

# OTTER POINT & SHIRLEY RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (OPSRRA) INFORMATION UPDATE APRIL 2009

The Otter Point & Shirley Residents & Ratepayers Association (OPSRRA) is a registered non-profit society with an elected Board of Directors and strives to present the points-of-view of its members to local government. OPSRRA was founded in 1992 and has a membership of about **375**. Any resident or property owner in Shirley and Otter Point is eligible for membership.

**Lifetime memberships cost \$5.00 per person** and are available from OPSRRA directors—see our web site ([www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca)) for further information and on-line registration. Associate (non-voting) memberships are available for persons who do not reside or own property in Shirley or Otter Point, but who wish to support the Association.

The purpose of our society is to:

- Ensure that the development of the two communities of Shirley and Otter Point takes place in an orderly way and in the best interests of its residents.
- Co-operate with local government and other public bodies in the furtherance of the objectives of the society and benefits to the community.
- Concern itself with the performance of government agencies.
- Encourage citizens to stand for public office.
- Promote community spirit and sense of identity by organizing or supporting appropriate activities.

Are you an OPSRRA member? Do you want to receive the OPSRRA newsletter and notice of meetings directly to your e-mail address? OPSRRA now e-mails this newsletter to over **230** of our members. Contact Arnie Campbell at: [d.acampbell@shaw.ca](mailto:d.acampbell@shaw.ca) if you want to receive this membership service.

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### 1. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Contact Arnie Campbell at: [d.acampbell@shaw.ca](mailto:d.acampbell@shaw.ca) or 642-3113 to have your community event listed in our monthly community events calendar.

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Thursday  
April 2     **Sooke & Electoral Area Recreation Commission (SEAPARC)  
Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.  
Board Room  
SEAPARC Leisure Complex  
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

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Saturday  
April 4     **Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society  
Sooke Potholes Regional Park**  
9:30 a.m.  
This ramble will take 2 to 3 hours so bring a snack as well as your camera.  
Meet in the upper parking lot. **You will need money for the parking meter.**  
We will take a look at some of the waterfalls along the river and the Galloping Goose Trail.  
Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767 or email [sid2767@shaw.ca](mailto:sid2767@shaw.ca) for details.  
**Please note our new web address:**  
[www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca](http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca)

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Monday  
April 6     **Karate**  
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall  
  
with Lida Long  
ages 6 to adult, all levels.  
Contact 642-4631 for more information and rates.

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Tuesday  
April 7     **Otter Point Advisory Planning Commission**  
7:00 p.m.  
Otter Point Fire Hall  
  
Continuation of the review of the draft Resource Lands and Land  
Use Bylaws

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Thursday  
April 9     **Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Agricultural Advisory  
Commission**  
5:00 p.m.  
JDF Electoral Area Services Office  
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC  
  
Monthly meeting

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Monday  
April 20     **OPSRRA Board of Directors  
Monthly Meeting**  
**Members welcome!**  
7:30 p.m.  
Board Room  
SEAPARC Leisure Complex  
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

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Tuesday  
April 21     **JDF Electoral Area Land Use Committee (LUC) Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.  
District of Sooke Council Chambers  
2225 Otter Point Road  
  
You can obtain the agenda the Friday before the meeting at the  
CRD Planning Services office, 2-6868 West Coast Road or on the  
CRD website at: [www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/index.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/index.htm)  
Click on "Agenda" at the top of the page.  
  
See newsletter story item number 5 for details.

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Thursday  
April 23     **JDF Electoral Area Economic Development Commission  
Monthly Meeting**  
6:00 pm  
Village Foods Meeting Room  
6661 Sooke Road, Sooke BC

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Saturday  
April 25     **CRD Septic Savvy Workshop**  
Shirley Community Hall  
**Cancelled**

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Tuesday  
April 28     **Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Commission**  
5:00 p.m.  
JDF Electoral Area Services Office  
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC  
Monthly meeting

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Saturday  
May 2     **Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society**  
**Broom Hill**  
9:30 a.m.  
This is a 3 plus hour trip to the summit and back, so bring a snack  
and dress for the weather.  
Meet at Manatu Road.  
  
Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767 or email [sid2767@shaw.ca](mailto:sid2767@shaw.ca)  
for details.  
Please note our new web address:  
[www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca](http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca)

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May 6     **Provincial Election**  
**All Candidates Meeting**  
6:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall

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Thursday  
May 7     **Sooke & Electoral Area Recreation Commission (SEAPARC)**  
**Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.  
Board Room  
SEAPARC Leisure Complex  
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

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Tuesdays     **Yoga**  
6:30 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall

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## 2. FIRE SEASON IN SHIRLEY AND OTTER POINT

Yes it is cool, wet and even still snowing! But, the fire season in Shirley and Otter Point is from April 1 to October 31. Contact the volunteer fire department for your community for details on fire permits, restricted hours of burning, setbacks from flammable material, etc. We live in a forest, so now is the time to finish clearing fire breaks around your house and out-buildings and reduce the amount of flammable material on your property.

**FIRE EMERGENCY IN OTTER POINT OR SHIRLEY: 9 1 1**

### **NON-EMERGENCY CONTACT:**

#### **Otter Point Fire Department**

web site: [www.otterpointfire.bc.ca](http://www.otterpointfire.bc.ca)

phone: 642-6211 (leave a message)

**Shirley Fire Department**

Rob Van Veen, Fire Chief

phone: 646-2213

**3. HIGHLIGHTS: OPSRRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Otter Point & Shirley Residents & Ratepayers Association Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 25, 2009.

The following members were elected to the OPSRRA Board of Directors for a one year term:

President: Arnie Campbell  
Vice-President: Wayne Fritz  
Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Phillips  
Directors: John Charles, Sandra Barta, Brenda Mark,  
Erik James, Fiona McDannold.

**Note:** Ken Pungente and Sarah Tidwell retired from the OPSRRA board. Ken had been a director since OPSRRA was formed in 1992 and served as the Association's President and Vice-president for most of those years.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Current bank balance: \$175.71  
Petty cash float: \$61.00  
**Total: \$236.71**

**Expenses Since Last AGM:**

Society fees \$25.00  
Advertising \$166.43  
Petty Cash transfer \$50.00  
Web site \$69.82  
Postage \$6.46  
Brochure printing \$148.96  
Brochure mailing \$179.70  
Bank fees \$35.06  
**Total: \$681.43**

**Income Since Last AGM:**

Memberships/donations \$514.43  
**Total: \$514.43**

**Membership Report:**

Current OPSRRA membership over the past 12 months is as follows:

**Added:**

Otter Point 12  
Shirley 7

**Removed:**

deceased/moved 6

### **Current Membership**

Otter Point	321
Shirley	49
Associates	7

**Total:370**

### **President's Report:**

#### **Summary of OPSRRA activities since the September, 2008**

#### **Membership Meeting:**

1. OPSRRA Directors have held 4 meetings.
2. Six monthly newsletters have been prepared and sent to about 225 members on email.
3. Continued to add local businesses to the web site's Business Services listings. Now have 28 listings
4. Continued to update the OPSRRA web page ([www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca)).
5. Maintained 23 Community Notice Boards in Otter Point. Seven new boards were installed including some larger ones at busier locations.
6. Attended JDF Parks, and JDF Land Use Committee meetings.
7. Continued support has been provided to the Otter Point, Shirley & Jordan River Developing a Strategic Vision project.
8. Met with the provincial Subdivision Approving Officer to request that a public hearing be held re the WFP subdivision application.
9. Wrote Minister of Forest (twice) requesting a meeting re community consultation and compensation for lands released from TFL 25.
10. Accepted an invitation to participate in a strategy session with the Jordan River Steering Committee re the TFL 25 lands.
11. Hosted an All Candidates meeting for SD 62 School Trustee, Otter Point Land Use Committee and JDFEA Regional Director candidates
12. Wrote to JDFEA Parks & Recreation Commission re issues related to the proposed William Simmons (Poirier Lake) Park.
13. Met with Ministry of Agriculture & Lands re need for planning west of Sooke.
14. Met with JDFEA Regional Director and Manager of Planning Services re list of OPSRRA issues.
15. Met with MLA re list of OPSRRA issues.
16. Wrote thank you letter to Minister of Highways re improved winter road maintenance.
17. Prepared a public statement in response to the CRD's decision to appeal the B.C. Supreme Court's decision re legality of JDFEA Land Use Committee voting procedure.
18. Wrote to SEAPARC requesting a meeting to discuss local recreation programming.
19. Met with the Regional Director re need for a comprehensive zoning review and updating of OCPs.

## Motion Approved by Membership

### That OPSRRA support:

- a comprehensive public review of local OCPs and the Zoning Bylaw 2040, and
- the use of community forums, open houses or other public mechanisms to facilitate public discussion of proposed options and related implications, advantages and disadvantages before first reading of a bylaw to change the OCPs or zoning bylaw

There was also agreement on the **Recommended OPSRRA Priorities for Promoting the Strategic Vision** document developed in response to the motion carried at the September 2008 membership meeting that: OPSRRA, within its mandate, promotes the implementation of the key features of the Strategic Vision.

## 4. SHIRLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ELECTS DIRECTORS

The Shirley Community Association Annual General Meeting was held on March 11, 2009.

The following directors were elected:

President:	Max C. Kuo
Vice-President:	Fiona McDannold
Secretary:	Margaret Johnson
Treasurer:	James Powell
Directors:	Karen Van Veen, Linda Kreiss and Chuck Minten

## 5. ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSIONS ELECT CHAIRS & VICE-CHAIRS

The Advisory Planning Commissions (APCs) for Shirley/Jordan River and Otter Point met for the first time since the November 2008 elections. The order of business for both APCs was the same:

- Elect a Chair and Vice-chair.
- Consider how to provide comment on the proposed Rural Resource Lands Official Community Plan (OCP) and Land Use Bylaws.
- Receive the draft District of Sooke OCP for comment.

### Shirley/Jordan River APC:

Chair:	Barbara Ferrett
Vice Chair:	Fiona McDannold
Members:	Dominique Bernardet, Sonja Dewit and Jane Munro

### Otter Point APC:

Chair:	Sid Jorna
Vice Chair:	Wayne Fritz
Members:	Sandy Sinclair, Gerry Niedermeiser and David Evans

The draft **Rural Resource Lands OCP and Land Use Bylaws** can be seen on the JDF Electoral Area web site: [www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/index.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/index.htm). Scroll down the Home Page to *Proposed Bylaws*.

The draft **Sooke Official Community Plan (OCP)** can be seen on the District of Sooke web site: [www.sooke.ca](http://www.sooke.ca) and click on *Learn About the OCP Review*.

## 6. OPSRRA REQUESTS A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF OCP AND ZONING BYLAWS

OPSRRA sent the following letter requesting a comprehensive review of OCP and Zoning Bylaws to the Regional Director, as a follow-up to the motion passed at the March AGM.

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### OTTER POINT AND SHIRLEY RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Mike Hicks, Regional Director  
Juan de Fuca Electoral Area  
2-6868 West Coast Road  
Sooke BC V9Z 0S9

Dear Mike:

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to attend our Annual General Meeting. Your public commitment to helping the association promote some of the goals, strategies and suggested activities identified in the Otter Point, Shirley & Jordan River Strategic Vision was appreciated.

Members who attended the AGM passed the following motion with respect to OPSRRA's position regarding a public review of the Shirley/Jordan River and Otter Point OCPs and Zoning Bylaw 2040.

#### **That OPSRRA support:**

- a comprehensive public review of local OCPs and the Zoning Bylaw 2040, and
- the use of community forums, open houses or other public mechanisms to facilitate public discussion of proposed options and related implications, advantages and disadvantages before first reading of a bylaw to change the OCPs or zoning bylaw.

To summarize our position: we are asking that the JDREA Regional Director and Planning Services consider undertaking a comprehensive public review of Zoning Bylaw 2040 instead of restricting a review and possible changes to only one or two zones. As outlined in our background document attached to the motion, we feel that the present zoning bylaw is very out of date and that some fundamental and interrelated zoning questions should be asked as part of a public review of all 11 zones in Otter Point and Shirley/Jordan River. These questions are:

- How does the broader community wish to see particular areas develop in the future, and how does this fit within other regional and local community plans?
- Would the establishment of new and different zones with different permitted land uses support the community's vision for its future?
- Do currently permitted land uses within zones need to be changed or updated?
- What is the minimum lot size for subdivision purposes that will effectively support the permitted land uses within each zone?
- Should a common minimum lot size for subdivision purposes within a zone, irrespective of the method of subdivision, be established for any or all zones?
- What process will be used to encourage broad public involvement in reviewing and updating the zoning bylaw?



Because OCPs customarily identify the community's long term land-use planning goals, establish broad land-use development policies and set the framework for more detailed zoning requirements, a review of the community's OCP will also be necessary.

Our association is available to help with the process of collecting public comment and finding ways to promote discussion for both reviews.

A reply to our request for a comprehensive public review of the zoning bylaw and the OCP bylaws is requested.

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## **7. RESOURCE LANDS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AND LAND USE BYLAWS GO TO ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Both the Shirley/Jordan River and the Otter Point Advisory Planning Commissions (APCs) met in late March to consider how to proceed with gathering information to be used in their recommendations to the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee regarding the proposed Rural Resource Lands and Land Use Bylaw and the Rural Resource Lands Zoning Bylaw.

The draft **Rural Resource Lands OCP** and **Land Use Bylaws** can be seen on the JDF Electoral Area web site: [www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/index.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/index.htm) . Scroll down the Home Page to *Proposed Bylaws*.

## **8. REGIONAL DIRECTOR REQUESTS GOVERNANCE STUDY**

The Regional Director has followed-up on an outstanding request from OPSRRA and the Developing a Strategic Vision project to have the province and the CRD conduct a governance study for Otter Point and Shirley. Regional Director Hicks and John Horgan, MLA, met with the Minister of Community Development in early February to present the reasons why a governance study was needed. The Regional Director was then asked to submit a formal request outlining the need for a governance study. The following letter was submitted to the Minister on February 18, 2009. Terms of reference are now being worked upon by Ministry and CRD staff prior to an announcement of available funding for the study.

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### **JUAN DE FUCA ELECTORAL AREA REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

Honourable Kevin Kruger  
Minister of Community Development  
Room 124, Parliament Buildings  
Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Kruger:

RE: INFORMATION TO SUPPORT A GOVERNANCE STUDY

I am writing in response to your February 9 request for information to support a governance study for the communities of Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River. My understanding is that \$40,000 would be available from the province to support the study and that the Capital Regional District (CRD) and the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JdFEA) would need to be participating partners in the study.

## BACKGROUND

The topic of governance in the JdFEA has been visited four times in the past eight years.

1. In 2001 the **Ben Marr Report**, commissioned by the CRD Board, studied governance options for the six sub-regions in the in JdFEA. The CRD Board voted against a restructuring of the JdFEA that would have added further directors to the CRD Board. The status quo with a restructuring of the Land Use Committee prevailed.
2. In 2002 – 2005 the **Sooke Boundary Restructure Committee**, supported by the province, studied a boundary extension that would have included the addition of East Sooke, Otter Point and Shirley to the District of Sooke. This proposal was overwhelmingly defeated by JdFEA residents in a 2005 referendum.
3. In 2006, residents from the communities of Otter Point and Shirley petitioned the province for a governance study, however, the province would not support a study that examined governance options. The Otter Point and Shirley Governance Study committee did not support proceeding with a study that did not include incorporation as one of the options. The offer of doing a governance study was declined by the committee and the province transferred the funding to the East Sooke/Metchosin study.
4. In 2008, the CRD Electoral Area Director provided limited funding for the Otter Point and Shirley communities to complete a Strategic Vision project. The report has now been finalized (attached) and identifies the need to change and improve governance as one of the community's most important goals.

In addition to the work completed by the community to examine these concerns and as part of the Strategic Vision project, the Otter Point and Shirley Governance Study committee previously requested a governance options study to achieve the following objectives:

- prevent further annexations
- allow local control over subdivision applications
- allow local control over road specifications
- ensure that locally elected representatives were making land use and service decisions

The problems associated with trying to provide good government to the JdFEA cannot be fixed by merely “tweaking” the current system to keep it going for another few years. Changes to the governance of the JdFEA need to address concerns about the need for local decision making with respect to land use and the management of development, environmental protection, parks, and the relationship with adjacent municipalities and first nations.

Given that the communities of Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River would like to take a higher role in trying to plan for their needs for the next generation and in light of the huge land development pressures that have been passed along to them by the province with the release of the private forest lands from TFL 25, I request that the province and the CRD support a comprehensive governance study that would allow the community to study a wide range of options as they try to select a mode of governance that would meet their present as well as their future need for good government.

Yours truly,

Mike Hicks, Regional Director  
Juan de Fuca Electoral Area

cc John Horgan, MLA, Malahat/Juan de Fuca  
Geoff Young, Chair, CRD Board  
Ken Hancock, Chair, CRD Electoral Area Services Committee  
Graham Hill, Chair, CRD Planning & Transportation Committee  
Gary Paget, Executive Director, Ministry of Community Development,  
Governance and Structure Division  
Bob Lapham, General Manager, CRD Planning & Protective Services  
Department

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## **9. OPSRRA WRITES MINISTER OF FORESTS RE TFL 25**

In October 2008, OPSRRA wrote the Minister of Forests requesting a meeting regarding the Western Forest Products (WFP) private forest lands in Otter Point and Shirley that were released from Tree Farm License (TFL) 25. The reason for requesting the meeting was that we felt that the Province should give our area the same consideration as they had given the communities in the Kootenays. In that instance, the Province undertook to consult with the local communities about the impact of the decision to release private forest lands from the Kootenay's TFL and found ways to compensate the local businesses and communities affected.

In a reply dated March 3, 2009, the Minister informed OPSRRA that the circumstances in the Kootenays were different then here; and although the Province had now changed its policy on consultation and compensation, as a result of the TFL 25 forest lands release, it would not reconsider their decision not to consult or compensate communities affected by the release of private forest lands from TFL 25. OPSRRA wrote the Minister of Forests, again, on March 17, 2009:

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### **OTTER POINT AND SHIRLEY RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION**

File: 280-30, 19700-25/TFL 25  
Ref: 117661

The Honourable Pat Bell  
Minister of Forests and Range  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria BC

Dear Minister Bell:

Thank-you for your reply of March 3, 2009 to our letter of October, 2008. At that time we requested an opportunity to meet to discuss the Province's unilateral decision to release Western Forest Product's private forest lands from TFL 25 without consultation with local government and the communities west of Sooke.

In the meantime, our association has followed-up on your suggestion that we work with our local government to ensure that local zoning and bylaws are in place to address the community's concerns about residential development on these private forest lands. However many of the concerns of our local government and the community can not be met without the support of your government. For example:

1. Our local government needs adequate funding to complete land use planning for the area west of Sooke. Without this necessary planning we'll

never be able to correctly identify where development should be allowed – or not.

2. Accurate mapping is needed. The geography of the area does not permit the usual type of “subdivision” development. Steep slope, riparian, flood zone and wildfire interface areas are considerations.
3. Watersheds, sensitive ecosystems, coastal areas, recreation, parks and wildlife corridors need to be identified and protected in our zoning and OCP bylaws.
4. The financial impact on local taxpayers of further residential growth in former resource areas needs to be assessed. The need for community services such as fire protection, water and emergency services as well as amenities such as parks and future school and community centres to accommodate growth needs to be discussed with the community.
5. The current zoning for our area is 19 years old and predates the incorporation of the District of Sooke. Neither it nor our newer OCPs could have anticipated the release of these forest lands for residential development.
6. Our limited tax base means that local government does not have the resources to undertake the immediate comprehensive zoning and OCP reviews that are now required.
7. Subdivision approval, for our area, is a provincial responsibility and beyond the local government’s and the community’s ability to control.
8. As an unincorporated area, our governance system is sometimes handicapped by its limited ability to undertake land use planning that reflects the needs and the wishes of the community.

It would be unfair to say that the Province is responsible for all of the shortcomings our community now faces because of the release of the private forest lands without adequate community consultation and compensation. In our opinion the Province and the local government share this responsibility and we would like to suggest that this is an opportunity for the Province to show leadership by offering to review the impact of its decision and consider providing relief to local government to help offset the costs for land use planning for our area.

In conclusion, I would like to renew our Association’s request to meet with you to discuss our concerns and pursue possible solutions. A reply is requested.

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## **10. OPSRRA COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD LOCATIONS**

OPSRRA has been busy building, refurbishing and installing some new community bulletin boards around Otter Point. There are now 23 community notice boards. Here are updated lists of their locations:

### **Otter Point Road Area**

Sarah Road (DeMamiel Estates)  
Otter Point Road at Young’s’ Lake Road  
Young’s Road at Otter Point Road  
Robinson Road at Otter Point Road  
Tugwell Road at Michelson Road  
Tugwell at Slingsby Road

Otter Point Road at Kemp Lake Road  
Eagle Crest Drive at Otter Point Road  
Amanda Road at Otter Point Road  
King Road at Otter Point Road  
Otter Point Place at Otter Point Road  
Otter Point Road at Otter Point Place  
Otter Point Place at Randy's Place (private bulletin board)

### **Kemp Lake Road Area**

Kemp Lake Road just north of West Coast Road  
Kemp Lake Road just north of Chubb Road  
Kemp Lake Road just north of Davidson Road

### **West Coast Road Area**

Carpenter Road at Delrae Place  
West Coast Road at Carpenter Road  
West Coast Road at Otter Ridge Drive  
Otter Ridge Drive at West Coast Road  
Beau Ridge at Otter Ridge Drive  
West Coast Road at Gordon's Beach  
Anderson Road at West Coast Road  
Blackfish Road at West Coast Road

### **Shirley**

The Shirley Community Association and the Shirley Volunteer Fire Department have installed notice boards in Shirley at the following locations:

Shirley Community Hall (temporarily removed)  
Woodhaven at Alderbrooke Place  
Woodhaven at Seaside Drive  
West Coast Road at east of Juan de Fuca Road  
Fishboat Boat Bay Road at West Coast Road  
Tieulie Place at West Coast Road  
Invermuir Road at West Coast Road

## **11. DID YOU KNOW THAT ...**

**Having received its name in 1893 that Shirley almost lost it 1943?** The original name for Shirley was Sheringham Point but that was too long for the date stamp needed for the new post office; so Shirley was suggested and agreed upon. Then fifty years later, in 1943, while visiting the provincial Department of Mineralogy located in the Parliament Buildings in Victoria, some residents heard that the federal Surveyor-General's Department intended removing the name from a new ordinance map being prepared by the Geographic Board. In the Board's opinion the place (Shirley) was insignificant: merely a transient logging camp and a place for the bus to stop to drop off loggers. Upon hearing this, the Shirley residents mounted a campaign to appeal the decision. They told their story about how Shirley got its name, to those who would listen and wrote the Geographic Board in Ottawa. In the end the name Shirley was retained.

**Kemp Lake, in Otter Point, was originally named Clyde Lake?** It was later renamed Kemp Lake by Major Swan of Public Works for Richard Kemp who farmed Section 16 in Otter Point in the late 1800s. Richard Kemp's property bordered the west side of Kemp Lake in an area roughly identified today by Milligan Road to the north, Davidson to the south, and Kemp Lake Road to the West.

Information for this month's **Did You Know That?** came from *This Really Happened* by Jean Stuart Clark, *The Sooke Story—The History & The Heartbeat*, written and published by the Sooke Region Museum, and a historical map of the Kemp Lake area supplied by Heather Phillips.

Do you have local historical information that you would like to share or questions that you would like answered? If so, let us know and we'll try to help.

## 12. FREE SMALL BUSINESS LISTING ON OPSRRA'S WEB SITE

**Do you operate a small business?** Are you an OPSRRA member? OPSRRA is offering a free business listing service for members, on its web site: [www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca). We will list non-members for a suitable donation!

The purpose of this service is to provide an opportunity for businesses in Jordan River, Shirley and Otter Point to advertise their goods and services to their local community. We anticipate having listings for accommodation, farm produce, art, furniture-making, fishing charters, eco-tours, firewood, knitting, soaps, landscaping, bookkeeping, sewing, spas and more. More information, businesses already listed, and an on-line registration form are available on OPSRRA's web site ([www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca)) under **Business Listings**.

**Note:** OPSRRA does not accept responsibility for the services provided. Always check references and ask for confirmation of Work Safe B.C. Registration if applicable.

### **The OPSRRA web site has more information about the following business listings**

1001 Welding & Equipment Repair	Accent in Grooming
ALM Organic Farm	A Point of View B&B
Beaches West B&B	Bear Home Remodelling
Birds Edge Press	Bridge over Troubled Water Autism Intervention & Respite Service
DanCyn Kioti Excavation	Eagle Cove Beachfront Guest Suite
Fancy That Esthetics & Body Care	Full Circle Seeds
Heron's Rest B&B	Jambo Pet Sitting Service
Kemp Lake Store	Kirsten Sykes, Realtor
Knotty Beds by Nature	Le Sooke Spa
Malahat Farm Heritage Cottage	Otter Point Beach House
Reflexology by Marlene Barry	Rhythm's Edge Percussion Shop
Road's End Construction	Sandy's Drywall Ltd
Stick in the Mud Coffee House	Straitview Ridge Bed & Breakfast
Tugwell Creek Honey Farm	Tugwell Creek Meadery

Wood Visions

Note: Malahat Farm Heritage Cottage on Anderson Rd. in Otter Point has updated their business information on the OPSRRA web site.

### **13. BACK ISSUES OF THE OPSRRA NEWSLETTER**

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