

Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCPC)

**Board Meeting Minutes: November 18, 2009
Roberts Creek School**

Present: David Moul, Elaine Futterman, Mike Allegretti, Norma Brow, Carolann Glover, and Mark Lebbell

Regional Director: Donna Shugar

Absent: Anne Dykes and Barry Krangle

1) *Agenda:* The following agenda was agreed upon:

- 1) Approve agenda
- 2) Approve minutes (September meeting)
- 3) Pier Pavilion
- 4) Transportation (phase 2)
- 5) Energy and Emissions
- 6) Trails' Report
- 7) Bylaw Enforcement
- 8) OCP to be done list
- 9) Elections
- 10) Director's Report
- 11) Next Meeting

2) *Approval of Previous Minutes:* The October minutes were approved as written.

3) *Pier Pavilion* **Mike moved and Carolann seconded the following motion: "That a letter be drafted and sent to Robert Studer stating that his design for a Pavilion on the Pier site was not contrary to the OCP; and that this committee would not oppose public discussion of his proposal."** *Approved. (Action: Mark will draft the letter to Robert)*

4) *Transportation* On October 26, Mark attended a "Stakeholder Representative" workshop, at the Band Hall, run by ISL consultants as phase 2 of the Integrated Transportation Study. 35 participants and 4 consultants attended to discuss land use, road networks, other modes of transportation and cycling and pedestrian concerns. There was even some talk of a ferry to Sechelt.

Most of the discussion was centered on the road network. (i.e. where are roads to be placed and what are the available alternates to the Highway 101 "pinch points")

5) *Energy and Emissions meeting:* Carolann reported on the October 24th meeting with 6 representatives and 3 facilitators. The object of the meeting was to develop more energy efficient strategies for the Coast. It was noted that 35% of greenhouse gas comes from transportation, 32% from industry and the rest from agricultural land and agricultural land conversions.

6) *Trails Report*

6.1 Sunshine Coast Trails Society (SCTS) Elaine went to the Sunshine Coast Trails Society meeting on November 2nd.

The stated purpose of the meeting was to get feedback on the draft Trails Strategy Vision document. Elaine stated that the SCTS became an official society on August 20, 2009.

They will have 17 months from now (November) to create a “proper legal” organization. The Trail Society wants to have a number of user groups represented. They meet on the first Monday of every month.

Elaine suggested that the SCTS look into cleaning up refuge left on the trails and work to develop a code of ethics for trail users.

6.2 Ferry to Ferry Trail Elaine reported on her email communication with Sheane Reid, the SCR D Parks Planning Coordinator. Sheane said that the SCR D will continue on with the Earls Cove, Pender Harbour, Halfmoon Bay sections of the Ferry to Ferry Trail. He noted that these sections were community initiated some 10 years ago and that funding had been secured for their completion. At this time there is no funding available to continue on south of Halfmoon Bay. See letter Reid to Futterman.

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6.3 Roberts Creek Trails Donna noted that the Geddes and Sullivan trail has recently been or is just about to be finished.

There is still \$10,000 left in the Trails budget for Roberts Creek.

6.4 Off Road Vehicles Donna reported on the new rules for off-road vehicle registration and licensing, helmet use, youth safety and environmental measures that are to be implemented over the next two years under a new off-road vehicle (ORV) management framework. Kevin Kruger, Tourism, Culture and the Arts Minister has made an announcement to this effect.

Under the new framework, all ORV riders using Crown land will require one-time registration with a licence plate for their machines, in addition to wearing helmets and using lights at night. Age-appropriate safety measures and adult supervision will be required for young riders. All ORVs will require registration and licensing at time of sale and re-sale. New standards for mufflers will minimize the noise impact on wildlife and spark arrestors will reduce the risk of forest fires.

7) *Bylaw Enforcement Notice (BEN):* Donna briefly explained the new bylaw ticketing system. In the past, if there has been a bylaw infraction negotiations were undertaken to get compliance. However, if compliance was not obtained a ticket was issued. If the ticket was not paid the issue then went to court. Now, there will be a computerized ticketing system (BEN) which does away with the court process (except in very important cases). From now on only tickets will be issued.

8) *OCP to be done list:* **David moved and Mike seconded the motion “that the list of items in the existing Official Community Plan that have yet to be done (as compiled by Peg Neilon) should be sent to the OCP Review Committee for placement in their “parking lot” list of items for review”. Approved. (Action: David will bring this matter to the attention of Stacia Leech and David Raphael)**

9) Elections Donna will officiate at the November RCOCP elections. The elections are scheduled for 8:00 PM on November 25th at the Roberts Creek Community Association meeting at the Hall. Elaine will distribute posters for the event.

(Action: David will email requests to run for election to Maria and Detlief Ahrendt and Frank McElroy.)

10) *Director’s Report:*

Donna reported on the following:

8.1 SCR D Budget Donna says that some difficult budget decisions will be forthcoming.

- 8.2 Cross Country Skiing (Dakota Ridge)** Since the Whistler and Hollyburn venues will be closed to the public, until after the Olympic Games, an effort will be made to publicize the ski trails at Dakota Ridge.
- 8.3 S Bends on Beach Avenue** 30 km speed limit signs will be posted at the approaches to the Beach Ave S bends.

11) Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on January 20, 2010 at 7:00 PM at Roberts Creek School.

12) OCP Review Items:

The following items have been identified so far:

- 1) Beach access
- 2) Foreshore erosion and retaining walls
- 3) Addition of a mission statement
- 4) Road allowances
- 5) Signage
- 6) Tree retention on private land
- 7) Greenways
- 8) Design guidelines for the commercial core
- 9) Change bylaws to permit home based business proprietors to be able to teach or offer classes.
- 10) Lighting
- 11) Property usages
- 12) More types of unique zoning.
- 13) Downtown parking (new)
- 14) ALR review (new)
- 15) Terms of reference and a mission statement
- 16) Affordable housing
- 17) Short term rentals

13) Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8.57 PM

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Hi Elaine

The thought of having a ferry to ferry trail has been a long standing vision of many communities along the Sunshine Coast, and to some degree bits and pieces of trails, logging roads, deer paths, etc have constituted our backcountry, ferry to ferry path, to date. The SCRD's Parks Master Plan (PMP) and Trails Network Plan both place a value in a community to community backcountry recreational corridor trail system.

The challenge for me, as one of the parks planning coordinates, while working toward this goal is to be both respectful of needs/issues raised by communities along with assuring environment protection as the trail passes. Another integral component of this major recreation corridor is to make its as community inclusive (e.g. all ages, fitness levels, recreation forms) without being an detriment to either community or the environment.

With the above in mind, it was obvious that we needed to continue on with completing the Earls Cove, Pender Harbour, Halfmoon Trail section because this was community initiated section of the multi-use recreation corridor trail - started some 10 years ago. The funding secured will be working toward completing the Sunshine Coast's northern recreation corridor trail. At this time there is no funding in place to continue beyond the community of Halfmoon Bay.

If funding were again secured to continue of the Sunshine Coast's Recreation Corridor Trail project, we would essentially need to start another project for the south end of the Coast, with close public consultation, community meetings, environment assessment, partnership development and along with wanting to work closely with First Nations ... clearly lots of pre project work would need to be done to assure our commitments to being respectful of community, environment, other users of the forest and considerate of all back country recreational users.

I also know from my land use planning background that the south the end of the Sunshine Coast is already blessed/cursed with may exiting logging roads, hydro R/W, gas lines R/W, developed trails that the concerns communities will have a considerable amount of existing access land uses to work with, if and when considering the merits of an extension of the Sunshine Coast recreation Corridor Trail to the Langdale Ferry terminal.

I also look forward to directional assistance the Parks Department will obtain from of the community's review of the Areas D, E, and F OCPs along with the pending review of the SCRDPMP and Trail Network plans - which will further assist all concerned communities, with this project.

The northern trail section will be getting underway in January, employ about 13 unemployed resource workers and be utilizing province trail constructions stands. The SIB will be conducting an archaeological assessment and will be offered the project's environmental monitoring services. Once we have confirmed the last trail's final design requirements an information meeting will be held to present maps and answer questions.

I look forward to getting our northern trail project underway and to one day being able work with communities of Sechelt, Roberts Creek, Elphinstone, West Howe Sound and the Squamish First Nations and how to best develop the southern half of Sunshine Coast Recreation Corridor Trail.

Thanks for the call and please free to call as your questions arise.
Cheers,

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