

Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RC OCPC) Meeting

Minutes, May 10, 2017, Roberts Creek Elementary School

Present: John Gibbs (Chair), Emily Cook, Douglas Fugge, Scott Avery, Dana Wilson, Karen Spicer, Sarah Bradley, Mark Lebbell (Director), Michelle Morton (Alternate).

Regrets: Mike Allen, Andy Sloss, Bryan Gaudry

Meeting begins: 7:11pm

1. Approve agenda. Moved, Emily; seconded, Karen

2. Adopt April 12 minutes

Item 5 (Stephens Creek “trespass”) amended to read: “The committee agreed to write a letter to the Ministry of Forests expressing concern about the rescinding of the trespass notice on the rock wall at the mouth of Stephens Creek. This was later postponed by the chair while the issue is being looked into further.” Moved, Douglas; seconded, John.

3. Stephens Creek “trespass”

The committee discussed sending the letter that had been postponed in April to the forest ministry. However, the property owner involved, Mrs. Brenner, had requested by letter that she be heard. The committee decided to invite her to make a presentation at the June 14 meeting, and therefore again postponed action on the letter.

4. BC Timber Sales referral from SCR D

The RC OCPC agrees with SCR D recommendations 1 to 6. We would like to recommend the following:

- 1) OCP consult: The OCPC strongly recommends that BCTS consult the RC OCP when developing their 5-year plan.
- 2) Community engagement: To fulfill the OCP objective of “encourag[ing] the effective involvement of the local community in Forest Management planning by way of meaningful consultation and cooperation with...forestry companies” (p. 106), the OCPC would like BCTS to provide more public engagement in the form of coming to our community hall and presenting to our community.
- 3) Watershed preservation: Our local watershed must be taken into consideration. Our OCP notes that “30% of Roberts Creek residences use well water and changes in upland forest harvesting...affect the movement of water and the aquifers that support the wells” (p. 104).
- 4) No logging of 1500 hectares in RC: To fulfill the OCP objective of “keep[ing] as much forest as possible in the watershed area and uplands of the OCP area and beyond...” (p. 106), the RC OCPC **strongly** advises against the planned logging of the 1500 hectares in Roberts Creek. We ask that it be protected as a recreation and ecological area that is of

significant importance to members of the community.

5. Director's report

Delivered by Mark.

6. New Business

Henderson beach knotweed: There is concern about non-native plants planted at Henderson Beach access near the Knotweed project. May 13, 10:30am cutting knotweed: invitation to come help out.

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

Next meeting June 14, 2017, 7PM Roberts Creek Elementary School.