

Draft Meeting Notes: Transition Sooke Monthly Meeting

Wednesday September 14, 6:45 pm

Hybrid Meeting: in-person at Sooke Library and via ZOOM

Attendees: 15

1. Welcome / territorial acknowledgement
2. Appoint note-taker - Diana
3. Review agenda
 - a. Addition by Lily: WE-CAN Endorsement of Climate Change Champion Candidates running for office.
4. **Approve notes of Transition Sooke Monthly Meeting of Aug 3, 2022**
Moved: Susan; Seconded: Bernie. Carried.
5. Treasurer's report.

Current Account Balances:

Account Name	Balance
Coast Community Chequing (100)	\$2,612.20
SMBI (101)	\$0
Zero Waste Sooke (102)	\$1,037.75
Special Events (103)	\$0

Details:

Coast Community Chequing (Account #100)

Balance on Aug. 3, 2022 (date of last meeting) \$2,552.20
Expenses: Annual Donation to Riseup.net (list serve) \$50.00
Income: Donation ICBC rebate from Gord Wallace: \$110.00
Balance on Sept. 1, 2022 **\$2,612.20**

Zero Waste Sooke (Account 102)

Balance on Aug. 3, 2022 (date of last meeting) \$962.55
Expenses: nil
Income: Donations from Repair Café April 30, 2022 \$75.20
Balance on Sept. 1, 2022 **\$1,037.75**

No Changes for Accounts #101 or 103.

Accept Financial Report- Moved: Lily; Seconded: Susan. Carried.

6. WE-CAN Climate Change Champion Candidates

To support candidates for council, school board, or regional government who make climate a priority, West Coast Climate Action Network has created a climate change champion registry. Candidates complete [this questionnaire](#).

Existing organizations, like Transition Sooke, may choose to endorse the climate change champion candidates in their jurisdiction.

If Transition Sooke chooses not to do this a group of local individuals could come together to endorse the climate change champion candidates.

7. Business arising from previous minutes

- a. Pop-up table group to provide a plan and send out to all members

To date 3 pop-up tables have been done to gather public opinion about local government related issues and to inform candidates. These have been effective in gathering information and encouraging people to attend the candidates' forums to bring their concerns forward. Population growth is most commonly identified as the driver of other issues. More names have been added to the TS email list as a result of the pop-ups.

More volunteers are needed to do more. Shifts are 2 hours long and are fun.

Action: Members are invited to contact Susan with suggestions about events/locations where more pop-ups could be held. Discussion ensued about whether the notes from the pop-ups would be shared with all candidates, and that they could be posted at the TS All Candidates meeting.

- b. Alan sent an email to all active members to get their response to the new time for meetings (the second Wednesday of the month). Positive response.

c. Alan talked to Gord about the use of Harbourside Co-Housing for TS meetings. It was agreed that the library is preferred because the technology for hybrid meetings is better, but that it would be an excellent alternate location when needed.

d. Newsletter and email messages were sent to active members about the need for volunteers watchdoggers. To date there have been no new volunteers.

8. New Business

a. Motion on John Phillips Memorial Park

That Transition Sooke support keeping John Philips Memorial Park as an open green space and public park area, free of buildings and parking lots.

Moved: Gord; Seconded: Sinclair. Carried.

b. Motion on supporting local government candidates through the TS newsletter

That Transition Sooke allow candidates for municipal office to inform Transition Sooke supporters through the newsletter or through a separate email to the newsletter list, that they are running and how those interested in supporting their campaign can contact them.

Amendment: Therefore, be it resolved that Transition Sooke allow Transition Sooke members running for office to inform Transition Sooke supporters, through the newsletter or through a separate email to the newsletter list, that they are running and how those interested in supporting their campaign can contact them

Moved: Susan B; Seconded: Sinclair. Carried.

c. Sept 3 letter from Save Old Growth

Action: Sinclair will contact Red Mckelvie at Save Old Growth and bring back a recommendation for T.S.

9. Updates

a. OCP – Sept 8 Council meeting

Action: Susan B will send a summary of the October 8 Municipal Council meeting to all active members. On September 27 the Council will hold a public hearing on the OCP. Members are strongly encouraged to attend. Attendees who wish to speak will have 2 minutes. The OCP recognizes that the global climate emergency is its top priority. It is not perfect, for example there are concerns about the population densities that it proposes, however its emphasis on the importance of addressing climate change will help ensure that this is a priority going forward.

b. EMCS Solar Garden project. Fundraising is ongoing.

c. All-Candidates' Meeting

TS will host an all candidates meeting on October 2 from 2 – 6 in Sooke.

An all-candidates' meeting for the CRD will be held on October 2 from 2 – 3:30 in Otter Point. No details on the organizer or location were given.

10. Committee Reports

a. Steering Committee

No meeting was held but groups of Steering Committee members are continuing their revisions on decision making, membership and financial policies.

b. OCP and Climate

Advertisement in Sooke Mirror

Motion by Alan to run a ¼ page ad; Seconded by Susan. Amended by Gord to a ½ page ad; Seconded by Bernie. Carried.

A meeting will be held on Sunday the 18 at 3 pm to approve the ad copy. The link will be sent to all TS active members. Letter writing tips will be included as well.

Advertisement in Sooke Mirror for All Candidates Meeting on October 2

Motion by Diana to run a ¼ page ad; Seconded by Gord. Carried.

c. Zero Waste Sooke

a. Craft and Art Supplies Swap – Sept 18, 12 - 4, Library

b. Repair Café - Oct 16 10-2, Library

d. SMBI No report

e. Watchdog Report No report

f. Transition Sooke Film Screening Working Group No report

g. Water Group No report

h. Others? Details about the October 2 all-candidates' meeting were discussed. This will be upstairs in the Sooke Community Hall from 2 - 6 pm. A "speed rating" format of informal discussion with candidates at tables with 4-5 people/table will be used. There will be a donation box. Candidates may bring their brochures, and the pop-up meeting notes will be posted.

11. Network Reports

b. SICAN Information will be sent

c. **WE-CAN**

Motion that Transition Sooke publicly endorse Climate Champion Candidates

Moved: Alan; Seconded Bernie. Carried.

12. Next Transition Sooke Meeting: October 12, 2022 Facilitator: Bernie

Future Facilitators: Nov: Susan B; Dec: Lily