

**Transition Sooke Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday March 2, 2022
Final Meeting Minutes**

Facilitator: Alan Dolan; Note-taker: Monika Lanz

Members in Attendance: 17

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement - Done

2. Agenda Review

1st - Jack

2nd - Lynn

Vote - All in favour and accepted

3. Notes for Feb 2, 2022 (Monika emailed Feb 13)

Changes to notes requested & completed

4. Treasurer's Report March 2, 2022 - Reviewed

1st - Lily

2nd - Susan C

Vote - All in favour and accepted

5. Revisiting motion from Jan 5 meeting (*Council Watchdog notes should be sent out to the Active Members for review and then after a week posted on the website*)

- 7 voted for and 5 abstained. Need to revisit?

- Conversation sees some in support of the motion as it is written and others not wanting notes posted on the website as a public document

Move to rescind the motion - 1st Susan C

2nd - Anna

Vote - All in favour and accepted

Straw poll - How many people think it should be posted on the website? (5 in favour)

- How many think it should *not* be posted on the website? (5 in favour)

- How many think active members review of notes should be removed? (All in favour)

Motion: Table creation of a new motion to replace the rescinded one

1st Koshin

2nd Lynn

Vote - All in favour except one opposed

6. Actions from previous meeting

- 6.1 Steering Committee to set up a special meeting of Transition Sooke members interested in discussing new Bylaws for Transition Sooke (Alan) - done
- 6.2 Steering Committee to work out the timing and logistics of Transition Sooke AGM - Coming soon - email sent out to active members
- 6.3 Lily to initiate email discussion on Transition Sooke involvement in Earth Week - Done
- 6.4 Koshin Moonfist to provide info on Compassion International to Steering Committee - will be put on future action list
- 6.5 Facilitator for next meeting (Alan) to invite Maia Carolsfeld to our next meeting - Done

7. Guest speaker: Maia Carolsfeld, Climate Action Coordinator, District of Sooke

- Warm welcome to Maia
- Maia shares her background and current role within the DoS and invites questions
- LCR for internal corporate - are they being made to put numbers to actions? How will LCR be measured? This is being worked on with Matthew. Looking at how to incorporate existing metrics and providing effective rationale around claims. There is no current inclusion of numbers. It's ongoing. Would a threshold be considered perhaps? A report card type mechanism might be an option
- Maybe need a carbon emission report - applicant must provide a report on estimate of emissions
- Doubts expressed around developers doing accurate Carbon accounting ... will there be oversight? It would be a vetted 3rd party consultant who would oversee the accounting of the applicant
- Will there be conflict over developers asking to speed process of development vs Maia slowing it down with LCR reporting/accounting? There is already conflict.
- There are official reports required to submit full application. If not submitted, report will not be accepted until complete. LCR reports may not be able to stop development but may create meaningful conversation around what limits are acceptable
- Council feels good about quality level and oversight levels good in DoS for development approvals

8. VDG-NRG Update (Anna)

- proposal that came to council in Dec/21 - start a waste energy plant in Sooke
- claims made by this company not supported
- many concerns around viability of the proposal and that it's an untested company and processes
- create massive amount of greenhouse gases throughout life of project - no visible plus side for Sooke
- report completed and sent to Alan - he will send out to get support from active members, and then on to staff (Matthew Pawlow invited company to consider Sooke) Perhaps sent out as a news release after presented to council depending on the response from staff

9. Steering Committee Report (Alan) - email coming out shortly on AGM and voting on the bylaws. Looking for nominations for steering committee member(s)

10. Earth Day/Earth Week (Lily)

- Bernie, Paula and Lily met
- EV extravaganza ideas were discussed
- TS will have tent and DoS will have tent to promote 7% solution. Alan will oversee tent
- Need display/signage that shares info about what TS is and does
- Chris and Lynn will put together a water table with a contest for kids
- Gord and Paula may work on a climate related display of art
- Bernie asking if we can spread out ideas/events in the week prior and not on a Saturday - perhaps at the new library or a school. Let Lily know if any suggestions

11. Report on South Island Climate Action Network (SICAN) (Susan C) (TS has formally endorsed the principles of SICAN and sends a member to meetings. Participating community organizations share climate actions.)

- SICAN is focussing on prohibiting gas hook ups in new schools and new developments (countering Fortis).
- SICAN members are approaching councils with LCES building bylaws (low carbon energy systems options).
- CENiC (Citizen's Environmental Network in Colwood) has a Speakers Series every Tuesday for 5 weeks starting March 22.

<https://www.colwood.ca/news-events/community-calendar/event/cenic-speakers-series-moving-ahead-transportation-ideas-colwood>

12. Report on West Coast Climate Action (Lily)

- Webinar on Transportation in a time of Climate Crisis. March 9, 4PM. Focuses on the need for a better transportation system, both urban and province-wide in BC. Guest speakers are Kukpi7 Chief Judy Wilson, from the BC Union of Indian chiefs, and Eric Doherty, a Victoria-based transportation planner. Free event below:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/great-public-transit-urban-and-rural-tickets-271858103907>

- Roundtable webinar from the Local Government Team "Climate Action Starts Where we Live: Influencing Local Governments". This month's webinar will focus on "Perspectives from the Inside", featuring 3 elected officials who will share their unique perspectives on the challenges and urgency of prioritizing the climate agenda for local government. More info TBA

13. Watchdog Reports (Hester)

- There were two council meeting reports this month
- A highlight from the recent report was Herb Haldane's presentation to Sooke Council

14. Transition Sooke Group Reports

14.1 OCP and Climate Group (Alan)

- Op-ed published with great response and support

- GGSC (greenhouse gas scorecard) is challenging but coming along.
- OCP has first reading next week, second will be public reading - encourage all to show up and have input

14.2. Local Economy Group (Jo) Did not meet

14.3. Water Group (Heather, Steve, Chris and Lynn)

- Talk about earth day generated much interest
- Working on putting weather stations along west coast rd. between Jordan River and Port Renfrew to gather water information; Rogers is interested
- Well monitoring systems are needed in communities. Info will be sent to Alan to share

15. Update on District of Sooke Committees - Alan suggests saving time by sending bullets for below to Monika for capture (minutes for all these meetings can be found at www.sooke.ca)

15.1 Climate Action Committee - Susan C gave a verbal report

15.2 Land Use and Development Committee (Susan B)

- 2 items discussed. 1st was a proposed density bonus amendment to Zoning Amendment Bylaw 840. It suggests developers be giving an additional 10 units per hectare density, an additional story in height and an increase in lot coverage by 5% in exchange for underground
- Most new multi-family development will be occurring in the Sooke core. Additional units mean more cars, which undermines some of Sooke's climate goals and compounds traffic congestion
- Susan recommended Sooke follow other municipalities and make underground parking a requirement for building in the city core. The committee did not agree with her suggestion, and the proposed density bonus amendment (above) was approved to be recommended to council Feb 28
- 2nd item was Tree Management - "matters that should be considered during future engagement sessions conducted by the District". After much discussion they landed with asking people what they want to see. This item will continue to be worked on by staff

15.3. OCP Advisory Committee - Susan C and Alan gave a verbal reports

15.4 Economic Development Committee – Jo was unable to attend

16. Other Business - Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 6. Facilitator: Lily

APPENDIX
TRANSITION SOOKE TREASURER'S REPORT
Wed. March.2, 2022

Current Account Balances:

Account Name	Balance
Coast Community Chequing (100)	\$2,844.11
SMBI (101)	\$0
Zero Waste Sooke (102)	\$1,217.54
Special Events (103)	\$0

Details:

Coast Community Chequing (100)

Balance on Feb. 2, 2022 (date of last meeting)

\$2,864.11

Income: nil

Expenses from Feb.2 to March.2:

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

Total Expenses.

- \$20.00

Balance in Coast Community Chequing (#100)

\$2,844.11

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.