need for a bilingual officer in Sooke.

Staff Sergeant, Roger Plamondon provided an overview of the Monthly Mayor report for March 2009.

Fire Services:

Fire Chief, Steve Sorenson provided an overview of the 2008 Fire Department Annual Report and the status of the Strategic Master Plan for the Sooke Fire Department. Mr. Sorenson announced that the Sooke Fire Department purchased a new First Responder Vehicle which also includes uses as Research / Rehab and the After Burn Program. Staff Sergeant Roger Plamondon suggested that an alarm be installed in the vehicle.

The Committee discussed the plans in place for alternative emergency routes out of Sooke.

Mr. Sorenson announced that Rick McLeod was appointed Assistant Chief and that the Burning Bylaw is being reviewed.

Municipal Services:

Mr. Hadikin provided an update as to the Municipal Vehicle and the portable radio that is being investigated for Bylaw Services. Mr. Hadikin described the percentage of time involved to investigate calls and inquiries and the time consumption to compile all the details for navigating the complaints to the appropriate service or resource. The Committee discussed the social issues relating to homelessness and the Sooke Youth. It was noted that the Community Health Initiative presented a Final Report in December 2006 regarding the Region's health resources and needs. Staff will provide copies of the report. Staff handed out brochures from the Sooke Region Community Health Initiative (CHI).

**Lisa  
Urlacher**

The Committee agreed by consensus to support the agencies and resources that are currently in place.

## Emergency Services:

Mr. Hadikin explained the limitations for staff support in regards to amending the Sooke Emergency Plan and clarified the volunteer members' role to compile information and prepare the emergency plan for staff to amend. The Committee discussed the School District and Mr. Hadikin explained that the schools are not included in the plan however they are a resource attached to the plan.

Mr. Hadikin announced that a mobile generator has been purchased for emergency services. The Committee discussed the need for an additional mobile generator to supply adequate power to both sides of the bridge.

The Committee discussed the primary disaster route and it was explained that Highway 14 is a Provincial responsibility and is deemed a priority route. The Committee raised concerns as to the limited amount of volunteers in the Sooke area due to commuting and it was stressed that the 72 hour rule applies and that neighborhoods within communities have to prepare for a disaster. The municipality requires time to accommodate and arrange resources.

### 5. **Schedule Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Rod McKenzie  
Chair

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Bonnie Sprinkling,  
Corporate Officer