

**OTTER POINT & SHIRLEY RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS
ASSOCIATION (OPSRRA)
INFORMATION UPDATE FEBRUARY 2004**

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1. OTTER POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT CANDY CANE RUN

A belated thank-you to the OPFD for organizing their annual Christmas "Candy Cane Run" around Otter Point—with Santa and the elves. From those of us who stood around on the side of the road, in the dark, in the rain, under our umbrellas, sipping on beer and eating hors d'oeuvres while awaiting the arrival of your brightly lit fire truck: it was great. We look forward to seeing you next year and encourage others to come-out next time and greet you at the roadside. Only 10 months to Christmas!

2. OPSRRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, February 17th 2004

Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Place: Otter Point Fire Hall—3727 Otter Point Road (at Kemp Lake Road)

Agenda

1. President's Report: and Review of 2003 Activities
2. Secretary/Treasurer Report
3. Election of Executive and Directors

4. New Business—Issues and Concerns

Nominations can be made at the AGM or in advance by contacting Arnie Campbell – OPSRRA vice-president at: d.acampbell@shaw.ca or phone 642-3113.

3. SUMMARY OF OPSRRA ACTIVITIES DURING 2003

1. Executive and directors have met 7 times and hosted 3 public meetings.
2. Monthly newsletter published on-line (www.opsra.com) on OPSRRA web site
3. Attended meeting on proposed “pesticide” spraying in Shirley/Jordan River.
4. Wrote the provincial ministry expressing concern about allowing spraying close to human settlement and potable water sources.
5. Corresponded with CRD, MLA and regional director to have Voters List updated.
6. Corresponded with BC Transit requesting restoration of local bus link to Otter Point.
7. Corresponded with District of Sooke concerning support for sewers but opposition to sewage outfall.
8. Attended meeting on Lot Averaging proposal (Sheringham Estates) in Shirley.
9. Wrote the regional director and the province expressing disagreement with the province allowing Lot Averaging contrary to the Otter Point/Shirley OCP.
10. Corresponded with SD #62 to register opposition to school bus levy.
11. Corresponded with BC Timber Sales and the JDF regional director regarding the proposal to log crown land in the Kemp Lake Watershed.
12. Kept in touch with the senior CRD planner responsible for the Regional Growth Strategy.
13. Opposed JDF regional director’s plan to develop a separate Official Community Plan for Shirley, thereby excluding Jordan River.
14. Lobbied the JDF regional director to move forward on identifying Urban Containment Boundaries in the Electoral Area.
15. Corresponded with CRD Noise Bylaw to clarify compliance of Forest Lumber Company’s proposed saw and planer mill with Bylaw No.1527.
16. Corresponded with Timberwest to clarify their intended reopening of the Otter Point Rd. dry land log sort 24 hours a day.
17. Met with Timberwest to identify where they intend to use pesticide sprays in 2004.
18. Kept membership informed on the proposed boundary restructure with the District of Sooke.
19. Attended Land Use Committee “A” meetings.
20. Supported the JDF regional director’s effort to get a local Approving Officer appointed.
21. Contacted TimberWest to request that they hold a public meeting prior to logging their property on Poirier Lake and to inform them that they were falling trees within the minimum allowable setback in the Otter Point/Shirley OCP.
22. Wrote the JDF regional director asking for assistance in protecting the water quality and fish habitat of Poirier Lake.

4. SHIRLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM

Date: Wednesday, March 17th, 2004
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Shirley Community Hall

Contact Chuck Minten, SCA president at 646-2077 for further information

Also

The SCA will be hosting a seminar on Asset Building with Mary Dunn from CRD Health Services on Saturday, February 28th at the Shirley Community Hall. Contact Mary Dunn at 642-2554 for further information.

5. JDF/SOOKE BOUNDARY RESTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

The committee is tentatively scheduled to meet on either Wednesday, February 11th or Thursday, February 12th at 5:00 p.m. in the District of Sooke Council Chambers to decide whether to continue with the Boundary Restructure committee. Contact one of the rural representatives (Sue Smee, Bruce Lemire-Elmore or Arnie Campbell) or the District of Sooke for confirmation of date and time.

6. OTTER POINT/SHIRLEY ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Otter Point/Shirley Advisory Planning Commission came into existence on January 1 2003. Its purpose is to advise Land Use Committee "A" on any land use planning matter referred to the Commission. Election of members to the APC was to have been held in November of 2001, in conjunction with the School Trustees and Regional Director elections. However there were only four candidates for the five positions and so four positions were filled by acclamation and the fifth was filled by appointment by the regional director. The members of the Otter Point/Shirley APC are: David Stocks (Chair), Robert Steele, Colin Corby, Bruce Lemire-Elmore and Terri Alcock.

The Otter Point/Shirley APC will be holding a public meeting to allow local residents' to comment on the De Mamiel Estates application for rezoning and lot averaging of 122 acres of property at 2901 Otter Point Road. This property is presently zoned for minimum 10 acre residential properties that can then be strata-titled to allow 4 homes on each 10 acre parcel. The APC will then submit a report of their recommendation(s) to LUC "A".

Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2004
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Otter Point Fire Hall—3727 Otter Point Rd. (at Kemp Lake Road)

Further Information: Contact CRD Planning Services 2205 Otter Point Rd. Ph: 642-1620

Note: The application by Arden Log Hauling LTD., concerning an application to rezone their property in Shirley (West Coast Rd at Anderson Rd.) has been withdrawn and will come before the APC at another time.

7. SHIRLEY/JORDAN RIVER OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

The Shirley/Jordan River OCP committee will be holding its first meeting this month. It is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th @ 6:00 p.m. at the CRD Office, 2205 Otter Point Rd. These meetings are open to the public. Contact the CRD Office (Ph. 642-1620) to confirm.

8. OTTER POINT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

CRD Planning Services has advertised for qualified applicants willing to sit on this committee. Individuals interested in volunteering were requested to contact the Ken Cossey at the CRD Planning Services office at 2205 Otter Point Rd. or phone 642-1620 prior to January 31st 2004. Although this deadline has passed it is unlikely that latecomers will be turned away. OPSRRA encourages residents of Otter Point to apply to participate in the creation of a comprehensive community plan for our community.

9. LAND USE COMMITTEE "A" MEETING

Depending on the outcome of the February 3rd APC meeting and the completion of other required reports, LUC "A" may be meeting on Wednesday, February 18th @ 7:00 p.m. in the District of Sooke Council Chambers 2225 Otter Point Rd. to further consider the application for rezoning and lot averaging for 2901 Otter Point Rd. (De Mamiel Estates). Contact the CRD (Ph. 642-1620) office to confirm.

10. BROOM HILL PARK PROPOSAL

The following letter proposing a CRD park on Broom Hill was sent to OPSRRA by the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area regional director. OPSRRA is one of the community groups that opposed the logging of approximately 30 hectares of crown land, at the base of Broom Hill, as it is in the Kemp Lake Watershed.]

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January 13, 2004

Mayor Karen Watson, Chair
CRD Parks Committee
4450 Happy Valley Road
Victoria, BC V9C 3Z3

Dear Mayor Watson:

This letter will constitute a request for the CRD Parks Committee to consider adding Broom Hill to the parks acquisition list. Broom Hill is located partially in both the Otter District of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area and the District of Sooke. This request comes to the Parks Committee as a result of meetings between the JDF Regional Director, community groups and the Mayor of Sooke.

Broom Hill is centrally located with a large portion of the land base being in both the Kemp Lake and Porier Lake watersheds. To the best of my knowledge, most of the land is owned by the Crown. The recreation potential of the area would make it an important asset in the Capital Regional District.

There is some urgency in looking at this property as I understand the Crown is considering using the land for a swap with other land for the purpose of logging. As Kemp Lake and Porier Lakes are already under threat because of logging, any other logging pressure could endanger the quality of the lakes for water consumption.

As the region becomes more populated there is the constant potential of more development. While there are many wilderness areas in close proximity to Broom Hill, there are not parks with the potential of providing recreation on a larger scale in this emerging area.

Attached for your reference is a map of the Broom Hill area. I look forward to the CRD Parks Committee's participation in this acquisition. If there is any further information I may be able to provide please let me know.

Yours truly,

Erik Lund
Regional Director
Juan de Fuca Electoral Area

Attachment

Cc: Lloyd Ruston, CRD Parks
Mayor Janet Evans, District of Sooke
SEAPARC, Larry Hutchings
OPSRRA, Ken Pungente
JDF EDC, John Stewardson
Sooke District EDC, Sabina Foofat

11. Economic Development Commission

Meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Refer to [Bylaw 3064](#). For further information please contact the Chair John Stewardson at (250) 514-3263 or by email at jstewardson@novaport.ca

Members

Ken Douch	Otter Point	642-2114
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12. FREE ADVERTISING FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES 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.com. 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, fishing charters, eco tours, firewood, knitting, soaps, landscaping, bookkeeping, sewing and more. More information, businesses already listed and a registration form are available on OPSRRA's web site under Business Listings.

OPSRRA

OPSRRA is a representative community organization with an elected Board of Directors and strives to present the points-of-view of the residents of the rural communities of Shirley and Otter Point to local government. It was founded in 1992 and has a membership of about 350.

Lifetime memberships are \$5.00 and available from OPSRRA directors—see our web site (www.opsrra.com) for further information.

The purpose of our society is to:

1. 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.
2. Co-operate with local government and other public bodies in the furtherance of the objectives of the society and benefits to the community.
3. Concern itself with the performance of government agencies.
4. Encourage citizens to stand for public office.
5. Promote community spirit and sense of identity by organizing or supporting appropriate activities.

OPSRRA's EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTORS

Ken Pungente	President	Arnie Campbell	Vice President
Wendy Miller	Secretary/Treasurer		
Byron Tweedy	Director	Mitch Moneo	Director
Virginia Boyd	Director	Wendy Morton	Director
Frances Stocks	Director		

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