

Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCPC)

Meeting Minutes: January 19, 2011

Roberts Creek School

Present: Elaine Futterman, Mike Allegretti, Norma Brow, Mark Lebbell, Linda Hoechstetter, Jeff Rosnau, Roger Richmond, John Ennis, Scott Avery

Regrets: Dianne Sanford, Sheila Wilson,

Director: Donna Shugar,

Guests: Carolann Glover

- Agenda:* The following agenda was agreed upon:
- 1) Introductions of new members
 - 2) Approve agenda
 - 3) Approve previous minutes
 - 4) Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary
 - 5) Thank you letter for past
 - 6) Letter Writing Protocols
 - 7) Integrated Transportation Study
 - 8) Trails Society Update - AGM
 - 9) Proposed new Parks and Trails
 - 10) Past Issues and current concerns
 - 11) Directors Report
 - 12) Next Meeting

1) *Introductions of new members*

Here is the member list and terms for OCPC members:

Elaine Futterman: 1 year
Mark Lebbell: 2 years
Norma Brow: 2 years
Mike Allegretti: 1 year
Linda Hoechstetter: 1 year
Roger Richmond: 1 year
Jeff Rosnau: 1 year
Dianne Sanford: 1 year
John Ennis: 2 years
Scott Avery: 2 years
Sheila Wilson: 2 years

2) *Agenda was approved*

3) *Approval of Previous Minutes:*

Mike moved and Linda seconded that the minutes of November 17, 2010 be adopted.

4) *Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary*

Although Elaine encouraged other members to step forward to consider the role of chair in an effort to introduce other interests and a change of style for this role, no members were

willing to take the role. Elaine was re-elected as Chair, Mark was re-elected as Vice Chair and Norma was re-elected as Secretary.

5) *Thank you letters*

Outgoing committee members are Frank McElroy, Carol Ann Glover and Mary Degan. Elaine will prepare and send thank you letters to these outgoing members.

The committee is fortunate to have CarolAnn continue to attend meetings as a guest. Her review of minutes and focus on cycling issues are invaluable to the committee.

6) *Letter writing Protocol*

For items that require a response on behalf of the committee, volunteer or appointed letter writer are responsible for preparing a draft and circulating to the committee for comment. The writer is to confirm the key points to be addressed at the meeting. Letters are to be written in a respectful manner as they will become public record and reflect the sentiments of the committee. Generally, the writer requests a deadline for comments, usually within a week, depending on the urgency of the issue. Elaine will forward an electronic copy of the letterhead to be used. Email is generally an acceptable method of sending the letter as an attachment. Ensure a final copy is provided to the secretary for OCPC records.

7) *Integrated Transportation Study*

There was much discussion about this topic. During a recent public meeting it was proposed that a possible connection between a Selma Park/Davis Bay bypass could potentially rejoin Hwy 101 via Pell Road whereas early Field Rd had been identified as this corridor. Donna suggested that the committee could submit additional comments regarding the impact of a route through Roberts Creek. Norma agreed to draft a letter to address some of the key concerns that were discussed should such a route be considered.

Mark will also be submitting comments directly related to items that conflict with the current OCP. (See attachments.)

8) *Trails Society Update – AGM*

Linda went to the AGM that was held end of January. She noted that the election of officers was run very informally and did not follow standard society protocols. Directors were appointed from a group of people who had been members for at least one year. Elise Rudland from the Halfmoon Bay Greenways is the President. More details can be found on their website <http://sctrails.ca/>

9) *Proposed new Parks and Trails*

The OCP Review process is currently soliciting options for areas to be considered for the development of new trails and parks.

10) *Past Issues and current concerns*

A few topics that have been covered in the past were reviewed for new members to get a sense of past interests and work. New members were asked to think about community issues that are important to them that could be brought forward to the group.

11) *Directors Report*

- There is a community forum for Young Adults being held next week to present a draft plan of areas for the community to work on to retain and attract younger adults to the Sunshine Coast.

- BCTimber Sales has presented its Operating Plan for Mount Elpinstone forest district. There is cutblock in the middle of the horseshoe of Mount Elpinstone park area. It is not currently scheduled for harvest but we may want to express our thoughts on this. The cutblock on the road up to Dakota Ridge is on hold pending review of potential archaeological significant trees. A request has been made for the location of the details of old growth areas in the area.
- Parks Master Plan and Trail Strategy . No new money for acquisition.
- BC Shake out – Bill Elsner the Emergency Coordinator has been promoting a provincial initiative for Earthquake Preparedness – Feb 16.

12) *Next Meeting*

The next meeting will be February 16, 2011

OCP Review Items:

The following items have been identified so far:

- 1) Beach access
- 2) Foreshore erosion and retaining walls
- 3) Addition of a mission statement
- 4) Road allowances
- 5) Signage
- 6) Tree retention on private land
- 7) Greenways
- 8) Design guidelines for the commercial core
- 9) Change bylaws to permit home based business proprietors to be able to teach or offer classes.
- 10) Lighting
- 11) Property usages
- 12) More types of unique zoning.
- 13) Downtown parking (new)
- 14) ALR review (new)
- 15) Terms of reference and a mission statement
- 16) Affordable housing
- 17) Short term rentals

Parking Lot

Amphibian Habitat Restoration Area

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February 1, 2011

Dear Mark McMullen,

Last week the RCOCPC had its first meeting of the year with some newly elected members. The Integrated Transportation Study was added as one of our agenda items given the discussions around alignment of a possible Sechelt by-pass that have come to light during the recent public ITS meetings.

Early drafts of this study indicated that a Phase 1 by-pass around Davis Bay/Selma Park would re-join Highway 101 at Field Road. We understand that new options being explored are Jack or Pell Road so the committee RCOCPC would like to submit additional comments.

Although Sechelt and Gibsons may be sufficiently concerned with congestion to be considering alternate routes, RCOCPC feels that the disruption to people and places that an alternate route throughout the length of Roberts Creek would create is unwarranted. This is especially true where proposed routing impacts ALR land, especially active organic farming. The Binnie report was written 15 years ago. In the ensuing years, due to global and local ecological and economic reasons, forward thinking communities have been looking at alternatives to cars as the main method of moving people. The costs of providing a high speed secondary route is seen as untenable given that alternative methods must be employed in the future.

In terms of the by-pass being required because in some places Highway 101 is the only route through, we would like to point out that many communities across the province have no secondary routes. The costs of by-passes are astronomical due to challenging and sometimes sensitive terrain. If public consultation results in the decision to pursue a Sechelt bypass, we support an expansion of a separate bike/walking path that could accommodate emergency vehicles, should the need arise rather than a 4-lane alternate highway being put forward as a safety solution. If the present separated bike/walking path along Highway 101 were to be extended from its terminus near Pell Road to Field Road, it could be employed as an emergency route along that single route stretch of highway when required.

The next point we wish to emphasize is the requirement for extensive public consultation with the neighbourhoods that would be dismantled by the construction of another highway on the coast. This is a requirement of RCOCP (Sections 14.3 and 14.4) that transportation corridor changes must be accompanied by public consultation. In addition, the resultant significant environmental impact is of great concern. Changes to animal and fish ecosystems, wildlife corridors and water systems would be substantial.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our concerns.

Regards,
Norma Brow
Secretary, Roberts Creek OCPC

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Dear Mark,

Unfortunately, the 4th Draft of the ITS report came out just after our last RCOCP meeting. Discussions during our Jan. 19 meeting resulted in a letter, which you should receive shortly, if you haven't done so already. Once we had received the 4th Draft, two items resulted in the following concerns:

The first has to do with the planning process involved in finalizing the ITS Report. While the consultation process as a whole has been lengthy, the recent emergence of certain proposals with regards to the Eastern end of the Sechelt Bypass have raised concerns for our committee.

The RCOCP strongly objects to the planning process around the Eastern end of a Sechelt Bypass. Specifically lacking from the development of this item (Section 9.3.2, Priority#1) in the final Draft are considered representation from the Roberts Creek Community Association, Roberts Creek APC or the Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee. In addition there has been little significant and meaningful opportunity for broader public input on this topic from the residents of Roberts Creek as per Sections 14.3 and 14.4 of our OCP.

A second concern is an item from pg 118 or the report.

4. SCRDP Transportation Department to seek approval to allow advertising at bus shelters in an effort to fund solar powered lighting at shelters. **This would seem to be in conflict with Objective 14.1 of the current RCOCP which strives to "maintain the rural wooded character of all roads and highways"**

I'll be attending the meeting tomorrow, and can clarify the above if needed. Sorry for the submission at this late date, but it took a while for our volunteer group to work these items through by email. We did want to make sure that they were received in written form.

Thanks for all the time that you are putting into this important report.

Mark

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