

Otter Point and Shirley Residents and Ratepayers Association Minutes of Board Meeting

Date: June 18, 2009
Time: 7.30 pm
Place: Boardroom, SEAPARC Leisure Centre

Present: Arnie Campbell, Wayne Fritz, John Charles, Brenda Mark, Fiona McDannold,
Bob Phillips

Regrets: Sandy Barta, Erik James

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Wayne Fritz, Seconded by John Charles. Carried

2. Appointment of Recordors

Bob Phillips to be followed by followed by John Charles, Wayne Fritz, Brenda Mark,
Fiona McDannold and Erik James

3. Approval of May 25, 2009 Minutes

Approved subject to correction of editing errors. Moved by Brenda Mark, Seconded by
Fiona McDannold. Carried.

4. Old Business

4.1 Outstanding Correspondence

4.1.1 Letter to Minister of Forests and Range Requesting a Meeting - Arnie Campbell

Arnie reported that there has been no reply to date. Minister Bell retained his
Cabinet position as Minister of Forests and Range. There was a June 1 meeting
set up by Minister Bell and attended by Ministry of Community and Rural
Development Deputy Dale Wall, Regional Director Mike Hicks, CRD Manager of
Planning Bob Lapham, Duncan Kerr of WFP and a representative of the
Dogwood Initiative. The Dogwood Initiative was seeking community
consultation and is advocating for "conservation buyers" for lands from the ex-
TFL25 area. Duncan Kerr encouraged the provincial government and/or CRD to
make a land purchase offer. Arnie will follow-up on the meeting request with a
phone call to Minister Bell's Office. It was also agreed that this issue should be
discussed in a June 22, 2009 meeting with MLA John Horgan.

4.1.2 Letter to CRD Board and the Provincial Gov't Supporting Establishment of a Muir Creek Park - Arnie Campbell

No reply is expected. The Muir Creek Protection Society AGM is set for July 10,
2009.

4.2. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

4.2.1 JDFEA Parks and Recreation Commission Programming Policies- Brenda Mark

Brenda reported that the new manager, Ron Hamilton, attended his first
Commission meeting. An immediate priority for the Commission is the clean up
of the William Simmons Park. Criteria still have to be established by the

Commission concerning the use of electoral area levied funds for local recreational programming. Brenda will continue to follow-up on previous questions raised about recreational funding and programming in our local areas.

4.2.2 Review of Rural Resource Lands OCP and Land Use Bylaws - Arnie Campbell
Arnie reported that the LUC has sent the 2nd draft of the Resource lands Bylaws to the Advisory Planning Commissions (APCs). There will be public APC meetings to review the new drafts in Otter Point on June 22 and in Shirley on June 25, 2009. A number of questions and concerns were raised:

- How much privately managed forest lands are in the Rural Resource Lands?
- What is the definition for settlement land?
- Are district boundary changes to be considered at this time?
- What minimum subdivision parcel sizes and unit densities will be used?
- What tourist uses are contemplated?
- Why are strata provisions back in the new draft?
- Why were changes made in necessary well water recovery rates?
- Why is small lot development being considered when there is no significant environmental inventory or mapping in place to assist in conservation and land use planning?

4.2.3 JdFEA Proposal re: Local Governance Study Options - Arnie Campbell
Regional Director Hicks is still waiting for a response about this proposal. The issue will also be raised by OPSRRA at the June 22, 2009 meeting with MLA Horgan.

4.2.4 Community Concerns re Sawmill Operation on West Coast Road - Arnie Campbell

Local residents have sent a follow-up letter to the CRD Board outlining their concerns about the operation of a sawmill in contravention of the local zoning bylaw. Bob Lapham will be replying to the local resident's concerns on behalf of the CRD Board. Arnie has discussed the matter with the CRD local planner, June Klassen. The resident about whom the complaints were made has contacted the Office of the Ombudsman concerning the actions to date of the CRD.

5. New Business

5.1 Ilkay/Marine Holdings Rezoning Application Request - Arnie Campbell

Arnie indicated that he has arranged for a meeting with this group and the available OPSRRA Directors on June 23 at 3.30 pm.

5.2 Update on WFP and Timber West Private Forest Lands - Arnie Campbell

Regional Director Hicks has been in contact with Timber West and the Muir Creek Protection Society Timber West owns most of the Muir Creek watershed

5.3 Publicity and Community Development Ideas - W Fritz , A Campbell

Wayne and Arnie reviewed their brainstorming ideas, which had been circulated with the meeting agenda package. There was general support for: a mail-out to current OPSRRA members, sponsoring local forums, sponsoring a town hall meeting with the Regional Director and MLA , and placing an advertisement about OPSRRA in the fall issue of the Rural Observer.

5.4 Sooke Official Community Plan Review - Wayne Fritz

Wayne reported that many parts of the current draft of the Sooke OCP are still in the "wish list" stage and that that Sooke Council will have much prioritizing work to do. The protection of watersheds is raised in the OCP but there is no specific mention of Kemp Lake in this regard.

5.5 Updates on Responsibilities of Directors

5.5.1 Land Use Committee - Fiona McDannold and Wayne Fritz

First reading has been given by LUC to a bylaw which would allow establishing detached secondary suites in East Sooke, Otter Point and Shirley/Jordan River. The draft bylaw is being sent to the APCs for public review.

5.5.2 Liaison With the Regional Director - Arnie Campbell

See agenda items 4.1 and 4.2.3.

5.5.3 Liaison with Shirley - Brenda Mark and Fiona McDannold

The Shirley Education and Action Society will be having its AGM on July 29th. The Shirley Fire Protection Society recently held elections for its Board. Shirley Days will be held on August 9th.

5.5.4 Liaison With MLA - Arnie Campbell

A group of Directors will meet with MLA Horgan on June 25th at 10.15 am.

5.5.5 Strategic Vision - Wayne Fritz and Arnie Campbell

The project Advisory Committee meeting has been rescheduled until late summer. .

5.5.6 Governance Activities - Brenda Mark and John Charles

See notes above 4.2.3. There was a brief discussion of an article in the Sooke News Mirror about a private report proposing that a new regional district be established composed of Langford, Colwood, Sooke and the JdFEA. No comments on the report have been heard to date from any of the elected councils.

5.5.7 Regional Growth Strategy Review - Wayne Fritz and Arnie Campbell

The process remains in the early stages some 18 months behind its original schedule.

5.5.8 OPSRRA Website - Arnie Campbell

Nothing new to report. Sandy has done some updating.

5.5.9 OPSRRA Newsletter - Arnie Campbell

The draft of the next newsletter will be circulated for review next week .

5.5.10 Publicity - Wayne Fritz.

See agenda item 5.3

5.5.11 Community Bulletin Boards - Bob Phillips and John Charles

Ken Pungente is in contact with the private property owners by the 2 mailboxes at Wells O'Weary to discuss placement of community bulletin boards. .

5.5.12 Treasurer's Report - Bob Phillips.

Bob noted that for some time there has been a minor discrepancy of \$258.86 in favour of the OPSRRA Bank statement over the OPSRRA Main Account Excel spreadsheet. Bob made a motion that these two figures be reconciled. This was seconded by Wayne Fritz and carried unanimously. The current overall OPSRRA bank balance is \$1,916.89. From this, the Vision Account balance is \$1,533.76 and the general OPSRRA account balance is \$383.03. OPSRRA also has a current petty cash float of \$61.00.

5.5.13 Membership Report – Arnie Campbell for Erik James

We have 3 new members since the May Directors meeting.

5.5.14 Update on SEAPARC and JdF Parks Commission - John Charles and Brenda Mark.

See agenda item 4.2.1.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting date will likely be in the last week in August. Finalization of a date will be done through e-mails to all directors. The recorder for the next meeting will be John Charles.

7. Adjourned 9:45 pm.