

Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCPC)

Meeting Minutes: November 16, 2011

Roberts Creek School

Present: Elaine Futterman, Norma Brow, Sheila Wilson, Dianne Sanford, Mike Allegretti, Roger Richmond

Regrets: Jeff Rosnau, Scott Avery, Mark Lebbell

Guests: Carolann Glover, Kirsten Rowkins

Director: Donna Shugar,

Absent: John Ennis, Linda Hoechstetter

Agenda: The following agenda was agreed upon:

- 1) Approve agenda
- 2) Approve previous minutes
- 3) OCPC Election Update
- 4) Trail Society – AGM
- 5) Parks and Rec Update
- 6) Fortis Building – Dark Sky
- 7) BCTS Letter - Public Response
- 8) OCP Drafts - Suggestions
- 9) Directors Report
- 10) Next Meeting

1) Agenda was approved

2) Approval of Previous Minutes:

Mike moved and Roger seconded that the minutes of October 19, 2011 be adopted.

3) OCPC Election Update

RCCA will send another email notice about elections. Posters have been put up. A few new potential candidates have come forward. Donna will run the election.

4) Trail Society Update

Sheila and Roger attended the AGM. There was a presentation from Mike Nelson, R.P.

Bio., Squamish regarding development of a trails strategy.

Under Risk Management he emphasized that effective, consistent and standardized trail markings, maps and signage are key. He also recommended having government and First Nations representation on the board.

Other comments from the presentation:

Squamish has been quite informal in their approach to designating trail-use.

Designations are not legally binding.

Physical obstructions, like a concrete barricade at trailhead, can help to restrict access.

Logically some trails better lend themselves to particular uses; if parties can agree to look at the nature of the trail and designate accordingly, the process is simpler.

OCPC can buy a group membership in the Society for \$40.

Currently, equestrians have no representation on the SC Trails Society, but the Society would welcome it.

A suggestion was made to have someone from this group represent the RCCA who bought a membership but have not been attending, Michael offer to attend.

5) Parks & Rec Update

A public survey, focus groups and community meetings are underway. Results are being summarized.

6) Fortis Building/ Dark Skys

Norma sent an email to the local manager. See attachments.

7) BCTS Letter in Paper

Several people have spoken to Elaine in support of the letter requesting that the proposed cut blocks for 2011-2012 be reconsidered.

8) OCP Draft - Suggestions

RD is developing a plan for the OCP review. Referrals to the relevant agencies have gone out.

Dianne had some comments about invasive plants and will forward a draft of proposed amendments. She also offered:

- to forward the newsletter from the SC Invasive Plant Society.
- to draft a letter to the RD regarding the placement of private float placement and their effect on eelgrass.
- to draft a second letter regarding the effect of yard waste being deposited on beaches.

See attachments.

9) Directors Report

Municipal Elections will be held on Saturday. Donna has been busy phoning voters.

She asked for comments from the committee regarding issues that we have heard from the public. Last election, cycling and safety were key topics.

There is a special RD meeting on Friday regarding source assessment and drinking water quality of the watershed. Chapman Creek 2006 Triton Report was referenced. The many risks to the watershed include recreational use as well as logging and other industrial activity.

10) Next Meeting

Jan 18, 2012

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