

# Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCPC)

**Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2010**

**Roberts Creek School**

Present: Mary Degan (Acting Chair), Norma Brow, Carolann Glover, Linda Hoechstetter, Jeff Rosnau, Dianne Sanford,

Regional Director: Donna Shugar,

Regrets: Elaine Futterman, Mike Allegretti, Mark Lebbell, Roger Richmond, Frank McElroy,

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- 1) *Agenda:* It was a small meeting with a late start due to room discrepancies so no formal agenda was adopted. Notes of the discussions were recorded.
- 2) *Approval of Previous Minutes:*  
The minutes had been lost in cyber space and were not reviewed. They will be reviewed and approval will be requested for these and April minutes at the June meeting.

Shoreline Bylaws have been passed by the SCRD board.

Dianne reported on a recent Estuary Conference she had attended and had learned of some interesting OCP shoreline protection option from an attendee. She will provide more details.

Norma will check with Caroline and Elise re the status of signage installation and if any volunteers are needed.

The desire for Roberts Creek representation on the SCRD Parks Advisory Committee was discussed. As a result of the Parks Master Plan, that was produced in 2004, \$1.2M was borrowed to implement some of the recommendations. Conner Park was developed, Pender Harbour got a soccer field. Each electoral area received \$60,000 for trails and this is all that Roberts Creek and Elphinstone received. Further to the Parks discussion, UREP (Use, Recreation and Enjoyment of the Public) areas were discussed. These are areas of Crown Land that were designated as such in 1946 from the Ministry of Forests. The foreshore at Roberts Creek and an area at the top of Crow Rd and Malcom Creek are UREP lands. These areas can be developed into parkland by applying to the province. There is a process to this beginning with a license to occupy and it can take many years before there is a guarantee that the province will not decide on another use.

What happens to Green Waste? Currently, there is a short term contract to continue to chip and burn it as "hog fuel", but the plan is to start using it in the production of compost. A Sechelt business is developing a composting facility with wood chips being one of the ingredients, together with water and fish morts. This brought up the topic of the potential contaminates that users could be introducing to their soil if the fish morts are from farms that use antibiotics and other chemicals. Dianne mentioned that she had learned that some chemicals can be absorbed by plants. She also mentioned that shellfish can absorb and then humans can digest cadmium. It is now thought that people should not eat more than 12 oysters a month, because of cadmium contamination from natural sources.

Directors Report

The Community Energy & Emissions Plan or CEEP was adopted by the SCR D board for 2 years to achieve a 7% reduction of 2007 levels by 2031.  
An affordable Housing Committee is being established.  
As the SCR D continues grapple with solid waste and recycling, Donna attended a one day workshop in Whistler sponsored by the Recycling Council of BC.

Also on a recent trip to Montreal she visited a new big centre that is being developed on an old landfill site in the north end of Montreal. La TOHU is a non-profit organization founded by En Piste (the national association of circus arts), the National Circus School and Cirque du Soleil. They have developed a performance hall that was built to Canada Gold LEED.

*Next Meeting:*

The next meeting will be on June 16, 2010 at 7:00 PM at Roberts Creek School.

*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