

June 17, 2015 - Community Meeting

A Community Meeting was held on June 17, 2015 to discuss the results of the survey and to start planning on how to address the major areas of concern. The top priority identified in the survey was for improved road safety. This was the only issue we had time to discuss in detail at the meeting.

Discussion:

The following items were brought up as issues or solutions:

- More policing
- One of the boards indicating your current speed – available from community services
- Yellow lines painted
- Reflectors at curves
- Prohibit use of truck Jake brakes
- Motorbikes speeding and in wrong lane
- Local paper - we will report license pilates - for awareness we are on it - road watch
- Record and map accidents – fireman says in more than 60% of accidents there is no driver at site
- More signage - drive slower – deer crossing
- At Welcome sign - please be advised - drive careful
- East Sooke residents are the speeders
- Install mirrors at dangerous corners
- Build trails - pedestrians, bicycles
- Alberta drivers
- Install flashing light at fire hall to indicate trucks turning on to road
- What exactly do we want to do - who decides - need list and info before talking to authorities
- Brainstorming fails unless focusing on Actionable list - dont waste time on changing attitudes - not enough people to get action from MoH
- Bridge - big cement trucks over-weight
- School buses are large for safe turns around sharp corners - people passing sopped buses
- Need data - accidents - too narrow spots - blind spots - no middle line - potholes - pictures
- Pull in Beecher Bay people
- RCMP should have accident data
- Other communities - how are they dealing with it - Otter Point - does not have to be just island communities
- Go to MoH - ask for examples of how we can work with them to improve road safety
- Fall - press campaign - photos, youtube, press release - key points - Sooke Mirror - Shaw
- Fire fighters have ten years of accident data
- Bring in road maintenance people Mainroad Contracting - what can make road safer
- Aging population in East Sooke - need cat eyes on road edges
- Measuring road width - East Sooke Road Survey sign on truck for safety and PR
- Politicians may be held accountable if road unsafe or for an accident – use possibility of law suit to pressure for change
- Mike Hicks responded quickly when made aware of problem with road dip at Ocean Springs

intersection

- Arrange items on Island News, Rural Observer - Val does community calendar, other media
- Get signs to put at intersections when Sookehalla or Gillespie closed
- Are there protocols that need to be followed or other East Sooke groups that need to be consulted or notified of any actions
- Another community meeting before fall meeting
- Integrated Road Safety sign
- Tie in with other communities - leave pamphlets around for other organizations
- Is there funding available
- Consult lawyer as to government's responsibility and liability regarding road safety

Actions:

- Determine contacts in government, RCMP and other relevant organizations
- Collect info by end of July
- Issue invitation to meetings in August
- Meeting – Monday, September 14 - Community
- Meeting – Monday, September 28 – Community and officials

Organizations and officials:

- Police
- CRD planner
- Emergency services
- MoH
- John Horgan
- Randall Garrison
- Mike Hicks
- ICBC