

OPSRRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 15, 2009

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: Sooke Regional Museum, Services Building

1. Adoption of Agenda .

Moved by John Charles; Seconded by Erik James; Passed

2. Approval of December 1, 2008 Directors' Meeting Minutes

Moved by Wayne Fritz; Seconded by K Pungente; Passed

3. Appointment of Recorder

Bob Phillips appointed as the recorder. John Charles to record at the next Meeting.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A) Outstanding Correspondence

4.1.1 Letter to Minister Bell - A Campbell

Letter re: TFL 25 remediation , no reply to date

4.1.2 Letter to Minister Hagen re: follow-up to Nov.3/08 meeting – A Campbell

No reply to date . MLA Horgan will be meeting with Minister

Lekstrom to do an informal follow-up

4.1.3 Letter to Regional Director M. Hicks - A Campbell

Letter was to request meeting with OPSRRA Directors.

Meeting was held Jan.2/09

B) Business Arising From Previous Meetings

4.2.1 Background Notes on Zoning Issues in Otter Point , Shirley/Jordan River - The OPSRRA Role in Zoning Review W Fritz

Wayne had prepared a document some months ago examining zoning history in our area . Should it be an OPSRRA document ? If our requests on zoning matters are to be dealt with , OPSRRA will be asked for input . Agreed to use Wayne's report as an OPSRRA background document .

If there is a zoning review process , it was agreed that 1) OPSRRA would need direction from its membership 2) OPSRRA would not be a formal participant within a committee process 3) nothing precludes OPSRRA Directors from sitting as a community representative in any process.

4.2.2 Manufactured Home Park/Policy Issues A Campbell

Arnie has attempted to contact Mr. Ryan who raised this issue in Sept 2008 and been unsuccessful in doing so. No further action at this time .

4.2.3 Promotion of Strategic Vision by OPSRRA W Fritz

Questions raised as to status of issues raised in the report . Not much action in regards social and economic issues . Agreed that each Director would review the report and prioritize their top 6 goals/issues and communicate that to Wayne . Arnie noted that the

Project Advisory Committee had a meeting booked for Jan. 28/09 . There are also meetings planned with the CRD , MP K Martin and MLA J Horgan . It is important to note the distinction between OPSRRA and the Vision Project Steering Committee.

4.2.4 Letter to JDFEA Parks Commission A Campbell
Ken has agreed to draft a letter re: recreational programming.

4.2.5 Thank You Letters A. Campbell
Arnie wrote letters to E Lund, M Hicks , U Schnarr, T Alcock , K Douch regards their community service . Also agreed to send a thank you letter to the Sooke Region Museum thanking them for being able to use their facility for OPSRRA meetings and to include a donation of \$ 50 . Thank you letters were also sent to Otter Point Fire Dep't and Ministry of Highways.

5 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Status of Court Challenges re: CRD Zoning A Campbell
CRD will appeal Judger Metzger's decision (only opposed were Mayor Evans and Reg. Director Hicks) . OPSRRA has written a response that was printed in the Sooke Mirror and made available to MLA J Horgan, Director Hicks and Geoff Young – Chair CRD Board of Directors. Arnie has also been contacted by the Times Colonist and Monday Magazine .

5.2 Meeting with Regional Director Jan.2/09 A Campbell
All Directors were able to attend except Sarah who was “snow bound” . June Klassen – Manager Planning Services was present, Wally Vowles (Alternate Regional Director) apologized for not attending .

5.3 Review of Meeting re: Arden Gravel Pit B Phillips
Regional Director Hicks met with residents and Director Phillips, who was invited by the residents to attend, reported on this process . The plan at present, subject to CRD permit approval ,is for Mr. Arden to move the processing to his industrial land on Kaltasin Road . He will continue to extract material from the site in the Anderson Road area as per Mines permit and CRD permits and will take-out a Soils Removal permit from the CRD.

5.4 Review of Regional Growth Strategy A Campbell
The RGS review is mandatory , but lagging behind its projected time table . Perhaps by late spring , materials will be generated for community distribution . Arnie and Wayne will be involved in this process .

5.5 Formation of an OPSRRA Nominations Committee A Campbell
Agreed that Arnie and Ken would form the committee . Arnie will be contacting current Directors to determine their interest as a part of this process .

5.6 Does OPSRRA need to register as a lobby group ? W Fritz
Issue arises as BC has lobbyist legislation and the word “lobby” is used in the OPSRRA constitution . OPSRRA does not have to register as a lobby group as it does fall within the 3 criteria in the legislation . Arnie will address this in the next Newsletter .

5.7 Updates From Directors on Assigned Responsibilities

5.7.1 Land Use Committee K Pungente W Fritz
- nothing to report

5.7.2 Liaison with Regional Director
- see previous notes above

5.7.3 Liaison With Shirley S Tidwell
Many local concerns over roads and transportation with the recent
Flooding . Many families needed emergency assistance . Fire
Dept up-date . Shirley Community Association meeting on Jan 14th had over 25
people in attendance .

5.7.4 Liaison with MLA A Campbell

Regular telephone contact . Arnie provided OPSRRA position re CRD appeal of Court
ruling to John . MLA has meeting with Community Services Minister next week .

5.7.5 Strategic Vision Project W Fritz
Reported on above . Final Advisory Committee next week .

5.7.6 Governance Activities A Campbell
Metchosin will proceed with governance study with East Sooke.

5.7.7 Website S Barta
Shirley now has a website . One new business listing.

5.7.8 OPSRRA Newsletter A Campbell
- nothing new .

5.7.9 Publicity J Charles S Tidwell
OPSRRA getting more news coverage .Need to continue to
Attract new members.

5.7.10 Community Bulletin Boards B Phillips W Fritz
Signs need another clean-up and new one at store site .

5.7.11 Treasurer's Report B Phillips
- attached

5.7.12 Membership E James
We have 3 new members .

5.7.13 Update on Muir Creek A Campbell
New signage in the area 30 KPH should help . Regional
Director Hicks reports he wants this area to be a park .

5.7.14 Update on SEAPARC & JdF Parks K Pungente J Charles
Ken no longer on SEAPARC Board and jurisdiction is now
mostly Sooke, with only one JDFA appointment to the Board . Future reports
will be on JdF Parks only. They have not met since Dec.1/08 . OPSRRA wrote to parks
Commission in Oct. 2008 outlining our position re Poirior Lake.

Meeting adjourned at 9.20 pm

Next meeting Feb. 16 , 2009
Recorder John Charles