

**SOUTH COWICHAN SERVICES & GOVERNANCE**  
**MEETING – MAY 27, 2009**

Minutes of the South Cowichan Services & Governance meeting held at the Kerry Park Recreation Centre, 1035 Shawnigan – Mill Bay Road, Mill Bay BC, on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 5:15 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** Sarah Fraser  
Karen Lynch (sent her regrets and thanked the committee members for their commitment and dedication to this project.)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Wayne D'Easum  
John Krug, Alternate Director, Area C. CVRD  
Tom Reid, Study Manager, Sussex Consultants.  
Warren Jones, Administrator, CVRD (left at 5:35 pm)

**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 April 22, 2009 and April 27, 2009 meetings be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC MEETINGS AND SURVEY RESULTS**

Tom reviewed the information gleaned from the public meetings and the second survey. He said a total of about 500 surveys were received.

Overall, 87% of those surveyed said “Yes” to a Phase 2 Study

Approximately 76% of Shawnigan Lake respondents and 64% of Cobble Hill and Mill Bay respondents favoured the combined "South

Cowichan" concept.

**ALTERNATIVE  
REGIONAL  
DISTRICT  
MODELS**

Tom reviewed various alternative governance models available under the regional district system.

The committee discussed the pros and cons of the various regional district models and at the end agreed that pursuing a municipal model was likely the best option for the area.

**FINAL REPORT  
RECOMMEND-  
ATIONS**

**Based on the results of the services and governance analysis and the feedback received through the public consultation process, the committee recommends unanimously to the CVRD and The Province that they proceed to a phase 2 study.**

**The committee unanimously recommends that the boundary to be considered is the Combined South Cowichan concept and that the boundary presented, be fine tuned in a Phase 2 Study.**

**FINANCE  
COMMITTEE  
UPDATE**

Paul Laraman reported that the Finance Committee had received and approved the third and fourth invoices from Sussex Consulting. An error on one of the invoices will be corrected and Warren will arrange for processing.

**CLOSING  
REMARKS**

David Towner thanked committee members for their dedication and commitment throughout the process and said that he will keep everyone apprised as the process with the CVRD and Province continues.

The Committee would like to send special thanks to Warren Jones of the CVRD for his help and support throughout this process, he personally attended all but one of our meetings and open houses and was an immense help above and beyond the call of duty. Thanks also to Allison Nelson for her support and time spent behind the scenes preparing minutes & agendas, and organizing meetings for the committee.

And thanks to Tom Reid for his immense knowledge and hard work on this project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

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Warren Jones

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Dated