

SOUTH COWICHAN SERVICES & GOVERNANCE
MEETING – APRIL 14, 2009

Minutes of the South Cowichan Services & Governance meeting held at the Cobble Hill Youth Hall, 3550 Watson Road, Cobble Hill, BC, on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 5:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Dave Balding
Heather Broughton
Sarah Fraser
Paul Laraman
Jens Liebgott
Tim Parker
Robert Smethurst
Gordon Smith
Margaret Symon
David Towner
Mark Wyatt

ABSENT: Bob Brooke

ALSO PRESENT: Warren Jones, Administrator, CVRD
Director Lori Iannidinaro, Electoral Area D,
Cowichan Bay
Karen Lynch, Ministry of Community Development
Tom Reid, Study Manager, Sussex Consultants Ltd.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the March 3, 2009 meeting of the South Cowichan Services & Governance Steering Committee be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**MEETING WITH
FARMING
COMMUNITY**

Mr. Gordon Smith updated the committee on the meeting held at 4:00 pm with people from the farming community.

**PROVINCIAL
FUNDING
REQUEST**

Ms. Karen Lynch advised the committee that the province has not yet approved the additional \$10,000 for the Study. She said the request will not be considered until sometime after May 12, 2009.

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- SURVEY RESULTS** Mr. Tom Reid reviewed the results of the online survey. There have been only 57 respondents. While interesting, the limited results provide little guidance to the committee. Of the responses received the issue of land use planning and growth management was the most prominent.
- STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS** Mr. Tom Reid summarized the results of stakeholder meetings held with the water districts, First Nations (Malahat & Pauchachin) and the Electoral Area Directors for Areas A, B and C.
- MUNICIPAL POWERS FOR SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS** Mr. Reid reviewed information documents prepared to respond to questions and issues raised through the public consultation process. The information will be posted on the website.
- BOUNDARY SELECTION CRITERIA** The committee discussed the boundary selection criteria presented by Mr. Reid.
- PRELIMINARY BOUNDARY DISCUSSION** The committee had preliminary discussions on possible municipal boundaries. It was agreed that a meeting would be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 to try to develop four boundary options that could be presented to the public.
- FINANCE COMMITTEE** The Finance Committee will report to the April 22, 2009 meeting.
- FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS** It was agreed that public Open Houses would be held in mid-May to present the four boundary options. A survey will be prepared that will ask: "Which boundary do you support?" and "Should there be a Phase II Study?". The survey will be available at the Open Houses and posted on the website for approximately one week.
- NEXT MEETING** It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 5:15 p.m. at the Kerry Park Recreation Centre lounge.
- ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Warren Jones

Dated