

Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCPC)

Meeting Minutes: May 14, 2014

Roberts Creek Community School

Present: Dianne Sanford (Chair), Scott Avery, Robin Chauhan, Lesley Roberts, Heather Gatz, Graham (Starsage) Shipley, Mike Allen, Dana Wilson, Karen Spicer, Rochelle (Sunshine Coast Conversation Society summer student), Donna Shugar, Carolann Glover, Doug Fugge (guest), Eva Starsage (guest), Seth Starsage (guest)

Absent: Sheila Wilson, Billy Davis, Nicola Kozakiewica, Amanda-Rae Hergesheimer, Naomi Fleschhut

- 1) *Adopt Minutes*: Scott motioned to accept and Mike seconded.
- 2) *Timekeeping for meetings*: Scott was timekeeper today.
- 3) *Vibe checking*: Mike proposed the idea of a 'vibe-checker'. **He will collect a few ideas on this and then send them to the committee.**
- 4) *Voting cards*: Robin has brought voting cards for everyone to use tonight. His goal is to try them with at least one vote tonight.
- 5) *Invasive Species*: Mike discussed a one-year trial with goats in Comox Valley that was funded by BC Gaming, Agriculture funds, and volunteers. It was semi-successful. It is of note that this was a field site, not a roadside. Doug voiced his concern that using glyphosate will set a precedent that the community doesn't want. Donna reported on the SCRD meeting about improving Henderson Beach access. The project has been stymied because of the knotweed issue. It's in a pesticide-free zone because it's so close to the water. Our OCP & Parks Policy says no pesticides. Donna would like to explore volunteer options. The Sunshine Coast Conservation Association are interested. Donna likes the idea of taking one area and using it as a model. **Mike will write a letter to the SCRD and the committee will provide input, stating that they have this idea.** Lesley suggested knotweed information sign-postings. A coordinator and further discussion is needed for such a group. Mike would like to coordinate this smaller project.
- 4) *Roberts Creek Walking Path*: People are feeling neutral about the path now and it's a definite possibility. At the Transportation Committee meeting people wanted a reduced Beach Ave speed, from the outside of one of the s bends to the outside of the other. The whole area is suggested 30km. This will be decided by Victoria. Problem areas will be addressed with crusher for a couple of years to see how it goes; there remains the option of paving these areas in the future.
- 5) *Geoduck Management Plan*: Dana thanked everyone for submitting their comments. Dianne sent the letter off. No responses yet.

- 6) *Webcam Initiative*: Karen reviewed the petition with Rolef after last meeting. **She will ask him to send out a revised version to the group.**
- 7) *Free Market*: Dana has been organizing the Free Market. She will present at the RCCA and then get back to us.
- 8) *Earth Day*: Mike and Graham report that it went well. They feel that our booth needs more flashiness. They were asked lots of questions and people were receptive. They are looking forward to next year. They suggested the idea of having a “speakers’ corner”—could potentially show the video at an RCCA meeting.
- 9) *Director’s Report*: Agriculture: Roberts Creek and Halfmoon Bay are going ahead with a zoning bylaw change to permit the sale of eggs. The current zoning bylaw permits domestic consumption only. The referral will likely come to the OCPC.

Marijuana: On May 15 a proposed bylaw for the provision of marijuana production in all land use zones that allow agriculture will be put forth. The proposal is to have the marijuana production facility match the size of the property. Area F is not included. The referral will come through to the OCPC.

Incineration: Metro Van are examining other potential sites and public consultation is all halted. SCRD is not in favour of incineration as it violates our waste policy.

Recycling: The SCRD continues to explore different ideas for curbside recycling. Dana is hoping for a community compost.

Howe Sound issues: Howe Sound is recovering though there are many serious industrial pressures. The Howe Sound Community Forum is attempting to put together a land and water management plan for Howe Sound. The province came up with the Cumulative Affects Framework.

- 10) *Cigarette butts*: Doug is concerned with the amount of littered cigarette butts. It was suggested that he contact the public health nurse or Paul to inquire about possible “No butt zone” signage.
- 11) *Logging*: Doug is concerned with the Day Road forest logging. He has served Island Timberlands with a notice from the Sovereign Squamish Nation, of which he is a member. He would like to set up a committee and get young people involved in soil remediation. He will give us a copy of the notice for our information.
- 12) *Voting cards review*: Robin led us through some practice votes. He discussed having an advanced deck. His goal is to make decision making and discussions much faster. Everyone was onboard with this goal.

Next Meeting: June 11, 2014