

DISTRICT OF SOOKE

Sooke Economic Development Commission

Meeting 37, July 08, 2009
7:00 p.m. Municipal Meeting Room

Committee Members Present:

Councillor Sheila Beech
Bryan Mooney
Jeannette Wilford
Scott Gertsma
Councillor Herb Haldane
Alexander Chandler

Staff: Evan Parliament, Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa Urlacher, Council Clerk
John Zarembo (Sooke Harbour Chamber of Commerce)

1. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED and seconded to approve the agenda as circulated.
CARRIED

2. **Delegation:**

Dana LeCompte, Tugwell Creek Farm and Meadery and Diane Bernard, Outer Coast Seaweeds Ltd representing the Association of Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) provided an overview of an educational tour brochure and asked the Commission to help fund the distribution costs in the amount of \$900. Ms. LaCompte submitted the proposal and a draft brochure.

MOVED and seconded to approve \$900 towards the Cool Guide to coastal Sooke from the Marketing Partnership Co-ops budget.
CARRIED

Finance

3. **Adoption of Minutes:**

MOVED and seconded that the minutes of June 10, 2009 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. **Business arising from minutes:**

MOVED and seconded to approve \$250 + GST from the Advertising-Publication budget towards a 2" w x 1.5" h advertisement in MapleLine Magazine.
CARRIED

Finance

The commission asked that the action list and measurable outcomes be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

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5. **Sooke Harbour Chamber of Commerce Monthly Report:**

John Zaremba read and submitted his report for the month of July.

6. **Monthly Progress Report:**

Mr. Parliament updated the Commission as to:

- Goodridge Island / Brownfield remediation
- Recruitment status of the additional Commission member
- RFP process for a medical centre in Sooke
- Hotel and boat launch status
- Benefits of the UDI membership
- High-Tec Park
- San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce trip to China
- Building Canada Grant status

Mr. Parliament suggested that a delegate from Municipal Information Systems Association (MISA) or a representative from a2b Fiber Inc. be invited to speak at the September meeting.

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Mr. Parliament submitted a copy of the presentation material from MISA.

7. **Information:** Salmon Enhancement status report

Mr. Mooney advised the Commission that a grant in the amount of \$450,000 has been submitted for the purpose of an "Interpretive Centre" at Charters Creek. In addition to the grant a perpetuity lease on a 2 ha site will be secured.

Mr. Mooney advised that there is government funding opportunities including grants, loans, loan guarantees, and more for business development in the agricultural area. Mr. Mooney stated that the Commission should consider soliciting for an abattoir business in Sooke.

8. **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Certified by:

Scott Gertsma
Chair

Evan Parliament
Chief Administrative Officer