

## DISTRICT OF SOOKE

Protective Services Committee  
Meeting # 8 – September 1, 2009  
1:00 PM – Fire Training Room  
2205 Otter Point Road

### **Committee Members Present:**

David Court  
Rod McKenzie  
Bob Hudson  
Councillor Bennett

### **Staff:**

Bill Hadikin, Head of Building/Bylaw, EOC Coordinator  
Matt Barney, Fire Fighter, Training Instructor  
Steve Sorenson, Fire Chief  
Cpl. Barb Cottingham  
Lisa Urlacher, Council Clerk  
Laura Byrne, Engineering Technologist  
Nikki Lewers, Engineering Technologist

**Guest:** Lee Hinderichs

**Absent:** John Smith

### **Action**

1. The meeting began at 1:03 p.m.

Mr. Hadikin introduced Barrie Bude, Bylaw Enforcement Officer and advised the Committee that Ms. Mills is on medical leave.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

**MOVED** and seconded to approve the minutes of July 15, 2009 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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

It was indicated that the reports from staff as to the issues, deficiencies and general concerns that are important to public and personnel safety regarding the CREST system will be facilitated to go forward to Council as a recommendation.

**To Council**

Cpl. Barb Cottingham submitted her report and Fire Chief Sorenson advised that he would submit his. It was noted that Municipal and Emergency Services currently do not use the CREST system and will utilize the Fire Department system when required.

**Steve**

4. **Discussion: Bear Smart**

Ms. Byrne presented the opportunity to initiate and implement a Bear Smart Program in Sooke. It was explained that the purpose is to work in partnership with the Ministry of Environment to deliver a proactive educational program to the residents creating strategies to reduce/prevent human-bear conflicts. Ms. Byrne asked the Committee for direction as to entertaining a delegation to provide more information on the Bear Smart Community Program and to support budgeting for a public education program.

A discussion ensued and the Committee emphasized the following concerns:

- Budgeting for a education/outreach program which is a Provincial responsibility
- Responsibility for establishing the migration gateways
- Urban development in a rural area
- Bylaw enforcement on privatized garbage removal

The members also made the following suggestions:

- Inquire as to the Province covering the cost to educate a staff or a volunteer to provide a program to the schools in unison with the Fire Program **Laura**
- Contact Conservation Officer Rick Dekelever as to the feasibility to provide a program to the four elementary schools by January 1, 2010 **Laura**
- Requiring new development to create secure garbage disposal areas
- Environment Impacts assessment for properties that are greater than 2 acre when developing
- Create a press release or an article regarding fruit trees and Food CHI, securing garbage and provide the 1-800 number **Laura**
- Utilize the District of Sooke Website to educate and District Open Houses
- Contact John Stevens, retired Fisheries Officer and Peter Pauls, Conservation Officer for historical perspective **Laura**

5. **Discussion:**

RCMP Services:

Cpl. Barb Cottingham reported on vacancies and filled positions. A discussion ensued involving questions and comments as to the Mayors Monthly report.

Emergency Services and Municipal Services:

Bill Hadikin reported on the Mutual Aid Agreement with Cowichan and the H1N1 Virus action to immunize staff members.

Bob Hudson provided information as to the requirement to supply individually fitted masks to Fire Department members for protection when on calls relating to the H1N1 virus.

A discussion ensued as to the contents of the emergency container and a current resource list.

The Committee identified that the following additional information is required to create a budget for replacement costs :

**Steve/Bill**

- inventory of booms
- inventory of emergency equipment

The Committee inquired as to the procedures and volunteers required during an emergency. Mr. Hadikin reported on the status of volunteer training and explained that the Sooke Emergency Plan meets the basic requirements.

Fire Services:

Steve introduced a discussion as to the outlining areas not service by CRD water and the need for policy direction in regards to interior and exterior sprinkling systems.

**MOVED** and seconded to recommend that Staff provide a report outlining the need for covenants to require interior sprinkler systems for new house/construction not on Municipal Water. **Steve**

**CARRIED**

After discussion the following was suggested when dealing with wildfire/urban interface:

- Identifying High Risk Areas (must be identified in the OCP)
- Potential development permit areas
- On-site water for fire protection
- Sprinkler Bylaw

A discussion ensued as to the need for additional full time firefighters as a result of increased development. Fire Chief Sorenson indicated that a report outlining the long term needs will be brought forward to Council in November.

**Steve**

Fire Chief Sorenson reported on the Fire Underwriters recommendations.

The Committee brought forward concerns regarding the no-parking signage in front of Nut Pop Thai, the unenforceable speed zones throughout Sooke and the one way street parking. Staff will bring forward these issues to the next management meeting.

**Steve/Bill**

The Committee also advised that there are trees and that require pruning at the following intersection locations:

- Ella Road/Grant Road West
- Pyrite Road/Grant Road West
- Beaton Road/Grant Road West
- Maple Avenue South/Grant Road West

6. **Schedule Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled on October 6, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

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Rod Mackenzie  
Chair

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Bonnie Sprinkling,  
Corporate Officer