

## DISTRICT OF SOOKE

Protective Services Committee  
Meeting # 5 – June 2, 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:**

Bill Hadikin, Head of Building/Bylaw, EOC Coordinator  
Matt Barney, Fire Fighter, Training Instructor  
Cpl. Scott Hilderley  
Lisa Urlacher, Council Clerk

### **Absent:**

### **Action**

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

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

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

**MOVED** and seconded to approve the minutes of May 5, 2009 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

3. **Delegation:**

Gord Horth, General Manager - Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunications Incorporated (CREST) provided an overview of the upgrade to the CREST system in 2008/2009 and submitted visual maps detailing the following additions:

- 9 Repeater Sites
- Master Controller Site
- 15 Receive Sites
- 50 Vehicle Based Repeaters

The Committee discussed the challenges as to sufficient coverage past Shirley and identified that currently Homeland Security (North Point) is the source for coverage. Mr. Horth stated that acquiring sites past Shirley with AC power is a challenge and that receiving permission from Homeland Security is another challenge.

Mr. Horth explained that they are currently adjusting the balancing on Mt. Helmcken and the antennae may be raised on Mt. McGuire for better coverage.

The committee inquired as to the process of bringing forward to CREST intermittent coverage areas and specified the following problem areas; Connie Road, Sooke Potholes Seaparc, Beecher Bay, East Sooke, Kemp Lake and west of Shirley. It was noted that these areas also have limited cellular coverage which result in liability issues, call out logistical problems and safety issues and that the Committee would like to have them identified as a priority by CREST.

The Committee suggested that Mr. Horth investigate how Telus brought internet to Port Renfrew. Mr. Horth stated that partnering is always an alternative and that Telus, Rogers and Bell could be viable options, another solution may be BC Forestry through provincial infrastructure and the Solicitor General.

The Committee discussed Sooke as a shareholder in CREST and asked Mr. Horth to provide minutes of the Service Committees and any other CREST affiliated minutes. The Committee expressed the need for more local representation on the committees.

Mr. Horth informed the Committee that Motorola and a third party (RCC) will provide maps detailing coverage which will result in prioritizing areas for upgrades this fall.

After Discussion the committee agreed to:

direct each Department ( Fire RCMP, Emergency Services, and Municipal Services) to bring forward reports to the July meeting detailing the deficiencies and general concerns in the CREST system;  
And that the Committee will forward a recommendation for Council endorsement and request that the CREST representative, Councillor Beech forward the issues to CREST.

**Fire  
RCMP  
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Municipal  
  
To Council**

4. **Discussion:**

Fire:

Matt Barney provided an update as to the June 13<sup>th</sup> Open House at Sunriver and the Tanker Shuttle Accreditation.

RCMP Services:

Cpl. Scott Hilderley provided information as to the new detachment commander replacement process and stated that they are currently operating at 13 members.

The Committee asked if the District of Sooke pays for full compliment or is discounted until the positions are filled. Bill will provide the information to the Committee.

**Staff**

Cpl. Scott Hilderley provided information as to the awareness night, Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> at EMCS.

Municipal Services:

Mr. Hadikin provided information as to the protocol agreement with the local detachment and Bylaw Enforcement.

5. **Schedule Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled on July 7, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

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Rod McKenzie  
Chair

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Bonnie Sprinkling,  
Corporate Officer