

DEVELOPING A STRATEGIC VISION FOR OTTER POINT, SHIRLEY & JORDAN RIVER

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**Economic Development – Recreation – Land Use – Community Services
Taxation – Community Development – Governance – The Environment**

Welcome to the fifth **Information Bulletin** for the Developing a Strategic Vision project. These regular bulletins will keep you informed of the activities taking place in our community as we work towards the development of a strategic vision for the communities of Otter Point, Shirley & Jordan River.

This Information Bulletin is now being distributed by e-mail to about 150 individuals, organizations and businesses in the Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River area. You can receive this **Information Bulletin** by contacting Arnie Campbell @ d.acampbell@shaw.ca.

1. FORUM ON WATER- ENVIRONMENT - CHANGE

The project's third public information forum is confirmed.

**Tuesday, November 27
7:00 – 9:30 pm
Otter Point Fire Hall**

Questions:

- ❖ What is the purpose of environmental regulation?
- ❖ How are residential growth, economic development and environmental regulation connected?
- ❖ What planning and regulatory tools do other rural municipalities and regional districts use to manage and protect their water supply and natural resources?
- ❖ What measures should residents of Otter Point & Shirley seek to protect their water resources and natural environment?

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Trevor Wicks – ***“From Source to Tap... Understanding and Protecting Your Water Supply”***

Consultant/Activist in sustainable water resources and land use management

Dr. Tony Boydell – ***“Community Environmental Stewardship”***

Director of the School of Environment and Sustainability, Royal Roads University

Felice Mazzoni – ***“Implementing Sustainable Policy: The Ucluelet Experience”***

Director of Planning, District of Ucluelet

Everyone Welcome – No Charge – It’s Your Community!

This public information forum is the third in a series of workshops and community information forums sponsored by the Otter Point & Shirley Residents and Ratepayers Association (OPSRRA) and the Developing a Strategic Vision Steering Committee.

Funding for the Vision project has been provided by the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Regional Director, the Juan de Fuca Economic Development Commission and the Real Estate Foundation of B.C.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT THE FEATURED SPEAKERS

Trevor Wicks

Trevor Wicks has lived and worked in the Parksville/Qualicum Beach area for 27 years. He is actively involved in land and water management, land use planning and participates in many committees and organizations. His passion is the advancement of knowledge and information relating to sustainable water resources and watershed management.

Dr. Tony Boydell

Tony Boydell is currently the Director of the School of Environment and Sustainability at Royal Roads University. Initially a research scientist in the Geological Survey of Canada specializing in permafrost processes, terrain inventory and satellite remote sensing, he was subsequently appointed Regional Director General for Environment Canada in the Pacific and Yukon Region. He has experience as a consultant in both the public and private sector dealing with environmental, land and community development issues. In the mid-nineties,

Tony was also the Chair of the Willis Point Community Association and was involved in the planning for the Highlands Municipality.

His expertise includes environmental impact assessment, environmental management systems design, risk assessment, and sustainable community design and development. He has extensive experience in the management of public review processes and has worked with federal, provincial and local levels of government.

Felice Mazzoni

Felice Mazzoni was born and raised on Vancouver Island. He is currently the Director of Planning and Deputy Approving Officer of the District of Ucluelet and has accumulated twelve years of municipal planning experience.

He runs his own private consulting company, “Mazzoni and Associates Planning” and is in the process of completing an Official Community Plan project in Golden and in commencing the same process in Sooke.

His interests include: comprehensive development zoning, development negotiation, sustainable subdivision design, innovative neighbourhood concepts, parkland/amenity zoning and density bonusing.

In 2007, he was awarded “Planner of the Year” in British Columbia by the Planning Institute of British Columbia.

3. Why is the Topic of Water — Environment —Change Considered Important?

Now is the time to look at how federal, provincial and local regulations may influence water use and supply, the impact on the environment and change in our communities.

- Waters that lie solely within a province's boundaries fall within the constitutional authority of that province. In British Columbia, ownership of water and most streambeds is vested in the Crown (Province). Exceptions to this rule may exist in the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Land Grant.
- According to the provincial **Water Act**, the ranking of the several purposes for which water may be used under license are, from highest rank to lowest rank: domestic, waterworks, mineral trading, irrigation, mining, industrial, power, hydraulicking, storage, conservation, conveying and land

improvement purposes [sec. 15]. To find this and other Provincial Acts, go to www.cserv.gov.bc.ca/LGDsite_index/legislation.htm

- At this time, Part 2 (Licensing, Diversion and Use of Water and Related Matters) and Part 3 (Water Users' Communities) of the **Water Act** do not apply to groundwater. The Act includes in Part 1, section 1.1, that the province can set a date from which time Parts 2 and 3 of the Act will apply to groundwater.
- The Capital Regional District and the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area are also responsible for bylaws that regulate land use and interactions with the natural environment. For example, Bylaw 2040 includes Part 5, Floodplain Management and Part 6, Water, in addition to the parts defining and regulating property zones and development permit areas.
- Kemp Lake Waterworks District provides domestic water to about 920 residents of Otter Point. Approximately 460 households rely on Kemp Lake for their water. The Kemp Lake watershed is not designated by the CRD.

Following are some statistics related to the operations of the Kemp Lake Waterworks District. Population served is based upon 2 people per residence.

Year	Gallons/year	Maximum Daily Gallons	Minimum Daily Gallons	Average Daily Gallons	# of Units (residences)	Estimated Pop. Served *
2006	22.2 Million	168,275	24,047	60,835	460	920
2005	23.1 Million	160,078	18,524	56,081	424	848
2004	21.9 Million	181,156	14,104	60,083	420	840
2003	20.3 Million	157,760			410	820

- Goudie Creek is the primary water source for approximately 125 households in Shirley who rely on the Sheringham Estates Water System.
- According to Natural Resources Canada average residential water consumption in 2001 was 335 litres per person per day.
- According to Environment Canada, drinking and cooking consume only 10% of indoor residential water use. Other uses: Toilet (30%), Bathing (35%), Laundry (20%), Cleaning (5%).

4. SUMMARY OF FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE GUEST SPEAKERS AT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY CHANGE FORUM, OCTOBER 4, 2007

Approved notes of the speaker's comments as well as the Question & Answer portion will be placed on the Vision project web site: www.jdffuture.org. The following is a summary of the guest speakers' final comments.

Mona Brash

- Local politicians are usually responsive to community issues and are therefore less likely to change their minds. They are less likely to be tied to political party platforms.
- Listen to each other and avoid engaging in personal attacks.
- Understand your current zoning bylaw.
- Run for office.
- Recognize that at some point in negotiations you must either say yes or no and the negotiation ends.
- Work with other groups but maintain a separate identity.
- Support transparency in organizations.
- Be at the negotiating tables but make sure that you are communicating with all groups present: don't sit by yourselves.
- The vision project is a good start.
- Be proactive. Be nice to government staff.

Nicole Chaland

- Be creative with how to get community participation in the visioning and planning process. Focus groups and surveys are often useful.
- People need to feel heard or they won't buy into a solution.
- Expect to make changes in your Official Community Plan, as the Premier announced at a recent UBCM meeting that all OCPs will be required to deal with green house gas emissions.

Brian White

- Build capacity and consensus for community change through networking, alliances, Internet use and media contacts.
- Develop negotiating skills.
- Get elected to government office and get other politicians to buy into your plans.
- Develop a vision which includes the quality of life in your community.
- Build sustainability issues into your plan for all socio-economic groups.
- Carry out an inventory of community assets and the landscape.

- Don't blink. Stay the course. Good luck.

5. RESULTS OF THE STRAW POLL TAKEN AT THE OCTOBER FORUM

A "straw poll" was circulated at the June 19, 2007 Rural Land Use Forum and again at the October 02, 2007 Economic Development & Community Change Forum asking audience members to check which of the following theme areas they felt were most important. Although the results were informative and helpful, the survey tool was not designed well enough for the results to be conclusive. Supporting information is needed. The survey will be slightly modified and used at each public event to monitor whether the perceived importance of these theme areas changes over time.

Question: The Developing a Strategic Vision project will be looking at a number of theme areas over the next year. Help us out by checking the ones that you feel are most important to our local area. Have we missed any?

VISION PROJECT - STRAW POLLS THEMES

	June	October
Rural land Use:	35	51
Economic Development:	19	46
The Environment:	31	53
Governance:	26	43
Community Services:	19	49
Recreation:	20	31
Taxation:	17	29
Transportation:	16	54
Other: Cell Phone Access		7
Wild Life Protect.		5
Coming Together		1
Social Planning		5
Infrastructure		3

Beach Access	2
Agriculture	1
Slow Growth	1
Affordable Housing	1

6. PROJECT WEB SITE

The Developing a Strategic Vision project has a web site. The name www.jdffuture.org has been registered and we are presently adding new features to the web page. You can visit the web site by clicking on the web site address. The web site is set-up to provide information about the project, advertise forums, workshops and meetings and retain a record of meetings, forums and workshops. The newest feature, called **Discussions**, is an interactive component which allows ideas, questions, and comments about the Vision project to be exchanged. Check the web site for directions on how to register. Your suggestions for information that could be included on the web site can be sent to Wayne Fritz – Chair of the Steering Committee: wfritz@shaw.ca

7. STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The project's Steering Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis and welcomes interested residents of Shirley, Jordan and Otter Point to join us. We usually meet the 1st Tuesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. – Noon in the Boardroom at the SEAPARC Leisure & Recreation Centre on Phillips Rd in Sooke. Two residents from Shirley have recently joined the Steering Committee. For details about meetings and other project information contact Wayne Fritz – Committee Chair @ 642-0440 or wfritz@shaw.ca.

Steering committee members & their affiliation:

- Wayne Fritz (steering committee chair) – OPSRRA*
- Arnie Campbell – OPSRRA
- Emma Taylor – OPSRRA & Community Health Initiative
- Heather Phillips – Otter Point Resident
- Rosemary Jorna – Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society
- Alanda Carver – Muir Creek Protection Society
- John Charles – OPSRRA & Private Forest Landowner
- Cleo Gardener – Shirley Resident
- Rosemary Metz – Shirley Resident

*Otter Point & Shirley Residents & Ratepayers Association

8. PROPOSED BUDGET

The project has a proposed budget of \$10,500 to cover all of our expense through to the completion of the project in September 2008. We have raised \$8,000 so far. Further fundraising will be considered in the New Year.

9. NEXT FORUM

The project's Steering Committee is already planning the next public information forum. The themes will be governance, community services and taxation. The forum will likely be held in February, 2008.

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Juan de Fuca Economic Development Commission - \$2,000 grant.

Real Estate Foundation of BC - \$5,000 grant.

Otter Point Fire Department – meeting space.

SEAPARC Parks & Recreation Commission – meeting space.

Sooke Region Museum – meeting space.

CRD Planning & Regional Planning Services – CRD information access.

John Horgan MLA – provincial information access

11. WHAT IS A STRATEGIC COMMUNITY VISION?

A strategic community vision is a document that outlines the major goals that a community sets for itself for a 5 -15-year period and identifies key strategies for achieving those goals.

The community goals normally reflect the community's priorities and can focus on diverse issues including: governance, land use, recreation (e.g. parks and trails), community services (e.g. water, fire protection, communications, transportation and roads), taxation, economic development, community development and environmental preservation.

The strategies to achieve such goals are generally broad and inclusive, link to a wide range of groups and organizations both within and outside the community, and may include timeframes for initiating certain activities.

In some respects, the process of developing a strategic community vision can be more important than the document developed, if it brings community residents, businesses, groups and elected leaders together in a process to clarify what they want for their community and how to pursue those goals.