

PROTOCOL ON COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP

Between the **SCHOOL DISTRICT No.62 (SOOKE)** and the **DISTRICT OF SOOKE**

WHEREAS:

1. The School District No. 62 (Sooke) Board of Education (SD62) is the governing body responsible for operating the School District based on the educational aspirations of their local communities in accordance with legislation set by the Government of British Columbia.
2. The District of Sooke is the governing body of a municipality provided the authority to make decisions and act for the municipality in accordance with legislation set by the Government of British Columbia.
3. SD62 and the District of Sooke share common interests in the social, economic and environmental well-being of the communities they represent, and particularly in the importance of the public education and the well-being of children and families and those who reside in the School District.
4. SD62 and the District of Sooke have many shared interests in delivering their mandates, including, but not limited to, community planning, school sites, shared use facilities, libraries, safe and healthy environments, sport and recreation, etc.

THEREFORE:

This Protocol represents a commitment by SD62 and the District of Sooke to work together to achieve local and community benefits of collaboration on issues of mutual interest.

PRINCIPLES:

The following principles pertain to this Protocol and the actions arising from the Protocol:

Mutual respect for each party's mandate, policies and areas of jurisdiction;

That the Protocol does not fetter the individual mandates of the parties.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

SD62 and the District of Sooke have the following mutual objectives:

1. To promote understanding of the interests of SD62 and the District of Sooke in the province-wide context;
2. To discuss aspects of the legislative and regulatory setting which reflect the interests of the communities;
3. To provide notice of actions in SD62 or the District of Sooke policy and regulations that might affect the interests of the other Party.

To seek, where possible, joint ventures that meet the community needs as represented by both entities.

IMPLEMENTATION:

SD62 and the District of Sooke agree to establish a joint working group, consisting of the Board Chairperson, Mayor, Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer and Chief Administrative Officer as well as any other staff as required, to further the objects as stated in this Agreement. This joint working group shall meet twice per annum.

SD62 and the District of Sooke agree to establish a joint meeting of the Board of Education and Council once every year, the agenda for the meeting will be set by, as well will be co-chaired by the Board Chairperson and the Mayor.

TERM:

The Parties may agree to amend or terminate this Protocol at any time. The term of this Protocol shall be four years from the date of signing unless otherwise amended.

COMMITMENT:

In witness of this Agreement the parties have executed this Protocol on Cooperation and Partnerships at Victoria on _____, 2021

Signed on behalf of School District No. 62 (Sooke) by:

Signed on behalf of the District of Sooke by:

Ravi Parmar, Board Chairperson

Maja Tait, Mayor