

Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCP) Meeting

Meeting Minutes: June 8, 2016

Roberts Creek Elementary School

Present: Dianne Sanford (Chair), Dana Wilson, Sheila Wilson, Graham Starsage, John Gibbs, Mark Lebbell (Director), Bryan Gaudry, Carolann Glover (guest), Doug Fugge, Mike Allen

Absent: Scott Avery, Emily Cook

Agenda:

1. Adopt Minutes of May 11, 2016 Meeting
2. Knotweed Project – Henderson Beach – Report from Dana and Dianne
3. Directors Report - Mark Lebbell
4. Information on Marine Emergency Response Planning Meeting
5. New Business
6. Adjourn

1. **Adopt Minutes:** Mike motioned and John seconded for approval of May 11 minutes.

2. **Knotweed Project**

10 – 15 people showed up to volunteer at the first work party and people are organized to volunteer for the next month. SCRD donated some money. Volunteers are cutting plants as close to the ground as possible. Buddy Boyd has taken away the cuttings and is transporting to Elphinstone Aggregates to be legally burned. There are still cuttings down at the beach wrapped in a blue tarp.

- Invasive Species meeting was interesting and well-attended.
- The suggestion was made to take a slide show that tells the story of eradication over time.

3. **Directors Report**

- A **cut block will** commence in the middle of the 1500 hectare proposed expansion of the provincial park, situated 3 km up from downtown along the trail Twist and Shout. The RD Board negotiated with BC Forests in an attempt to prevent harvesting, but to no avail.
- Emanuel Machado delivered a presentation to the Regional Board on **natural capital** - where a financial value is attached to natural assets.
- At 9:30 am on Thursday, June 9th, a presentation will be held regarding the **deepening of Chapman Lake Channel**. In keeping with the Parks Management Plan, another ecological impact study will be conducted.
- MOTI is extending an invitation to local government and First Nations for a consultation about the feasibility of **fixed link transportation** to the Sunshine Coast. Mark recognizes the importance of public input.
- RCCA, the SCRD, and the Masonic Lodge are looking at options for the greatest community benefit with regards to the three properties on the southwest corner of Hwy 101 and RC Road, which has been purchased as a park. Many ideas have been suggested including: accessibility, farmers market, housing, and just leaving it. Any proposals from this group will come to the OCPC for feedback.
- **Housing:** Still researching options around affordable housing and Airbnb.

- **Slow Sundays** in the Creek: Ed Lands, Lesley Roberts, and Graham Walker will be organizing music and a farmers market and adding other lovely touches to summer Sundays in the park area behind the library. They are making efforts to beautify the area and will begin with the first music event on Sunday, June 26th.
 - **Recycling** is now more prominent in two locations down by the pier.
 - All plastic **picnic tables** at pier were replaced with wooden tables.
4. **Marine Emergency Response Planning meeting**
On June 22nd from 1:30 – 4:30 pm at Capilano University, Tim McCann and the Canadian Coast Guard will address environmental responses to marine emergencies such as oil spills or tsunamis.
5. **New Business**
- **November Election**
Dianne will be stepping down as Chair.
 - **Creek Daze**
This year, Graham will be organizing Creek Daze on Sunday, August 20th; and would like people to step up as volunteers. He is thinking about featuring 10 prominent artists so if you have any ideas, let him know. If you know any musicians, please recommend.
 - **New Hall Manager:** Dee Mcquaig has been hired.
 - **Water Issues to be discussed** on June 22nd following the RCCA meeting, which begins at 7 pm.

No meetings in July or August

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Sept 14th 7:00pm @ RC Community School