

Transition Sooke Monthly Meeting

July 10, 2024 7-9 pm

Minutes

Hybrid meeting Zoom and Harbourside Co-housing

Facilitator: Susan Belford

Note-taker: Levi Megenbir

- **Territorial Acknowledgment**
- **Agenda Review**
- **Minutes from Previous Meeting**
- **Reports:**
 - **Financial Report** – (see below)
 - Transition Sooke Core Funds – balance of \$1,282.09
 - Sooke Community Garden - balance of \$3,219.72
 - Zero Waste Sooke – balance of \$2856.58
- **Keynote: The Principle of Relationality and Climate Education.**
 - Beth Lange (Fireweed Learning Commons)**
 - Beth provided an informative presentation on Climate Education, including context on the great epochal shift and unpacking the concept of relationality.
- **Break**
- **7. Action Group Reports**
 - **New Group- Ella Stream Group: Margaret and Allen**
 - New action group of residents concerned about damage to environment and headwaters of Ella Stream and seeking to hold responsible parties accountable for their actions
 - Destruction of Ella Stream Headwaters caused by residential development, against the allowances within then permits – Viewpoint Estates
 - Sooke's Rainwater Management Plan shows the Ella Stream watershed
 - Plan outlines the risk of water absorption issues with removal of vegetation around headwaters of stream

- Consequences of removal of vegetation includes increased amounts of silt, habitat degradation, increased water volume, increased erosion, and increased risk of flooding
- Goals of group:
 - Spread awareness
 - Hold owner responsible for damages
 - Hold Sooke responsible for failure to protect environment
 - Seek penalties via litigation
- If you're interested in joining this group, send an e-mail to ellastreamwatershed@gmail.com

- **Food Security: Levi**

- Public engagement on possibility of establishing a community garden at Ponds Park Corridor or Woodland Creek Park occurred through June to early July. Engagement included door to door conversations, open houses, and an online survey.
 - Big shout out to Jonathan F., Susan B., Alan. D., Jo P., and Sinclair P. for their support.
 - Knocked on over 100 doors, engaged with approximately 35 open house attendees, and received 76 online survey contributors
 - Overall strong support for additional community garden space in Sooke
 - Mixed support for the Woodland Creek Park and Navarette Dog Park locations
 - Suggestions for John Phillips Memorial Park as an alternative a common theme from many participants
- Will be working with District staff on their staff report to update Council (possibly for July 22 meeting), and to provide recommendations and receive direction on next steps.
- Next action group meeting on July 18th at 6:30pm at 6259 Soule Road or via Teams

- **Zero Waste Sooke: Jo**

- Not meeting over the summer
- Website is up zerowastesooke.com
- Repair café coming up on September 29th – Downstairs of the Sooke Community Hall from 10am – 2pm
- Swap at Sooke Library from 11am-1pm on August 13th – school supply swap
- Working with Library to develop a dishes lending cupboard

- **Climate Strategy: Susan C**
- Zero carbon step code level 4 advocacy work underway with Sooke Council – staff and Council engagement
- Petition information will be presented to Council by Gord at July 22nd Council meeting
- Letters sent to Sooke Mirror and Council
- **Decolonizing our Worldview: Susan B**
- Next meeting on July 18
- **Pot luck Picnic**
- August 11, John Phillips Memorial Park, 12 pm – bring a dish to share!
 - **Sustainable Transportation Group?**
- Reach out to active members group to gauge interest in reopening the Transportation or Cycling Action Group.
- **Community Groups**
 - **WECAN**
 - Trying to stop BC Gov't fracking and LNG – zoom link in newsletter to join meeting
 - **SICAN**
 - Susan C to Invite Patricia Dijak to speak at the September monthly meeting on **Local Planning with Nature-based Infrastructure and Natural Asset Management**

TRANSITION SOOKE TREASURER'S REPORT
For July 10, 2024 meeting

Current Account Balances:

Account Name	Balance
Transition Sooke Core Funds (100)	\$1,282.09
Sooke Community Garden (101)	\$3,219.72
Zero Waste Sooke (102)	\$2,856.58
Special Events (103)	\$0

Details:

Transition Sooke Core Funds (Account #100):

Opening Balance		\$ 1,378.84
Income: Donation Jar Transition Sooke Monthly Meeting:	\$38.25	
Donation	<u>\$15.00</u>	+ 53.25
Expenses: Rental meeting room Sooke Harbour CoHousing (6 months)	\$150.00	- 150.00
Balance		\$ 1,282.09

Sooke Community Garden (Account #101):

Opening Balance:		\$3,500.00
Expenses:	Print from file disk	\$ 77.28
	Everything Edible Landscaping(garden design)	\$200.00
	e-transfer service charge	\$ 3.00
Balance		\$ 200.28
		\$3,219.72

Zero Waste Sooke (Account #102)

Opening Balance	\$2,846.58
Income:	
Donation from OPSRPA:	\$10.00
	+ 10.00
Expenses:	
Balance:	\$2,856.58

Accounts Payable: Sooke News Mirror Ad: \$144.45