

# Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCPC)

Meeting Minutes: April 9 2014

Roberts Creek Community School

Present: Dianne Sanford (Chair), Scott Avery, Sheila Wilson, Billy Davis, Lesley Roberts, Heather Gatz, Graham (Starsage) Shipley, Mike Allen, Dana Wilson, Karen Spicer, Doug Fugge (guest), Rolef Ohlroggen (guest)

Absent: Robin Chauhan, Nicola Kozakiewica, Amanda-Rae Hergesheimer, Donna Shugar (Director), Naomi Fleschhut

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*Agenda:* The following agenda was agreed upon and approved:

- 1) Adopt minutes from March meeting
- 2) Timekeeping for meetings
- 3) Invasive plant control – Further discussion
- 4) Roberts Creek Walking Path – Information from SCRD, new objections?
- 5) Directors Report
- 6) New business  
Draft Management Plans for Geoduck Tenures on BC Coast and Whale Management Plan  
Web Cam Initiative: Rolef Ohlroggen (guest)  
Free Market  
Earth Day  
Community Forest: Doug Fugge (guest)
- 7) Next Meeting: May 14 2014

1) *Adopt Minutes:* Karen motioned to accept and Scott seconded.

2) *Timekeeping for meetings:* Time assignments have been given to each item in order to keep meetings more timely. Scott attempted to implement timekeeping today.

3) *Invasive Species*

In an effort to manage knotweed, several alternatives to spraying were discussed: goats to consume the plants, children to help manage, capitalize upon the medicinal use and food function uses of knotweed. **Mike will research the community in the province that has opted out of Round Up as a management tool and has offered to help disseminate information.** Note: There is a website that can be used to record knotweed sites.

4) *Roberts Creek Walking Path*

The walkabout was effective with a turnout of about 50 people. All seemed to be set to go until MOTI responded with a concern regarding the use of gravel, which they project annual costs of \$2000 to maintain. The Ministry's preference would be to use pavement. Details of this proposal will be available on line and the item will be addressed at the upcoming May 8<sup>th</sup> SCRD meeting at 1:30 at the SCRD office. **Scott will meet with Sam Adams to find out more.**

5) *Director's Report*

Donna was absent.

- 6) *Draft management Plans for Geoduck (Shellfish) Tenures on BC Coast and Integrative Draft Whale Management Plan*: The federal government is putting together draft management plans for shellfish and whale management that give the green light for aquaculture. Dianne recommends that members have a look at the plan; **Dianne will forward the address**. Input needs to be received before April 19<sup>th</sup>. **Dana will draft a letter if she receives input from committee members before April 14.**

*Rolef: Web Cam Initiative*: Rolef brought a petition, hoping to have the committee sign it. He is hoping that live-streaming would help increase access to information and believes that funding should be redirected from Coast Cable to live-streaming. Karen offered to help Rolef re-write the petition as committee members felt that the wording made the petition difficult to sign.

*Free Market*: Dana would like to propose a Free Market. Scott said that she needs to talk to the RCCA about it. This is a functioning model in Grandview Woodland in Vancouver.

*Earth Day*: Scheduled for Sunday, April 27, **Mike and Graham are offering to host a table at Earth Day**. They have agreed to implement a Speakers' Corner – soliciting opinions from the public. **Dana has offered to film a portion of the speaking**. Sounds fun!!

*Logging*: Doug would like to help nurture a more engaged and informed public on the issue of local logging and recognizes that the First Nations is the key to protection. He would like to reshape how we manage the woodland: selective logging, logging blowdowns, and/or harvest in a slower more intentional way. The Community Forest is planning to log along Trailfest Wagon Road trail.

**Next Meeting: May 14 2014**