

DISTRICT OF SOOKE

Protective Services Committee
Meeting # 4 – May 5, 2009
1:00 PM – Fire Training Room
2205 Otter Point Road

Committee Members Present:

David Court
Rod McKenzie
Bob Hudson
Councillor Bennett
John Smith

Staff:

Evan Parliament, Chief Administrative Officer
Steve Sorensen, Fire Chief
Cpl. Scott Hilderley
Media Mills, Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Lisa Urlacher, Council Clerk

Absent:

Action

1. The meeting began at 1:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as circulated with the addition of Speed Zone discussion.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

MOVED and seconded to approve the minutes of April 7, 2009 as circulated.

CARRIED

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

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

- A submission was requested for 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.
- Council authorized the hiring of a full-time firefighter on July 1, 2009 in advance of the October 2009 hiring date in the 2009-2013 Financial Plan.

Bylaw Enforcement

A discussion ensued as to the safety of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer regarding the importance of implementing a MOU with the Sooke Detachment for the use of the CREST radio system. Staff advised that Mr. Hadikin is currently working on the CREST radio services for Bylaw Enforcement.

**Bylaw
Enforcement**

The Committee discussed concerns as to the intermittent coverage that CREST provides in the outlying areas. It was noted that is adequate coverage within the District of Sooke and that 2 fire vehicles are equipped with portable sub-repeaters.

Mr. Parliament recommended that Gord Horth, General Manager Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunications (CREST) come forward as a delegation to an upcoming meeting. The Committee agreed and asked that Councillor Beech be invited to attend the meeting as well.

**Lisa
Urlacher**

The Committee asked that the RCMP compile basic problems for discussion at the meeting. It was noted that EHS and the radio dispatcher be contacted for feedback as to the number of hazardous occurrences reported.

RCMP

4. Discussion:

RCMP Services

Cpl. Hilderley reported that the RCMP will be holding a public awareness night at EMCS addressing concerns as to youth alcoholism. It was explained that the parents of youth with liquor offence tickets will receive an invitation to attend the event. Cpl. Hilderley will send the poster via email to the committee members. The Committee suggested that VIHA Social Services and the medical community representatives be invited as well.

RCMP

The Committee suggested that a "Right of Passage" article be published in the local paper prior to Grad Week to make the community aware of the concerns with youth alcoholism.

Fire Services:

Fire Chief Sorensen reported on the feasibility of the proposed Sunriver Fire Station and announced that an open house would be held on June 13th detailing the joint facility proposal.

Fire Chief Sorensen discussed the flow test requirements for proposed developments and indicated that the viability standards are set by CRD Water and that the testing will and should be done by CRD Water as there could be a serious impact to flow rates as a result of future developments and that the fire department does not test to the same standards.

Fire Chief Sorensen updated the committee on the status of the property located at the top of Broom Hill and indicated that the property owners were notified of the Youths' activities.

Emergency Services:

Mr. Hudson reported on the ESS Conference that the Public Education and Emergency Social Services volunteers attended in Saanich.

Municipal Services:

Media Mills reported on the current enforcement issue of secondary suites. Ms. Mills also reported that she is attending a emergency vehicle driving course this month.

Speed Zones

The Committee discussed the traffic calming measures that the District of Sooke has implemented.

5. Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled on June 2, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Rod McKenzie
Chair

Bonnie Sprinkling,
Corporate Officer