

Otter Point and Shirley Residents and Ratepayers Association

Minutes of the Directors' Meeting February 16, 2009

Date: February 16, 2009

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: SEAPARC Meeting Room

Present: Arnie Campbell, Sandy Barta, John Charles, Ken Pungente, Bob Phillips, Wayne Fritz, Fiona McDannold

Regrets: Erik James

1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted subject to:

- adding an additional agenda item 5.7 "The Navigator Program", and
- amending agenda item 5.6 to read OPSRRA Annual Meeting.

Approved: Ken Pungente, Seconded: Sarah Tidwell, Passed

2. Appointment of Recorder

John Charles agreed to be the recorder for the meeting. Wayne Fritz will be the recorder by rotation for the next meeting.

3. Approval of the January 15, 2009, Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved subject to changing agenda item 4.2.2 to read "Arnie Campbell had repeatedly attempted to contact Mr. Ryan but had been unsuccessful in doing so."

Moved: Wayne Fritz, Seconded: Bob Phillips, Passed

4. Old Business

4.1 Outstanding Correspondence

4.1.1 Letter to Minister Bell re TFL 25 Remediation:

No reply has been received to date. It was decided to write to the Premier and copy Minister Bell to request that a reply be provided.

4.1.2 Letter to Minister Stan Hagan re Follow-up to Nov. 3, 2008 Meeting:

No reply has been received to date. In consideration of the minister's sudden death, it was decided to not follow-up on the letter.

4.1.3 Letter to Sooke & Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Commission (SEAPARC):

In a follow-up call, Lorraine Brewster, Program Services Manager invited OPSRRA to a SEAPARC meeting to be scheduled for late March 2009 for a discussion of funding and recreational programming for Otter Point and Shirley. Arnie Campbell, Ken Pungente and Bob Phillips plan on attending the meeting on behalf of OPSRRA.

4.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

4.2.1 Discussion of the Promotion of the Strategic Vision by OPSRRA:

Wayne Fritz reviewed the summary information developed to date based on the information provided by the directors on priorities for OPSRRA to

use in promoting the Strategic Vision for Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River. In general discussion, strengthening environmental conservation measures, the mapping of watersheds, aquifers, wildlife corridors, etc. and the recognition of diverse strategies from different goal areas were emphasized. It was agreed that a re-draft of the summary document would be circulated for feedback and that the issue would be placed on the agenda for the forthcoming OPSRRA Annual Meeting.

4.2.2 Review of the Regional Growth Strategy:

Arnie Campbell reported that the mandatory review process by the CRD of the Regional Growth Strategy was slower than anticipated in getting underway. OPSSRA would continue to monitor developments and planned on making a public submission.

4.2.3 Community Bulletin Boards:

Bob Phillips reported that additional bulletin boards had been made for the Kemp Lake Store, Anderson Road and Chubb Lake Road sites.

Suggestions for additional sites should be forwarded to him. Wayne Fritz volunteered to help put up the bulletin boards.

5. New Business

5.1 Meeting With the Strategic Vision Advisory Committee:

Arnie Campbell reported that at the Jan. 28, 2009, meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Strategic Vision, the Advisory Committee had decided to continue to meet approximately every four month in 2009 to monitor and follow up on implementation of the Strategic Vision for Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River. On behalf of OPSRRA, agreed to schedule and organize those meetings. Arnie also informed the Advisory Committee that OPSRRA had approximately \$1700 in unexpended project funding which it planned to use to promote the Strategic Vision. It was agreed by the Directors that OPSRRA's future role with the Advisory Committee should be an agenda item at the next OPSRRA Annual Meeting.

5.2 Update on Current Land Use Planning Priorities by the JDFEA Planning Staff:

Arnie Campbell reported that Bob Lapham and June Klassen at a January 16, 2009 meeting had indicated that their local planning priorities were dealing with ongoing local development planning decisions followed by: the review and approval of the JDFEA Parks Plan, the review and approval of the Resource Lands Development Plan, and then a review of the zoning bylaw and local Official Community Plans. Based on more recent conversations with June Klassen, the local planning priorities were now: dealing with local development planning decisions, the review and first approval of the Resource Lands Development Plan at the next LUC meeting to be followed by: the review and first approval of the JDFEA Parks Plan and a partial review of the local zoning bylaw and OCPs to deal with Rural A and perhaps Forestry zoning issues.

5.3 Governance Discussions by Local Representative:

Arnie Campbell reported that John Horgan, MLA and Mike Hicks, RD had recently met with Kevin Kreuger, the new Minister of Community Development, to discuss the funding of a governance options study for Otter Point and Shirley. Minister Kreuger was reportedly willing to provide \$40,000 for such a study if the

CRD was supportive of such a study and the study did not include incorporation as an option. OPSRRA had previously provided Mike Hicks with background material on recent governance highlights and issues in Otter Point and Shirley. The background paper noted the previous lack of community support to proceed with a governance options study that excluded incorporation as an option. The second phase of the amalgamation study for Metchosin and East Sooke is proceeding.

5.4 Correspondence on Poirier Lake

Arnie Campbell circulated a letter sent by a community group "Protect our Poirier Lake," which outlined some of their concerns re JDF Parks and Recreation Commission park planning for Poirier Lake. It is expected that the issue will be discussed at a JDF Parks and Recreation Commission meeting in late March 2009.

5.5 Nominations Committee

Arnie Campbell and Ken Pungente reported that Sarah Tidwell and Ken Pungente were not planning on running for re-election while Brenda Mark and Fiona McDannold were planning on letting their name stand for election to the OPSRRA Board at the March OPSRRA Annual Meeting. Ken Pungente recommended that all candidates be prepared to speak at that meeting as elections may be contested.

5.6 Planning for the March 2009 OPSRRA Annual Meeting

Arnie Campbell reported that both John Horgan, MLA, and Mike Hicks, RD, were available for an OPSRRA Annual Meeting on either March 23 or March 25, 2009. March 25, 2009, was selected as the preferred date. Arnie Campbell and Wayne Fritz will circulate a draft agenda for Directors to review and provide feedback upon. In addition to the usual administrative issues, agenda items will likely include: promotion of the Strategic Vision, for a zoning review, an update on governance initiatives, and elections for a new board. Arnie Campbell will book the Otter Point Fire Hall for the meeting and confirm the meeting with invited guests. Sarah Tidwell and Ken Pungente will put meeting advertisements on local community bulletin boards while Bob Phillips will put up roadside meeting announcements. Wayne Fritz will place an advertisement in the Sooke News Mirror. At the meeting, Wayne Fritz will be the recorder while Ken Pungente and Sandy Barta will sell memberships. Approximately two weeks before the meeting, Erik James will circulate portions of the membership listing to all Board Directors for telephone updating purposes.

5.7 The Navigator Program

Bob Phillips gave a short description of the Navigator Program and recommended that the Board send a brief letter supporting VIHA funding of the program. Following general discussion about whether this fit within the OPSRRA mandate, it was agreed to send a letter of support.

5.8 Updates from Directors on assigned responsibilities

5.8.1 Land Use Committee:

Nothing new to report

5.8.2 Liaison with Regional Director:

See agenda items 5.3 and 5.6 above.

- 5.8.3 Liaison with Shirley:
Sarah Tidwell reported that SEAS had obtained some grant funding to support a "watershed" study and that Yoga classes were now being held on Tuesday nights at the community hall.
- 5.8.4 Liaison with MLA
See agenda items 5.3 and 5.6 above.
- 5.8.5 Nominations Committee:
See agenda item 5.6.1 above.
- 5.8.6 Governance activities
See agenda item 5.3 above.
- 5.8.7 OPSRRA website:
Sandy Barta reported that three new business listings had been added to the website and that background Strategic Vision material would be added to the OPSRRA website. Directors were asked to forward any website linkages they thought should be added to the OPSRRA website.
- 5.8.8 OPSRRA newsletter:
Work is underway for the March 2009 issue
- 5.8.9 Publicity:
Nothing new to report.
- 5.8.10 Community bulletin boards:
See agenda item 4.2.3 above.
- 5.8.11 Treasurer's report—B. Phillips:
Bob Phillips reported that OPSRRA had a general bank balance of \$177.85 and a cash float of \$61.00. OPSRRA also had a balance of \$1,738.92 remaining in its grant funding for the Strategic Vision project.
- 5.8.12 Membership
No new members have been added since the last meeting.
- 5.8.13 Muir Creek:
Arnie Campbell reported that no decision had been made yet by the CRD Park Committee about acquiring land for a Muir Creek Park. It is anticipated that no decision will be made until after the CRD enacts a new parks acquisition levy for CRD members.
- 5.8.14 SEAPARC & JDF Parks and Recreation Commission:
Arnie Campbell reported that the JDF Parks and Recreation Commission was in the process of hiring support staff as SEAPARC had concluded that their staff was too busy to continue to also provide support to the JDFPRC.

6. Next meeting date:

March 25, 2008 at the Otter Point fire Hall

7. Adjournment at 9:27 p.m.

Moved by Wayne Fritz.