

Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCPC)

Meeting Minutes: November 13, 2013

Roberts Creek Community School

Present: Dianne Sanford (Chair), Elaine Futterman, Mike Allegretti, Carolann Glover, Scott Avery, Sheila Wilson, Robin Chauhan, Billy Davis, Lesley Roberts, Donna Shugar (Director)

Regrets: Chris Motloch

Absent: Karen Spicer

Agenda: The following agenda was agreed upon and approved:

- 1) Referral from SCRD on Wind Turbines
- 2) Report on SC Trails Strategy - Sheila
- 3) Invasive Species
- 4) Director's Report
- 5) Report on Upcoming OCPC Elections
- 6) Meeting Protocols
- 7) Other New Business: Climate Change and Shorelines Workshop; OCPC Public Communications
- 8) Next Meeting: Wednesday January 8 2014

1) Referral from SCRD on Wind Turbines

At Upper RC, someone was installing a small wind turbine, and community members were concerned about view-scape and noise. Because there was nothing preventing it, the landowner was granted his permit. No regulations in BC govern wind turbines. SCRD could only govern restrictions on concrete base, not the turbine itself. At this time, Bylaws 310 and 337 include wind turbines in height exemption, where all other structures are otherwise prohibited from standing higher than 11 meters. Staff is proposing a quick adjustment to buy time to really decide what they really want to do. SCRD decided to remove height restriction exemption that wind turbines now enjoy. Sustainable wind power is wanted.

The OCPC supports removal of the 11 meter height exemption for windmills in Bylaws 310 and 337 on a *temporary* basis in order for the SCRD to create a bylaw that both supports sustainable energy and considers potential impacts; and with the condition that the Planning Committee presents the proposed amendments to the RCOCP for comment.

Sheila forwarded above statement to David Rafael Nov 13 2013.

2) Report on SC Trails Strategy:

The Sunshine Coast Trails Society (SCTS) has retained LEES + ASSOCIATES - Landscape Architects and Planners to undertake development of the Sunshine Coast Trail Strategy. The completed strategy will be a comprehensive long range planning document designed to provide direction for the planning, development and management of a sustainable trail network. The Trail Strategy process will provide a document that reflects the values and needs of the community. An on-line survey has been developed to gather public feedback and is available at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SunshineCoastTrails> .

3) *Invasive Species*

Dianne has written a letter to MOTI asking what quality control is in place for applicators and for an *Incident Report* for the Sunshine Coast. She has not received a response to date. Theresa Fortin is working towards creating a Local Invasive Plant Council. There will be a public event in the New Year.

4) *Director's Report*

Some work will be done on RCOCP.

Beach Avenue bike path (beach-side of RC Road to Cedar Grove) is scheduled.

Agricultural changes are in the works.

Slide in Clif Gilker has been completed.

Money is set aside for Henderson Beach access (no toilet or garbage can).

The Board will be going on a field trip to tour a grow-op in Maple Ridge.

A Town Hall Meeting for community dialogue is being planned. Robin has offered to work with Donna on this.

5) *Report on Upcoming OCPC Elections*

The following positions need to be filled: Elaine, Mike, Carolann, Chris, Dianne. Please help to recruit candidates. Dianne would like to stand as Chair.

January minutes are to include names of newly elected people, so that records are clear.

6) *Meeting Protocols*

This item will be added to January's agenda.

7) *Other New Business*

Climate Change and Shorelines Workshop

North Vancouver Outdoor School in Squamish will host a weekend workshop on November 29, 30, and December 1. Dianne is helping to organize the weekend and will provide information upon request.

OCPC Public Communications

Elaine would like to see the OCPC open up to more public exposure. As it now stands, public members tend to surface only when they want our support with an issue. Sheila will be sure to post minutes on both Donna's site and on the local bulletin board by store. Dianne inquired about having minutes included on SCR D's site. Dianne will post upcoming agendas one week preceding monthly meetings.

Next Meeting: January 8 2014