

# Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCP) Meeting

Meeting Minutes: May 11, 2016

Roberts Creek Elementary School

Present: Dianne Sanford (Chair), Dana Wilson, Sheila Wilson, Graham Starsage, John Gibbs, Emily Cook, Mark Lebbell (Director), Bryan Gaudry (late), Susan Furze (Guest)

Absent: Mike Allen, Doug Fugge, Scott Avery

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## Agenda:

1. **Adopt minutes** of April 13/16 meeting
2. **Referral from SCRD on ALR Non Farm Use Application D60** – request for comments from OCPC
3. **Knotweed** – Henderson Beach – Report from Dana and Dianne
4. **Earth Day** Report from Graham
5. **Directors Report** - Mark Lebbell
6. **Invasive Species**
7. **New Business**
8. **Adjourn**

### 1. **Adopt Minutes: John moved to adopt and Emily seconded, with the following changes:**

- Beach Access Signs: John spoke with Carolyn Mortensen to let her know that we may be forwarding a recommendation. Carolyn suggested that *the SCRD* ask MOTI to put up *No Parking* signs.
- No Shooting Zones: In September 2015, The Trails Society discussed the *No Shooting* boundaries and contacted a conservation officer. BC Wildlife Act and RCMP were found to have authority over this area. Generally, the boundary is 500 meters *above powerline*. Our boundary is 2.5 km north of the powerline.

### 2. **ALR NON-FARM USE APPLICATION D-60 FOR A SECOND DWELLING ON LOT 5, DISTRICT LOT 905 PLAN 22310**

1888 West Reed Road; Property is zoned RU3; looking to build a second 700 square foot dwelling above an existing art studio.

*In keeping with the OCP, we support the maintenance of farm land in the ALR and recognize that the proposed second dwelling does not increase the property's existing housing footprint. The committee additionally recognizes the need for long-term rentals here on the coast and as such voted to support this application, with a further recommendation that should the dwelling in question be used as a rental, the unit should be used for long-term (as opposed to short-term) housing, as was promised by the current owner.*

### 3. **Knotweed**

The first cutting at Henderson Beach is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th @10:30. Insurance will be provided by MOTI and an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) has been sent to Dianne, which would absolve MOTI of any responsibilities; Dianne and Dana are negotiating to create a workable agreement. For \$100, Elphinstone Aggregates (Buddy Boyd) will haul the cuttings and burn them at a high enough temperature to render the cuttings unviable. Mark offered for the SCRD to pay for muffins from Joe @ the Café and drinks. Bring your own tools.

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#### 4. Earth Day Report – Graham

The day went really well. Graham mentioned that Joa, of Rolling Earth Farm, shot a film of the day that is worth checking out. The raffle baskets were bountiful and proceeds from ticket sales exceeded \$800. Thank you Graham and team for such outstanding work! Thank you John for manning the OCPC table.

#### 5. Director's Report

- May 19<sup>th</sup> 7 pm Community Engagement @ RC Hall
- Bicycle / Walking Paths Open House - May 18<sup>th</sup> 4-7 pm @ Seaside Center
- Some people had to leave the homeless shelter when it closed and they have since been living in Roberts Creek Park.
- Telus has adopted an Integrated Pest Management Plan for their towers. The SCRD is doing what they can to discourage Telus from applying pesticides.
- Windmills – Mark asked the group for clarification on our position regarding the resale of windmill-generated power, due to comments from the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting:

The proposed definition for a 'small wind energy system' was approved by the OCPC:  
*a wind energy conversion system consisting of a wind turbine, a tower, and associated control or conversion electronics, which has a rated capacity of not more than 300 kW, and which is intended to provide electrical power for use on-site (either behind the meter or off-grid) and is not intended or used to produce power for resale.*

Although the recommendation states that the committee opposes the resale of power, the committee is not opposed to the *small-scale residential resale* of windmill power.

- Marijuana – The RD is looking for feedback on the potential of a smell bylaw.
  - Regional Bylaw Staff - Mark sent a request to the Ministry of Transportation requesting the authority for the SCRD to enforce parking regulations. Mark received a letter back which provided little support.
  - No Shooting Zones - Since there have been no reported hunting incidents, the Province is unable/unwilling to change the *No Shooting Boundaries*.
6. **Invasive Species Meeting** - Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm @ the Sechelt Indian Band Hall. Guest speaker is Jennifer Grenz, an Invasive Plant Specialist. Pre-meeting at 4:30 to get all the groups together.

Next Meeting: June 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm @ Roberts Creek Elementary School