

Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCPC)

Meeting Minutes: February 14, 2011

Roberts Creek School

Present: Mark Lebbell (Chair), Norma Brow, Roger Richmond, Scott Avery, Dianne Sanford,
Sheila Wilson, John Ennis, Linda Hoechstetter,

Regrets: Elaine Futterman, Mike Allegretti, Jeff Rosnau,

Guests: Carolann Glover

Director: Donna Shugar,

Absent:

Agenda: The following agenda was agreed upon:

- 1) Approve agenda
- 2) Approve previous minutes
- 3) Invasive Species / Pest Management Plan
- 4) Trails SCT Society Update
- 5) Alternative TAC
- 6) Director Report
- 7) Next Meeting

1) Agenda was approved

2) Approval of Previous Minutes:

Dianne moved and Scott seconded that the minutes of February 16, 2011 be adopted.

3) Invasive Species / Pest Management Plan

Discussion on this topic included:

- The problem with invasive species is that they choke our native plants and knotweed for example does not hold stream banks effectively.
- Identification of other stakeholders who could potentially provide greater representation and input –for example those living along the highway or utility corridors.
- Section 13.2 – under the Public Utilities section of the existing OCP states that “Under no circumstances does the community approve the use of herbicide or pesticide on these rights-of-ways.”
- Acknowledging the labour intensity of any treatment proposed options to “cut and squirt methods were discussed such as having groups adopt a section of highway, involving schools
- It was also stated that we do not necessary need to solve the problem but put forward the stated community desire to avoid the use of herbicides.
- Since many of the identified plants are still on the market as ornaments, education was seen as necessary to minimize continued spread. Use of posters, newsletters, Earth Day, etc.
- Invite representatives of the MoTI coordinating the Pest Management Plan to attend our next meeting. Note: Since consultation period was due to end March 31, MoTI agreed to meet with Committee members at RC Hall on Monday, March 28.

4) *Trails Update*

Roger and Linda attended the SCT Society meeting on February 21 at 7:00 at Capilano University. There was a sense that the society has realized the value of including the larger – non-cycling – community in their planning process, but perhaps are oversimplifying how easy it is to obtain this input. The society is aware of the need for a trails inventory and have requested that this committee could provide input on which trails should be identified for which use. This committee agreed that these designations can only be rightfully made through broader consultation that is needed to develop a trail's strategy, which the RD is not in a position, financially to take on at this time.

Another project discussed at the meeting was the construction of a multiuse bridge over Chapman Creek. \$22K has been made available from the District of Sechelt and additional funds would need to be raised. This route would form part of the SunCoaster Trail.

Caroline and Elise agreed to attend out next meeting to provide an update and/or answer any questions. ROGER/LINDA please confirm.

5) *Alternative Transportation Advisory Committee*

One outcome of the ITS was to strike an Alternative TAC as a venue to provide input into transportation planning that focuses on alternatives to traditional vehicular transportation. Diverse input is being sought. Potential sectors include various age groups and abilities, geographical ranges, cyclists, walkers, scooters, low speed vehicles, etc. Note that the Suncoaster trail is being seen as a transportation route rather than a recreational route. Terms of Reference are being drawn up.

6) *Directors Report*

Donna attended the PAC meeting at RCCS earlier this evening to discuss and gather feedback on a couple of topics.

- Changing (in fact returning) the School Zone designation and speed limits fronting RCCS to Playground Zone. This would extend the hours of 30/km/hr limit from dawn to dusk rather than the current 8-5. This committee supported this change; PAC will solicit feedback from parents.
- Development of a Community Garden on the RCCS grounds at the location of the donated property south of the school property. RCCS would provide the land; the SCR D could help with money to prep the site and start up costs. PAC was interested in pursuing this idea.
- Input was also requested regarding upgrades to the Playground at Cliff Gilker Park. The slide had to be removed and only the swings remain. A new slide, covered picnic/barbeque area, adventure playground were some of the ideas proposed.

In other updates, as a result of the temporary road that was constructed to access properties near the pier to facilitate waterfront improvements, the SCR D wrote to DFO to state that they do not support the building of temporary roads or otherwise using the beach to access properties for construction.

Some comments were made that the RC Shoreline Development Permit Area bylaw does not have sufficient restrictions. Donna suggested that any individuals can submit their comments and they could be taken into consideration during the OCP Review process. Donna stated that she does not support logging in the Community Forest in the Wilson Creek watershed. The committee concurred that no logging should be done without an environmental assessment.

Solid Waste Management Plan Update: The District of Sechelt wants to just do their own program and not participate in the regional function. There will likely be an enhanced depot and then see if curb side pickup is viable. It's very expensive to do curb side pick up. Money collected from some inputs will help raise funds.

7) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 20, 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