

# Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCPC)

**Meeting Minutes: April 11, 2012**

**Roberts Creek Community School**

Present: Elaine Futterman(Chair), Norma Brow, Mike Allegretti, Roger Richmond, Scott Avery,  
Kirsten Rowkins, Sheila Wilson, Donna Shugar, Chris Motloch,  
Regrets: Mark Lebell, Carolann Glover, Dianne Sanford,

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*Agenda:* The following agenda was agreed upon:

- 1) Approve agenda
- 2) Approve previous minutes
- 3) Director's Report
- 4) Earth Day
- 5) Next Meeting

*1) Agenda was approved*

*2) Approval of Previous Minutes*

Kirsten moved and Sheila seconded that the minutes of March 14, 2012 be adopted.

*3) Directors Report*

There were no new agenda items so we started with the Directors Report to generate discussion.

- John Weston our local MP was in Sechelt for a well-attended if not supportive public meeting. In response to questions about recently proposed changes to the Fisheries Act, he mentioned a local Fisheries Advisory Committee that he uses. Donna will follow up to see who sits on this committee and how it is appointed. A suggestion was made to see if our Dianne Sanford could get involved at this level.
- Kirsten asked if the OCP has any protection of the waterfront with respect to Aquaculture. There is nothing specifically in place and so she will draft a letter to David Rafael with some suggested language.
- The RD will be conducting an Aquiculture Mapping Project Phase One to gather information about what activities are currently being done on the coast with future phases to look at how to support and enhance this industry. Refer to North Saanich for their Agricultural Strategy.
- Planting Day for the boulevard improvements in the Heart of the Creek will be April 21 at 12:00pm. A landscaping design has been done and the plants – including many edible plants - will be there to finish the project. Bring a mug and a trowel. Official opening of the paths and gardens will be 11:15am April 22 which is Earth Day.
- Results of the public input from the OCP Open House held April 1 have not yet been compiled. Diverse comments include cutting more trees to reduce forest fire risk and a streetlight for every bus stop. A suggestion of giving property owners a tax break for donating land for separated bike lanes received support. Construction costs are more problematic in bike lane creation, especially lanes separated from the roadway, than the availability of land. Although separated lanes are safer for cyclists and pedestrians and prevent parking on the bike lanes, they can create higher maintenance costs. Highways more or less maintains shoulder bike lanes but separated ones are

maintained by Parks. Marine Drive in Area F has been identified as a particularly difficult area to develop bike lanes.

- SCRD has signed a 4 year contract with its employees.
- The Sechlet Landfill is almost full and will need to be closed at some point. New landfills are very expensive to construct as environmental guidelines have become much more stringent. There are fixed operating costs for the landfill but with less waste going into the landfill, there has been a need to increase tipping fees. There are fears that this may increase illegal dumping.
- Moving forward on a Solid waste contract is taking much time right now. There will probably be not any regional curb side pick-up any time soon. Even though studies show that participation in recycling increases greatly with curb side pick-up, Areas B (Halfmoon Bay) and D (Roberts Creek) were the only areas in favour of curb side pick-up.
- Although the OCPC did not get an official referral, there has been a suggestion made to modify the Zoning Bylaw to allow for Temporary Use Permits. This would create a procedure to modify permitted uses on a property for a specified period of time rather than require a complete rezoning. Committee members requested more information, but the majority of members supported in principle the idea. Others were concerned that it is direct contradiction to the OCP. Donna will arrange to have the report forwarded to the group and the topic will be discussed at our next meeting.

4) Sheila Wilson is the coordinator of Roberts Creek Earth Day. A few highlights of this year's event include:

- Earth Day films by local students – short films will be shown at the library from 1:00pm to 4:00pm
- Food will be served on real dishes that will be washed at the Hall. Yeah!
- MGarden Tours by Delvin at 1:00 PM
- RCCA will have a table
- Music 12:00 – 5:00pm
- Ride your bike for a free tune-up.

5) *Next meeting will be May 9, 2012 same time, same place*

*OCP Review Items:*

The following items have been identified so far:

1. Addition of a mission statement
2. Road allowances – conversion to paths/Greenways
3. Change bylaws to permit home based business proprietors to be able to teach or offer classes.
4. Property usages
5. More types of unique zoning.
6. Downtown parking (new)
7. Terms of reference and a mission statement
8. Short term rentals

**Parking Lot**

Amphibian Habitat Restoration Area