

DISTRICT OF SOOKE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting # 24 – February 25, 2009
4:00 PM – Council Chambers
2205 Otter Point Road

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Janet Evans
Councillor Dave Bennett
Councillor Ron Dumont

Staff: Evan Parliament, Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Devana, Director of Finance
Sue-Lin Tarnowski, Deputy Director of Finance
Bonnie Sprinkling, Corporate Services Manager/Deputy Clerk

Public: Fred Von Ilberg

Action

1. The meeting began at 4:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda with the addition of Item 2B, appointment of Finance Committee Chair.

2.b **Appointment of Chair**

MOVED to recommend that Council support the appointment of Mayor Janet Evans as chair of the Finance Committee.
CARRIED

Recommendation to Council

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

MOVED to adopt the minutes of October 7, 2008.
CARRIED

The committee discussed items on the October 7, 2008 agenda and received updates from Dave Devana.

4. **Review Of Terms of Reference**

MOVED to recommend that Council adopt the amended Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee.
CARRIED

Recommendation to Council

5. **Sooke Harbour Chamber of Commerce and Sooke Community Association Contracts**

Dave Devana provided the committee an update on the status of the two contracts, which are both up for renewal. Staff are in negotiations on both contracts; the contracts will be presented to Council for approval prior to execution.

6. **2009-2013 Financial Plan**

Dave Devana stated that staff are completing their departmental submissions for the draft financial plan at this time and reviewed the upcoming budget meeting schedule.

The committee reviewed the budget items presented.

MOVED to include the cost sharing portion of \$2,276 for the Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth in the 2009-2013 Financial Plan for 2009 on a trial basis.

Finance

CARRIED

The Committee directed that a report be provided by the Action Team every three months.

MOVED to include an additional \$15,000 for Communities in Bloom in the 2009-2013 Financial Plan.

CARRIED

MOVED to include up to \$5000 to the Sooke Spirit of BC Community Committee for the Olympic Torch Relay event on October 31, 2009 in the 2009-2013 Financial Plan and that the Sooke Spirit Committee provide a budget for the event.

CARRIED

MOVED to send a letter of support and a Community Grant Application to the Student Art Bus Shelter Program.

Finance

CARRIED

7. **Email dated December 7, 2008**

MOVED to receive the letter from Clive Kitchener for information.

CARRIED

8. **Sooke Program of the Arts**

Dave Devana advised that the Sooke Program of the Arts committee will be asking for an increase on the reserve fund allocation to 2% and stated that the program is poorly funded and Council may wish to consider how they want to support it in the future.

9. **Public Comments**

Fred Von Ilberg, Tara Place, expressed his concern as to the lack of participation by the business community to maintain and beautify their buildings and signs. Mr. Von Ilberg inquired as to the shopping bag program and boardwalk contributions to date.

10. **Next Meeting:**

March 17th, 18th, 19th, 2009

11. **Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 pm**

Mayor Janet Evans
Chair

Evan Parliament,
Chief Administrative Officer