

OTTER POINT & SHIRLY RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2006 DIRECTORS' MEETING

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Service Building Meeting Rm. – Sooke Region Museum.
Chair: Arnie Campbell – President OPSRRA.
Present: Jim Dexter – OPSRRA V. P. (recorder) & Directors S. Barta, K. Pungente, E. Taylor & W. Fritz.
Regrets: Director M. Moneo, B. Phillips.
Guests: H. Phillips – OPSRRA member.

1. Agenda

1.1 Changes to the Agenda:

Add: Community Health Initiative.
Add: Arden Log Hauling Ltd. gravel pit application.
Add: resignation of Director Moneo.
Add: Beach access.
Delete: Otter Point/Shirley awareness.

Motion: To adopt the agenda as amended. K. Pungente, W. Fritz. Carried

2. Appointment of a Recorder:

J. Dexter appointed by Rota.

3. Approval of the May 2006 Minutes:

Motion: To approve the May 2006 Minutes. S. Barta, W. Fritz. Carried

4. Old Business:

4.1 Outstanding Correspondence

- 4.1.1 Ombudsman Complaint: Ombudsman Officer replied by telephone on June 12th that the OPSRRA complaint had merit and they were proceeding with the complaint against the Ministry of Community Services. OPSRRA will be informed of the ministry's reply.
- 4.1.2 Governance Study Group: Diana Lokken (CRD) and Gary Paget (Ministry of Community Services) have asked to meet with the Governance group before the end of July. The Governance group will meet for a planning July 11th in Shirley.

4.2 Business Arising From May Meeting

- 4.2.1 Format for Agenda and Minutes: S. Barta and J. Dexter feel that practice using the format will lead to improvements.
- 4.2.2 Letter to Canada Post: Reply received to letter asking about when the new rural mailboxes will be installed. Canada Post says installation will begin in 2007 – as they had planned. This is a year later than we thought.
- 4.2.3 Update on Kemp Lake Natural Boundary: Letter to M. Claxton (surveyor) has not been replied to. Update from H. Phillips on progress of her group. They have received a grant from the Western Canada Wilderness Law Society – Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund. The Registered Professional Biologist who was hired with the grant money has completed her survey: it suggests that there are serious discrepancies in the establishment of Kemp Lake's western natural boundary. This could lead to problems with septic systems, flooding, etc. H. Phillip's group is now pursuing how the boundary was established with the Surveyor General and the CRD. A. Campbell will pursue the issue of accuracy of the CRD's Natural Atlas boundary with Jeremy Bart.
- 4.2.4 Letter to John Horgan: A letter was sent to John Horgan - MLA thanking him for his continued interest and advocacy on behalf of OPSRRA's issues. We received an acknowledgement form his office.

5. New Business

- 5.1 Arden Log Hauling Ltd. Gravel Pit Application: OPSRRA has been asked for help from the neighbours of the proposed Arden/Trio Concrete gravel extraction mine. The application seems to be in order and our ability to help may be restricted. A. Campbell and J. Dexter will meet with the neighbours and listen to their concerns.
- 5.2 Community Health Initiative: Delivery of the survey questionnaire was delayed. OPSRRA will mention the problem in the July newsletter and encourage members to complete the survey.
- 5.3 Beach Access: Item tabled to future meeting.
- 5.4 Director Resignation: Mitch Moneo, long OPSRRA director has submitted his resignation because family commitments have prevented him from attending directors' meetings. His voice will be missed. It was decided to try and replace his position on an interim basis until the next AGM.
- 5.5 Updates From Directors on Assigned Responsibilities:
 - 5.5.1 LUC Committee: W. Fritz reported ordinary business done and that the OCPs were given first reading and sent to the concerned Agencies for their comments.
 - 5.5.2 Zoning Advisory Committees: No activity. No report.
 - 5.5.3 Liaison with Sooke Council & SARA: No activity. No report. East Sooke has recently formed a ratepayers association.
 - 5.5.4 Liaison with Regional Director: R.D. away on holiday.

- 5.5.5 Liaison with Shirley: J. Dexter reported that the JDF Parks Commission may be making a comment on the parks allocation for the Sheringham Estates development proposal. No other activities to report.
- 5.5.6 Liaison with MLA: see item 4.2.4 above.
- 5.5.7 Governance Study Group: see item 4.1.2 above.
- 5.5.8 OPSRRA Web Site: S. Barta reported that the web site now has better access to archival material through the side bars on the Home Page. Two new business listings added this past month.
- 5.5.9 OPSRRA Newsletter: A. Campbell reported that the July newsletter will be slightly delayed. Five more members have been added to the e-mail list.
- 5.5.10 Publicity: M. Moneo reported that the OPSRRA link on the Sooke News Mirror Home Page is still not correct. He has pointed this out to the newspaper.
- 5.5.11 Community Notice Boards: J. Dexter and W. Fritz reported that one more notice board has been installed (Carpenter Rd. @ Delmar Pl.). Murray Tomkins has undertaken to provide another 8 signs once all the materials are on hand. This is the second time that he has offered to make signs for OPSRRA and we are grateful.
- 5.5.12 Crown land & Pioneer Park: W. Fritz reported that he has heard nothing further back from the Treaty negotiator.
- 5.5.13 Treasurer's Report: E. Taylor reported that we have \$194.00 in the bank. June activities were a disbursement of \$15.00 for a Change of Address fee to the Societies Branch and a deposit of \$45.00. She had checked with other banks to find a more economical banking package and determined that the one we have is the best available rate. She asked for a \$30.00 float. Motion: To approve a \$30.00 float. S. Barta, W. Fritz. Carried.
- 5.5.14 Membership Report: E. Taylor reported that she has worked through the available membership lists and receipt books and we have 340 members. A suggestion was made that OPSRRA create an Associate Membership category for members who have left the area and want to continue receiving the newsletter. This suggestion was tabled to the next meeting.
- 5.5.15 Update on OPSRRA Records: A. Campbell, W. Fritz and E. Taylor reported on completion of a reorganization of OPSRRA's archival material. There are now three binders under the headings of Meetings, Newsletters and Special Projects. The binders are kept by the Secretary-Treasurer.
- 5.5.16 Update on Muir Creek: K. Pungente reported that we have received a letter updating the activities of the Muir Creek Protection Society.
- 5.5.17 Update on JDF and SEAPARC Parks Commissions: K. Pungente reported that SEAPARC is upgrading the type of products in their food vending machines.
- 5.5.18 Otter Point & Shirley Vision: W. Fritz reported that he felt we are responding to events rather than being in control of them. He has

produced a documents based upon his thoughts and as a result of a conversation with A. Campbell and J. Dexter. In it he explores the necessity of an overarching vision of the community. These documents will go to the Governance Study group for their reaction and support. Directors have been asked to bring a list of other organizations that could be approached with this idea.

5.6 Appointment of Recorder for the Next Meeting: W. Fritz.

5.7 Adjournment: Motion to adjourn. K. Pungente. Carried

NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2ND AT THE SEAPARC BOARDROOM