

Otter Point and Shirley Residents and Ratepayers Association
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 26, 2009

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Board Room, SEAPARC

Present: Brenda Mark, Fiona McDannold, Erik James, Sandy Barta, Bob Phillips, John Charles, Arnie Campbell, Wayne Fritz

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Wayne Fritz, Seconded by Erik James, Approved

2. Appointment of Recorder

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

3. Approval of the September 16, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by Bob Phillips, Seconded by Erik James, Approved

4. Old Business

4.1 Outstanding Correspondence

4.1.1 Letter to CRD Board of Directors re Governance and Strategic Vision – A. Campbell

No further responses are expected. It was agreed to remove it from future agendas.

4.1.2 Letter to the CEO of Western Forest Products - A. Campbell

No reply has been received to date despite Mr. Frasher's public commitments to engaging in dialogue with the community about future uses of WFP's land holdings west of Sooke. It was agreed to keep this on the agenda for the next meeting.

4.2 Business Arising from Previous Meetings

4.2.1 Rural Resource Land and Land Use Bylaws – A. Campbell

A. Campbell reported that the Bylaws were scheduled to go to the Oct 20 LUC meeting, but this has been rescheduled to Tues, November 17/09, at the Sooke Community Hall, 7 pm.

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

A. Campbell indicated that there is nothing new to report on this issue other than the article written by Mr. Frasher in the Times Colonist.

4.2.4 Community Sawmill Concerns – A. Campbell

Nothing further to report since the last meeting. It was agreed to remove it from future agendas unless further action is required.

4.2.5 Are you getting your \$5 worth? – A. Campbell and W. Fritz

A. Campbell reported that 96 letters were prepared and 95 mailed to those members who do not receive the newsletter electronically. Eighteen letters were sent back with incorrect addresses. Erik James and Arnie Campbell will attempt to update these addresses. There were 4 responses to the questionnaire. It was agreed to place another article in the November newsletter asking for responses to the questionnaire. Responses can go directly to Arnie or through the OPSRRA

- website. The total cost for the mail out was under \$90.
- 4.2.6 Review of October 14, 2009 Autumn Town Hall Meeting – A. Campbell and W. Fritz
A. Campbell reported that the October 14, 2009 Town Hall meeting at the Shirley Hall went very well with positive comments from those who attended. Six new OPSRRA members were signed up, 4 at the meeting and 2 later in the week. Major issues raised at the meeting were summarized and included in a Sooke News Mirror article. It was agreed to consider organizing another such meeting next year.
- 4.2.7 Meeting with the Strategic Vision Advisory Committee – W. Fritz and A. Campbell
W. Fritz reported on the meeting with the Advisory Committee for the Strategic Vision Project held on Sept. 30, 2009 at 2:00 pm at the Otter Point Fire Hall. The participants wanted to meet and have a forum to discuss community change and development. Notes on the issues discussed at the meeting have been developed and circulated to meeting participants for comment. There was general consensus that OPSRRA should schedule and chair another meeting in the next 4-6 months. A. Campbell pointed out that the Strategic Vision document will be used in the upcoming OCP reviews for Otter Point and Shirley/Jordan River Fall Membership Meeting – A. Campbell
It was decided to hold the OPSRRA Fall Membership meeting on Wednesday, November 25, 2009, 7:30 pm. at the Otter Point Fire Hall. Suggestions for the agenda included: Rural Resource Lands OCP, follow up on membership questionnaire, Metchosin/East Sooke merger, upcoming OCP reviews in Otter Point and Shirley/Jordan River and an open question and answer session.. A. Campbell will contact Directors by e-mail to sort out the planning and management of the meeting.
- 4.2.8 Student Practicum – A. Campbell
J. Charles reported that he had been in contact with Royal Roads. T were interested
In the idea of the student practicum and would be forwarding an application form to OPRSSA. This issue will be brought up again at the December Board meeting.

5. New Business

- 5.1 Erik Sellars-St. Clair Painting - A. Campbell and B. Mark
A. Campbell reported on an issue arising over the ownership of the painting. B. Mark commented that the JdF Parks Commission was looking into this.
- 5.2 Metchosin-East Sooke Merger Meeting – A. Campbell, W. Fritz and B. Phillips
A. Campbell, W. Fritz and B. Phillips all reported on the meeting. Provincial Government officials were there to outline planning issues and answer questions Timelines and revenue sharing were discussed. It is anticipated that there will be a financial implications report in fall 2010, followed by a vote in East Sooke in early spring 2011, and if successful to be followed by a vote in Metchosin.. Regional Director Hicks indicated that there will not be any OCP review for East Sooke until after the spring 2011 referendum. Nor will the proposed Detached Accessory Suite Bylaw be applied to East Sooke during the same period. It was reported that East Sooke property assessments are 26% of the total JdFEA assessments , while East Sooke residents comprise 35% of the population of the JdFEA. There will be tax and service delivery implications for the rest of the JdFEA if Metchosin and East Sooke choose to merge. Regional Director Hicks indicated that he would not be pleased to see East Sooke leave the JdFEA, but would not interfere in their vote.
- 5.3 Regional Task Force Report on Governance. – A. Campbell and W. Fritz
A. Campbell reported on the Task Force paper which was presented at the UCBM annual meeting regarding Regional Districts. OPSRRA will make a response to this report which

will be forwarded by the Regional Director. A number of suggestions were made about the wording of the response in regard to the Regional Growth Strategy.

5.4 Community Works Money – A. Campbell

A. Campbell reported that there is currently approx \$456,000.00 in the JdFEA's share of the gas tax. This will rise to approximately \$600,000.00 by the end of the fiscal year. In per capita terms per community this will break down to approximately \$ 109,000.00 for Otter Point and \$50,000.00 for Shirley. These monies can be used to meet a number of criteria including "capacity building" which could include such items as bike and hiking trails or hiring of a consultant for OCP planning.

5.5 Highway 14 and Gordon's Beach concerns. – A. Campbell

A. Campbell reported on the concerns brought up by a resident of the Gordon's Beach area regarding the speed limit of 80 kmp and the passing lane by Gordon's Beach. . Director Hicks contacted the Min of Highways and determined that a traffic study of the area has already been conducted in the past year , and that no changes were being planned for this area.

6. Updates on Responsibilities of Directors

6.1 Land Use Committee – Fiona McDannold, Wayne Fritz

Nothing to report as no LUC meetings had been held since the last Board meeting.

6.2 Liaison with Regional Director – Arnie Campbell

See items above

6.3 Liaison with Shirley – Brenda Mark, Fiona McDannold

The Shirley Community Association is fundraising to establish outdoor lighting for the park area by the Shirley Community Hall. The Shirley Fall Craft Fair will be held Sunday, November 15, 2009 from 10 am to 4 pm. Work on the Priest's Cabin Park is on hold.

6.4 Liaison with MLA - Arnie Campbell

Nothing to report.

6.5 Strategic Vision – Wayne Fritz, Arnie Campbell

See agenda item 4.2.6.

6.6 Governance Activities – Brenda Mark, John Charles

See agenda item 5.1.3

6.7 Regional Growth Strategy Review – Wayne Fritz, Arnie Campbell

Nothing new to report.

6.8 OPSRRA Website – Sandy Barta

New business listings have been added. Minutes from Director's meetings will be updated..

6.9 OPSRRA Newsletter – Arnie Campbell

Draft for upcoming newsletter has gone out for comment

6.10 Publicity – Wayne Fritz

The Strategic Vision advisory Committee meeting, the Town Hall meeting and A related newspaper article have furthered publicity for OPSRRA over the past month.

6.11 Community Bulletin Boards – Bob Phillips, John Charles

B. Phillips reported that he has 2 new boards ready to go up.

6.12 Treasurer's Report – Bob Phillips

B. Phillips reported that as of October 26, 2009, the OPSRRA main account balance was \$398.87, the OPSRRA cash float balance was \$28.54, and the OPSRRA Vision account balance was \$1271.37.

6.13 Membership – Erik James

E. James reported that the OPSRRA membership has increased by 6 members.

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

B. Mark reported that the terms of reference for recreational programs have been defined.

A draft parks plan will be coming from the CRD Parks Committee. There will be workshops in the new year. Regional Parks will be meeting with OPSRRA to do the mapping. There are subgroups which will be prioritizing the JdFEA parks for development purposes.

7. Date for Next Meeting

It was agreed that December 7, 2009 would be the date for the next Board meeting if a room could be booked for that date.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.