

Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCPC)

Meeting Minutes: June 16, 2011

Mike & Elaine's House

Present: Elaine Futterman, Norma Brow, Scott Avery, Sheila Wilson, Dianne Sanford, Mike Allegretti, Roger Richmond, Linda Hoechstetter,

Regrets: Mark Lebbell, Jeff Rosnau,

Guests: Carolann Glover

Director: Donna Shugar,

Absent: John Ennis

- Agenda:* The following agenda was agreed upon:
- 1) Approve agenda
 - 2) Approve previous minutes
 - 3) Invasive Species / Pest Management Plan
 - 4) Trails Update
 - 5) Zero Waste - Solid Waste Plan
 - 6) Parks & Rec Survey
 - 7) OCP Review Update
 - 8) Directors Report
 - 9) Next Meeting

1) Agenda was approved

2) Approval of Previous Minutes:

Scott moved and Mike seconded that the minutes of May 14, 2011 be adopted.

3) Invasive Species / Pest Management Plan

Diane attended the AGM of the CIPC on Vancouver Island on May 19. She was the only representative from the Sunshine Coast with one attendee from Powell River. CIPC has partial funding from MoTI and membership is comprised of Greenways, naturalists, Ministry of Forests, Biologist Consultants and most members seem to believe that herbicides is the only option. There was a vote to include the SC in the management plan.

This coming Monday there is a special SCRD Planning Committee meeting to look at the invasive plants issue. A proposal was made to write a letter to the SCRD board to thank them for addressing this issue and encourage education of citizens and retail plant sales regarding proper choice and disposal of invasive plants. Elaine agreed to draft the letter. Donna suggested that Dianne be appointed to attend CIPC as a representative through her membership on the SCRD's Natural Resources Advisory Committee (NRAC) so some funding for travel activities could be covered.

There was much discussion about options for managing invasive plants, including possibly letting nature take its course. Although provincial lands on the coast are outside of our control, the group reaffirmed the OCPC policy to not use herbicides in the region.

4) Trails – SCTS

Sheila reported that the SCTS is looking into funding options for a coast wide trails strategy. Donna re-affirmed that such a process needs to be done within the Regional District framework. Linda will attend the next meeting this coming Monday.

5) Zero Waste

Carolann and Norma attended a presentation by Dian Whyte regarding the proposed Solid Waste Management Plan. The Plan is built on the Regional District's goal of being a Zero Waste Community, by setting out programs, policies and actions for managing the region's waste over the next 5 years with strategic direction for 10 – 20 years. Education is seen as key for consumers to be aware of options for return of packaging, as well as disposal of electrical and electronic items. Options for dealing recycling are being investigated. Lobbying of the Federal and Provincial governments is also part of the plan.

6) Parks & Rec

The Parks & Rec Master Plan is to be reviewed every 5 years and so process is underway to update the plan starting with a community wide survey being conducted starting this month. Meetings will be held in the fall throughout the region.

Bear Creek IPP has provided cash amenity in the amount of \$120,000.00 and ICET matching funds can be obtained for improvements to Dakota Ridge.

7) OCP Review Update

At the OCP Review open house, comments were received with no major disagreements encountered. Fine tuning continues.

8) Director's Report

ITS Report has been finalized.

In response to recent vandalism including at RC Provincial Park at Flume Rd and at the pier, at the next RCCA meeting there will be representatives from Citizens on Patrol (COP) and the RCMP to determine if there is sufficient interest to start a COP group in Roberts Creek. The mandate is to be visible and report any potential problems to the RCMP.

Funding was found to replace the gate at the Pier that was destroyed by vandals.

A community garden lease is going ahead on RC Community School lands. One Straw Society is interested in participating.

Pathway improvements at the Heart of the Creek will be done this fall.

9) Next Meeting

September, 2011 – date TBA

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