

# OTTER POINT & SHIRLEY RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (OPSRRA) INFORMATION UPDATE **March 2013**

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 over **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 **300** of our members. Contact Arnie Campbell at: [opsrra@gmail.com](mailto:opsrra@gmail.com) you want to receive this membership service.

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## 1. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Contact Arnie Campbell at: [opsrra@gmail.com](mailto:opsrra@gmail.com) or **250-642-3113** to have your community event listed in our monthly community events calendar.

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Saturday  
March 2

### **Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society**

#### **Hike to Mt. Manuel Quimper**

9:00 a.m.

Meet at the CRD Parks parking lot on Harbour View Road.

A 5 to 6 hour hike, 9 kilometres with a 450 metre climb on a forest trail.

Bring a lunch and dress for the weather.

Phone Sid 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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Monday  
March 4

### **Juan de Fuca Services Building**

#### **Public Hearing**

7:00 p.m.

Otter Point Fire Hall

3727 Otter Point Road

Proposed Bylaw No. 3870 (Rezoning Application Z-05-12 - CRD - 7450 Butler Road/Sooke Business Park)

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Tuesday  
March 5

### **Shirley/Jordan River Advisory Planning Commission**

7:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Bylaw No. 3857 - Lot B, Section 90, Renfrew District, Plan 23273 (Invermuir Road) from Bylaw No. 2040 Forestry (AF) zone to Rural A Zone

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Tuesday  
March 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  
March 6

### **Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Commission (SEAPARC)**

#### **Monthly Meeting**

7:00 p.m.

Board Room

SEAPARC Leisure Complex

2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

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Monday  
March 11  
Note location  
change

**OPSRRA Board of Directors  
Monthly Meeting**  
**Members welcome!**  
7:30 p.m.  
The Studio  
3708 Otter Point Road  
(across the street from the Otter Point Fire Hall)

Agenda available on request.  
Contact Arnie Campbell at [opsrra@gmail.com](mailto:opsrra@gmail.com)

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Monday  
March 11

**Otter Point Advisory Planning Commission**  
7:00 p.m.

Otter Point Fire Hall  
3727 Otter Point Road

- Rezoning Application Z-04-12 for kennel use (2276 Kemp Lake Road).
- Rezoning Application Z-06-12 for kennel use (3312 Otter Point Road).
- Bylaw No. 3857 - to rezone Camp Barnard, land at Anderson Road and lands above Clark Road.

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Wednesday  
March 13

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

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Saturday  
March 16

**Planting Calendar Workshop**  
**ALM Farm**  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Get the most out of your garden and take advantage of our mild climate.

The key to having food from your garden year round is to create a good seeding schedule.

We will create a planting calendar for the year, look at pushing plants dates in the spring and fall to extend the season and plan harvest successions sowing for continual, extended harvest of certain vegetables. We will discuss materials and shelters that help extend the season for the more delicate crops.

Please bring a blank calendar to the course.

Fee: \$30

Instructor: Marika Nagasaka

For more information or to register, contact ALM Organic Farm:  
web site: [www.almfarms.org](http://www.almfarms.org)  
email: [info@almfarms.org](mailto:info@almfarms.org)  
phone 250-642-3671

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Sunday  
March 17

**Shirley Spring Craft Fair**

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Call Fern for more information  
or to reserve a booth:  
250-646-2009



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Monday  
March 18

**Otter Point Official Community Plan Review Meeting**

A public meeting to review the second draft of the Otter Point Official Community Plan. View the second draft of the OCP on the Otter Point OCP web site after Monday, March 11:

[http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/landuse/otterpoint\\_ocp.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/landuse/otterpoint_ocp.htm)

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Tuesday  
March 19

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

7:00 p.m.

JDF Electoral Area Planning Services Meeting Room  
2-6868 West Coast 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.

Staff reports available:

[http://www.crd.bc.ca/reports/juandefucalandusecom\\_/2013\\_index.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/reports/juandefucalandusecom_/2013_index.htm)

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Wednesday  
March 20

**Shirley Fire Protection & Emergency Response Commission**

Monthly meeting

7:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

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Monday  
March 25

**Otter Point Official Community Plan Review Meeting**

A public meeting to review the second draft of the Otter Point Official Community Plan. View the second draft of the OCP on the Otter Point OCP web site after Monday, March 11:

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Tuesday  
March 26

**Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Commission**

Monthly Meeting

3:00 p.m.

JDF Electoral Area Services Meeting Room  
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC

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Saturday  
March 30

**Grow Amazing Tomatoes**  
**ALM Farm**

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Have the earliest producing and greatest tasting tomatoes in your neighbourhood.

Learn how to select the best varieties, propagate from seed, prepare the soil, transplant and train a variety of types of tomatoes. Also learn how to protect your crop from pests and save seed from your favourite tomatoes.

Course includes 5 seedlings of a variety of heirloom tomatoes ready to transplant in May.

Fee: \$40

Instructor: Mary Alice Johnson

For more information or to register, contact ALM Organic Farm:  
web site: [www.almfarms.org](http://www.almfarms.org)  
email: [info@almfarms.org](mailto:info@almfarms.org)  
phone 250-642-3671

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Tuesday  
April 2

**Otter Point Official Community Plan Review Meeting**

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Tuesday  
April 2

**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 3

**Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Commission (SEAPARC) Monthly Meeting**

7:00 p.m.  
Board Room  
SEAPARC Leisure Complex  
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

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Saturday  
April 6

**Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society**  
**Explore the Wonder Trail: Glintz Lake and beyond**  
9:00 a.m.

Meet at the CRD Parks parking lot on Harbour View Road  
A 5 to 6 hour hike on a forested path to explore the routes  
through the park reserve at Glintz Lake.

Bring a snack. Dress for the weather.

Phone Sid Jorna, 250-642-2767 or  
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[www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca](http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca)

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Sunday  
April 7

**OPSRRA**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
2:00 p.m.

Otter Point Fire Hall  
3727 Otter Point Road

- Vote on changes to the constitution
- Association's activities updates
- Election of directors

See newsletter items below for details

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Tuesday  
April 9

**Shirley Fire Protection Society**  
**Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall

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Mondays

**Karate for all ages**  
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall  
Contact Alida Long: 250-642-4631

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Mondays

**Pilates**  
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.  
Shirley Community Hall  
Level 1 class (suitable for beginners)  
Contact Sandra Smith:  
website: [www.svakayoga.com](http://www.svakayoga.com)  
email: [svakayoga@gmail.com](mailto:svakayoga@gmail.com)

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Thursdays

**Shirley Quilters and Crafters**  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall  
  
**Everyone welcome**  
Contact Christien Shipton: 250-646-2687

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Saturdays

**Pilates**

9:30 am

Shirley Community Hall

Level 1 class (suitable for beginners)

Contact: Sandra Smith

website: [www.svakayoga.com](http://www.svakayoga.com)

email: [svakayoga@gmail.com](mailto:svakayoga@gmail.com)

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Thursdays &  
Sundays

**Nia Dance / Movement Class**

**Thursdays:** 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

**Sundays:** 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 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 TO THE OPSRRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OPSRRA will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday, April 7, 2013.

Elections for three executive and five director positions are held annually at the AGM. A full slate of nominees will be put forward before the AGM by the Nominations Committee; however this does not prevent further nominations being sent to the Nominations Committee c/o Arnie Campbell, President, OPSRRA at [opsrra@gmail.com](mailto:opsrra@gmail.com) or phone 250-642-3113. You can indicate either a personal interest in being nominated as a director or you can nominate someone else with their permission. A nominee must be eighteen years of age, a resident or property owner in either Shirley or Otter Point and a voting member of the association at the time of the election. Nominations are also accepted from the floor at the AGM.

**Note:** A pending change to the OPSRRA constitution, which will be voted on at the April AGM, could change the association's boundary to include Jordan River. If approved, this change would permit residents of Jordan River, who belong to the association, to be nominated for a position on the OPSRRA Board of Directors.

## 3. PROPOSED CHANGES TO OPSRRA CONSTITUTION

Motions to change OPSRRA's constitution will be presented at the association's April 7, 2013 Annual General Meeting.

The following proposed changes to the OPSRRA constitution were brought to the January membership meeting for discussion and were supported in principle:

- Expanding the membership boundary in Shirley and Otter Point from the Fire Protection to the respective Official Community Plan boundaries for Shirley/Jordan River and Otter Point.
- Extending full membership to residents of Jordan River.
- Identifying OPSRRA's expanded role as an organizer of community events such as forums and Town Hall and All Candidates meetings.
- Adding a definition for Associate member.
- Rewriting Schedule B.

All of the proposed changes were supported by those in attendance; however it was pointed-out at the meeting that it might be useful to consider making further changes to Schedule B. The OPSRRA directors discussed this at their February directors' meeting and a revised Schedule B will be presented to the membership at the AGM. Details of all of the proposed changes will be sent to members two weeks in advance of that date.

## 4. SUGGESTIONS FOR AN OPSRRA LOGO

Last month we asked your opinion about a proposed OPSRRA logo. The responses were split 50/50 between either liking it or disliking it. So, we're not done with this project.

Continue to provide us with your comments by email at [opsrra@gmail.com](mailto:opsrra@gmail.com) and we'll continue to bring forward suggestions for further comment.



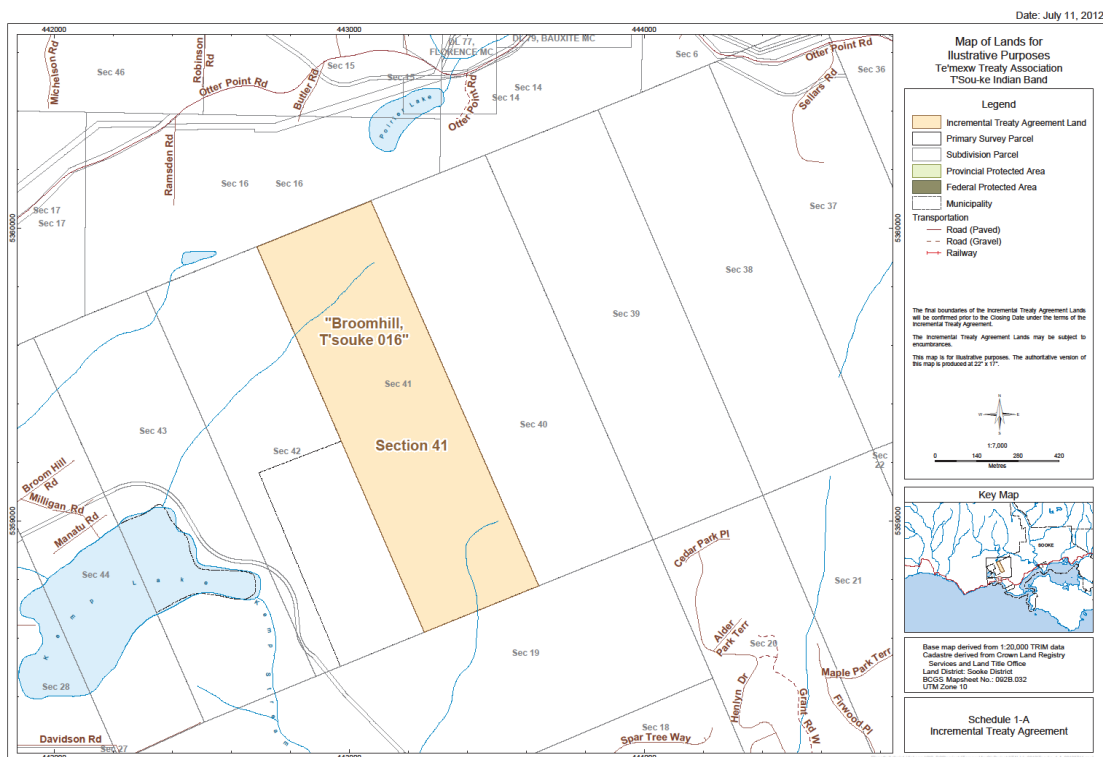
## 5. T'SOU-KE NATION HAS ACQUIRED BROOM HILL IN OTTER POINT

The Province made a long anticipated but still surprising announcement on Tuesday, February 26, 2013. It granted 60 hectares (150 acres) of Crown land in Otter Point to the T'Sou-ke Nation as part of an Incremental Treaty Agreement. The treaty is the first instalment on perhaps as much as 634 hectares (1566 acres) of Crown land in Otter Point that is being held for First Nations treaty settlement. This amounts to about 18.5% of the land area in Otter Point. The initial 60 hectares comprises all of Section 41 on Broom Hill and is located to the east of Kemp Lake between the Business Park and the District of Sooke boundary. This grant will be accompanied by an adjoining 60 hectares (Section 40), also in Otter Point, once the next stages of the treaty negotiations are finalized.

Because the federal First Nations Reserve laws prevent First Nations from legally owning private lands, the lands can't be transferred to the T'Sou-ke Nation as Reserve lands until a final treaty agreement is made. In the interim, a seemingly complicated method of holding the lands has been devised involving a "Designated Company" that will hold the lands in fee simple for the duration of the treaty negotiations.

During this time the "Designated Company" can't dispose of the Lands and the Lands will remain in fee simple and,

"... the Lands are subject to provincial laws, including applicable zoning, land use, land development and property tax laws, and at no time after Closing will the T'Sou-ke Indian Band challenge the applicability of provincial laws."



Map showing the initial 60 hectares of land on Broom Hill in Otter Point transferred to the T'Sou-ke Nation as part of the Incremental Treaty Agreement signed on 26 February, 2013. The adjoining 60 hectares to the right (Section 40) will be transferred at a later time.

View the full treaty on the OPSRRA web site using this link:

[http://www.opsrra.ca/Developments/LandSettlements/tsouke\\_tta\\_ita\\_feb\\_25\\_2013.pdf](http://www.opsrra.ca/Developments/LandSettlements/tsouke_tta_ita_feb_25_2013.pdf)

## 6. BROTHERSTON'S PROPOSED OTTER POINT DEVELOPMENT

### Background

In July of 2012, developers Marie and Ken Brotherston hosted a community forum to review their proposal to develop 225 hectares (approximately 560 acres) of private managed forest land in Otter Point which they purchased from Western Forest Products in 2011. The two-hour public event at the Otter Point Fire Hall was attended by about 35 local residents and consisted of a presentation by the planner overseeing their proposal and a Q & A session with those in attendance.

Their property, located at the end of Clark Road, off Otter Point Place is presently zoned Forestry which allows for one dwelling on 4 hectares (10 acres). The Brotherstons were seeking support from the community for Rural Residential 3 rezoning which would allow for one dwelling on 2 hectares (5 acres). In addition, they also wanted community approval to use lot averaging to create lots ranging from 1.6 hectares to 4 hectares.

Depending on the density and lot sizes approved by the CRD, the Brotherstons were prepared to provide park and trail amenities equaling 21 to 28 hectares or about 9-12% of the development. If their rezoning application was not supported they intended to develop the property as 4 hectare lots with no requirement to provide community amenities.

### Update

The Brotherstons recently informed the OPSRRA newsletter that they are proceeding with phase one of their development and are in the process of subdividing Section 38 into eleven 4 hectare (10 acre) properties. Under the present zoning, one dwelling is permitted on each 4 hectare (10 acre) property. Because these properties are zoned Forestry, 4 on 10 strata development is not permitted. No community amenity is required as this is not a rezoning application. Access would be from Clark Road, off Otter Point Place. The Brotherston's three adjacent properties amount to about 180 hectares and would remain undeveloped at this time.

Note: A map of the proposed subdivision is posted to the OPSRRA web site. The web site also has a map showing the total area of the Brotherston property and the notes from the 12 July, 2012 public meeting held to discuss their development proposals. Follow this link to the OPSRRA web site.  
<http://www.opsrra.ca/Developments.htm>

## 7. OPSRRA'S MONTHLY SURVEY

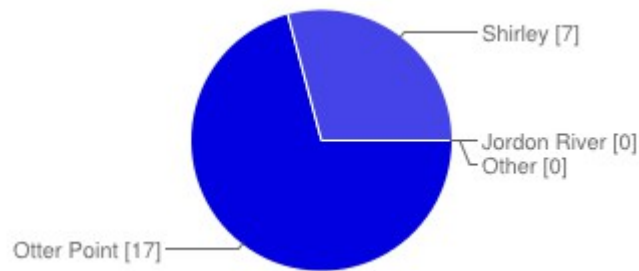
### February Survey: Community Services

Last month's survey asked questions about local community services. We listed amenities and community services that most residents of our area can access and asked you to identify the ones which are most important to you, and whether you would support paying more taxes or an additional service fees to gain access to, maintain or improve any of those services. There were 24 responses.

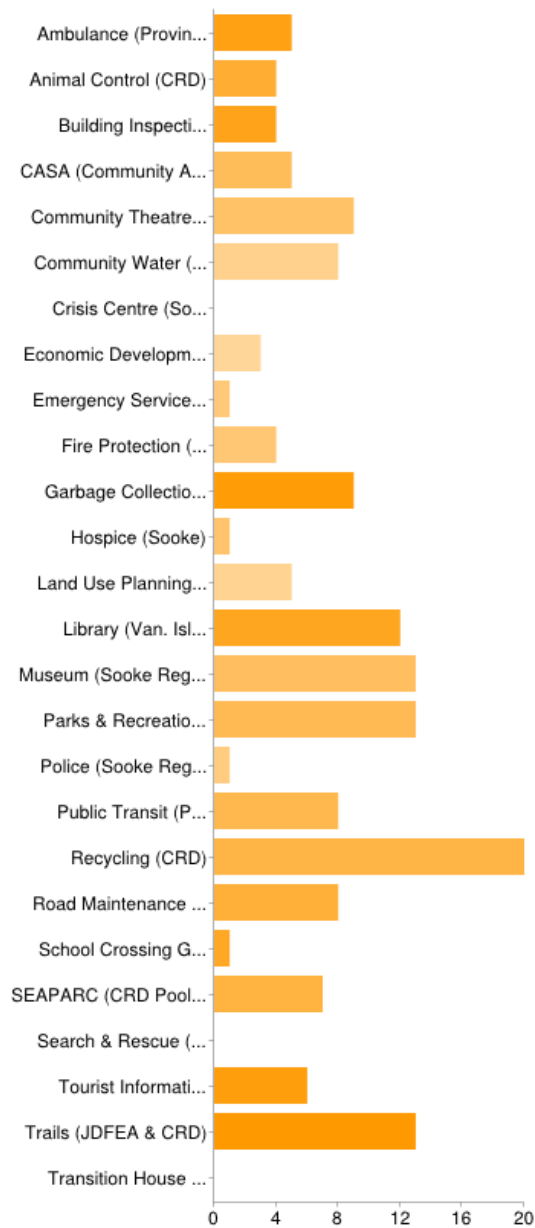
We need more time to prepare the responses about how you ranked services (from most to least important) and whether you were willing to pay more to maintain, improve or gain access to certain community services. And, as usual, the survey comments made by some of the participants provided us with additional helpful information. The comments and the full survey results will be appear on the

OPSRRA web site, shortly. Meanwhile, here is a preliminary summary of some of the results.

**Response by Community:**



**Which local area amenities and community services have your household used in the past two years?**



**Note:** People may select more than one check box, so percentages may add up to more than 100

## 8. PLANTS COMING FOR THE “WELCOME” SIGNS

The two **Welcome to Shirley** and three **Welcome to Otter Point** signs will soon have some greenery planted around their bases. The plan is to use native plants that are suitable to the location, soil type and weather conditions at each site. As the year goes by and more is learned about each site, additional plants can be added. Some non-native plants may be included. Important considerations are sun/shade, moisture level, texture and nutrient value of the soil, whether plants might be invasive and how delicious they are for deer.

Based upon a visit to each site a committee of OPSRRA members, who are undertaking this project, have made the following suggestions.

**Note:** The following list of plants is not a complete list. Other plants will be considered as available and suggested by interested persons.

### **Shirley, West Coast Road Site Near Sandcut Beach:**

Good deep gravel at road side (may be introduced soil). Plants found are sun and shade tolerant, species that suggest nitrogen rich soil and fluctuating ground water. Vigorous growth near the sign suggests pruning back might be needed to keep a display around the sign.

Plants found at road side in probably native soil: cow parsnip, large leaf vetch, salmon berry, native blackberry, buttercups, cleavers/bedstraw, unidentified plant that may be an aster.

Plants that might do well: bleeding heart, columbine, trillium, vanilla leaf, three leaved foam flower (*tiarella trifoliata*), asters, lady fern (*athyrium felix-femina*), male fern (*dryopteris filix-mas*) goat's beard (*aruncus*), oak fern.

### **Muir Creek Site:**

Sand with some colour = some nutrients, but what? Disturbed ground with no top soil. Road work was too recent for many plants to have established near the sign. Slope and soil type suggest good drainage. May be dry in summer months.

Plants found nearby: pearly everlasting, young alder [disturbed/ mineral soil]

Plants that might do well: nodding onion, dog bane, columbine, bear-berry/kinnikinnick, Saskatoon berry, sedums, foxglove, bald hip rose.

### **West Coast Road at Sooke Boundary with Otter Point Site:**

Depth of gravel, level ground, well established grasses. Dry, nitrogen medium, sun/shade.

Plants found nearby: Oregon grape, ocean spray, licorice fern, plantain, vetch, clover, Himalayan and native blackberry.

Plants that might do well: orange honeysuckle, twinflower (*Linnea borealis*), camas, tall Oregon grape, asters, evergreen huckleberry.

### **Otter Point Road at Sooke Boundary Site:**

More rocky than other sites, sunny because of orientation to road and roadside clearing on south, shade from shrubs close to sign site. Well established shrubs and grasses. Very wet patches nearby.

Plants found nearby: snowberry, Nootka? rose, salal, sorrel, vetch, plantain.

Plants that might do well: foxglove, camas, columbine, honeysuckle.

## **9. MAKING PROGRESS WITH THE OTTER POINT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN?**

The original plan was to have started the review of the Otter Point Official Community Plan (OCP) in May, 2010 and have the plan adopted as a bylaw by the CRD Board by December 2012. That didn't happen. Delays all along the way have caused the process to be nine months behind schedule; the fall of 2013 is now a more likely completion date.

The greatest and most recent delay had to do with whether two major proposed amendments to the OCP were consistent with the CRD's Regional Growth Strategy (RGS). Because the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area is unincorporated, there is a requirement under the provincial Local Government Act that we are governed by the CRD Board of Directors. This means that our land use decisions are subject to approval by the CRD Board. Following "complications" arising from the delegated CRD Board voting structure used for the Juan de Fuca Marine Trails rezoning application in 2011, a majority of the members of the CRD Board voted to retain more control over certain land use decisions in the JDFEA. Reviewing OCPs for their constancy with the CRD's RGS was one of those areas. The new process requires that any changes to an OCP in the JDFEA, which might be contrary to the RGS, must be reviewed by the CRD's Planning, Transportation and Protective Services (PTPS) Committee for a recommendation to the full CRD Board. The PTPS Committee met on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 to consider proposed changes to the Otter Point OCP and recommended that the proposed Otter Point OCP changes go forward to the CRD Board for final approval.

View the staff report on this matter at:

[http://www.crd.bc.ca/reports/planningtransportati\\_/2013\\_/02february27\\_/ppsjsdf20130111ptpsfe/ppsjsdf20130111ptpsfe.pdf](http://www.crd.bc.ca/reports/planningtransportati_/2013_/02february27_/ppsjsdf20130111ptpsfe/ppsjsdf20130111ptpsfe.pdf)

Note: The Otter Point OCP Review Committee will now be reconvened to consider a second draft of the revised OCP. Their public meetings are scheduled for Mondays, March 18 and 25, and Tuesday, April 2, 2013. All meetings will be held at 7:00 pm at the Otter Point Fire Hall. The second draft of the Otter point OCP will be available on the Otter Point OCP Review web site by Monday, March 11, 2013:  
[http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/landuse/otterpoint\\_ocp.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/landuse/otterpoint_ocp.htm)

These public meetings will be the next to last opportunity for residents of Otter Point to comment on the proposed changes to the OCP. Expression of support or otherwise can be made either in person at the meetings or as a written submission to JDF Planning Services c/o 6868 West Coast Road, Sooke.

## **10. REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS**

A parallel event to the review of the Otter Point OCP's consistency with the Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) was a request by the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JDFEA) Regional Director for a JDFEA/RGS dispute resolution mechanism. If a municipality has a dispute with the CRD Board over the consistency of their Official Community Plan (OCP) with the RGS the provincial Local Government Act sets out a variety of dispute resolution options. Electoral Areas throughout the province do not have access to those options. CRD Planning Services staff proposed two alternatives to this situation:

- Adopt a policy to establish an internal dispute resolution process.
- Write a letter to the Minister for Community, Sport and Cultural development asking for a change to the provincial legislation.



View the staff report at:

[http://www.crd.bc.ca/reports/planningtransportati\\_/2013\\_/02february27\\_/ppsjsdf20130117ptpsjd/ppsjsdf20130117ptpsjd.pdf](http://www.crd.bc.ca/reports/planningtransportati_/2013_/02february27_/ppsjsdf20130117ptpsjd/ppsjsdf20130117ptpsjd.pdf)

The Planning, Transportation and Protection Services Committee voted to accept the internal dispute resolution process devised by staff. The committee Chair also asked that:

- CRD staff enquire from other regional districts in the province that have electoral areas if they are having similar problems with the lack of a dispute resolution process and;
- Ministry staff be asked about the future possibility of having electoral areas throughout the province being given access to the same dispute resolution process as municipalities.

## **11. ANNOUNCEMENT: A COMMUNITY HIKING PROGRAM BY THE JUAN DE FUCA COMMUNITY TRAILS SOCIETY**

The Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society submitted the following:

This is a new program supported by the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Park and Recreation Commission. Hike difficulties are by the season.

All hikes leave from the parking lot at William Simmons Memorial Park at 0900 [9:00 a.m.]. Turn into the Sooke Business Park at 3221 Otter Point Road, first left and left again into the parking lot.

Hikes are on the second Saturday of the month, car pool to the trail head.

The first hike is Saturday April 13, to Sooke Potholes Park, Flower Ridge. This is a moderate hike through wilderness trails characterized by rock outcroppings, wild flowers and mosses. Please bring a snack, dress for the weather ... wear good boots.

Questions email: [jdf.cts@gmail.com](mailto:jdf.cts@gmail.com)

## **12. RECENT APPOINTMENTS TO JUAN DE FUCA ELECTORAL AREA COMMISSIONS**

There are over a dozen different commissions in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JDFEA). Some are unique to a specific community such as our Fire Commissions and Advisory Planning Commissions, while others cover the entire Electoral Area such as the JDFEA Parks & Recreation Commission and the JDFEA Economic Development Commission.

Commission members are residents of the Electoral Area who volunteer their time and contribute their expertise and points of view, in an advisory capacity, to the JDFEA Regional Director. Although members of the Advisory Planning Commissions are elected by voters in their community, they and the members of all commissions still need to be appointed by the CRD Board of Directors on the recommendation of the JDFEA Regional Director.

The following persons were recently appointed to the **Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission** for a term to expire December 31, 2014:

Valerie Braunschweig (East Sooke)  
Pat Sloan (Willis Point),  
Melody Kimmel (Shirley/Jordan River)

Other Parks and Recreation Commissioners with time remaining in their two year term are:

Sid Jorna (Otter Point)  
Louise Paterson (East Sooke)  
Ken Douch (Otter Point)  
Loretta Rose Deutscher (Port Renfrew)  
Anne Bouquist (JDFEA at Large).

The following persons were appointed to the **Juan de Fuca Economic Development Commission** for a term to expire December 31, 2014:

Elisabeth Petersen (Otter Point)  
Yale Shap (East Sooke)

Other EDC commissioners with time remaining in their two year term are:

Mary Alice Johnson (Otter Point)  
Ken Douch (Otter Point)  
Blair Cusack (East Sooke)

### 13. DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

**The site where the Sheringham Point Lighthouse is located is made-up of several properties acquired over 43 years?** The first purchase was 3.9 acres of land owned by Edwin Clark and sold to the federal government in 1911.

This original spot is where the lighthouse is now located. Then, in 1942 the federal government expropriated two more pieces of Edwin's property totalling 1.84 acres: 1.71 acres was used for a Navy lookout station and bomb shelter; and 0.13 of an acre was used as a narrow corridor to connect the lighthouse property to the lookout station.

The final piece of property that now makes-up the 8.28 acre site was the 2.5 acres separating the first two properties and was purchased from Edwin in 1954.

The Sheringham light was automated in 1989 and the property was declared surplus by the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans in February 2010.

The Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society was established in 2003 and has actively pursued the acquisition of the lighthouse and surrounding property as a park. Find more information about the society on their web site:

[www.sheringhamlighthouse.org](http://www.sheringhamlighthouse.org)

This month's **Did You Know That?** Comes from information in *A History of the Sheringham Point Lighthouse*, a recently released booklet researched and written by Rebecca Quinn and the volunteers of the Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society. The booklet is available for purchase at the Sooke Region Museum for \$5.00. The production of the booklet was made possible, in part, with the support of the Juan de Fuca Economic Development Commission.

Do you have local historical information about Shirley or Otter Point 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 OPSRRA by email [opsrra@gmail.com](mailto:opsrra@gmail.com)



## 14. 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.

**OPSRRA welcomes the following local business to its Business Listings:**

### **Perfect Grade Plumbing**

Perfect Grade Plumbing is an Otter Point based business offering fully insured and licensed Red Seal plumbing services through-out the local area. All plumbing services are available including renovations and new construction.

Contact Mike Peebles at 250-532-8678 or [perfectgradeplumbing@shaw.ca](mailto:perfectgradeplumbing@shaw.ca)

**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

Coastal Crunch Granola

Eco Craft Lights

Eagle Cove Beachfront Guest Suites

Farmer Notary—Shawna Farmer, Notary Public.

Full Circle Seeds

Glen's Gardening Company

Heron's Rest B & B

"In A Fix" Bookkeeping & Accounting Services

Jambo Pet Sitting Service

Kemp Lake Store Cafe

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

Perfect Grade Plumbing

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

Three Sisters Farm

Tugwell Creek Honey Farm

Tugwell Creek Meadery

Welcome Wagon

Wood Visions

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

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

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This monthly newsletter is prepared by the directors of OPSRRA. It is available to members by e-mail and to others on our web site: [www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca).

To have an item you would like to have considered for placement in the newsletter, or make a comment about the newsletter, contact an OPSRRA director or email [opsrra@gmail.com](mailto:opsrra@gmail.com).

OPSRRA tries to verify the correctness of the information in this newsletter; if we got it wrong we will acknowledge that and make a correction as quickly as possible.

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