

Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCPC)

Meeting Minutes: June 8, 2014

Roberts Creek Community School

Present: Dianne Sanford (Chair), Scott Avery, Sheila Wilson, Robin Chauhan, Billy Davis, Lesley Roberts, Nicola Kozakiewica, Heather Gatz, Mike Allen, Dana Wilson, Amanda-Rae Hergesheimer, Donna Shugar (Director), Karen Spicer,

Guests: Buddy Boyd (Gibsons Recycling), Rolef von Swedenborg, Douglas Fugge, Emily (Volunteer, Rolling Earth Farms)

Absent: Graham Shipley (Starsage), Naomi Fleschhut

Agenda: The following agenda was agreed upon and approved:

1. Adopt minutes from May 2014 meeting.
2. Timekeeping for meetings
3. Gibsons Recycling Guest Delegation
4. Invasive Plant Control
5. Roberts Creek Walking Path
6. Amenity Bonus Area and OCP Section 6.4
7. Medical Marijuana Referral From SCRD
8. Free Market
9. Director's Report
10. Summer meetings
11. Adjourn
12. Other new business
13. Next Meeting

Minutes from May 2014 were adopted.

2. Timekeeping: Scott agreed to keep time for the meeting.

3. Gibsons Recycling

Buddy Boyd, from Gibsons Recycling, gave a 10 minute presentation on zero waste. Buddy does not want to see incineration or landfills as part of the recycling program and expressed a concern that when MMBC takes over its contract, the large company may at some point decide to incinerate a portion of its collectibles. According to Donna, MMBC has told the SCRD that they will not incinerate anything that they will pick up. Some Buddy's key points included:

- Zero waste is a circular plan. Resource recovery combines recycling, reuse, and repair with minimal transfers out.
- Rural collection methods need to be different than urban methods.
- Resource recovery model requires a facility in place and depots are the foundation of the zero waste community.

A contract has been signed with MMBC and local contractors will be fulfilling the contract. Donna recommends that everyone reads the SCRD Zero Waste Plan Executive Summary.

4. Invasive Plant Control

The committee's letter was sent to the Band and to the SCRD. Thank you Mike! Tomorrow at 1:30 there will be meeting at SCRD; the volunteer effort to remove knotweed on Henderson Beach is one item on agenda. Jasmine Paul from the Band said that they will discuss it in a June 17 meeting. Sunshine Coast Wildlife Project will donate cash, time and information. The SCCA will research and offer up some hands-on help.

Mini park development of the park on Henderson – some of the SCRD funds can be used for things like signs identifying knotweed. The RD needs to be involved – people need some training in terms of removal, usage and disposal.

Next step: After getting word from RD, recruit volunteers.

5. Roberts Creek Walking Path

Still in planning phase. Edmonds corner – Roger and Wendy Sayer are willing to have path wind through upper corner of property. Sam will be having a meeting with owner of 3211 property. Project won't happen until September.

6. Amenity Bonus Area OCP Section 6.4: Referral from Bill Page, APC

OCP Section 6.4 Community Amenity Bonusing, pertaining to properties from Blackburn to Marlene, Waterfront to Highway, states that the RD may consider higher density development proposals in exchange for community amenities. Examples of suggested amenities include protection of biodiversity, bike lanes and affordable housing.

The ACP suggests that potential developers be provided with a list of innovative land use ideas (amenities), and wondered if we would like to write the summary. The committee decided that we would like to see the RD could create an OCPC-endorsed fact sheet that summarizes what might be possible. Additionally, the SCRD could have user-friendly information and photos on the website.

RD might put in 2015 work plan if APC and OCPC support ideas. Scott will write a letter to the RD and will suggest that there may be members of the committee willing to help write the info sheet.

7. Medical Marijuana Referral from SCRD

<http://www.scrd.ca/Medical-Marihuana>

Public Information Meetings:

In light of recent changes to the federal (Health Canada) regulations for medical marihuana production, the Sunshine Coast Regional District is considering allowing *marihuana production facility* as a permitted use in a wider range of land use zones. This will be a public information meeting – no decisions will be made.

- ☒ June 19, 7pm at SCRD Boardroom, 1975 Field Road, Sechelt (Bylaw 310.156 for Halfmoon Bay, Roberts Creek and Elphinstone)

Questions from David Rafael:

1. Should a dwelling be required? Yes, with consideration for exceptional circumstances (eg. adjacent properties)
2. Does your organization support? Yes
3. Parcel size and floor area limitations? Conditions need to be met, subject to scrutiny. Perhaps neighbors need to be informed.
4. Any proposed zones or areas that should not be considered?
5. Any areas or zones that weren't included that should be considered?
6. Any further comments?

Please attend info meeting if possible. Some of the finer points need to be further hashed out. Dianne will send David a note indicating our conclusions thus far and our intention to continue discussion. We won't make June 27 deadline. Members will try to attend meeting.

8. Free Market

Sunday, June 22 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm @ the gazebo
Presented in conjunction with the Heart Gardens
Gibsons Recycling will be attending.
Contact Dana for more information.

9. Director's Report

1. The RD owns over 4 acres behind the hall along highway and some funds are available for a public consultation process to develop a plan for the property. Donna hopes for some conversation about its usage. Some possibilities include expanding farmers' market and affordable housing.
2. Recycling: Donna passed out a document that was circulated by Gibsons Recycling entitled "MMBC PPP EPR Not Acceptable Items." Donna has clarified details regarding which items are not currently recyclable and which items can be recycled through programs other than MMBC. Currently Gibsons Recycling is being supported by the RD. What will change is that MMBC will be picking up a portion of the tab that tax-payers presently support.

Other Business

Doug Fugge notified committee that BC Timber is planning a new cut block in Powell River. Check out the rogue art on Trailfest Wagon Trail. Letter to Committee on BC Timber Sales: 14 page notice from Squamish.

Parking Lot Items

Sheila will keep a running tab of items that need to be revisited, to be included at the bottom of minutes each month.

*Amenity Bonus Area Section 6.4: Create list of innovative amenities.
Medical Marijuana Referral from SCRD
Land Behind Hall*

Next Meeting: July 9, 2014 @ 7 pm at Dianne's house (3394 Beach 741-1029)
One issue meeting: Medical Marijuana Land Use