

Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCPC) Meeting

Meeting Minutes: January 11, 2017

Roberts Creek Elementary School

Present: Scott Avery, Dana Wilson, John Gibbs, Mark Lebbell (Director), Bryan Gaudry, Emily Cook, Doug Fugge, Graham Starsage, Sarah Bradley, Karen Spicer

Regrets: Andy Scloss, Mike Allen

Agenda:

1. Adopt minutes of November 9, 2016 meeting
2. Role and history of OCPC
3. Election for Chair and Secretary
4. Adopt minutes of Nov 9/16 meeting
Review of 2016 – major discussions and referrals from 2016, and lack of referrals in the latter part of the year. Community resiliency, ALR Non Farm Use Application, Knotweed project, No shooting zones, Beach Access signage, Board of Variance, Forest Resources Board, logging in Chapman Watershed
5. Director's Report - Mark Lebbell
6. New Business

1. Adopt Minutes

Some suggestions on a few items missed were added via email and sent to Sheila. Minutes look correct. Karen moved to adopt; Scott seconded.

Mark described the referral process to committee members.

Graham is to gracefully retire from the committee.

2. Role and history of OCPC.

3. Election for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Chair, John Gibbs elected

Vice Chair, Emily Cook elected, unanimously

Secretary: to be determined, possibly Douglas Fugge

4. Adopt minutes of Nov 9/16 meeting.

5. Review of 2016 – major discussions and referrals from 2016, and lack of referrals in the latter part of the year.

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Dana's update on knotweed: Dana is a little troubled by an email from Trevor Fawcett stating,

“Once the knotweed has been eradicated, the SCRCD will apply to highways for a permit to improve the beach access to make it more accessible, add some furniture and improve the parking.” Mark notes that nothing will happen without a park planning process to show proper public process. Dana and Dianne Sanford would like to meet to meet with Trevor to either get an MOU or some other discussion or agreement. Mark noted that people can go to the SCRCD website and type in “Henderson Beach” to find out where they are at in their development plans.

No shooting zones: whoever is in charge of shooting regulations have said they are not interested in making upgrade on proximity

Beach access signage: John notes that there are more accesses that could be signed and opened, but he is pleased with what has gone up to date. The signage at the foot of Park Road is what he is most pleased about, because previous signs were misleading. Karen is to check if the campground park sign has changed.

Graham noted that the knotweed and beach access sign projects are good examples of OCPC-inspired action.

Board of Variance: Mark has a referral that will come to us. They are looking for new members. Mark has asked for a staff report on it and it has been created and sent out.

Forest Resources Board (FRB): Doug and Andy are reps to the board from the OCPC, there have been two meetings where they asked for a frame of reference as to how it will be set up, how it will function and what is its mandate. The OCP provides the basis to form the board (APC, RCCA and OCP). The idea of the board is to bring people with different views together. There may be another meeting but how the voices of public will be determined is not yet known. There will be 9 to 10 people on the board. Sarah envisions a body that is accountable to the OCP with a long-term goal of having the same decision making power as that in the Bulkley Valley. Mark will organize a forestry forum with contractors and truckers and BC Timber Sales with a forum at the hall where those who want to learn about logging can. Mark: Bulkley Valley learning was that foundations are very important and it will take a long time. Minutes will be public and can be on agenda for the next meeting. Mark went to a Pre Conference Forum and one of the recommendations they had was support for the establishment of communication protocols for Local resources and/or Forest Advisory Committee. Sarah noted that this could be a standing item. Mark was invited to assess logging practices and recognizes that he would rather have a group that knows what makes good practices. Graham: Asked if anyone had talked to Pat Ridgeway, Dan Bowman, Jan Brinton, Darcy. Mark: Ask the community how they want to be engaged.

Logging in Chapman Watershed: Doug noted that the FRB is one way to communicate with privately managed forest lands.

Process: Discussed if every second Wednesday work for everyone, knowing that Sarah will be late and sometimes we will go til 9:15. Agenda items can be moved to accommodate this lateness. With a packed agenda, we can make time and plan at the beginning of the meeting. Emily is to keep an eye on time. We loosely operate on Roberts’ Rules of Order. Set an action item at the end so not just loosely talked about.

John: Discussed consensus voting according to protocols

Sarah: New Society's Act defines a quorum as 50%. What quorum is that it can pass by one vote. With consensus, if 2 disagree you have to go back to debating.

Mark: In the OCP, RD suggests, "A quorum will be five (5)."

Sarah: Noted that the Society's Act doesn't apply. Are there rules that apply?

Graham: We are supported by the bylaw.

Action item: Dana to send Protocols to everyone

Put in the Protocols and Process on next month's agenda

Dana to email Sheila to see if she would like to come back.

Mark: There could be a night that quorum is going on that perhaps someone like Graham could come in one

Sarah: SCR D says there shall be no fewer than 7 members of the OCPC at any time, if below then we have to have a bi-election.

Karen: Notes that the SCR D protocols are just suggestions.

Mark: Process suggestion tabled until we can talk with Sheila.

6. **Director's Report** - Mark Lebbell

7. **New Business**