

Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCPC)

Meeting Minutes: February 12, 2014

Roberts Creek Community School

Present: Dianne Sanford (Chair), Scott Avery, Sheila Wilson, Billy Davis, Lesley Roberts, Nicola Kozakiewica, Heather Gatz, Graham (Starsage) Shipley, Dana Wilson, Donna Shugar (Director), Carolann Glover, Karen Spicer

Absent: Robin Chauhan, Naomi Fleschhut, Amanda-Rae Hergesheimer, Mike Allen

Agenda: The following agenda was agreed upon and approved:

1. Adopt Minutes from January 8, 2014 Meeting.
2. Contact Information – to be given out to SCRD directly or via Chair?
3. Video of Meetings – Scott to report
4. Medical Use of Marijuana – letter sent to SCRD
5. Agricultural Area Plan Referral from SCRD
6. Invasive Plant Control – will be tabled until next meeting
7. Connecting with Other OCPC's – Robin to report when he returns
8. Director's Report
9. Other New Business
10. Next Meeting: March 12, 2014

1. *Adopt Minutes from January 8 Meeting*
Minutes were formally adopted.

2. *Contact Information*
The SCRD offered to contact our group members directly with information rather than indirectly through Dianne. Members of the committee prefer that the SCRD forwards info to us through Dianne. Dianne will inform the SCRD of this decision. Dianne will contact Frank Henning to ensure that Donna's site has accurately represented the names of all committee members. The site address is www.creekdirector.ca.

3. *Video of SCRD Meetings*
Rolaf hoped to make a presentation to the OCPC advocating to have SCRD meetings streamed, which would come at the cost of approximately \$12000, according to Donna. The \$12000 figure was what was presented to the SCRD Board budget meetings by SCRD staff and included the purchase and installation of equipment that would be fixed and available for live streaming of SCRD meetings. Rolaf's group, Donna believes, felt that the live streaming could be done for free. Two meetings were filmed and aired in 2013 as a pilot project, but there was very low viewership. Local cable doesn't have adequate resources to attend meetings weekly. The OCPC feels that Rolaf needs to have additional answers before he and his team are prepared to make a presentation.

4. *Medical Use of Marijuana*
The SCRD has given the original bylaw a First Reading. Public comment will be invited in many of the future steps of this lengthy process. Thanks to Karen for writing a letter which was submitted to the SCRD and will be included in David Rafael's report. Donna told

Martin that she will support the OCPC's letter: Rather than just confining the cultivation of medical marijuana to the industrial and RU2 and RU3 zones, properties in RU1 Zone that are 8 hectares or larger should be allowed to have small scale grow-ops providing that they meet the mandated setbacks and building restrictions. If Martin decides to subdivide, his property will not be large enough to meet the standards and he will no longer be able to operate a grow-op.

5. *Agricultural Area Plan Referral from SCRD*

We received the above referral from the SCRD and have been asked to comment before February 27. The lengthy document details how to develop agriculture on the Sunshine Coast. The feedback that Donna is hearing is that the document is unwieldy and requires a synopsis. Who is to carry out each component of the plan is very unclear.

Most committee members did not read the document, but do feel it important to do so. Dianne will check in with us on February 17 to ask if we are willing to take on a section to comment on by February 24th. To simplify the process, all comments can be listed should there not be consensus on items.

6. *Invasive Plan Control*

Tabled until March.

7. *Connecting with Other OCPC's*

Tabled until March.

8. *Directors Report*

a) Recently, Donna attended the Local Government Leadership Academy. Many interesting speakers presented their ideas. Donna had the opportunity to share information about our OCPC with the Mayor of Tofino who found the information interesting. Perhaps we should be in communication with her.

a) The SCRD Communications Department produced a synopsis of what RDs do and don't do - *Get to know the SCRD*: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DsFK-1jjo6s> .

b) The Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted.

c) The Roberts Creek Community Garden Meeting on Jan 25 was very successful. The 50 participants were very enthusiastic and full of great ideas. Trustee Chair Betty Baxter said that SD46 will be meeting with the RD to develop an agreement.

d) Ferries: An Impact Assessment will be done by the Union of BC Municipalities. BC Ferries solicited public feedback regarding cuts in services through an online survey that ran for one week.

e) The Advisory Planning Commission has vacancies. If you know any potential candidates, contact Donna.

Next Meeting: March 12, 2014