

OTTER POINT AND SHIRLEY RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION
 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 21, 2010 2:00 - 4:20 PM
 3727 Otter Point Road, Sooke B.C. V9Z 0K1

Board Members Present: Arnie Campbell, John Charles, Sandy Barta, Erik James, Brenda Mark, Fiona McDannold. Regrets: Wayne Fritz

OPSRRA Members Present - 40

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved, Byron Tweedy. Seconded, Liz Petersen. Carried

2. Appointment of Recorder

Bob Phillips as per OPSRRA rotation

3. Introductions and Announcements - Arnie Campbell

Introduction of Board Members and guests Mike Hicks and John Horgan, JdF Parks and Rec. draft parks plan Open House, March 31; Muir Creek Protection Society Save the Salmon Festival, April 16 and 17; Shirley Craft Fair March 28;; Canadian Horizons will hold a public meeting end of April.

4. Approval of Nov. 25, 2009 Membership Meeting Minutes

Minutes presented and moved by Bob Phillips. Seconded, Bill Parkes. Carried

5. Membership Report - Erik James

17 new members. 7 associate members. Total membership is 377 with 325 from Otter Point and 52 from Shirley. Moved, Kay Mitchell. Seconded, Liz Petersen. Carried.

6. **Treasurer's Report** - Bob Phillips

Report is from the period since the Nov. 25, 2009 meeting. OPSRRA Main Account had debits of \$60.84 and Credits of \$59.00. Balance is \$326.03. Petty Cash Float \$18.54. There has been no change in the Vision Account and the balance remains at \$1201.75. Report moved by Bob Phillips. Second, Jacques Deguijter. Carried.

Bob Phillips moved approval of paying the annual Society Act fees of \$25. Second Dave Gollmer. Carried.

7. **President's Report** - Arnie Campbell

Acceptance moved by Blythe Barlow. Second, Henny DeGruijter. Carried.

8.1 Report of Nominations Committee and Elections

Nominations Committee Report presented by Arnie Campbell as follows

President	Arnie Campbell
Vice-President	Wayne Fritz
Treasurer	Bob Phillips
Directors	Sandy Barta, John Charles, Brenda Mark, Fiona McDannold, Erik James

Mike Hicks then assumed the Chair to conduct elections. There were no further nominations. The Election Committee nominees were returned by acclamation.

8.2 Up-dates: Otter Point OCP and the CRD Regional Growth Strategy -A Campbell, B Phillips
 Otter Point OCP

Arnie gave a brief history of the OCP process. He noted that when developed the settlement Containment areas were a new concept and were never completely agreed upon. There are concerns over steep slopes, the lack of mapping, watersheds and environmental inventories. The OCP must be done before the Zoning Bylaws can be approved and the current Zoning Bylaw 2040 is over 20 years old. The plan is to complete the Otter Point OCP first as its provisions will have applicability to the Shirley/Jordan River and East Sooke OCP reviews which will come next. The process would be Feb to April 2010, Background Work; May to June 2010, Issue Identification; Sept 2010 to March 2011, Development of Draft OCP; March to July 2011, Adoption Process.

Throughout this time line there will be newsletters, workshops, referrals to agencies and organizations, APC reviews and public hearings. Arnie asked for members to consider joining an OPSRRA Committee to work on the OCP Review.

Regional Growth Strategy Bob Phillips

Bob gave an overview of the CRD Regional Growth Strategy which is now called the Regional Sustainability Strategy (RSS) and handed out a CRD website document *Frequently Asked Questions on the Regional Growth Strategy*. It was noted that Regional Growth Strategies are requirements under both the *Municipal Act* and the *Local Government Act*. More recently, *Bill 27* requires targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and include Provincial targets in both Regional Growth **Strategies and OCPs**. **The CRD's review** of its RSS will run concurrently with the Otter Point OCP Review. As outlined in Section 865 of the *Local Government Act*, all bylaws adopted by Regional District Boards (including Electoral Area OCPs) must be consistent with the RSS.

8.3 Update on Request for a Governance Study for Otter Point & Shirley -Arnie Campbell

Arnie noted past activities as reported in the OPSRRA Newsletter. When the Metchosin Council opted not to proceed to Phase 2 of amalgamation with East Sooke, Regional Director Mike Hicks did request that these funds be used for a governance study in our communities. This was not approved, but an OPSRRA delegation did meet with Ministry staff to review our concerns e.g. the issue of fringe areas between municipalities and electoral areas. OPSRRA also sent in a response to a UBCM document concerning governance options for electoral areas. This covered fringe area agreements built into OCPs; roles of APCs and Land Use Committees; whether Regional Director candidates should identify Alternates during the election process and the pros and cons of a single Regional Director versus a Community Commission.

Regional Director Mike Hicks reported that governance matters will be a focus in the coming year. He noted community differences of Port Renfrew and Otter Point because fire protection services and water systems differ in these communities. Mike reflected on the issues and alternatives e.g. even if Regional Director candidates named Alternates there could still be problems. John Horgan noted that these are also matters of prioritizing and community energies as we have governance concerns in conjunction with both OCP and RGS review processes.

8.4 Update on Conditional Purchase of WFP Lands -Arnie Campbell

Arnie used a map to overview Rural Resource Lands, Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River areas, Crown Lands, Private Forest Lands, TFL lands, and WFP and Timber West holdings. He identified the lands the WFP put on the market on March 8th and the areas of the CRD conditional purchase. The closing date is mid-August and the CRD is paying \$18.5 million with The Land Conservancy portion of \$5 million. Arnie reported that a delegation of OPSRRA Board members would be meeting with Ministers Chong, Coell and Bennett on March 24th to request that the Provincial Govt contribute to the CRD land acquisition, to stress the importance of the Muir Creek lands, review the UBC purchase option, watersheds and how the local OCPs have been impacted by the WFP issue and now the sale of its lands.

Regional Director Mike Hicks provided additional information. The CRD passed a bylaw for the full purchase price and will generate \$30 million over the next 10 years through the park tax levy. The CRD could sell off some of the land, but the public would be involved in any decisions related to any sales. He noted that Timber West owns the Muir Creek land and repeated that park land for Muir Creek remains as a number 1 priority. He always felt that we need to look at the formation of a process to provide and insure input from Jordan River residents/landowners. John Horgan, MLA, reported that he is still working on getting Provincial money for the CRD land purchase. Also Mike and himself had met with representatives from the 3 local First Nations. John noted the complex priorities of land protection, economic development, First Nations Land Claims and the necessity of Provincial government funding.

8.5 Address to Members from John Horgan, MLA

Given the time constraints and previous comments, John addressed Provincial Government finances. The current budget is \$40 billion with a \$1.7 billion deficit. The deficit is largely attributed to tax breaks to the more well off, **as opposed to NDP "we help each other."** He gave the HST example and the implications of giving provincial taxing authority over to Ottawa.

8.6 Address to Members from Mike Hicks, Regional Director.

Mike was also conscious of time constraints. He gave an overview of the nature and roles of being a Regional Director. He outlined his initiatives and activities in the past year. He hopes that we will be having a zero percent tax increase. In response to questions concerning bylaw enforcement related to gravel extraction and saw mills, he outlined his approach to bylaw enforcement within the context of financial frameworks and rural values. He **doesn't want to discuss private cases in public forums.**

8.7 Should OPSRRA Consider Expanding its Boundary to Include Jordan River -Arnie Campbell

Arnie noted that we have 4 associate members in Jordan River. Our charter currently restricts us to the areas of Shirley and Otter Point. The new OPSRRA Board will consider inclusion IF the Jordan River residents & ratepayers want to join OPSRRA and IF this inclusion is approved by the current membership. If we included Jordan River, then OPSRRA would need to change its charter and constitution.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm

Bob Phillips, Recorder