

**OTTER POINT & SHIRLEY  
RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (OPSRRA)  
INFORMATION UPDATE AUGUST 2010**

**WE LIVE IN A FORESTED AREA  
THE LOCAL FIRE INDEX IS RATED HIGH TO EXTREME  
NO OPEN BURNING & NO CAMPFIRES  
LIMIT HAZARDOUS ACTIVITIES  
KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE FROM WILDFIRE**

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 **400**. 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 **270** 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 **250-642-3113** to have your community event listed in our monthly community events calendar.

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Saturday  
August 7

### **Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike Kludahk Trail**

9:00 a.m.

This is an up-and-down, all-day hike to one of the subalpine lakes. We will spend time exploring the area. Bring lunch, snacks, a camera and swimming gear.

**You must register for this hike**; the number of people able to participate depends on the number of four-wheel drive vehicles volunteered.

Let us know if have a four-wheel drive and are willing to take passengers.

**Register by email only:** [sid2767@shaw.ca](mailto:sid2767@shaw.ca)

Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767 or email [sid2767@shaw.ca](mailto:sid2767@shaw.ca) for details.

Web site:

[www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca](http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca)

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Sunday  
August 8

### **Community Health Initiative (Food-CHI) Local Farm Tours**

Self-directed tour of 12 local food gardens and farms.

Tickets: \$10.00

See item 7 for details.

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Tuesday  
August 17

### **JDF Electoral Area Land Use Committee (LUC) Monthly Meeting**

7:00 p.m.

District of Sooke Council Chambers  
2225 Otter Point Road, Sooke BC

You can obtain the agenda the Friday before the meeting 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.

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Sunday  
August 22

**Shirley Day**  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

See item 6 for details.



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Tuesday  
August 22

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

**Note:**  
Contact the  
CRD Planning  
Office to  
confirm.

**Meeting at the call of the Chair.**

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Thursday  
July 22

**JDF Electoral Area Economic Development Commission**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
6:00 p.m.  
Village Foods Meeting Room (upstairs)  
6661 Sooke Road, Sooke BC

**Note:**  
Contact the  
CRD Planning  
Office to  
confirm.

**Meeting at the call of the Chair.**

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Thursday  
August 26

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

Agenda available on request.  
Contact Arnie Campbell at [d.acampbell@shaw.ca](mailto:d.acampbell@shaw.ca)

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Saturday  
September 9

**Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society**  
**Explore the Sooke Hills**  
9:00 a.m.

An all-day hike. We have yet to finalize the route.  
Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767 or email  
[sid2767@shaw.ca](mailto:sid2767@shaw.ca) for details.  
**Web site:**  
[www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca](http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca)

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Thursday  
September 9

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

**Note:**  
**Date change.**

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**Mondays**

**Karate for all ages**  
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall

Contact Alida Long: 250-642-4631

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

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Thursdays     **Shirley Quilters and Crafters**  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall  
  
Everyone welcome  
  
Contact Christien Shipton: 250-646-2687

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## 2.    **OPSRRA MEMBERSHIP REACHES MILESTONE**

Membership in the Otter Point & Shirley Residents & Ratepayers Association reached 400 this July. Over the years membership has slowly increased even as we removed members who moved, were deceased or requested removal.

Here are the membership statistics for the past five years:

Year	Otter Point	Shirley	Associate	Total
2006	289	36	0	325
2007	315	42	10	367
2008	313	33	10	367
2009	325	49	8	374
2010	330	52	18	400

OPSRRA will be undertaking a membership drive this fall. Our first activity will be an information and membership sign-up table at Shirley Day on Sunday, August 22. We would appreciate help from the membership with this and other planned membership recruitment activities. If you're willing to volunteer some time, contact either Arnie Campbell or Wayne Fritz for further information about ways in which you could help.

## 3.    **UPDATE: OTTER POINT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW**

Six contractors submitted bids by the July 12 deadline to provide services related to the Otter Point Official Community Plan (OCP) review. The CRD Planning Services Department is seeking a private contractor to undertake two components of the project:

1. Facilitate community consultation to review the existing OCP and provide recommendations for amendments to the OCP.
2. Prepare a sensitive environmental inventory and electronic mapping.

The community values and priorities will be applied to the sensitive environmental inventory and translated into land use designations and development permit areas.

The original start date for this phase of the project was to have been August 1, 2010. This has now been postponed pending the selection of a contractor.

#### **4. FIRST 4-WAY STOP WEST OF SOOKE COMING TO OTTER POINT**

The Ministry of Transportation has confirmed with OPSRRA that a 4-way stop will be installed at the intersection of Young's Lake Road and Butler Main in Otter Point and that Butler Main will again become a through road from Young's Lake Road to Otter Point Road.

Given its remote location, this intersection would seem an unlikely location for the first 4-way stop to be located west of Sooke. However, the ministry has two concerns: first that loaded logging trucks coming west on Butler Main are entering a busy roadway at Young's Lake Road near Camp Barnard and secondly, that loaded logging trucks should not be using Young's Lake Road because of the dangerous intersection at Young's Lake Road and Otter Point Road.

Transportation undertook three actions to address these safety concerns:

- Directed TimberWest to improve the line-of-sight at the intersection by logging their property as Butler Main approaches Young's Lake Road from the east.
- Placed a four-way stop at the intersection.
- Reopened Butler Main as a through road between Young's Lake Road and Otter Point Road. This section of the old Butler Main runs through the new 3L (The Woods at Otter Point) subdivision and became a cul de sac as part of the subdivision's layout. Once the changes are completed, industrial traffic will be expected to use this route to reach Otter Point Road.

These changes may also help alleviate a concern which Scouts Canada has about "lost" traffic going into Camp Barnard thinking that Young's Lake Road goes somewhere. Given that Camp Barnard is hosting approximately 10,500 camper-nights a year, the Ministry's changes to support the safety of travellers on Young's Lake Road seems a prudent decision.

#### **5. BROADBAND INTERNET SERVICE COMING TO SHIRLEY**

After years of effort by residents of Shirley to replace their slow Telus dial-up service and a more expensive satellite system, the community will soon gain access to the Shaw Internet service that presently stops at Otter Point. In a July 15 announcement by Broadband Canada, an application by Shaw Cable Systems Ltd. to provide Internet service to Shirley has been conditionally approved. The cost of the hook-up will be paid for by Broadband Canada and it should be completed by December 2010.

Broadband Canada is a federal program with an objective to extend broadband services (1.5 Mbps) to unserved and underserved Canadian households at a reasonable cost. According to their web site, the program provides essential infrastructure to Canadians in rural and remote areas, allowing them to participate in the Internet economy by accessing information, services and opportunities that would otherwise be out of reach.

Further information about Broadband Canada is available on their web site:

<http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/719.nsf/eng/00050.html#july-15-2010>

#### **6. SHIRLEY DAY**

The Shirley Community Association celebrates its annual Shirley Day event Sunday, August 22 from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Shirley Community Hall and adjacent Pioneer Park.

Activities for the day include:

8:30 to 10:30 am	Pancake breakfast
9:00 am	7 km fun run
All day	Concession, crafters/artisans, kids' activities, CD/DVD/book exchange, blind auction
2:00 pm	Pie eating contest
	Live entertainment
5:00 to 7:00 pm	Salmon BBQ

Contact Mary Dunn for information: 250-656-2554

## 7. LOCAL AREA FARM TOURS

The Sooke Region Food Community Health Initiative (Food -CHI) has organized a self-directed tour of 12 local food gardens and farms for Sunday, August 8, 2010. Two of the locations are in East Sooke, two in Sassenos, four in Sooke and four in Otter Point. Highlights of the tour include learning what you can grow and harvest, demonstrations and fresh produce sales.

Tickets are \$10.00 (free for age 15 and under) and are available at the Sooke Shoppers Drug Mart, Double D Gardens, Westburn Garden Centre, Sooke Country Market (Saturdays) and in Victoria at the Moss Street Market (Saturdays). Tickets will also be available at the Sun River Allotment Garden the day of the tour. Proceeds from the ticket sales will go to help the New Farmer Mentorship Program. For more information contact [info@sookefoodchi.ca](mailto:info@sookefoodchi.ca)

## 8. MEETING WITH COUVERDEN, TIMEBERWEST'S REAL ESTATE COMPANY

OPSRRA directors recently requested a meeting with Couverdon Real Estate. Couverdon is the real estate arm of TimberWest and has the responsibility to identify which portion of TimberWest's 800,000 acres of forest land on Vancouver Island should be removed from active forestry and developed. Their intent is that approximately 85% of their lands will remain in forestry while 15% will be developed for other uses.

Couverdon informed OPSRRA that they are more interested in doing the rezoning, subdivision and other predevelopment work themselves as this realizes a higher rate of return than selling their forest lands to a developer. In the past decade, TimberWest did sell about 1000 acres of their private forest lands in Otter Point. The land sold to developers included property now owned by 3L Development (The Woods at Otter Point), De Mamiel Creek Estates, the Sooke Business Park and Canadian Horizons Development Corporation. Thus far, Couverdon has identified about a dozen separate parcels on Vancouver Island which could be suitable for development. Several in the Campbell River, Comox Valley and Ladysmith areas are already in the process of being rezoned and subdivided. Other properties considered as prime locations are near Mount Washington, Shawnigan Lake and the Malahat.

OPSRRA raised the following topics for discussion:

### Muir Creek

- The Muir Creek watershed is a massive parcel of TW land, part of which they have identified for future development. The Muir Creek Protection Society and the CRD Parks Branch are interested in acquiring some of this land and

had previously met with Couverdon to identify what area(s) could be purchased.

- Muir Creek was the CRD Parks first priority for park land acquisition west of Sooke until the Western Forest Lands (WFL) lands at Jordan River and Sandcut Beach became available. All of the presently available parks acquisition money has now been spent on that purchase.
- Couverdon is not in a rush to develop the Muir Creek property and is interested in selling or donating some of the land that the CRD wants protected as parkland in exchange for “favourable” zoning density in areas such as Blueberry Flats (Rural Resource Lands/Shirley Area) and Anderson Road (Otter Point).  
**Note:** Present zoning in both these areas limits the size of subdivisions and a change in zoning would be required to accommodate residential development.
- They have identified the Muir Creek estuary as a no development zone; seeing this as a prime community amenity which could be used to bargain for favourable density elsewhere on their properties.
- OPSRRA supports protection of the Muir Creek watershed and acquisition of a portion as parkland and cautioned Couverdon from turning their proposed development plans into another confrontation with the community as happened with Western Forest Products over their private forest lands in the Shirley and Jordan River areas.

### Camp Barnard

- The Scouts Canada camp (Camp Barnard) is bordered to the east and northeast by TW forest lands that are being actively logged. Couverdon has not identified these lands for development and TW is replanting them.
- Concern was raised by OPSRRA that TW not infringe on the camp’s location as it provides important recreational services to the Greater Victoria Area and the Scouts are good stewards of the land and generate significant local economic activity.
- The Scouts might be interested in working with TW to replant some of the TW area near their property and Couverdon said this was possible and something which they have arranged with other community groups.
- The Scouts are also interested in protecting the Cougar Caves and Mt. Bluff. Couverdon didn’t know if these areas were on their property and invited the Camp Barnard Committee to contact them to exchange information.

### Off-Roading

- TW is not interested in accommodating off-roaders. They know that they are using their property and tolerate them being there but don’t want to enter into a formal agreement as they would likely find it impossible to restrict them at a later date. They also don’t want the legal responsibility if someone was injured, killed.
- The proximity of TW lands to the Girl Guides Camp Jubilee in Shirley was raised and that allowing off-roaders access to areas near the camp should be discouraged as they are incompatible uses.

### Otter Point OCP Review

- The Otter Point OCP review was brought to their attention. They were referred to the CRD web site for the details of the Sensitive Environmental Inventory study and encouraged to keep themselves aware of the review process as TW remains a major property owner in the Otter Point area.



## **9. PROPOSED CHANGES TO PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION COULD MEAN FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR REGIONAL DIRECTORS, SCHOOL TRUSTEES AND OTHERS**

A task force appointed by the provincial government following the 2008 municipal, electoral area and school board elections to review province-wide election procedures has submitted their recommendations. The Premier has stated that the government will undertake legislation in the spring of 2011 to implement all of the report's recommendations in time for the November 2011 elections. The task force looked into the following areas:

- Campaign finance, including contribution/spending disclosure and limits, and tax credits
- Enforcement processes and outcomes
- Role of the chief electoral officer (B.C.) in local government elections
- Election cycle (term of office)
- Corporate vote
- Other agreed upon matters, (e.g. matters raised in UBCM resolutions such as eligibility of local government volunteers to be candidates)

Most of the report's 31 recommendations have found broad support from local governments, the Union of B.C. Municipalities and other special interest groups. The noticeable exception has to do with the change to the length of terms of office for elected representatives. If this recommendation is passed into legislation, the election cycle for our regional director and school trustees would increase from 3 to 4 years. Concerns raised about this change include:

- It being too long of a commitment for some candidates and therefore could discourage some who don't want to make a "career" out of politics.
- That it weakens the voter's ability to exercise their democratic rights to demonstrate their support for a candidate by reducing the frequency to vote.
- Reduces the accountability of the elected representative to the electorate.

The full text of the report is available at:

[www.localelectionstaskforce.gov.bc.ca/library/task\\_force\\_report.pdf](http://www.localelectionstaskforce.gov.bc.ca/library/task_force_report.pdf)

## **10. UPDATE: SHERINGHAM POINT LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

The Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society (SPLHPS) recently updated its membership on the society's activities. Here are the highlights:

- As of February of 2010, the federal Department of Public Works announced to the CRD, the SPLHPS and others that the Sheringham Point Lighthouse Land had been declared surplus. The formal process to apply to purchase the land includes consultation with First Nations, and then proceeds with communication to various levels of government. With the assistance of the CRD, the SPLHPS is in third place to be able to acquire the light station and the land.
- The SPLHPS received a challenge grant from a local supporter and through the work of volunteers and the executive, the SHPLPS was able to raise in the neighbourhood of \$7,000.00 from a wide range of old and new supporters.
- The trail system on the adjacent remainder lots was completed and the SPLHPS entered into a stewardship agreement with the CRD and the JDFA Parks Commission that includes management of the trails, the

access road and the parking area. The agreement may be expanded later to include the Lighthouse land, now that it has been declared surplus.

- The SPLHPS met with CRD staff in March, 2010 to discuss CRD's participation in helping to acquire the surplus land and structure. At the meeting the CRD staff agreed to continue their work in pursuing the land at Sheringham Point; more specifically, they agreed to reply to the official letter from DFO saying that the CRD Board has agreed to acquire the land, in conjunction with the SPLHPS, depending on the specifics (environmental mitigation, price, access issues, etc).
- The T'sou-ke First Nation Chief and Counsel will be submitting a claim for the Sheringham Lighthouse property now that the site has been declared surplus.
- An agreement with the adjacent landowner (Guiding Owl) has allowed for the completion of a trail through the area.
- The JDFEA Economic Development Commission provided a generous grant to assist with the purchase of the Trail Head sign for the Lighthouse View Trail.
- The SPLHPS is constantly inspired by and values the support of former light keepers, their families, long time lighthouse supporters and members of the Coast Guard family. Thank you to the Brutons, Ardens, Clarks, Tom (Charlie) Cross and many others who always have the best interests of the lighthouse in their thoughts.

More information about the SPLHPS and how to become a member is available on their web site: [www.sheringhamlighthouse.org](http://www.sheringhamlighthouse.org)

## 11. HOW THE CRD PARKS LEVY WORKS

The Capital Regional District (CRD) Board recently approved both a continuation and an increase to the regional parks levy which was first introduced in 2005. The new mil rate is 0.0228 or \$2.28 per \$100,000 of assessed property value and is the same across the region.

Here are some examples for 2010:

Location	Average House Price	Mil Rate	Levy cost per year
District of Sooke	\$369,593.00	0.0228	\$8.43
Juan de Fuca Electoral Area	\$433,022.00	0.0228	\$9.88
Oak Bay	\$819,298.00	0.0228	\$18.68

The total CRD Parks budget for 2010 is \$7,930,311. The District of Sooke pays \$178,432 or 2.25% of the overall CRD Parks budget and Oak Bay & Saanich together pay over 50% of the overall CRD Parks budget.

Money raised from the CRD parks levy has helped the CRD Parks Branch acquire regional parkland and green space through-out the CRD including the recent acquisition of the Jordan River and Sandcut Beach properties from Western Forest Products.

## 12. NEW NEWSLETTER FEATURE: PREPARING FOR THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEWS

We have begun a new feature on the OPSRRA web site to coincide with the beginning of the Official Community Plan (OCP) reviews for Otter Point and Shirley/Jordan River. Because of the length of some of these articles we won't include them in the newsletter, but will provide a link to the articles on our OPSRRA web site.

**March's** feature, [False Economies](#) looked at the experiences of other communities in the Greater Victoria area and suggests what our communities could be doing to identify and acquire local green space amenities as part of the community planning process.

**April's** feature, [Living in a Forested Community](#), considered the best uses for our local forest land; the economic benefits we gain by retaining our forests; threats to our forests and what we need to do to keep our forest and our community healthy.

June's feature, [Not All Strata are the Same](#), explores some of the basic characteristics of a strata corporation and strata corporation's property ownership.

**May's** feature, [Towards Collaborative Change: Engaging the Community in Land Use Planning](#) looks at some of the history behind land use, how official community plans and zoning regulate land use, and ways in which the community can participate in land use planning.

**July's** feature, [Residential Taxes in Shirley and Otter Point](#) outlines the process used to determine local area property taxes, compares our mil rates with other areas in the CRD, and details how the property tax is portioned among various services (fire protection, schools, recreation, etc.).

Bob Phillips prepared this month's feature, [Regional Growth Strategy \(RGS\) Capital Regional District](#) (CRD). This article describes how Regional Growth Strategies came about, their development in B.C. and how the CRD has recently changed the focus from growth to sustainability. The CRD's Regional Sustainability Strategy is **binding** on the JDFEA and must be adhered to in the upcoming Otter Point and Shirley OCP Reviews.

**Note:** To read the articles, click on the appropriate link in [Background Articles](#) on the OPSRRA web site.

## 13. UPDATE: ALL STRATA ARE NOT THE SAME ARTICLE

The June OPSRRA newsletter contained an article describing the three different types of strata and why it was important to understand these differences when considering entering into a strata contract. Since that article was written, readers have submitted questions that required further exploration of the topic. Also, two interesting, and opposing opinions about strata duplexes were also brought to our attention; read these at: <http://642blog.ca/2010/04/22/what-is-a-strata-duplex-and-why-are-they-so-great/> & <http://www.areawiderentals.com/info/insurance1.html>

Heather Phillips revised her original article. The revised article is available on the OPSRRA web site. Here is a summary of her updates.

1. A strata corporation is created under the Strata Property Act. While each strata corporation has its own bylaws, the mandatory regulations and procedures for such a corporation are described in the Strata Property Act and similar regulations. Non-profit and for profit corporations are described in the provincial Society Act.

2. Some zones in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area allow duplex buildings. A duplex may be established as a building strata or become a building-conversion strata. The building shell, building site and associated water supply and septic arrangements would be common property. In the recent past, there have been problems in British Columbia when the two owners of the duplex did not see the need to follow regulations. Their strata corporation becomes "non-conforming". When neighbourliness fails for a non-conforming strata, there are no proper records to guide the resolution of disputes.
3. A strata property must conform to zoning for parcel size, usage and location of buildings. The exception is described for a bare-land strata where The Provincial Approving Officer may apply lot averaging and allow a parcel smaller than specified by the zoning.
4. Unless property is subdivided, as for a bare-land strata, the Approving Officer is not involved in setting up a strata corporation. A building strata has new buildings, completed to lock up before registration of the strata corporation. The "four on ten" type of strata is a building strata. A Land Surveyor makes the determination as to when the building strata can be registered. A building-conversion strata is one where existing buildings are converted to strata ownership. The CRD Board permits a building-conversion strata after determining the buildings are suitable for the proposed use.

#### 14. DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

**The introduction of trucks to haul logs from the forest not only replaced the need to use trains but also brought about the “gyppo” loggers and saw mills?** The term gyppo came from the word gypsy and described a logger or small logging company that was usually non-union and worked on a small budget.

By the early 1920s trucks had become large enough and powerful enough that they were being used to supplement trains to haul logs and as mentioned in last month's story about the Pioneer Logging Company, were replacing trains in our area by the 1930s. At first gyppo loggers followed after the larger timber companies, going where the rails and locomotives couldn't and salvaging what others didn't want. As rail lines were abandoned, they often laid plank roads over the abandoned rail and used them for logging roads. Over time the gyppos proved to be more suitable at working smaller woodlots which the larger logging companies found inaccessible or unprofitable because of their size.

Equipment from the William Phillips and Sons Logging Company, representative of this era, is at both the Sooke Region Museum and the B.C. Forestry Museum in Duncan. On display in Sooke is a wood burning steam donkey engine yarder which the Phillips purchased from the States in 1911 and the Duncan museum has a wonderfully restored 1922 Republic Model 20 logging truck. The William Phillips and Sons Logging Company owned this truck from the 1920s to the 1940s. This 3 1/2 ton truck hauled logs in the Sooke area and had solid rubber tires on the rear and air-filled on the front, making it easier to steer on rough logging roads. Republic trucks were rare in the forests of British Columbia. Most of them were purchased in the United States, where Republic trucks were popular.

Information for this month's **Did You Know That?** was prepared with the help of information in *4,000 Years—A History of the Rainforest* both written and published by the Sooke Region Museum, and information obtained from the B.C. Forest Museum.

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. Contact Arnie Campbell by phone (250-642-3113) or by email: [d.acampbell@shaw.ca](mailto:d.acampbell@shaw.ca)

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

The free small business listing on the OPSRRA web site welcomes the following local business:

### Farmer Notary—Shawna Farmer, Notary Public

Business address:  
2031 Olympic Place  
phone: 250-642-6778  
fax: 250-999-0070  
email: [farmernotary@shaw.ca](mailto:farmernotary@shaw.ca)  
website: <http://www.farmernotary.com/>

Services Provided:

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Shawna Farmer has a BA and Masters of Public Administration from UVIC and an MA in Applied Legal Studies from SFU. She is the wife of Marcus Farmer, a lifetime resident of Otter Point and looks forward to serving Sooke and the unincorporated areas of the CRD.

**Fancy That Esthetics** has new contact information and no longer has a cell phone:

phone: 250-642-0504  
email: [fancythatesthetics@shaw.ca](mailto:fancythatesthetics@shaw.ca)  
website: <http://fancythatesthetics.shawwebpace.ca/>

**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.

**Support local businesses. The OPSRRA web site has more information about the following business listings**

1001 Welding & Equipment Repair

Accent in Grooming

A Point of View B & B

ALM Organic Farm

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

Farmer Notary—Shawna Farmer, Notary  
Public.

Full Circle Seeds

Heron's Rest B & B

Jambo Pet Sitting Service

Kirsten Sykes, Realtor

Knotty Beds by Nature

Le Sooke Spa

Malahat Farm Heritage Cottage

Ocean Wilderness Inn

Otter Point Beach House

Otter Point Electrical

Reflexology by Marlene Barry

Rock Beach Grill and Groceries  
(formerly Kemp Lake Store & Cafe)

Rhythm's Edge Percussion Shop

Road's End Construction

Sandy's Drywall Ltd

Smiling Goat Farm Sitting Service

Stick in the Mud Coffee House

Straitview Ridge Bed & Breakfast

Three Sisters Farm

Tugwell Creek Honey Farm

Tugwell Creek Meadery

Wood Visions

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

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