

# OTTER POINT & SHIRLEY RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (OPSRRA) INFORMATION UPDATE **March 2011**

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 who are age 18 or over are 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 emails this newsletter to over **285** 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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Tuesday  
March 1

**Juan de Fuca Emergency Services**  
Monthly Meeting  
7:00 p.m.  
JDF Search & Rescue Campus Training Building  
2028C Idlemore Road Sooke BC

See newsletter item below for more information about JDF Emergency Services.

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Wednesday  
March 2

**Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society**  
General Meeting  
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
Otter Point Fire Hall  
3727 Otter Point Road, Otter Point BC

Gil Parker has some interesting tales to tell about the Vancouver Island Spine Trail, a project decades in the making. Last June, runners, hikers, bikers and equestrians relayed down the Island's Spine.

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Wednesday  
March 3

**Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Commission (SEAPARC)**  
Monthly Meeting  
6:30 p.m.  
Board Room  
SEAPARC Leisure Complex  
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

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Thursday  
March 4

**Marine Trail Holdings**  
Public information Meeting  
7:00 p.m.  
Edward Milne Community School, Sooke BC

See newsletter item below.

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Saturday  
March 5

**Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society**  
**Kemp Lake**  
9:30 a.m.

Meet at 2452 Kemp Lake Road to car pool to the trail head.

A 1.5 to 2 hour hike on good forest trails. Dress for the weather (it could be muddy) and bring a snack.

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  
March 6      **French Beach Clean up**  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Organized by the Surfrider Foundation Vancouver Island  
Information:  
[www.surfrider.org/vancouverisland](http://www.surfrider.org/vancouverisland)

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Wednesday  
March 9      **Shirley Community Association**  
Annual General Meeting  
7:30 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall

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Tuesday  
March 15      **JDF Electoral Area Land Use Committee (LUC)**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.  
District of Sooke Council Chambers  
2225 Otter Point Road, Sooke BC  
Obtain the agenda the Friday before the meeting on the  
CRD website at:  
[http://www.crd.bc.ca/agendas/juandefucalandusecom\\_/index.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/agendas/juandefucalandusecom_/index.htm)  
Select the year and month of the agenda you wish to read.

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Wednesday  
March 16      **Otter Point Official Community Plan Review**  
**Committee Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.  
Otter Point Fire Hall  
3727 Otter Point Road, Otter Point BC

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Sunday  
March 20      **Shirley Soup and Sandwich Lunch**  
Noon to 2:00 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall  
All you can eat soup and sandwiches  
\$10    Adults  
\$ 5    Children

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Tuesday  
March 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:**  
Meeting at the  
call of the  
Chair. Check  
with JDF  
Planning  
Services Office  
to confirm.

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Thursday  
March 24      **Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Economic Development Commission**  
Monthly Meeting  
6:00 p.m.  
JDF Electoral Area Services Office  
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC

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Sunday  
March 27      **OPSRRA Annual General Meeting!**  
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Otter Point Fire Hall  
3727 Otter Point Road, Otter Point BC

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Wednesday  
March 30      **Otter Point Official Community Plan Review Committee Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.  
Otter Point Fire Hall  
3727 Otter Point Road, Otter Point BC

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Saturday  
April 2      **Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society William Simmons Memorial Park**  
9:30 a.m.  
  
Meet at the William Simmons Memorial Park parking lot at to check out the developing trail system.  
Route to be determined.  
  
A 3+ hour hike.  
Bbring a lunch.  
  
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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Tuesday  
April 5      **Juan de Fuca Emergency Services**  
Monthly Meeting  
7:00 p.m.  
JDF Search & Rescue Campus Training Building  
2028C Idlemore Road Sooke BC

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Wednesday  
April 6      **Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Commission (SEAPARC)**  
Monthly Meeting  
6:30 p.m.  
Board Room  
SEAPARC Leisure Complex  
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

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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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Thursdays     **Nia Dance / Movement Class**  
6:45 to 8:00 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall  
  
Contact Melody Kimmell:  
250-646-2995  
[movingmelody@gmail.com](mailto:movingmelody@gmail.com)

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## 2.     **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: OPSRRA 2011-2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

OPSRRA will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Sunday, March 27, 2011 at the Otter Point Fire Hall.

Regional Director Mike Hicks and John Horgan, MLA have been invited to attend to conduct the elections.

An agenda will be sent to members on the newsletter email list and mailed to members who do not receive the monthly newsletter.

Our association membership annually elects three members to be their executive and five to be their directors. The Nominations Committee proposes the following slate of candidates for the coming elections:

President:                     Arnie Campbell  
Vice President:                 Fiona McDannold  
Secretary/Treasurer:         Bob Phillips  
Directors     Brenda Mark, Sandra Barta, Wayne Fritz, Erik James and Marika Nagasaka.

Residents and property owners of Shirley and Otter Point who are members of the association can be nominated up to and including the date of the AGM. Send nominations to Arnie Campbell, Brenda Mark or Wayne Fritz. Our contact information is at the beginning of this newsletter.

## 3.     **SHIRLEY FIRE COMMISSION ELECTS EXECUTIVE**

The Shirley Fire Commission elected their executive at their November 2010 Annual General Meeting. Filling these positions for 2011:

Chair:                             Jurgen Kirste  
Vice Chair:                         Lloyd Reddington  
Secretary/Treasurer:         Harold Shipton

Other elected members of the commission: Gerard LeBlanc, Ian Blaney and Andy Barber.

The commissioners met in January and February and will continue meeting on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Shirley Fire Hall.

#### 4. **TIMBERWEST PURCHASES WESTERN FOREST PRODUCTS LANDS**

So, how much private managed forest land does \$21,900,000 get you nowadays? In the case of TimberWest (TW), 7,678 hectares or about 19,000 acres or about 30 square miles which works out to about \$2,852 a hectare, \$1,152 an acre or \$730,000 a square mile. According to their 9 February 2011 press release, TW has purchased these private forest lands from Western Forest Products (WFP) in order to consolidate their forest lands in our area and to:

“... complement (their) core business strategy of managing forests for long-term sustainability and assuring a steady and continuing flow of high quality timber.”

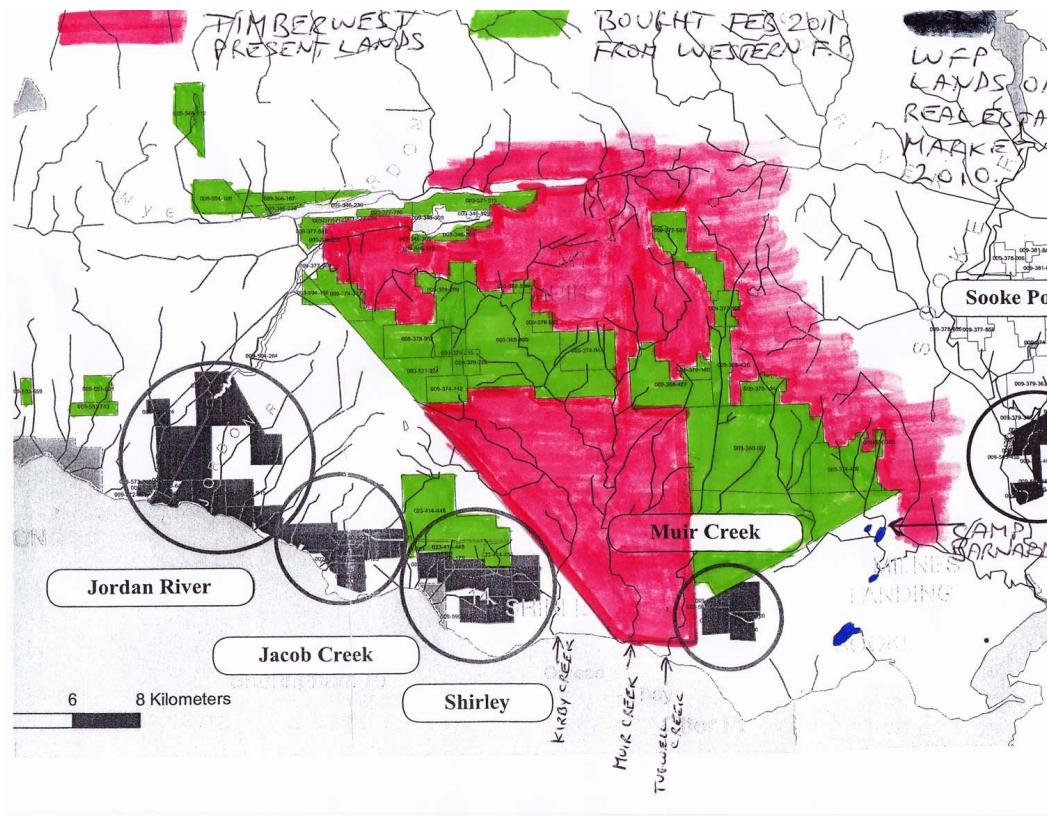
The premium species mix and age class distribution of this land makes it a great complement to the Company's managed forest lands on Vancouver Island. TimberWest will manage this land for its timberland value.

As the island's largest private forest land owner, TimberWest recognizes the importance of good land stewardship and is committed to managing this new acquisition to the same high standards of safety, environment, and sustainability it has achieved throughout its land base.

Most of the purchased forest lands are in the Rural Resource Lands portion of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area with a major portion lying in a huge arc above the Muir Creek, Tugwell Creek, King Creek and De Mamiel Stream watersheds; a lesser amount of the purchased lands are located within the Shirley District and west of Jordan River. None of the private forest lands purchased by TW includes the properties in Jordan River, Shirley and Otter Point that WFP has had on the real estate market for the past year. The portion of the purchased forest lands that are within the Shirley Official Community Plan boundary are presently covered by CRD Bylaw 189. This bylaw is presently being reviewed by JDF Planning Services and a recommendation will be coming forward to the JDF Land Use Committee for possible changes to the allowable dwelling density on the properties covered by this bylaw.

The following map provides more information about the location of the lands purchased by TW in the vicinity of Otter Point and Shirley. The **BLACK** areas within the circles are the WFP properties that were released from Tree Farm License 25 in 2007 and were placed upon the real estate market. Included in the Jordan River **BLACK** circle are the waterfront properties from Sandcut Beach to River Jordan that have been purchased by the CRD with financial help from the Land Conservancy and the province. They will eventually become CRD parkland. Some of the other properties in Jordan River and Shirley have been purchased by small scale logging operators and are being logged. The **GREEN** areas are timberlands that were owned by WFP and recently sold to TW. The **RED** areas are existing TW holdings in the area. Otter Point is the area in white generally located between the Muir Creek and Camp Barnard arrows and includes the **BLACK** circle identified as Muir Creek. A larger scale version of this map will be available on the OPSRRA web site: [www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca)





This purchase has significance for the communities of Shirley and Otter Point as the lands now owned by TW include working forests, recreation areas, sacred First Nation sites and the source of most of our community drinking water. In Shirley, the purchased lands are the headwaters for creeks such as Jacobs, Begg, Eaglet, Swallow, Frenchome, Kirby and Goudie which have about a dozen water licenses on them including the one on Jacob Creek for Point No Point Resort and one on Goudie Creek for the 110 households on the Sheringham Waterworks system. Muir, Tugwell and King Creek and De Mamiel Steam in Otter Point have their headwaters in this forested area too. Young, Kemp and McKenzie Lakes as well as some wetlands in Otter Point are also fed, in part, by water that originates in these forest lands. There are presently about 100 known residential and commercial water licenses on Otter Point lakes, watercourses and their tributaries.

With this purchase TW now owns all of the forested land to the east, west and north of Camp Barnard (Scouts Canada) in Otter Point as well as Mount Bluff which is regarded as a sacred site by the T'sou-ke Nation.

As the communities of Shirley and Otter Point review their Official Community Plans, identifying and protecting present and future sources of safe and dependable drinking water becomes an important consideration. Attention should be given to where watersheds are located and how to ensure they have some form of protection. Developing a cooperative relationship between the forest companies that work in these watersheds and the neighbouring communities becomes an imperative.

## 5. MARINE TRAIL HOLDINGS REZONING REQUEST GOES TO AGENCY REFERRAL & PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

The most recently revised proposal by Marine Trail Holdings to have their rural properties west of Jordan River rezoned to allow for a recreational development came before the Juan de Fuca (JDF) Land Use Committee (LUC) on February 15.



The September 2010 proposal by the Marine Trail Holdings group was to construct a lodge and 279 cabins on approximately 236 hectares of former Western Forest Products private forest land removed from Tree Farm License (TFL) 25 between Jordan River and Port Renfrew. This development proposal required a rezoning of seven separate properties as the present Resource Land (RL) zone in the Rural Resource Lands, where the properties are located, allows for only one dwelling per parcel with a minimum parcel size of 120 hectares for subdivision. The revised application is for:

- 257 cabin units on 6 of the 7 parcels;
- 6 caretaker residences;
- 1 lodge with restaurant, store, meeting rooms and spa;
- 2 recreation centres.

Approximately 33 Ha (81 acres) would be developed; 98 Ha (243 acres) would be dedicated to B.C. Parks; 105 Ha (259 acres) would be protected land. Amenities would include 2 public trails to the Juan de Fuca Marine Trail, public parking for trail users, access to the Pacheedaht (Port Renfrew) First Nation to Cultural Lands, a helipad site requested by the province for emergency evacuations from the area and three water reservoirs.

Following an opportunity for public comment and discussion by members of LUC at their February 15 meeting, the committee voted to send the application out for further agency comment. A public information session will also be held on Thursday, March 3, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Edward Milne Community School in Sooke. The format for this event will include a brief presentation on the proposed rezoning application followed by an opportunity for anyone who wants to speak to comment on the application. There will also be an opportunity to submit written comments at the meeting. Additional comments on the proposal can be forwarded to: [jdfinfo@crd.bc.ca](mailto:jdfinfo@crd.bc.ca). Following this event, the JDF Planning Services staff will consider the public and agency comments for inclusion in their April 19 report to LUC. Staff reports can be viewed at:

[http://www.crd.bc.ca/reports/juandefucalandusecom\\_/2011\\_/index.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/reports/juandefucalandusecom_/2011_/index.htm)

One of the outcomes of the public comments at the February 15 LUC meeting was agreement by LUC and JDF Planning Services to add the Shirley Fire Department, the Port Renfrew Fire Department, JDF Emergency Services and JDF Search and Rescue to the list of agencies being asked to formally comment on the rezoning application.

Among the many questions raised during the public comment portion of the LUC meeting included ones related to:

- The completeness and accuracy of some of the information contained in the Fire Hazard and Highway Traffic reports;
- Why the resort is proposing to operate as three separate companies with nine strata corporations located over six parcels instead of as one company?
- Lack of clarity regarding how the strata corporations will monitor and enforce limitations on “recreational” stays by owners and/or renters.
- Lack of clarity about what happens when the time-limited agreement with the CRD expires. Could the recreational resort then apply to become a subdivision? If so, should the provincial Subdivision Approving Officer be asked to comment, now, on the terms of the agreement between the strata corporations and the CRD to clarify

whether the strata proposal already meets the definition of a subdivision?

Hopefully, the answers to these and other questions will allow the planning staff, elected representatives to Land Use Committee A of the CRD Board and the public to decide if this is the right development, of the right size in the right place for the Rural Resource Lands.

**Note:** OPSRRA has not taken a position on this rezoning application. OPSRRA directors will continue to follow the process and will notify members after the April 19 LUC meeting as to whether the association should consider making comment if this proposal goes to public hearing.

## 6. PACIFIC MARINE CIRCLE ROUTE WEB SITE

The Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JDFEA) Regional Director and the JDFEA Economic Development Commission have developed a web site to promote the beaches, parks, trails, lakes, museums and other sights along the Highway 14 Pacific Marine Circle Route which passes through Sooke, follows the highway to Port Renfrew and then cuts over the San Juan Ridge to Lake Cowichan and Duncan. The web site is being marketed to tourist facilities through-out the South Island as a "something to do for the day" activity for visitors to the area.

Information describing the Pacific Marine Circle Tour is on their web site <http://www.pacificmarinecircleroute.com/>

**Note:** The route presumes that the tour will start in the Victoria to Duncan corridor and travel in the Lake Cowichan to Port Renfrew to Sooke direction. A mileage distance chart is also provided for travel in the opposite direction.

### **A Journey on Mother Nature's Wilderness Highway**

The perfect one-day drive. You will visit West Coast beaches and parks, world famous ancient forests and mammoth trees. This self-guided tour will take you from the East Coast of Vancouver Island, through the mountains of Lake Cowichan, along the West Coast and back to your origin. Along the way you can enjoy restaurants, spectacular scenery and quaint shops in the unique coastal communities.

## 7. UPDATE: OTTER POINT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW

The Otter Point Official Community Plan (OCP) Community Issues forum was held on February 12 with about 50 participants attending for part or all of the three hour session. Group and individual comments were submitted at the end of the afternoon and others were dropped-off at the Rock Beach (Kemp Lake) store or submitted on-line. There were 88 workbook submissions as well as comments from four Grade Six Socials Studies classes at Journey Middle School and students in the Leadership Program at Edward Milne Community School. A summary of the comments received can be viewed on the project's web site:

[http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/landuse/otterpoint\\_ocp.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/landuse/otterpoint_ocp.htm). Once there go to the February 12 forum and click on the HowNowWow summary.

The next steps for the OCP Review Committee include:

- Identifying the critical issues shared by the majority of people.

- Identifying major conflicts between the present OCP and the critical issues identified in the community comments.
- Does the current OCP deal with the shared issues in a positive way?
- Will the present OCP get the community to where it wants to go?
- What is missing from the present OCP?
- What needs to be tweaked?

Meanwhile, work continues on the mapping of special places that the community would like to see protected and/or respected in some way. The Sensitive Environmental Inventory (SEI) is about completed and the preliminary material will be presented to the OCP Review Committee at its March 16 meeting. Another community forum is being planned for April 9 with the focus being the actual changes that need to be made to the existing OCP to capture the major issues identified by the community. A meeting has been arranged with the T'Sou-ke Nation whose traditional territory includes Otter Point. This will be an opportunity for the OCP Review Committee to review the community comments received with the representatives from the T'Sou-ke Nation and seek their comment.

## 8. PROFILE: JUAN DE FUCA EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JDFEA) operates three emergency services programs: Emergency Services, Emergency Preparedness and Search & Rescue.

For 2010, the JDFEA Emergency Services and Emergency Preparedness had a joint budget of \$73,170 (\$4.46 per \$100,000 of assessed property value) and a projected budget for 2011 of \$67,900 (\$4.14 per \$100,000 of assessed property value).

The JDFEA Search & Rescue program had a budget of \$62,000 (\$3.78 per \$100,000 of assessed property value) in 2010 and is projected to have the same budget in 2011.

George OBriain is the Coordinator of the Emergency Services and Emergency Preparedness programs in the JDFEA. His contact information is:

Tel: 250.642.2266 or 250.883.0607  
 Fax: 250.642.2023  
 Pager: 250.360.4662  
 Web site: [www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/emergency/emergency.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/emergency/emergency.htm)

Here is the description of the three services as provided on the Emergency Services web site: <http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/emergency/emergency.htm>

### A) Emergency Services:

#### What We Do

The Juan de Fuca Emergency Program provides comprehensive support, planning and management of emergency response in the Electoral Area through the operation of Emergency Social Services. This program provides assistance to residents who are evacuated during an emergency. In cases where residents are left without power, water or access to amenities during storms, natural disasters or other incidents, provision for food, shelter and clothing needs are provided for up to 72 hours.

## **Funding & Operation**

Emergency Social Services, which began in 1993, was created in response to the provincial Emergency Program Act. The program is administered by the CRD, under the Provincial Emergency Program and the Emergency Measures Act of BC. Funding for equipment and supplies is provided by property tax and administered by the CRD. Funding during an actual emergency, (food, hotel, transportation, etc) is provided by the Provincial Government. The Emergency Program has two paid positions, Emergency Coordinator and ESS Director, funded by the CRD. Other members are volunteers.

## **B) Emergency Preparedness:**

According to the JDF Emergency Services web site the Emergency Program service provides planning and management of an emergency response plan for the JDF area. It was created in response to the Emergency Program Act.

## **Commission Activities**

- prepares the local emergency plan
- reviews emergency preparedness, operations, resources and capabilities to ensure adequacy
- determines the need for response exercises and training programs
- coordinates liaisons with other area response agencies and directs the Emergency Coordinator

The members of the Commission are:

Jordan River	Bob Dick
Shirley	Dominique Bernardet
Otter Point	Mark Evans
Port Renfrew	Ted Mehler
East Sooke	Jeri Grant (Chair)
Malahat	Ted Dixon
Willis Point	vacant
At large	Rob Vanveen, Bill Meikle and Brian Webb

## **Minutes & Meeting Schedule**

Emergency Planning meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month except August, at 7:00 pm at the JDF SAR Campus, Training Building; 2028C Idlemore Road, Sooke.

Training meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month except August, at the JDF SAR Campus, Training Building; 2028C Idlemore Road, Sooke.

## **C) Juan de Fuca Search and Rescue Committee:**

The committee manages a land search and rescue service for the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area. The committee and the service were started in 2003.

## **Committee Activities**

- manages search and rescue for the entire area
- appoints a Search Director to be Chief of Operations
- coordinates liaisons with other area response agencies and SAR teams as needed

The Electoral Area Director is a member of the committee.

### Minutes & Meeting Schedule

Minutes are not posted online.

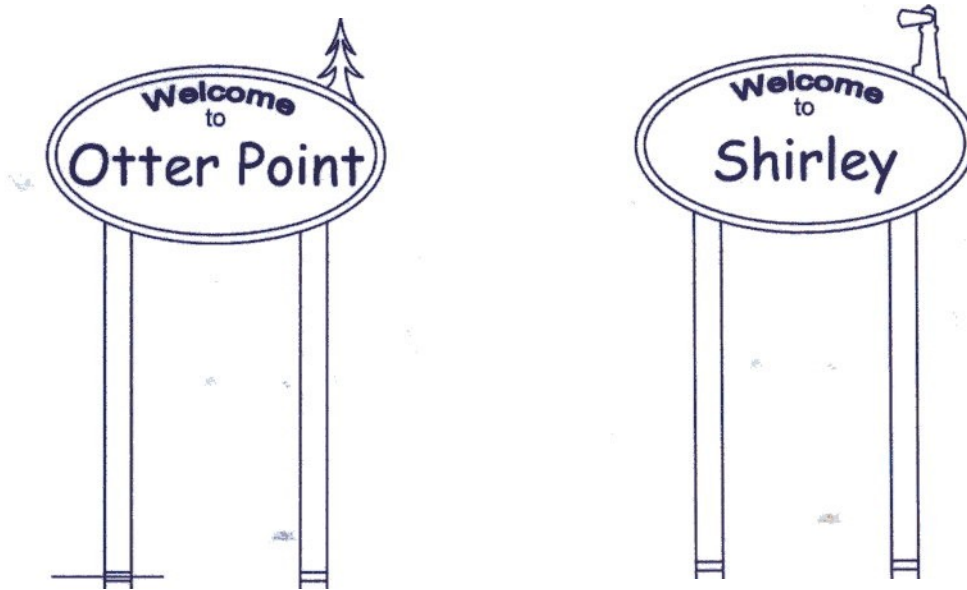
Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at 2032 Idlemore Road, Sooke.

**Note:** Next month's OPSRRA newsletter will profile other taxpayer supported emergency services in our community such as fire protection, RCMP dispatch, fire dispatch, CREST and CRD emergency services.

## 9. UPDATE: COMMUNITY SIGNAGE FOR SHIRLEY & OTTER POINT

As reported in last month's newsletter, OPSRRA has been pursuing the idea of erecting four Welcome signs at the entry points to Shirley and Otter Point along Highway 14. All the costing is now complete and a recent meeting with a representative from the Ministry of Transportation has identified 3 acceptable sites:

- one at the eastern entrance to Otter Point as you come from Sooke
- one between Anderson Road and Muir Creek for a double faced sign with Shirley on one side and Otter Point on the other
- one west of Fossil Bay Resort to identify Shirley for traffic coming from the direction of Jordan River.



Applications for funding have been submitted to the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Economic Development Commission and a local area service club for help with the cost of this community project. OPSRRA member Murray Tomkin completed all of the technical drawings needed to cost, build and install the signs and to meet the requirements of the Ministry of Transportation. The signs will be built of Western Red Cedar and the letters on the signs will stand proud of the background because the surrounding surfaces will be routed away, about 5/8" deep, to form the background. The faces will be painted before routing so after routing the background will be bare cedar and the letters will still have paint. It is like a relief carving.

The sign dimensions are approximately 40 inches high by 70 inches wide mounted on 6 inch x 6 inch posts with an overall height above ground of about 10 feet. The optional detail on the Otter Point sign is a fir tree and the one on the Shirley sign is a lighthouse. Subject to getting the necessary funding, the plan is to have the signs built in May and installed in June. If you are interested in helping out with his project contact either Wayne Fritz or Arnie Campbell.

## 10. DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

### **Point No Point in Shirley, the location of Point No Point Resort, was once known as Glacier Point?**

A 1935 Department of National Defence map passed along to Sid Jorna of the Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society by long time, and now former, Otter Point resident Donald Robinson, is providing some interesting information about local landmarks. Here are some examples.

**Begg Creek** which flows into the Strait of Juan de Fuca, east of Point No Point, was named by the province in 1934 but the Provincial Geographer doesn't know the origin of the name. A Sooke Region Museum reference book refers to it as also being known as Goat Creek.

**Point No Point** was once known as Glacier Point. According to the Provincial Geographer it was not labeled on British Admiralty Chart #1911 in 1849 and 1865. It was then labeled "Point No Point" on a B.C. map of the West Coast of Vancouver Island in 1897. It was then relabeled "Glacier Point" on British Admiralty Chart #1911 dated 1900. But then again identified as "Point No Point" in the Geological Survey of Canada Report of 1908 and Listed as "Point No Point" in the B.C. Gazetteer of 1909. The name Point No Point was officially adopted by the province on 2 May 1911. According to the BC Geographic Names web site, the name given to the "Point" is said to refer to the deceiving or ambiguous nature of this feature when viewed from opposing sides. However on the 1935 Department of National Defence map the point has a well defined profile that juts out into the Strait of Juan de Fuca. It is not known if Point No Point is an adaption of an Indian name, or as applied by surveyors. The origin and significance of Glacier Point is not known.

**Next month** we'll look into the origin of some other Shirley creeks identified on the 1935 Department of National Defence map.

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)

## 11. OPSRRA SMALL BUSINESS LISTINGS

**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 Service

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

Welcome Wagon

Wood Visions

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

Back issues of the OPSRRA newsletter are available on the OPSRRA web site.

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