

Otter Point and Shirley Residents and Ratepayers Association

Minutes of the Directors' Meeting August 25, 2008

Date: August 25, 2008

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Sooke Region Museum, Service Building

Present: Arnie Campbell, John Charles, Sarah Tidwell, Sandy Barta, Wayne Fritz,
Bob Phillips, Erik James

Regrets: Ken Pungente

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved: John Charles, Seconded by Wayne Fritz, Approved.

2. Appointment of Recorder

Sarah Tidwell, by rotation to be followed by Sandy Barta

3. Approval of Minutes of the June 18, 2008 Minutes

Moved by Wayne Fritz, Seconded by John Charles, Approved.

4. Old Business

4.1 Outstanding Correspondence

4.1.1 Letters to Minister of Highways and MLA re Roads Safety:

A. Campbell reported that he had phoned the Minister about a letter sent in April, but no reply had been received. The Minister's office said that a reply was on the Minister's desk waiting for a signature and that the reply should be received in a week or two.

4.1.2 Letter to the CRD re Resource Lands Development Plan:

A. Campbell reported that he has not received a reply from Bob Lapham at the CRD.

4.1.3 Letter to Minister of Mines re Arden Gravel Operation:

A. Campbell reported that he had written in April or May and then phoned again in June. He was told that a reply would be forthcoming. He phoned again, but no reply has been received to date. J. Charles suggested further follow-up by email. W. Fritz suggested that such letters also be copied to the Premier's office because the Premier's office checks to make sure that the Ministers' offices follow up on answers to letters.

4.1.4 Letter to Provincial Subdivision Approving Officer:

A. Campbell—See 4.1.9.

4.1.5 Letter to JDFEA LUC re Zoning Review:

A. Campbell—OPSRRA is still waiting for a reply to a letter written in May.

4.1.6 Letter to the Regional Director re Staffing:

A. Campbell—there has been no reply to the June 17 letter to Director Lund letter regarding staffing for local planning services.

4.1.7 Letter to Chair CRD re Staffing & Outstanding Planning Projects:

A. Campbell—a letter was sent in July to the CRD Chair stating that the staffing problems have not been dealt with. He subsequently spoke to Judy Lavoie at the Times Colonist who was shocked because the problem regarding staffing turnover and shortages for local planning services has gone back to November, 2007.

4.1.8 Correspondence From Muir Creek Protection Society re Run-of-River Hydro Proposal:

A Campbell—the letter that Mary Brown sent to OPSRRA was lost. Kate Woods of the Muir Creek Protection Society reported that a copy of the letter could not be located. She indicated that the letter was not important enough to concern ourselves about it further.

4.2 Business Arising from Meeting of June 14, 2008

4.2.1 Sea to Sky Greenbelt Initiative Support Letter re Provincial Subdivision Approving Officer:

A. Campbell—a copy of the letter sent by OPSRRA in July was included in the July newsletter. The Premier has not responded to date to the July 17 letter from ACC.

4.2.2 Application by Western Forest Products re subdivision:

The original April application by Western Forest Products re subdivision has not been decided upon yet by the approving officer as insufficient information has been forwarded by Western Forest Products. Apparently, about 200 e-mails have been received by the Approving Officer on the subject of the WFP subdivision application..

5. New Business

5.1 Update on Western Forest Products Development:

A. Campbell—the Jordan River Coalition had a phone conference to develop a strategy for this fall. They intend to hold a public meeting in September or October or hold a mock public meeting if the approving officer declines to hold a public meeting.

The BC Landowners have a court hearing on September 15 to challenge the new bylaws.

WFP has a November 15 court hearing to challenge the CRD's authority to approve the new zoning bylaw.

5.2 Appointment of New CRD Planner:

A. Campbell reports that June Klassen starts September 2 as CRD Planner in the Sooke office. She has a social planning background and has worked in the lower Vancouver Island area.

5.3 Release of Finalized Strategic Vision for Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River:

W. Fritz—the second draft was completed in early July and circulated for community feedback.. The Steering Committee made some changes and expect to finalize it by August 26. It will then be printed and publicly distributed. The condensed brochure should be distributed throughout Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River in mid September. The steering committee is still discussing how to hand off responsibility for implementing various parts of the strategic vision to the larger community. It was suggested that different community

organizations might be asked to publicly endorse it and to take responsibility for those parts of the strategic vision of greatest organizational concern and interest.

5.4 Report on Membership/Publicity Ideas:

S. Tidwell, J. Charles, B. Phillips

A brochure about OPSRRA will cost about \$400 to be printed and distributed as bulk mail by Canada Post. S. Barta will format and organize the brochure before printing. It was suggested that we phone our neighbors to join OPSRRA if they are not already members. Delivering small chunks of information about OPSRRA on community bulletin boards was also suggested.

5.5 Planning for a Fall General Meeting:

A. Campbell—the fall meeting is expected to focus on: Western Forest Products developments, the Strategic Vision, zoning issues and membership recruitment. Tuesday, September 30 was the date confirmed for the meeting. A. Campbell will invite the Rural Director and MLA to the meeting. J. Charles and S. Tidwell will get the new membership brochure completed by September 8. A. Campbell will place the advertisement for the meeting into the Sooke News Mirror by the 18th. Advertisements will also be placed on community bulletin boards.

5.6 Hosting of an All Candidates Meeting:

A. Campbell—this will likely be scheduled for the last week in October, either the 27th or 29th. There was discussion about whether or not to include candidates for the APC and LUC in addition to Regional Director and School Trustees. Due to time constraints, it was decided not to include APC candidates. If there are more LUC candidates than positions, then they will also be invited.

5.7 Updates from Directors on assigned responsibilities

5.7.1 Land Use Committee—K. Pungente, W. Fritz:

No meeting, nothing to report.

5.7.2 Liaison with Regional Director:

Nothing to report. E. James commented that there is no job description for Regional Director.

5.7.3 Liaison with Shirley—S. Tidwell:

There was some question about Jordan River residents becoming OPSRRA members as Jordan River is part of the Shirley/Jordan River OCP. The question needs to be put to the Shirley Community Association and Shirley Education and Action Society.

5.7.4 Liaison with MLA—A. Campbell:

The new Community Service Minister is Blair Lekstrom (former mayor of Dawson Creek). J. Horgan might arrange a meeting between the Minister and OPSRRA.

5.7.5 Developing a Strategic Vision Project—W. Fritz:

See 5.3 above.

5.7.6 Governance activities—A. Campbell:

The East Sooke/Metchosin merger is expected to be “dead in the water.” until after the fall local government elections. East Sooke will remain in the JdF Electoral Area for the time being.

5.7.7 OPSRRA website—S. Barta:

S. Barta reminded the Directors to send any recommended community links to her for the website. S. Tidwell was to check to see if the Shirley Community Association, SEAS, and the Shirley Fire Department are getting web pages.

5.7.8 OPSRRA newsletter—A. Campbell:

The OPSRRA newsletter will go out Sunday.

5.7.9 Publicity—J. Charles, S. Tidwell:

See 5.5 above.

5.7.10 Community bulletin boards—B. Phillips, W. Fritz:

Murray is back, and they will be working on additional community bulletin boards.

5.7.11 Treasurer's report as of August 25, 2008—B. Phillips:

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| Main | \$208.56 |
| Float | \$51.00 |
| Total: | \$259.56 |

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| Real Estate Grant | \$2,159.75 |
| EDC Grant | \$687.57 |
| CRD Grant | \$11.90 |
| Total | \$2,859.22 |

(Printing and distribution costs will be paid soon out of this.)

5.7.12 Membership—E. James:

He will email out the membership lists to Directors to "telephone check" to confirm the membership and/or for any changes in address. E. James and A. Campbell will also double check receipt books with membership lists. Board members are encouraged to report any moves out of our areas so that these people can be made "associates". If anyone knows of any errors on the membership list, please report it to E. James as soon as possible.

5.7.13 Muir Creek—A. Campbell:

There is nothing new to report.

5.7.14 SEAPARC & JDF Parks and Recreation Commission—K. Pungente, J.

Charles:

There have been no meetings

6. Date for next meeting

To be decided later.

7. Adjournment at 9:32 p.m.

Moved by Sarah Tidwell.