

Otter Point and Shirley Residents and Ratepayers Association

Minutes of the Directors' Meeting June 16, 2008

Date: June 16, 2008

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: SEAPARC Board Room

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

Regrets: Ken Pungente

W. Fritz convened the meeting at 1940 as A. Campbell indicated he would be late.

1. Appointment of Recorder

Erik James to be followed by. Sarah Tidwell

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved: R. Phillips; Seconded: S. Barta; Approved.

3. Approval of Minutes of the May 12, 2008 Director's Meeting

Moved: R. Phillips; Seconded: S. Barta; Approved.

4. Old Business

4.1 Outstanding Correspondence

4.1.1 Letter to Minister of Highways re: Road Safety:

Nothing further to report. No reply has been received to date from the Minister of Highways.

4.1.2 Letter to CRD re: Rural Resource Lands Development Plan:

No reply received.

4.1.3 Letter to Minister of Mines and Energy re: Arden Gravel Operation:

A. Campbell reported that Ian Webster, Inspector of Mines, indicates issues surrounding alleged non-compliance of license requirements will be investigated. Nearby residents reported various perceived breaches of the mine's operating restrictions. Following a discussion, it was unanimous that OPSRRA submit another letter highlighting these perceived transgressions and seeking an answer. Should an answer not be forthcoming, follow on letters to the Attorney General or the Provincial Ombudsman may be considered.

4.1.4 Letter to Provincial Subdivision Approving Officer:

No reply received.

4.1.5 Letter to CRD re Local OCP and Zoning Review:

No reply received to May 20, 2008 letter to LUC representatives to CRD Board re request for meeting re outstanding review of zoning bylaw.

4.2 Business Arising from the Meeting of May 12, 2008

4.2.1 Request from the BCLA for a Meeting:

A. Campbell reported that there is little interest from the BCLA in meeting until results of their legal challenge of the membership on the Land Use Committee (LUC) is known.

4.2.2 Discussion of OPSRRA publicity:

An open discussion ensued concerning methods to increase OPSRRA membership and increasing awareness as to what OPSRRA provides to the community. Following the discussion, it was agreed upon that J. Charles and S. Tidwell will spearhead the development of a new brochure for presentation during the September 2008 Directors Meeting. Concurrently, all Directors are urged to submit ideas to J. Charles and S. Tidwell concerning the brochure and to continue to seek methods and avenues to increase public awareness of OPSRRA.

5. New Business

5.1 Sea to Sky Greenbelt Initiative Support Letter re Provincial Subdivision

Approving Officer:

A. Campbell reviewed a letter submitted by OPSRRA supporting the Sea to Sky Greenbelt Society request to the Provincial Subdivision Approving Officer to hold a public hearing with regard to recent zoning issues surrounding previously designated Tree Farm License Lands. We are now awaiting a reply.

5.2 Resignation of CRD Planner:

A. Campbell reported on the resignation, effective the end of July, of Kris Nichols, the CRD Planner. The resulting discussion of potential impact lead into the next agenda item, 5.3.

5.3 Discussion re Meeting with the Regional Director Concerning OCP and Zoning Amendments:

A. Campbell indicated that a letter requesting this meeting will be sent by end June 2008. The ensuing discussion of what needs to be tabled at this meeting resulted in the following:

5.3.1 Impact of CRD Planner resignation—a question to be tabled at the meeting concerns how this resignation will impact the ongoing OCP and rezoning reviews.

5.3.2 A commitment to progressing these important initiatives will be sought and OPSRRA recommendations to hire a consultant to complete the reviews will be tabled.

5.3.3 That the meeting needs to include Mr. Bob Lapham, the CRD agent responsible for the position of the CRD Planner. His input into the status, the priority, and the way ahead for tackling these reviews will be sought.

5.4 Release of First Draft Strategic Vision for Community Feedback:

W. Fritz reported that this is complete, including circulation by OPSRRA, the Muir Creek Society, and the Juan de Fuca Trail Society. Based on feedback received, a 2nd draft is intended for release towards the end of July 2008, followed by a final draft release by end August 2008;

- 5.5 Correspondence from Muir Creek Protection Society re Run-of-River Hydro Proposal:
 - A. Campbell indicates OPSRRA was copied on a letter concerning this subject. The letter was not on hand for the meeting and the remaining Directors had yet to see it. He indicated copies would be emailed to the Directors, as this is a subject of interest and one to be watched closely.
- 5.6 Report on 3L Development Public Hearings
 - A. Campbell reported that these hearing were well attended and that all who spoke, including OPSRRA, were in support of 3L's proposal. The only issue remaining concerns a potentially gazetted road through an area zoned as a park. Of note, this was the first test of the rezoning process since recent zoning changes were made. The media was invited and A. Campbell reports that, in his discussion with the media representative, he highlighted how positive the rezoning process was when all interested parties compromised and worked together to help each other in meeting disparate goals. We are now waiting for the final decision by LUC
- 5.7 Agenda Items For August 2008 Director's Meeting:
 - A. Campbell raised awareness concerning the pending fall elections (CRD/APC/LUC/School Trustee's). It is intended to discuss OPSRRA's intent regarding the accompanying "All Candidates" meeting that will be held prior to elections.
- 5.8 Sooke Youth Council
 - B. Phillips provided copies of a letter recently received from the Sooke Lions Club concerning a proposed Youth Council for the Sooke. This letter seeks OPSRRA's support for the concept and proposes a presentation by Youth Leaders at a future OPSRRA meeting. The ensuing discussion centred on the need for greater clarity on key issues such as the program intent, accountability of funding, and leadership/mentorship provided by the responsible agencies. In the end, it was unanimously agreed upon to support the concept. R. Phillips will draft a letter of support for review 25 June 2008.
- 5.9 Updates from directors on Assigned Responsibilities
 - 5.9.1 Land Use Committee—Wayne Fritz reported.
 - 5.9.2 Liaison with Regional Director: Nothing further to report.
 - 5.9.3 Liaison with Shirley—S. Tidwell reported that:
 - 5.9.3.1 Many lots are for sale with potential developers aiming to control "blocks" of land that could be developed on a large scale.
 - 5.9.3.2 "Closed door" meetings have been held with individual landowners to review development plans.
 - 5.9.3.3 Developers are seeking meetings with SEAS to discuss plans.
 - 5.9.3.4 Shirley Days will be in August.
 - 5.9.4 Liaison with MLA—A. Campbell
 - A. Campbell reports there has been no contact with the MLA since the last meeting, however one will proposed shortly.
 - 5.9.5 Strategic Vision Project—W. Fritz
 - This was reported on at article 5.4 of these minutes.

5.9.6 Governance Activities—A. Campbell

A. Campbell reported that, there have been no further developments concerning OPSRRA. East Sooke and Metchosin have postponed amalgamation studies until Fall elections are completed

5.9.7 OPSRRA Website—Sandy Barta

S. Barta was congratulated and thanked by the Directors for her outstanding work on the OPSRRA website.

5.9.8 OPSRRA Newsletter—A. Campbell

A. Campbell called for input by end month. He indicated he will be including an article concerning a local artist that is producing a Spirit Tree for the Olympics.

5.9.9 Publicity—J. Charles, S. Tidwell

As reported in article 4.2.2.

5.9.10 Community Bulletin Boards—B. Phillips, W. Fritz

R. Phillips reported that the broken notice board at Chubb Rd. will be replaced once Murray Tomkins returns from holidays.

5.9.11 Treasurer's Report—B. Phillips

R. Phillips reported that Emma Taylor, no longer a Director, had been removed as a signing authority for financial transactions and that R. Phillips and J. Charles will retain this authority. He then submitted and reviewed the Financial Report, summarized as follows:

- \$276.88 in its bank account;
- \$5.90 in petty cash; and
- \$3489.54 in the strategic vision project account.

5.9.12 Membership Report—E, James

E. James will distribute copies of the updated membership spreadsheet at the next meeting.

5.9.13 Muir Creek Protection Society Update—A. Campbell

Nothing further to report.

5.9.11 SEAPARC and JDF Parks Commission

Nothing further to report.

- 5.10 A. Campbell indicated there exists a need for a pre-approved float to be made available for short-notice administrative costs. After a brief discussion, a \$50.00 float was proposed as a pre-approved limit.

Moved: A. Campbell. Seconded: W. Fritz. Approved

6. Adjournment

S. Tidwell moved adjournment at 2120. Approved