

# Otter Point and Shirley Residents and Ratepayers Association

## Director's Meeting October 15, 2007

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Place:** SEAPARC

1. Adoption of Agenda: Add Membership meeting (at end)  
**Moved:** John Charles  
**Seconded:** Wayne Fritz
2. Appointment of Recorder (Sandy Barta by rotation, John Charles for the next meeting)
3. Approval of September 11, 2007 Board of Director's Meeting Minutes (see attachment)  
**Moved:** Emma Taylor  
**Seconded:** Wayne Fritz
4. Old Business
  - 4.1 Outstanding Correspondence
    - 4.1.1 Letter to Ministry of Environment re No Hunting/No Shooting Boundary – A. Campbell  
The reply to our letter came by email. The consevation officer hasn't heard from the T'Sou-ke people and will recommend moving the boundary to one kilometer, De Mamiel to Tugwell. This will come into effect next hunting season.
    - 4.1.2 Letter to JDF Regional Director re Zoning Advisory Committees – A. Campbell  
Reply September 24 from Kris Nichols, Local Area Planning Manager—he is working on it and will bring the recommendations for Rural A at the end of October. There will be an open house, not a public hearing.  
Note: the CRD has to hire a new planning technician.
  - 4.2 Business Arising from Meeting of September 2, 2007
    - 4.2.1 Beach Access and Signage – W. Fritz  
Letter of support ready to send to CRD Parks & Recreation Commission for their assuming stewardship of beach access and signage in Otter Point and Shirley.
    - 4.2.2 W. Morton Water Rights - A. Campbell  
Still no information.
    - 4.2.3 OPSRRA Website Links – S. Barta  
Nothing done so far.
    - 4.2.4 Milling Permit – A. Campbell  
No further information. The By-law officer had attended.
    - 4.2.5 Submission to JDF Parks and Recreation Commission – A. Campbell  
Submission had been mailed off in time.
    - 4.2.6 CRD and Resource Lands OCP – A. Campbell  
Still no reply to our letter asking that there be more than one open house (one in each community effected).

## 5.0 New Business

### 5.1 Western Forest Products Land Sale Updates – A. Campbell

Emma, Wayne and Arnie were at the open house on Friday, October 12. There was a great turnout and good representation from community members (a good cross-section of the communities). John Horgan spoke and let everyone know that he is willing to speak up for us. MP sent a representative, Steelworkers sent a representative. Arnie spoke about the vision project and zoning issues. Probably 120 people came to the meeting. There may have been quite a few people from out of the area. John Horgan had met with the VP of WFP that afternoon (with Keith Martin on speaker phone). John received a much more detailed prospectus and more properties were added east and west including properties in Otter Point. Arnie had a map showing the lands. The total area is now 6200 acres (about 1700 acres more).

### 5.2 Request by Environmental Law Clinic – A. Campbell

Arnie's email October 11.

Points raised in discussion:

- The Province is the only organization that can intervene/reserve lands for parks.
- We want to support them, but not be locked into all their aims and goals.
- We support what they're doing, but we shouldn't get our hopes up as it is private land and the company has the right to withdraw from the TFL.
- People seem to expect some compensation for the TFL termination.
- This is the most concrete action possible to date. We need to have the OCPs and the zoning in place before development happens. We may not be asking for enough. We have the expertise to log these lands in a sustainable manner and the small companies should have an opportunity to bid on these lands.
- The zoning issue is extremely important.

**Motion:** To support the request made by the Environmental Law Clinic and to write a letter of support.

**Moved:** Arnie Campbell

**Seconded:** Wayne Fritz

**Agreed:** to send the letter drafted by Arnie and edited by Wayne, adding more about the Regional Growth Strategy.

JDF Trails became aware of this request, wrote a letter and asked that their letter be submitted with ours.

**Action:** Arnie will send the letter in tomorrow.

### 5.3 Canadian Horizons Development – A. Campbell

Wayne and Arnie met with the Canadian Horizons representative. They are developing a marketing plan before they take any other action and they

aren't rushing into the development. Arnie and Wayne also met the new Manager of Development.

- 5.4 Lions Club Phone Directory – A. Campbell  
We have asked to get wording changed to include Otter Point and Shirley on the front cover and other areas of the directory. If they can find the room, they will include our community names.
- 5.5 BC Transit and Otter Point Bus – A. Campbell  
Write BC Transit thanking them for the bus and suggest extending the bus to Shirley and accommodate commuters.
- 5.6 Updates from Directors on Assigned Responsibilities
  - 5.6.1 Land Use "A" Committee – K. Pungente, W. Fritz  
Wayne and Arnie attended the last meeting. Wayne gave a brief report on items at the meeting.
  - 5.6.2 Zoning Advisory Committees – A. Campbell  
Nothing to report.
  - 5.6.3 Liaison with Regional Director – M. Nelson  
Nothing to report.
  - 5.6.4 Liaison with Shirley – M. Nelson  
They are losing a couple of volunteer firefighters and will be short on skilled firefighters in Shirley. Otter Point Volunteer Fire Department is helping out.
  - 5.6.5 Liaison with MLA – A. Campbell  
We suggested that John Horgan write a letter regarding incorporation and he wrote a letter that wasn't specific to incorporation to the Minister of Community Services, Ida Chong. He received a reply that he forwarded to us.
  - 5.6.6 Developing a Strategic Vision Project – W. Fritz  
Last Forum on October 2 was a success with a good turn out. Costs almost \$900. Next meeting tentatively November 22, Water and Environmental Change. They are in the early stages of looking for speakers. Another Forum is planned for after Christmas.
  - 5.6.7 Governance Study Group – A. Campbell  
The Regional Director had said he was going to hold a Governance Steering Committee meeting at the end of October, but Arnie hasn't heard when.
  - 5.6.8 OPSRRA Website – S. Barta  
Continuing to update the website and keeping links current. We have two new business listings.
  - 5.6.9 OPSRRA Newsletter – A. Campbell  
We are doing well—180 people receiving it by email. We had several people sign up at the Visioning meeting (although several were non-members). A number of people in the media are asking for the newsletter (Monday, Judith Lavoie of the Times Colonist). We agreed that Arnie should submit an editorial based on the letter we are sending in support of the Environmental Law group.

The Rural Observer asked Arnie for an article (similar to the above letter) and this is ready for submission.

5.6.10 Publicity – E. Taylor, J. Charles

We are getting a lot of publicity. They need to make more copies of the pamphlet (we will need them for November 7).

We have an ad in the Rural Observer.

We should take advantage of the publicity generated by the WFP issues; John would like to have Arnie interviewed on the TV.

CBC interviewed Wayne.

5.6.11 Community Bulletin Boards – B. Phillips, W. Fritz

We have to relocate all our bulletin boards because the new mailboxes are in different locations/spots. They will organize a work party to move the boards.

5.6.12 Crown Lands and Pioneer Park – W. Fritz

Nothing to report.

5.6.13 Treasurer's Report – E. Taylor

<b>OPSRRA Report:</b>	Previous Balance	\$341.45
	Float Balance	\$20.00
Deposits	10 Memberships	\$50.00
	Donations:	\$11.00
	Deposit Subtotal	\$41.00
Debits	DNS technologies	\$41.34
	Rural Observer	\$32.00
	Bank Fees	\$2.75
	Debit Subtotal	\$76.09
	Balance:	\$326.36
<b>Vision Report:</b>	Previous Balance	\$7294.37
Deposits		\$0.00
Debits	EDC	\$839.97
		\$
	Balance:	\$6454.40
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6780.76</b>

5.6.14

We asked the Visioning Project to donate the money to pay for the bank charges incurred for the project.

5.6.15 Membership – E. Taylor

We have several new members from Shirley.

We now have 329 members from Otter Point and 47 from Shirley.

5.6.16 Update on Muir Creek – A. Campbell

Nothing new to report.

5.6.17 Update on SEAPARC and JDF Parks Commission – K. Pungente, J. Charles

John Reported that there were two presentations at the last meeting (Port Renfrew land development, and a presentation by the surfers at Jordan River).

5.6.18 Membership meeting

Arnie booked the fire hall for Wednesday, November 7 at 7:30.

We need to get our advertising done very soon.

We should invite the Regional Director and MLA.

Arnie asked for agenda items and will work on a draft with Wayne.

He wants to keep the agenda brief so we can have a longer question and answer segment.

John will prepare notice boards and road side signs. Sandy will help prepare large signs on bright paper.

Sandy and Emma will help at the membership desk.

Emma has the phone lists for us to call.

Meeting adjourned 9:55 pm