

**Otter Point and Shirley Residents and Ratepayers Association**  
**Minutes of the Directors' Meeting January 7, 2008**

**Date:** January 7, 2008

**Place:** SEAPARC

**Time:** 7:30

**Present:** Arnie Campbell, Ken Pungente, John Charles, Bob Phillips, Erik James,  
Wayne Fritz

**Regrets:** Maureen Nelson, Sandy Barta

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On a motion by John Charles and seconded by Bob Phillips, the agenda was adopted subject to adding agenda item 4.1.1- Letter From BC Transit Authority.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF RECORDER**

Wayne Fritz was appointed as the recorder.

**3. APPROVAL OF DEC. 10, 2007 MINUTES**

On a motion by Wayne Fritz and seconded by Bob Phillips, the minutes were adopted subject to correcting the start of the meeting to be at 7:30 p.m. rather than 7:00 pm.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

4.1 Outstanding Correspondence

4.1.1 No reply has been received to date from Bob Lapham of the CRD concerning the OPSRRA request to schedule more public hearings for the proposed new Resource Lands Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw.

4.1.2 A letter was received from the BC Transit Authority indicating that they had no plans to change the current bus route and schedule to Otter Point.

4.2 Business Arising From the Meeting of December 7, 2007

4.2.1 Update on WFP Land Sale

A. Campbell reported that Keith Martin, MP, had written to the provincial government proposing that it purchase public parklands from some of the WFP private forestlands released from Tree Farm License 25. Premier Campbell had replied indicating that he would refer the proposal to the appropriate Minister for consideration.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1 Vacant OPSRRA Director Position

With the recent resignation of Emma Taylor, an OPSRRA Director position was unfilled. On a motion by Wayne Fritz and seconded by Bob Phillips, the position was filled by Erik James, a resident of Otter Point.

### 5.2 OPSRRA Meeting with the Provincial Auditor General's Office

A. Campbell reviewed the Oct. 16, 2007 meeting held between some OPSRRA Directors (A. Campbell, S. Barta, B. Phillips, W. Fritz) and staff from the Provincial Auditor General's office about the removal of WFP private forestlands from Tree Farm License 25. (See a summary of that meeting in the January 2008 OPSRRA newsletter.) A report from the Provincial Auditor General on the provincial government's role in releasing Private Forest lands from Tree Farm License 25 is expected in March 2008.

### 5.3 OPSRRA Presentation at Jan. 8/08 LUC Meeting

A. Campbell reviewed a draft submission from OPSRRA to the JDF Land Use Committee (LUC) concerning the currently proposed zoning and OCP amendments for Otter Point and Shirley. The proposed presentation raised a number of questions for LUC. Following general discussion, a revised submission was agreed upon for presentation at LUC's January meeting.

### 5.4 OPSRRA Position at Public Hearings re Rural and Forestry Zoning Changes

There was general discussion by Board members about the public position to be taken by OPSRRA at the forthcoming public hearings meeting. A draft of that position will be circulated to OPSRRA Directors for final comment before the public hearings are held. A. Campbell will present on behalf of OPSRRA.

### 5.5 WFP Communications re Private Forest Management

A. Campbell received a letter from Western Forest Products offering to meet with OPSRRA representatives to discuss WFP's harvesting plans for the forestlands they own near a number of rivers and streams in Otter Point and Shirley (Goudie Creek, Tugwell Creek, DeMamiel Creek and Jacob's Creek) etc.).

### 5.6 Updates From Directors on Assigned Responsibilities

#### 5.6.1 Land Use Committee

At their meeting on Jan. 8/08, LUC is scheduled to deal with a rezoning and Otter Point Official Community Plan change requested by 3L Developments. The staff recommendation is to table the request until after the amendments to the Rural and Forestry zones have been completed.

#### 5.6.2 Liaison with Regional Director –report not available

#### 5.6.3 Liaison with Shirley – report not available

#### 5.6.4 Liaison with MLA – nothing further to report

#### 5.6.5 Developing a Strategic Vision –Planning is underway for the next Forum on Feb. 19/08 on Governance Options for Otter Point and Shirley. A meeting with the project Advisory Committee is also being planned.

#### 5.6.6 Governance Study Group Update – nothing to report

- 5.6.7 OPSRRA Website – report not available
- 5.6.8 OPSRRA Newsletter – nothing new to report
- 5.6.9 Publicity – The recruitment of new members continues to be a priority.
- 5.6.10 Community Bulletin Boards – The current OPSRRA community bulletin boards have been cleaned and a number relocated to reflect the new mailbox locations. Bob Phillips will bring back recommendations for additional board locations. Murray Tompkins has volunteered to make some new bulletin boards once the necessary materials, particularly cork for the backboards, have been assembled.
- 5.6.11 Treasurer's Report - OPSRRA has a current balance consisting of \$6,248.68 held for the Vision Project and \$399.57 held for OPSRRA activities (of which \$11.11 is in a cash float to defray minor ongoing expenses).
- 5.6.12 Membership - Three new members were added in December 2008. A. Campbell and Bob Phillips will continue a review of the current membership list to cull any persons who may have left Otter Point or Shirley.
- 5.6.13 Update on Muir Creek – The CRD Parks Committee has sent a draft document to the JDF Parks Commission outlining proposed parkland acquisitions west of Sooke. It includes a park on both sides of Muir Creek.
- 5.6.14 SEAPARC and JDF Parks Commission – nothing new to report

#### 5.7 Establishment of a Nominations Committee

The next OPSRRA Annual General Meeting will likely be scheduled for a date in March 2008. At their next meeting in February, the OPSRRA Directors will be asked to indicate their intent as to whether they plan to stand for office again. A Nominations Committee consisting of A. Campbell and K. Pungente was established to identify and recruit persons to run for office.

## 6.0 Adjournment

Moved by W. Fritz