

Transition Sooke

Notes from May 5, 2021 Monthly Meeting

Alan Dolan – Facilitator

After the introductions, and territorial acknowledgement we addressed:

Minutes from March 3 Monthly Meeting, no changes, motion to approve (Lynn / Bernie) approved.

Minutes from April 7 Monthly Meeting, no further changes, motion to approve (Bernie/ Susan C) approved.

Treasurer’s Report – Lily – Not much change from last meeting. \$20 per month going to Sooke Pocket News. Sooke Multi-Belief Initiative received \$750 from DoS Council for a new project and Lily will set up a new account for them at TS with \$300 in it for their project from Transition Sooke.

TRANSITION SOOKE TREASURER’S REPORT Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Current Account Balances:

Accounts

Account Name	Balance
Coast Community Chequing (100)	\$4,617.90
Wild Wise Sooke (101)	0
Zero Waste Sooke (102)	\$1,197.54
Special Events (103)	0

INCOME:

EXPENSES in April: May 1 monthly automatic transfer to Britt Santowski (Sooke Pocket News): \$20.00

Notes:

The District of Sooke has approved Sooke Multi Belief Initiative’s (SMBI) grant proposal for \$750 to support their video project. In March, Transition Sooke members also voted to allocate \$300 towards this project. I will be setting up a new account (either change Account 101 Wild Wise Sooke to SMBI as a standing account, or use the Special Events 103 account for the life of the project).

Communications- Alan – request for comments on revisions to the TS Logo. Same picture but different words below that better explain our current foci: “Community, Resilience, Climate.” Discussion of whether to include a date (2021) on the logo – Majority felt the logo was OK without a date and new logo was moved (Bernie/Moki) and approved.



BC CEN report – Lily - new group in BC drawing together all groups involved in climate action with the view to exchange resources and join in province-wide projects to influence government policy. Membership is free, and there will be groups and individuals who will have voting rights within the membership. A BC focus example might be “protection of old growth forests” to which many groups might lend their support and send a message to government that the public at large is concerned about preserving our forests and environment. They are still organizing and Lily will keep us up-to-date with developments. Motion for Transition Sooke to formally join BC-CEN (Lily/?) Passed.

Watchdog on DoS council meetings – Hester, Jo and others continue to watch the DoS meetings to follow any items that are of interest to TS. All summaries are listed on the TS website (<https://transitionsooke.org/council-meeting-watchdog/>)

Action Teams – OCP and Climate Action team – Alan gave an update of what the team is doing regarding the OCP. Mentioned coverage from the recent press release on the Low growth Scenario D for Sooke. Lily – gave a review of the Low Carbon Resilience (LCR) lens that DoS council has adopted as an alternative to “Climate First” approach to new projects. Her report will be posted on the TS website. Chris- to send a previous letter on this topic to the membership as well.

Susan C reported on two town hall plans we are putting together. A video is in post-production for a 7-minute presentation that will be shown at the first town hall to stimulate discussion. The second Town Hall will take a deeper dive into growth. Dates for the town halls will be the next decision to make.

Susan C. - spoke of development in Sooke and the number of plans submitted for approval. We ought to wait until the new OCP is in effect. Therefore, should TS be asking the DoS to “pause” consideration of all new development permits? The general feeling is that we should continue with this idea.

Jo – spoke of the need to resurrect the Local Economy team of TS, which was formed at the September 29, 2019 Community Workshop, as the DoS has created a new “Community Economic Development Committee.” TS has no one on this committee at the time so the Local Economy Team could take on the role of watchdogging the work of this committee of Council. Note that the plan is for the CED to absorb the CAC at the end of the current CAC’s year. She requested that anyone who wishes to participate in the Local Economy Group, or has ideas regarding development in Sooke, to please send her an email.

Old Growth – Moki – wondered if we might use a report of the protest at Fairy Creek. It was noted that TS does not have an official position of the logging of Old Growth Timber and that we should have in the future a discussion on this topic. We have an action team on “forests and oceans” however it is not active at this time.

District of Sooke Committees – Moki and Bernie – reported that Beth Lange is pursuing a project to communicate with the public using a technique of storytelling to raise awareness. The Sooke Region Community Health Network (SRCHN) has sent CAC a copy of its new report on Food Security, specifically within the marginal communities in our area.

There were no other reports.

Integrating our activities – Alan would like to see better ways of communication internally in TS. A topic for another night?

Next meeting - June 2, 2021, 7pm via Zoom.