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**TOWN OF SIDNEY**  
**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**Monday, March 3, 2014**  
**Council Chambers**

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**Present:** Councillor T. Chad (Chair)  
Mayor L. Cross and Councillors: M. Hailey, M. Lougher-Goodey, K. Podmore and S. Price

**Absent:** Councillor M. Loveless

**Staff:** R. Humble, Chief Administrative Officer  
A. Hicik, Director of Corporate Services  
M. Elliott, Director of Development Services  
J. Tweedhope, Fire Chief  
S. Dunic, Deputy Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Moved by Councillor K. Podmore, seconded by Councillor K. Podmore, that the agenda be approved as presented.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. PRESENTATION**

**a. Policing Report - Fourth Quarter 2013**

S/Sgt. Dennis O’Gorman, Sidney/North Saanich RCMP, provided an updated on his fourth quarter policing report for 2013, highlighting on the following:

- prolific sex offender arrested, charged and released on conditions
- increase in property theft from marinas, RCMP working cooperatively with Marina owners
- low statistics - property crime and mischief and vandalism
- 1,088 traffic tickets issued
- 11 new auxiliary volunteers
- new officer to join the crime prevention unit - July 2014
- 31 members, down 3 officers

S/Sgt. O’Gorman provided details on the BC Policing & Community Safety Plan which includes priorities, communication, governance and funding initiatives and noted that the Town has already been supporting these initiatives. He advised of the recent complaints on panhandling and that there is little the RCMP can do from a “criminal” enforcement perspective. He advised that the panhandlers in Sidney have been treated generously by the community, some receiving almost \$100 per day.

**b. Community Supported Energy - Village of Wildpoldsried**

Ms. Laura Parker and Mr. Thomas Teuwen presented a video of their personal tour by the Deputy Mayor of Wildpoldsried (population 2,500) of their community supported energy system (operating since 2005), highlighting on the following:

- system produces 5x as much electricity as the village consumes, as well as produces 60% of the heating requirements of the village.
- none of the technologies are new (7 wind turbines, collectively owned by 300 private citizens; 391kW of solar panels; and 1 bio-reactor that uses agricultural waste to supply 4 small Combined Heat and Power generators and two larger village heating plant).
- over 350 private owners have invested in solar and biogas facilities.

Mr. Teuwen provided further details on the amount of energy these systems produced and stressed that the key to a successful community supported system is citizen participation and ownership. Mr. Teuwen was enthusiastic that a little village had used the power of community participation to combine these technologies and suggested that the Peninsula may have fertile conditions that would allow us to accomplish similar levels of success.

*Moved by Councillor K. Podmore, seconded by Councillor S. Price, that the Committee recommend to Council that the presentation regarding the Community Support Energy - Village of Wildpoldsried be referred to the next Tri-Municipal Council meeting.*

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**4. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**

**5. PARKS & INFRASTRUCTURE**

**6. PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

**7. DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING**

**a. Amendments to Off-Street Parking & Loading Bylaw No. 1661**

*Moved by Councillor K. Podmore, seconded by Councillor M. Lougher-Goodey, that the Committee recommend to Council that the staff report dated February 24, 2014, providing details on a proposed amendment to the Off-Street Parking and Loading Bylaw No. 1661 (to allow a change in a commercial use in existing buildings in the downtown core without the requirement for additional parking spaces to be provided above that currently existing on the property) be received for information.*

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**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**10. MOTION TO GO "IN-CAMERA" (closed meeting)**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

*Moved by Councillor M. Lougher-Goodey, seconded by Councillor M. Hailey that the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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CHAIR

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CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR