

**Minutes of the OTTER POINT FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICE
COMMISSION meeting, held Wednesday, 08 Apr 2026 at 1900 hrs, 3727 Otter Point Rd,
Sooke BC**

Commissioners Present: B. Gibbons (Treasurer), D. Gollmer (Vice Chair), J. Hemphill (Chair), S. Hemphill (FFs Rep), D. Morton, P. White

Commissioners Absent: A. Wickheim (Dir JDF)

Others Present: J. McCrea Otter Point Fire Chief

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs.

Approval of Agenda. MOVED by B. Gibbons, SECONDED by P. White that the Agenda be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

Adoption of Minutes. MOVED by D. Gollmer, SECONDED by B. Gibbons that the minutes of the March 11th, 2026 meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.

Commission Business:

1. Fire Chief's Report. As attached.

Three outstanding Firefighters were promoted to Lieutenant on 02 April; M. D'Ganigian, G. Williams, and A. Stoettner. All three have completed their Fire Officer 1 training. Congratulations!

Chief McCrea plans to retire effective 03 July.

2. Treasurer's Report. Budget 2026 is on track. This year UBCM Grant \$25K.

3. Firefighter's Representative Report.

Firefighters Association AGM 02 April. Election of Officers for the Association:
President, Shawn Fiset
Vice President, Joe Kanashiro
Secretary, Alex Stoettner
Treasurer, Kevan Brehart
Director at Large, Gavin Williams
Canteen, Steve Whitmore

FireSmart Roadside Chipping Days for Otter Point are scheduled for April 18th and June 6th.

30 May. Scouts Canada Vancouver Island Beaveree at Camp Barnard. Members will attend as usual.

3. Firefighter's Representative Report (Con't)

May. The T'Sou~ke First Nation are planning a fun day event at their Community Complex & Health Centre and have asked for a truck to be in attendance. Truck #21 will go.

01 July. Canada Day celebrations will again be held at Fred Milne Park soccer fields. Attendance will be as usual.

The Department is looking into Fire Extinguisher Training for the public.

Correspondence. None.

New Business. None.

Adjournment. MOVED by D. Gollmer, SECONDED by B. Gibbons that the meeting be adjourned at 2000 hrs. CARRIED.