

Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCPC)

Meeting Minutes: December 10, 2014

Roberts Creek Community School

Present: Dianne Sanford (Chair), Scott Avery, Sheila Wilson, Lesley Roberts, Nicola Kozakiewica, Heather Gatz, Graham Starsage, Mike Allen, Amanda-Rae Hergesheimer, Carolann Glover (guest), John Gibbs, Mark Lebbell (Director), Andy Sloss (guest), Carolann Glover (guest), Emily Cook (guest), Douglas Fugge (guest),

Absent: Dana Wilson

Agenda: The following agenda was agreed upon and approved:

1. Welcome to new members / Results of Election
2. Adopt minutes from November meeting.
3. Elections of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary
4. Protocols for meetings:
 - Attendance of members
 - Timing of meetings
 - Guests and presentations
 - Committee numbers
5. Invasive plant control at Henderson - Mike to report.
6. Referral from SCRD - Medical Marijuana.
7. Director's Report – Mark Lebbell's first report as our new Director.
8. New Business
9. Adjourn

1. *Welcome to New Members*, elected November 26, 2014

OCPC Members must have resided in RC for at least one year. To vote, citizens need to currently live in RC. Terms are two years in duration, with elections each November. Terms of Reference state that the committee is comprised of 11 members. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at RC School. Quorum is 5.

** Note Home phone numbers and emails deleted for privacy reasons (ML)*

2. *Adopt Minutes from November Meeting*
Scott moved to adopt. Lesley seconded.
3. *Election of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary*
Dianne Sanford was elected Chair; Scott Avery as Vice Chair and Sheila Wilson as Secretary
4. *Protocols for Meetings*

The following changes have been incorporated into the OCPC Protocols:

- Timing of meetings – Dianne will assign time to meetings on agenda prior to meeting
- Committee Numbers – Increase committee size to 13 next election – 9 people voted in favour.
- Missed Meetings –
If at the end of a year, someone has missed 50% or more meetings without reason and:
 - If his/her two-year term is ending, he/she is unable to stand for re-election.
 - If this is his/her first year of the term, his/her seat will be vacated and filled.
- Guests and Presentations: We will limit guest presentations to 10 minutes with a request for background information to be sent to group at least a week prior to scheduled presentation to OCPC. We will try to delay vote for a week in order to digest the information and to thereby make more informed decisions.

5. *Invasive Plant Control*

SCRD representatives, Trevor Fawcett and Lesley Ann Staats; SCCA representative Naomi Fleschhut; and Mike Allen attended a meeting at the SCR D regarding the Henderson Beach pilot project. Henderson Beach is slated to become a park but the province refuses to issue a permit until the knotweed is eradicated. The SCR D doesn't want to use chemicals. Mike is helping to create and implement a pesticide-free strategy to use local residents to help rid the area of knotweed. The next steps include a meeting with Lesley Ann Staats and making & distributing flyers to neighbors. The SCR D will make signs. Contact Mike if you would like to volunteer. Doug has stepped up to help out.

6. *Referral From SCR D – Medical Marijuana*

Sheila, Dianne, and Scott attended Nov. 24 Area D APC meeting on Medical Marijuana at RC Library – Bylaw amendment attached.

Form and Character

We are in general agreement with the form and character requirements and uphold prior comments from previous meetings – in particular the comments from our July 9, 2014 meeting.

We would further like to express our opposition to the 1 hectare minimum size, which we believe is too small.

Section vii) *Landscaping with a minimum width of one meter to create an effective buffer around the development:* Does *development* refer to the perimeter of the building or the property?

7. *Director's Report*

The following representatives will serve to the SCR D Board:

Silas White (Gibsons)

Bruce Milne (Sechelt)

Chris August (Sechelt Nation)

Budget negotiations begin in January, followed by the creation of the new Strategic Plan. Recreation decisions and other big choices lay ahead.

Mark is making alternative transportation a high priority item – all ages and all abilities should have access to alternatives to the automobile.

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Meet with Mark at the Gumboot Café on Saturday mornings 10am – noon.

OCPC Parking Lot

Mark encourages the group to be proactive in identifying any issues that aren't contained in the existing OCP. Create a parking lot for these issues.

Watershed

It has become evident that there are sediment issues in local logging blocks. Mark has spoken with SCRD staff and is confident that staff is following necessary appropriate protocol to ensure that issues are being addressed.

8. New Business

Next Meeting: January 14, 2015