

Otter Point and Shirley Residents and Ratepayers Association

Minutes of the Directors' Meeting May 25, 2009

Date: May 25, 2009

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Board Room – SEAPARC Leisure Centre

Present: Arnie Campbell, Sandy Barta, Wayne Fritz, Brenda Mark, Fiona McDannold, John Charles

Regrets: Bob Phillips and Erik James

Welcome and Introductory Comments – Arnie Campbell

1. **Adoption of Agenda**

Suggested changes: Add Sooke OCP designated watershed as new item 5.5; delete item 4.1.2 as it was not an OPSRRA letter; add Cleanup of William Simmons Park as a new item 5.6, and Updates on Director's Responsibilities becomes item 5.7.

Moved by F. McDannold and seconded by W. Fritz subject to the changes noted above.

Approved

2. **Appointment of Recordors**

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

3. **Approval of the April 20, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes**

Moved by J. Charles subject to confirming with Bob Phillips the accuracy of the Strategic Vision budget figure. Seconded by W. Fritz. Approved:

4. **Old Business**

4.1 Outstanding Correspondence

4.1.1 Letter to the Minister of Forests and Range Requesting a Meeting – A. Campbell
No reply is expected until a governmental decision is made as to whom the Minister will be.

4.2 Business Arising from Previous Meetings

4.2.1 Meeting with Provincial Candidates – A. Campbell, F. McDannold, J. Charles, W. Fritz

Some of the Directors met with the Liberal and NDP candidates. No response was received from the Green Party candidate. A letter asking broad policy questions of interest to OPSRRA and a copy of the Strategic Vision were sent in advance to each candidate. The participating Directors reported on the interviews.

4.2.2 Promoting the Strategic Vision – W. Fritz

OPSRRA had volunteered to call and chair the next meeting of the Strategic Vision Advisory Committee. Invitations and a draft agenda have been sent out. So far, only a few responses have been received.

W. Fritz reviewed the "Recommended OPSRRA Priorities for Promoting the Strategic Vision" approved at the March 2009 AGM and gave a brief status report listing the recent OPSRRA initiatives to support the Strategic Vision. We also hear that other organizations have been referring to the Strategic Vision document in their public advocacy efforts.

4.2.3 Review of Rural Resource Lands OCP and Land Use Bylaws – A. Campbell

A. Campbell reported that the Shirley APC has had one public meeting and the Otter Point APC had held three public meetings to publicly review and make recommendations about the draft Resource Lands OCP and Land Use Bylaws. The public feedback from the APCs and other agencies has been so significant that a revised draft of the bylaws is expected to be circulated to public agencies for comment. Arnie noted that so far OPSRRA has not participated formally in the review process and that we may want to consider doing so as these bylaws might significantly influence planning and development in our area.

4.2.4 JdFEA Proposal re Local Governance Options Study – A. Campbell

A. Campbell reported that there has been no official confirmation to the JdFEA that money from the provincial government has been committed for a governance study for our area.

4.2.5 JdFEA Parks and Recreation – B. Mark

B. Mark reported that the JdFEAPRC is still waiting on the employment of a new manager and has not yet determined if parks management will be split from recreational programming. Local Shirley residents are still trying to clarify whether individuals providing local recreational programs through the JdFEAPRC would be employees or contractors. Although money is set aside for recreation programs in our areas, it appears to be difficult to flexibly make use of such funds. Brenda will report back later on any related decisions made at the next Commission meeting.

5. New Business

5.1 Letters to the Province & CRD Supporting a Muir Creek Park – A. Campbell

A. Campbell reported that a letter supporting the establishment of a Muir Creek Park had also been sent to the Chair of CRD Parks on the suggestion of the Regional Director. Mr. Hicks also indicated that in forthcoming meetings with TimberWest he plans to raise the establishment of a Muir Creek Park as part of the negotiations.

5.2 Sawmill Community Concerns – A. Campbell

A. Campbell gave an update on the concerns raised by local residents about the operation of a sawmill. The owner had been informed by the CRD that a commercial mill cannot operate in a residential area. The owner maintains that he is operating the mill for his own personal use only. So far, OPSRRA has not been asked to take any action, but has been copied on correspondence from the concerned neighbours.

5.3 Request by Ilkay/Marine Holdings re Community Meeting re Rezoning Applications – A. Campbell

A. Campbell reported that two rezoning applications in the Rural Resource Lands south of Highway 14 have been made to the Land Use Committee which then referred the requests out for public comment by Advisory Planning Commissions and other agencies and organizations. Mr. Ilkay has engaged City Space Consulting to assist in community consultations about the rezoning applications. Mr. Ilkay and the consultant would like to meet with OPSRRA Directors at some time to discuss the applications. It was agreed that Arnie would try to arrange a meeting with those Directors who were available. Arnie will also try to find out from the consultant if a marketing and business plan has been developed which attempts to assess demand for the number of different units and the scale of the project.

5.4 Update on WFP and TimberWest Private Forest Lands – A. Campbell

A. Campbell reported that the Regional Director anticipated participating in a series of upcoming meetings with the provincial government, TimberWest and the Dogwood Initiative. The Regional Director would like to see the Provincial government and the CRD purchase coastal lands taken out of TFL25 for parklands.

- 5.5 Sooke OCP—Watershed Protection for Kemp Lake – W. Fritz
At the recent Kemp Lake Waterworks District AGM, it was mentioned that the Ayres and Charters Creek were identified for watershed protection in the draft Sooke OCP. It is unclear whether similar protection would be provided for Kemp Lake. This could have been an oversight. Wayne will follow up on this and report back to the next meeting.
- 5.6 William Simmons Park Clean-up – A. Campbell
A. Campbell reported that the JdFEAPRC is planning to organize a community volunteer project to help remove derelict buildings and other material from the William Simmons Park. They would like this publicised through the OPSRRA newsletter. It was agreed to do this. The information they want distributed will need to be available by this coming Friday. Such projects can serve to help build community identity and pride.
- 5.7 Updates on Responsibilities of Directors.
- 5.7.1 Land Use Committee – Fiona McDannold, Wayne Fritz
Wayne and Fiona provided a brief update on recent developments. Some concerns were raised about the increasing difficulties in obtaining copies of LUC agenda packages as this limits public information as not all people can access the material via the web. Arnie will raise this issue with the Regional Director.
- 5.7.2 Liaison with Regional Director – Arnie Campbell
See comments above.
- 5.7.3 Liaison with Shirley – Brenda Mark, Fiona McDannold
Nothing new to report.
- 5.7.4 Liaison with MLA - Arnie Campbell
John Horgan was re-elected as the local MLA. Nothing else to report.
- 5.7.5 Strategic Vision – Wayne Fritz, Arnie Campbell
See agenda item 4.2.2 above
- 5.7.6 Governance Activities – Brenda Mark, John Charles
Nothing new to report.
- 5.7.7 Regional Growth Strategy Review – Wayne Fritz, Arnie Campbell
OPSRRA had participated in the early stage of the review. However, the CRD is very much behind their original schedule for completing the planned review. Wayne and Arnie will continue to participate when the review resumes. Other Directors are to let Arnie and Wayne know if they are also interested in being involved.
- 5.7.8 OSRRA Website – Sandy Barta
The website is up to date. New links should be forwarded to Sandy.
- 5.7.9 OPSRRA Newsletter – Arnie Campbell
The next newsletter will be circulated as a draft this Friday and it will go out to membership on Monday.
- 5.7.10 Publicity – Wayne Fritz
At the June meeting the Board can discuss possible options for fall publicity initiatives.
- 5.7.11 Community Bulletin Boards – Bob Phillips, John Charles
Some of the bulletin boards are getting quite crowded because people are using them heavily. Directors are encouraged to monitor and clean up boards where necessary.
- 5.7.12 Treasurer's Report – Bob Phillips
The OPSRRA Bank account on April 20 was \$1980.03. Since then, there was an advertising bill for the AGM and one membership. There is now \$1918.88 and \$61.00 in the float. Of this, about \$1800 is in the strategic visioning account and \$155 in the regular OPSRRA account.

5.7.12 Membership – Erik James

Nothing new to report.

5.7.13 Update on SEAPARC and JDF Parks Commission – John Charles, Brenda Mark

See above

6. Date for Next Meeting

Potential meeting dates for June are June 22 or 29. Directors are to let Arnie know what would be convenient. No regular Board meeting is being planned for August.

7. Adjournment 9:34 pm

Moved by W. Fritz