

DISTRICT OF SOOKE

COMMUNITY GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Meeting # 6 – May 26, 2009
7:00 PM – Council Chambers

Committee Members Present:

David Mallett, Chair
Councillor Maja Tait
Alexander Chandler
Myke Colbert (Moonfist)

Staff: Lisa Urlacher

Absent: Chris Hyde

Action

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

Committee Presentations:

David Mallett introduced the committee members and advised the applicants that the intent of the meeting is for the community grant applicants to present their applications and for the committee members to ask questions. It was later clarified that no financial reward decisions will be made until all presentations have been heard, at that time the Committee will make recommendations to Council for ratification at the Special Council meeting on June 9, 2009.

2. **Sooke Region Youth Council**

Joseph Boutilier, Sooke Region Youth Council Coordinator provided an overview of the application explaining that the Sooke Youth Council want to organize a Summer Clean Sooke Day as well as implement art on garbage receptacles. It was explained that after the clean up event the youth would host a celebration - a youth-friendly summer dance will be organized with live music as well they will be providing incentives throughout the day. Liane Brooks, Allison Burton, Casey Craig, Emily Percival-Paterson and Courtney Wilson came forward as the Sooke Region Youth Council Members.

The Committee raised questions regarding the installation of garbage receptacles and it was noted that there would be financial and liability implications to the District of Sooke. It was suggested that the Youth Council contact District staff. Mr. Boutilier commented that the Youth would consider targeting existing garbage receptacles only.

Sooke Region Community Health Initiative (CHI)

Marlene Barry provided a summary of the project. The Sooke Community Health Initiative (CHI) wish to coordinate a two-day workshop in Autumn "Supporting our Volunteers". It was explained that the workshop is intended to help Sooke Region volunteers improve and increase their effectiveness, communication and confidence.

A discussion ensued as to the development of training workshops and supporting our volunteer network.

Sooke Region Food CHI Society

Phoebe Dunbar, Pia Carroll and Brandon (Culinary Program Student) provided an overview of the Green House infrastructure project that would provide a continuous growing season at the Edward Milne Community Garden. The purpose of the program is to teach youth and the community volunteers the importance of growing vegetables 12 months of the year.

The Committee raised questions regarding other source funding.

Stage West Players Society

There was no representative present at the meeting.

Sooke Family Resource Society

Katy Lipkind provided an overview of the pilot project which will involve multi-family adventure therapy including games, initiatives and wilderness experienced. Ms. Lipkind submitted a copy detailing the Family Roots: Adventure Therapy Group. It was announced that funding has been received in the amount of \$6,600 from Telus and \$6,609 from United Way. Ms. Lipkind explained that the program requires \$3,436 to proceed.

The Committee suggested that the Society contact the Family Court and Justice Committee, the Sooke Lioness, Sooke Community and Police Consultative Committee, Mountain Equipment Coop and Sooke Adventure College.

Edward Milne Community School Society

Roberta MacDonald, EMSC Community School Coordinator, introduced Terry McGintey and Paul McLellan and explained the newly established committee of theatre user groups. Ms. MacDonald provided an overview the project and explained the use of a Genie Lift ladder to provide a means of safely adjusting the lighting over the stage.

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Sooke Fine Arts Society

Bev Petow and Linda Thompson, provided an overview of the project that will include an information booth, entrance way lighting/handrails/carpet and expanded gallery seating.

BC SPCA Wild ARC

Sara Dubois, Manager of Wildlife Services provided an overview of the water main project and acknowledged last years grant award. Ms. Dubois stated that they will be informed of the BC infrastructure grant in June and if they are not successful they realize that grant money will need to be returned.

Sooke Fall Fair

Ida MacDonald, Candice Linde and Leana Moloney provided an overview of the project detailing the Split Rail Fencing, the Agricultural Display Map and the Banner Flag and Arms. A plaque for last year's award was shown to Councillor Maja Tait.

Stage West Players Society

Deena Burnett apologized for arriving late and provided an overview of the production of "Howl" and explained that the mandate of Stage West Players is to provide a source of appreciation and enjoyment of amateur arts. Ms. Burnett explained the branding "What's in a Name" campaign. It was noted that if the production sells out the society would return the grant money if the revenue exceeds the expenses

Sooke Canada Day Society

Judithe Ann Gatto provided an overview of the project explaining the reason for increased security to protect the properties surrounding the Flats.

Schedule Next meeting:

The next scheduled meeting will be on June 2, 2009.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

David Mallett
Chair

Bonnie Sprinkling
Corporate Officer