

Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCPC)

Meeting Minutes: May 18, 2011

Roberts Creek School

Present: Elaine Futterman, Norma Brow, Scott Avery, Sheila Wilson, Jeff Rosnau,
Regrets: Dianne Sanford, Mark Lebbell, Mike Allegretti, Roger Richmond, John Ennis, Linda
Hoechstetter

Guests: Carolann Glover

Director: Donna Shugar,

Absent:

Agenda: The following agenda was agreed upon:

- 1) Approve agenda
- 2) Approve previous minutes
- 3) Mission Statement; Terms of Reference, Policy Statement for OCPC Referrals
- 4) Invasive Species / Pest Management Plan
- 5) OCP Review Open House
- 6) Trails
 - a. SCTSociety Update - Sheila
 - b. Trail report - Carolann
- 7) Bike Lane - Carolann
- 8) SC Community Forest
- 9) Other
- 10) Directors Report
- 11) Next Meeting

1) Agenda was approved

2) Approval of Previous Minutes:

Scott moved and Jeff seconded that the minutes of March 14, 2011 be adopted.

3) Mission Statement, Terms of Reference, Policy Statement for OCPC Referrals

MISSION STATEMENT

Mission: To preserve the values expressed in the OCP by:

1. Providing the community with a forum to facilitate an open, consultative process that will keep the OCP valid and relevant.
2. Ongoing monitoring of the implementation of the OCP.
3. Reviewing and suggesting improvements to the OCP which express the wishes of the Roberts Creek Community.
4. Providing liaison with the RCCA, SCR D and APC on matters relating to the OCP.

OCP POLICY STATEMENT

1. To advise the SCR D and the RCCA on all matters relating to the Roberts Creek OCP. This advice is to be in the form of written recommendations to the SCR D and regular reports to the RCCA. The Area Director shall be the liaison between the OCP Committee and the SCR D. The Chair of the OCPC shall be the liaison with the RCCA.
2. SCR D Departments and Committees should refer those items that may affect the community of Roberts Creek to the OCPC for comment.

TERMS OF REFERENCE – See attachment

4) *Invasive Species / Pest Management Plan*

Diane will be attending the AGM of the CIPC on Vancouver Island on May 19 and will report back at our next meeting. Mike will provide the the OCPC Secretary with a CD with presentation materials that were provided at the meeting with MoTI reps on March 28 for records.

5) *OCP Review Open House May 14*

There was good feedback on the initial OCP draft and the format of the Open House. About 100 people attended over the course of the half day event with 2 short presentations and stations set up of various key topics.

6) *Trails - SCTSociety Update*

Sheila attended the recent SCTS meeting. The Society applied to the Community Forest to fund a trail strategy and are recruiting people for a committee. Donna stated that the trail strategy should be done by the SCR D although there is no budget to do so at this time. Scott showed some options of how the offered trail signs could have the symbols covered up easily and will follow up with Elsie.

Elaine brought up the bad condition of the trails following a weekend race event on very wet trails. It was suggested that vulnerable trails should not be used for racing or even closed when very wet weather has made them susceptible to serious damage. Sheila will enquire at the next SCTS meeting regarding stewardship responsibility and options planned to repair trails without causing further damage to the areas near trails.

Trail Report- A question was posed as to why the Timberline Beach access is not being developed. Donna stated that there are many beach accesses in this part of Roberts Creek so it is not seen as a high priority. Donna also asked for feedback on repairing damage recently done at the gate at the pier. Development of the property next to the Henderson Beach has meant loss of the natural landscaping and erection of a retaining wall. Committee members were asked to go have a look and offer up any suggestions about how to mitigate or soften this transition.

7) *Bike Lane*

Carol Ann offered information that the width of the road dedication along Rat Portage would accommodate a separated bike path. Lower Road to Cemetery Road segment is also seen as a priority.

8) *SC Community Forest*

Elaine read a letter from SCCommunity Forest in response to a post card submission she had submitted that questioned logging practices. The letter refuted issues identified on the distributed post card stating instead that heir forest practices are sustainable and that sufficient hydro geological studies have been done. They also asserted that newly logged areas opens up an area to biodiversity and its inherent values.

9) *Director's Report*

Donna met with SCCF, BCTS and Island Timberlands and AJB to inform them of the extend that their collective logging plans clear cuts a very large part of the area.

Draft Zero Waste plan will be circulated shortly for comments. Although Roberts Creekers surveyed preferred curb side pickup of recyclables, the Enhanced depot option is looking like the most likely first step.

10)Next Meeting

The next meeting will be June 15, 2011

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