

Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCPC)

Meeting Minutes: Nov 14, 2012

Roberts Creek Community School

Present: Elaine Futterman, (Chair), Mike Allegretti, Roger Richmond, Carolann Glover, Donna Shugar, Scott Avery, Sheila Wilson, Mark Lebell, Dianne Sanford, Chris Motloch,

Regrets: Norma Brow

Agenda: The following agenda was agreed upon and approved:

- 1) Beach Avenue
- 2) Frog Ponds
- 3) Cohousing
- 4) ALR Subdivision Request
- 5) Election Details
- 6) Other: Cohen Commission; Seaweed Commercial Harvest; Wilson Creek Forest Protest; TraC AGM
- 7) Director's Report
- 8) Next Meeting: January 9 2013

1) *Beach Avenue Speed Limit Signs*

Rodger reported that 30 km signage was posted on the 3300 block of Beach Avenue. The 3200 block, also an s-curve, still requires signage. Donna will write a letter.

2) *Ponds in Place*

The Grauman cutblock ponds, which Rick Oneil convinced BC Timber Sales to see through, are filling up nicely. Scott will write a letter of thanks which he will cc to Donna.

3) *Cohousing*

Donna will ask David Rafael if there is a covenant on cohousing property. The important piece is assuring that no new buildings are constructed on the northern part of property. The covenant proved to be an inappropriate tool to protect Clif Gilker.

4) *ALR Subdivision Request on Leek Road*

The applicant should be present if this is to be discussed in detail. The applicant has abandoned his request to remove his 2.35 hectare parcel from the ALR. His application is to subdivide but stay in the ALR. The current zoning would not permit a property of this size to be subdivided so he is applying to rezone to permit the subdivision. Planning staff have recommended denial in their report which will be received at the Planning Committee in December. For more information follow the tabs on the SCR D site: About us – Meetings – 2012 – Planning.

5) *Elections November 28*

There are 5 positions up for re-election so members are encouraged to suggest possible candidates. Sheila will put up posters that Elaine will email to her. Candidates need to be in the Hall for the 8:00 election or send a message to Elaine indicating why they would be a good candidate.

6) Other Items

a) Cohen Commission Report

This document, containing 75 recommendations to preserve salmon, is a worthwhile read. See www.cohencommission.ca - Volume 3.

b) Seaweed Commercial Harvest

21 hectares on the East Coast of Vancouver Island will be commercially harvested. No research will be required for the harvest of 1000 tons of seaweed, 1/5 of the estimated total amount present on the beach. This particular seaweed is used as a thickening agent.

c) Wilson Creek Watershed

A protest is scheduled for Thursday, Nov 15 in front of the Sechelt Municipal Hall.

d) TraC (Transportation Choices) AGM

TraC AGM will be held on November 19 at 7 pm at the RC School Library.

e) Trails Society

The Trails Society will hold its AGM on November 19 at 7 pm. Guest speaker will be Patrick Harrison of Hike BC/National Hiking Trail.

7) Director's Report

a) Lysander Road

As a result of neighbourhood opposition, the Subdivision Authority has dropped its action to convert the existing trail connecting Krauss to Richards to a road. Should there be further development on Richards, the road will be pushed through.

b) Roberts Creek Road Speed Zone

The area is presently designated as a School Zone, resulting in a 30 km/hr speed limit during school hours. The MOTI will upgrade the area to a Playground Zone, prohibiting speed limits in excess of 30 km/hr from dusk to dawn, 365 days a year.

c) Bike Path

A bike path will be constructed from Woodley to Joe Road. The MOTI informed the SCRD that the District requires an invasive plant plan prior to building. The SCRD sent a letter back indicating that they will notify the MOTI should they find invasive plants.

SCRD staff has proposed to set aside \$22000 to remove a tree that will obstruct the trail. No decision on whether to do this project has been made. Donna is wondering if there is another, less costly, way to proceed. The tree (phone pole?) in question is not entirely clear.

d) Pre-Budget Meetings

The following have been included in the 2013 work plan of the SCRD Planning Dept: Implementation of the OCP; Agricultural Area Plan – Phase 2 (this item is proposed but not decided yet); and the Review of Zoning Bylaw 3:10 (Agricultural Section).

e) Clif Gilker Park Survey

If you would like to circulate or complete a park improvement survey regarding playground facilities next to the soccer field of Clif Gilker, contact Donna. (Note this is in the already developed area and will not impact the wilderness part of the park.)

f) Dakota Ridge

Projected opening is December 15. A 10% discount will be given on passes purchased before December 1. There have been major road improvement; the parking lot has doubled in size; and the children's sledding area has been improved.

g) Burnco Application

If Burnco satisfies requirements of the Environmental Assessment Process, they will be granted a permit to establish a mine and infrastructure capable of huge gravel extraction in McNabb Valley, Howe Sound. This has large implications for the entire region. We do have control over Burnco's ability to process on-site, so the OCPC would like to respond to the application process. If the company is refused the request to process on-site, they will instead ship un-processed gravel offshore.

h) Regional Economic Development Meeting

This meeting has been cancelled, due to the desires of the Municipal Councils of Sechelt and Gibsons to work independently, rather than collaboratively. This means that RC has reduced ability to influence the development of the two municipalities.

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