

Transition Sooke Regular Monthly Meeting Wed. Feb. 2, 2022

Draft Minutes (Final - edited)

Members in Attendance: 15

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement - Done
2. Agenda Review - Done
 - 1st Bernie
 - 2nd LynnAccepted
3. Welcome to new Note-taker—Monika Lanz (She appreciates the warm welcome!)
4. Notes for Jan. 5, 2022 (sent separately)
 - a. Amendments:
 - Change in #1 d) of previous action items - wording to 'transition salt spring' accepted
 - Change in #1 e) of previous action items - Michael Tacon resigning from both TS GROUP and STEERING COMMITTEE

Decision: "to accept notes of Jan. 5, 2022 as amended." – Done

1st Chris
2nd Diane
All Accepted

b. Revised Decision on Minuting Meeting Notes:

Motion passed on January 5, 2022

"The meeting note-taker will forward draft notes to the Active Member's list for review, they will be discussed at the next meeting and accepted or revised and then the accepted notes will be posted to the website."

Decision: to rescind motion passed on Jan. 5, 2022, on minute-taking and replace with the following:

"The meeting note-taker will forward draft notes to the Active Members' list for review, members will have one week to provide comments, note-taker will send out revised notes if required, notes will be discussed at the next meeting and put to a vote, and accepted notes will be posted on the website."

1st (moved by) Allan
2nd Koshin
Accepted

Vote to rescind last process and replace with new – All voted in favour of this motion – passed

5. Treasurer's Report for Feb. 2, 2022 (attached)
Decision: "to receive Treasurer's report for Feb. 2, 2022"
1st Diane
2nd Robin
Vote – All in favour and accepted*

*Accepted = accepting report plus paying the regular maintenance fees as required so Lily doesn't need to ask for acceptance each time they need to be paid

6. Actions arising from previous meeting - None

7. Items for this month's agenda

7.1 Steering Committee Report (update on new Bylaws—Alan)

- Steering committee not a 'board'
- An email will go out in a week for those interested to discuss by-laws. The bylaws will then be brought to the next meeting
- Re: new bylaws - As the way that Transition Sooke functions has changed significantly, we need new bylaws that actually reflect how we work. We will try to develop procedural items in policies rather than enshrine them into bylaws.
- Bylaws can only be changed at an Annual General Meeting or by calling a special general meeting, whereas policies can be changed when necessary

7.2 2022 Transition Sooke AGM (Moki)

- AGM will be sometime in March – steering committee will be resolved at this time
- Moki will write up a history of TS as his contribution to the AGM
- Need to meet on bylaws before determining a March AGM date.
- According to the BC Societies Act (Feb.2020), written notice of an AGM (includes date, time and location of meeting) must be sent to every member of the society at least 14 days before the meeting and not more than 60 days before the meeting.
- Should we have 2 march meetings or have AGM in April? Steering committee will determine date.

7.3 Report on South Island Climate Action Network (Susan C) (SICAN)

- Group met in January. TS joined SICAN and bringing forth reports from the group
- Jane Devonshire from view royal group talked about climate action strategy. CEA provided funding for their group. Setting a target of 45% reduction. Oak bay group working on 5 actions. Esquimalt group are working on low-carbon energy systems to their council. Colwood has group called CENIC – they report that Colwood council puts together LCR plan (low carbon reliance) and active transportation plan connecting local parks. New group in Metchosin called Metchosin Can. There is also a Metchosin Environmental action committee working on climate action plan. They've also released an oil spill action plan for all communities to share. Langford has new group called Langford voters for change that have a lot of work ahead of them; Kara is involved in getting this group going. Low carbon energy systems by-law is focus of this group. Their focus is getting gas out of homes and schools
- Jo requests that a **summary of each group presentation will be sent to note taker**
Note taker agrees with much appreciation

7.4 Report on West Coast Climate Action Network (WE-CAN) (Lily)

- Hired new network coordinator
- WE-CAN's Local engagement team is putting on several Roundtables on "how climate groups can influence local government". It is also developing a webpage of declared candidates in each riding with indication of each candidate's position vis-

à-vis the climate emergency. The purpose is to get as many climate champions elected as possible – at all levels. Hopefully Transition Sooke will provide information on our candidates to WECAN's webpage

Discussion:

- Regarding upcoming civic elections, after some discussion, we decided TS will not endorse candidates
- Gord proposed a set of guiding principles instead, to help us vet candidates (Guiding Principles Climate Candidates for Sooke Elections)
- TS may develop a questionnaire and/or set of guiding principles on climate change that reflects our core values and concerns. This can be presented to all candidates for all positions in both the DoS and the JdF Electoral areas
- There was enthusiasm for putting on a "Speed Dating: Talk to the Candidates" evening like the one we did for the previous election, and which was well received by the community and the candidates. **Bernie organized the last one and has offered to organize this one, should TS determine to go ahead with it.** There was resounding good feedback about the last event.
- Pause in development – should we endorse this as a general membership?
- What other principles should be added to a list that TS stands behind?

7.5 Collaboration with DoS on week of activities on Earth Day (Lily)

- TS got email from Christina Moog and Maia Carolsfeld asking about earth day work and if we would collaborate with them. Friday April 22 is Earth Day.
- The Climate Action Committee plan to launch their '7% solution' that would help to meet Sooke's climate reduction targets
- They would like to use the week of actions around April 22 (Earth Week) to focus on the 6 themes in the Climate Action Plan: 1. Transportation/Mobility 2. Buildings/Sustainable Development 3. Waste Management 4. Municipal Operations 5. Food and Agriculture. 6. Carbon Sinks. 7. Embodied Emissions... Schools have also been approached, as well as communities. Lots of good ideas. Would Transition Sooke want to get involved?
- After some discussion, Lily asked a straw vote to see if members are interested in Transition Sooke getting involved in Earth Week. The group decided to continue the discussion on the type of number of events that Transition Sooke would be responsible for via email over the 2 weeks. **Lily will start this email to gather interest in roles and ideas**

7.6 Watchdog Reports (Hester)

- Paula (and Anna) previously reported on the last Council meeting where a company presented the idea of setting up a biofuels plant that would convert garbage to fuel. There are serious concerns on the technology and viability of this project. A number of emails have been circulating on this topic. Paula's watchdog report has gone out to TS members on the active list...Research is on-going

8. Transition Sooke Group Reports

8.1 OCP and Climate Group: Opinion piece sent to media (Alan)

- Op-Ed accepted by Sooke news mirror and put online. Should be in print paper this week. Thanks to Steven Hendricks for sending his drone out to take image of traffic. Newspaper open to accepting the photograph offered

- Meant to respond to Jan 6 article re what was going on in Sooke? Movement to stop all growth. This was making it abundantly clear what TS was talking about all along. Alan thanks all those involved in the work to bring this about
- Feedback so far has been both cheery and not cheery but there will be more when article is released in print

8.2 Local Economy Group (Jo) The group has not met since our last TS meeting

8.3 Water Group (Lynn)

- Presentation Sooke lifelong learning on Jan 25. Went well. Attracted some really good volunteers and working with other water groups like Jordan river, a group in Shirley and Metchosin so far.
- Looking to add little weather stations to increase further information and would need to fundraise for the equipment

8.4 SMBI Report (Koshin)

- Updates to group page on TS website. Amendments to our founding quest document. Meeting today to complete second half of the quest document
- Can TS become partner with Society for Charter for Compassion Int'l?
- We need further information about Compassion International and the Charter before TS can decide whether to join or not. Koshin Moonfist will provide this information to the Steering Committee

9. Update on District of Sooke Committees

9.1 Climate Action Committee (?)

- Maia started off the meeting. A long discussion ensued. Talked about climate action plan – in the stage of pulling together all different parts of it. Core is a shift to sustainable actions.
- Maia focussed on implementation of 7% solution and who is responsible for various parts of this.
- Maia has agreed to come and speak at our next meeting to share what she does and ask any questions - **TS would need to send her an invite**. She will be writing the action plan with Elizabeth Lang

9.2 Land Use and Development Committee (Has not met since holiday break)

9.3 OCP Advisory Committee (Susan C)

- Susan wrote summary as meeting was too long to report on. She sent this to anyone who is interested. It was previously shared with groups.
- OCP draft that came out in Dec and went to committee, came back with 360 edits and 16 notable comments and overall saying they agreed with the direction. They were not happy with where it was at, and mayor was present saying she was not happy with the draft either
- Most contentious was writing group of 3 people that wrote report and wanted to include an 11-page letter submitted to staff saying they were filling in lots of gaps – goals set out on OCP were not clearly connected to public input. It was more a technical document and should be a community document that can be read/understood by the community, not a 700-page technical doc. Staff (Matthew Pawlow) and committee were not on the same page about including the letter or not.

- An oversight committee has been recommended by the group of people contributing to the document

9.4 Economic Development Committee (Jo)

- Main focus Strategic Lands Area
- Jo will send her report shortly that includes an agenda
- Economic development moved to department of planning (Matthew Pawlow).
- Employment Lands Strategy is what should be focus. Area that is going to likely to be in centre of Sooke - focus to develop economic business and industry to be there. Some are asking if agriculture and office space can be included also? It will be worked on over the next few months.
- The draft OCP shows "employment lands" in the Gillespie Rd area, where the Seventeen Mile is located. Any commercial wells in that area will require groundwater licenses. There are domestic wells in that area.
- Jo feels TS should be aware and involved. Jo's report will provide further info.

10. Any other business

Review of Action Items:

- Steering Committee to set up a special meeting of Transition Sooke members interested in discussing new Bylaws for Transition Sooke.
- Steering Committee to work out the timing and logistics of Transition Sooke AGM.
- Lily to initiate email discussion on Transition Sooke involvement in Earth Week.
- Koshin Moonfist to provide info on Compassion International to Steering Cmt
- Facilitator for next meeting (Alan) to invite Maia Carolsfeld to our next meeting.

11. Adjournment @ 9:00pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 2. Facilitator: Alan

APPENDIX

February 2, 2022 Transition Sooke Treasurer's Report (below)

TRANSITION SOOKE TREASURER'S REPORT
Wed. Feb.2, 2022

Current Account Balances:

Account Name	Balance
Coast Community Chequing (100)	\$2,864.11
SMBI (101)	\$0
Zero Waste Sooke (102)	\$1,217.54
Special Events (103)	\$0

Details:

Coast Community Chequing (100)

Balance on Jan.5, 2022 (date of last meeting)

\$2,884.11

Income : nil

Expenses from Jan.5 to Feb.2:

- Feb 1 monthly automatic transfer to Britt Santowski for Sooke Pocket News \$ 20.00

Total Expenses.

- \$20.00

Balance in Coast Community Chequing (#100)

\$2,864.11

No changes in Accounts 101, 102, or 103

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

1. Balance of Grant to EMCS ECO Academy program costs. Up to \$170.00 with receipts. Waiting for receipts from Patrick Gale.
2. Regular maintenance payments in Feb/March:
 - Wordpress Annual Renewal Fee: approximately \$120.00
 - Wordpress Annual Registration of Domain Name: approximately \$24.00
 - Annual Report Filing Fee (Societies Act, BC Govt): approximately \$40.00 (filed after our AGM)
 - Registration of names of new Board of Directors: approximately \$40.00 (fee may be waived)