Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCPC)

Meeting Minutes: October 8 2014 Roberts Creek Community School

Present: Dianne Sanford (Chair), Scott Avery, Sheila Wilson, Lesley Roberts, Heather Gatz, Donna Shugar (Director), Carolann Glover, Karen Spicer, Douglas Fugge, Emily (Volunteer, Rolling Earth Farms)

Absent: Mike Allen, Robin Chauhan, Billy Davis, Dana Wilson, Graham Starsage, Amanda-Rae Hergesheimer, Nicola Kozakiewica, Naomi Fleschhut

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Agenda: The following agenda was agreed upon and approved:

1. Adopt Minutes from September 10 Meeting
2. Upcoming Election: Wednesday, November 26 @ RC Hall – following RCCA meeting
   Who else might be interested and who will run again?
3. Invasive Plant Control – SCRD status on proposed new policy?
   Donna to provide copies of the proposed new policy for comment.
4. Beach Access Signage – call received from SCRD that new signage is being placed.
5. Amenity Bonus Area and OCP Section 6.4
   Referral from Bill Page, APC. Letter from Scott circulated - Were there any revisions or comments? (Not mentioned in minutes.)
6. Directors Report
7. Adjourn
8. Other New Business

1. *Adopt Minutes from September 10 Meeting*.
   Scott moved to adopt. Heather seconded.
2. *Upcoming Election: Wednesday, November 26 @ RC Hall* – following RCCA meeting
   Please pass out and post flyers.

Election Results November 27 2013

Newly Elected:

Nicola Kozakiewicz	nicolakoz@gmail.com	778-458-2399
Heather Gatz	heatherg@dccnet.com	604-886-9066
Graham Starsage	gstarsage@gmail.com	604-885-1330
Mike Allen	bearhug@ecomail.org	604-741-9859
Naomi Fleschhut	nadi.fleschhut@gmail.com	604-741-9859
Dana Wilson	Dana@mortalcoilmedia.com	778-708-5610
Amanda-Rae Hergesheimer	amandarae@gmail.com	604-885-7247
Dianne Sanford	diannesanford@gmail.com	604-885-6283

Up for Election this year November 26 2014

Robin Chauhan	
Lesley Roberts	yes, will run
Karen Spicer	no, will not run
Scott Avery	yes
Sheila Wilson	yes
Billy Davis	no

3. *Invasive Plant Control* – SCRD status on proposed new policy?

Donna provided copies of the proposed new policy for comment, which was sent in attachment form from Sheila following the meeting. The proposed *Pesticide Use and Invasive Species Management Policy* is establishing policy for the lands that the SCRD owns and manages. This become significant because it sets a precedent for other landowners and management procedures by other bodies.

Our OCP does not support the proposed policy:

> 5.17: The Regional District shall strongly recommend that requests for permits for the release of industrial and noxious chemicals into the atmosphere be denied.
>
> 5.18: Federal and Provincial agencies shall be encouraged to adhere to the Regional District's policy of "no application of pesticides and herbicides" in the use and management of land in Roberts Creek.
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> 5.19: The Regional District shall discourage the use of pesticides and herbicides on private properties for cosmetic purposes.

If the policy must be adopted we have made the following recommendations:

<u>Policy Recommendations</u>:

The use of pesticides and herbicides for cosmetic purposes *is prohibited*.

<u>Procedure Recommendations</u>:

1. *Pesticides will not be used* if a viable means of control exists other than the pesticide being proposed.
6. Foliar or sprays of herbicide applications *will not be used.*

8. *Extra caution must be exercised in riparian areas, waterways and ecologically-sensitive areas, including the use of appropriate setbacks.*

4. *Beach Access Signage*
   Dianne received a call from SCRD that new signage is being placed.

5. *Amenity Bonus Area and OCP Section 6.4*
   Referral from Bill Page, APC. Letter from Scott was circulated and is being sent to the SCRD.

6. *Directors Report*
   Some changes are being implemented to the Drought Management Plan, giving some latitude to farmers and food growers with regards to watering restrictions.

   AJB has been logging for a few months off of Dusty Roads by the dump in upper Roberts Creek. The land has Private Managed Forest Land Status, which gives AJB considerable autonomy. The intake for RC water is on AJB's land, suggesting that water quality could be in question; staff is looking into this and there will be a meeting to decide what action should be taken.

   There is concern over the environmental impacts from the drawing down of Chapman Lake, the source of our potable water. A floating pump station was proposed but rejected. The SCRD is currently looking for alternatives and a recommendation will be ratified. This item will ideally be brought back for discussion in January.

   The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) rejected the proposed 30 km/hr speed limit on Beach Avenue between RC Road and Cedar Grove Road. At the moment it has a *suggested* 30 km/hr limit, which is non-enforceable.

   RFP (Request for Proposals) closes this week for walkways on Beach Avenue.

   Roosters: A new regulatory bylaw came back in September. Roberts Creek was removed from the bylaw, due to Donna's strong objections. It was rejected overall, but sent out to APCs in each area. The SCRD is looking at the keeping of poultry in a more general way.

   Gold Moss: There will be a staff report that goes to Planning next week. It is just for information as owners are considering amendments to their application.

   The Agricultural Area Plan was adopted in principle by the Directors, but they had some concerns around funding. They did make some minor changes and it should be adopted next week.

   MMBC: On the surface it appears that less is being recycled now than before MMBC was contracted to operate recycling services. Many things that were accepted before were later culled, because they aren't recyclable. MMBC, in contrast, isn't accepting things that aren't recyclable. For example, zip-lock bags aren't actually recyclable. Contract with Gibsons Recycling – RD pays extra to take things like books.

Donna attended the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) meeting. Only elected people get a voting card. Each director takes one resolution to speak to – several people speak to the pros and cons of each resolution and a vote is taken. Policies are formed based on these resolutions. Donna spoke to the resolution put forward by the SCRD regarding coal shipments from Fraser Surrey Docks to Texada Island. This resolution called for environmental and health impact assessments regarding the shipment of coal (coal dust, potential spills etc) through our coastal waters and for monitoring should the proposal go ahead. It was endorsed. The Burnaby resolution against the Kinder Morgan pipeline was defeated by 4 votes.
Related site: sacredtrust.ca

Election: Donna has decided not to run for re-election. Mark Lebbell, Hans Penner, Barbara Hague and David Kelln are running for Director's position. Election will be November 15.

7. *Adjourn*
8. Other new business
9. Next Meeting

Next Meeting: November 12, 2014; OCPC Election November 26