

OTTER POINT AND SHIRLEY RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Sunday, March 27, 2011

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Place: Otter Point Fire Hall

26 attending including Directors

1. Approval of Agenda: Arnie
Moved: Sid Jorna
Seconded: Ken Pungente
Approved

2. Appointment of a Recorder: Sandy Barta

3. Introductions and Announcements – Arnie

Arnie introduced the out-going Directors.

Our guests: Mike Hicks, Regional Director and George O'Briain, Coordinator JDFEA Emergency Services, will arrive a little later

Announcements:

Shirley Spring Craft Fair (April 10) and Save Our Salmon Festival (April 23 and 24)

4. Approval of the Minutes of the November 2010 Membership Meeting - Bob

Bob Phillips summarized the Minutes of the November meeting and moved that they be accepted.

Moved: Bob Phillips

Seconded: Don Collis

Approved

5. Membership Report – Erik

As of the 2010 AGM:

Shirley	52
Otter Point	<u>325</u>
Total:	<u>377</u>

OPSSRA continues to keep its membership up-to-date. During the past year we have removed 19 members and 5 associate members (moved, lost contact, deceased, requested removal, was listed twice).

During the past year, we have added:

Shirley	7
Otter Point	<u>11</u>
Total:	<u>18</u>

Associate: 5

Membership now stands at:

Shirley	58
Otter Point	<u>1318</u>
Total:	<u>376</u>
Associate:	20

Associate members do not reside in the Otter Point & Shirley area, do not have any voting privileges but support the association and wish to receive the monthly newsletter.

Motion to accept the membership report.

Moved: Gerard LeBlanc
Seconded: Ken Pungente
Approved

6. Treasurer's Report - Bob

March 22, 2010 to March 27, 2011

OPSRRA MAIN ACCOUNT

Debits		Credits	
Hall rentals	\$105.00	Memberships/donations	\$420.50
Bank fees	\$31.12		
Advertising	\$68.54		
Society act fee	\$25.00		
Website fee	\$74.48		
Postage/printing	\$ 38.40		
Totals:	<u>\$342.54</u>		<u>\$420.50</u>
Account Balance:	<u>\$358.20</u>		
OPPSRA Vision Account	<u>\$1,201.75</u>	(no transactions this reporting period)	
Petty Cash Float	<u>\$14.36</u>		

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report

Moved: Bob Phillips
Seconded: Brenda Mark
Approved

Motion that we pay the Society's Act fee of \$25

Moved: Bob Phillips

Seconded: Wayne Fritz

Approved

Motion that we pay the Otter Point Fire Hall \$35

Moved: Bob Phillips

Seconded: Michelle James

Approved

7. President's Report – Arnie

Summary of OPSRRA activities since March 2010 Membership Meeting:

1. OPSRRA directors held 10 monthly meetings.
2. Twelve monthly newsletters were prepared and sent to about 305 members on e-mail. An increase of about 45 from last year.
3. Continued to add local businesses to the web site's Business Services listings. We now have 34 local businesses listed.
4. Continued to up-date the OPSRRA web page (www.opsrra.ca) and added a new feature which includes background papers related to the OCP reviews for Otter Point and Shirley/Jordan River.
5. Maintained 24 Community Notice Boards in Otter Point.
6. Wrote Minister of Rural & Community Development in support of keeping 3 year term for Regional Directors, School Trustees and appointments to commissions.
7. Wrote Regional Director re decision to bar members of the JDF Land Use Committee from also sitting on the JDF Parks & Recreation Commission.
8. Wrote the Chair of the JDF Land Use Committee to express concerns and request clarification re the process used to gather public comment re the Marine Trail Holdings rezoning proposal.
9. Met with representatives from Western Forest Products and TimberWest/Couverdon Real Estate concerning community issues related to their properties and logging operations.
10. Meet with provincial Cabinet Ministers re local concerns arising from the release of WFP private forest lands from TFL 25 and the asked for provincial help with the purchase of some of these lands for CRD parks.
11. Met with representatives of the off-roading community re their desire for a dedicated place in our area for motorized recreational vehicles.
12. Met with some residents of Jordan River to explore expanding OPSRRA into their community.
13. Met with our MLA and Ministry of Transportation re road maintenance issues in our area.
14. Met with Ministry of Transportation staff and the JDF Economic Development Commission re possibility of placing Welcome to Shirley & Otter Point signs along Highway 14.
15. Attended meetings with the Regional Director, JDF Planning Services staff and representatives from other regions of the JDFEA re governance options and participated in drafting a proposed Memorandum of Understanding with District of Sooke.
16. Wrote an explanation of the JDFEA budget process for the JDF web site.
17. Organized a Town Hall Meeting with our three locally area elected representatives.
18. Wrote letters of appreciation to our three elected representatives.

19. Made a presentation to the Otter Point OCP Review Committee re community issues.

20. Attended JDF Parks, JDF Land Use Committee and Advisory Planning Commission meetings.

Arnie Campbell – President, OPSRRA

Submitted: 27 March 2011

Ongoing activities:

OPSRRA Directors will continue working on the road signage. We will receive money to help us for this project, but if we would like to hear from anyone with leads for additional funding for the sign construction and other expenses. The Directors need an additional \$2500 for the project.

OPSRRA would like to host a Water Forum to discuss water protection needs. We have School Board and Regional Director elections coming up and OPSRRA will host an all-candidates meeting in November.

OPSRRA will review expanding OPSRRA's boundary to include Jordan River (at Jordan River residents' request).

This is OPSRRA's 19th anniversary and we would like to plan something for the upcoming 20th anniversary to recognize our past Directors and celebrate the anniversary.

Arnie passed around a sheet for those who wish to sign up for the emailed newsletter.

Motion to accept the President's Report.

Moved: Mary Brown

Seconded: Gerard LeBlanc

Approved

21. New Business

8.1 Report of the Nominations Committee and Elections – Arnie

Nominations:

President: Arnie Campbell

Vice-President: Fiona McDannold

Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Phillips

Directors: Wayne Fritz, Sandra Barta, Brenda Mark, Erik James, Marika Nagasaka.

Arnie introduced Marika who will be new to the Board of Directors and who will bring a farming perspective to OPSRRA

8.2 Elections – Mike Hicks, JD FEA Regional Director

Mike Hicks called for nominations from the floor three times for each of the positions. There were no other nominations from the floor. The candidates were elected by acclamation.

8.3 Overview of Emergency Services – George OBriain, Coordinator JD FEA
Emergency Services

George is not present and later sent regrets—he was called away on a family emergency.

Arnie mentioned John Charles' passing.

8.4 Update on Otter Point OCP – Wayne & Bob

Wayne read through the Otter Point Official Community Plan Review Report. The complete survey results are on the web site identified in this report.

Bob Phillips reviewed the questions OPSRRA has for our membership and request feedback from our membership:

Question 1

Sid Jorna supports community input. Bob encourages everyone to attend the workshops. Ken Pungente feels it is important that we look to future generations and always keep that in mind. Heather Phillips referred to the Regional Growth Strategy and emphasized that we should stick to our vision and set goals to achieve and make choices to support our vision—we need to change what we are willing to do.

Question 2

Bob asked if our membership is interested in holding a workshop on water. There seemed to be interest on the part of those in attendance. Ken Pungente reported that the new Plumbing Code will address gray water.

OPSRRA will look at planning a water workshop at their next meeting, and then see if the Directors are interested in making the commitment and will ask for support from the membership and community. A lot of our water comes from the Rural Resource Lands beyond our boundary and we need the interest from that area. Mike Hicks mentioned that the CRD may be looking at instituting rainwater catchment systems for residential buildings.

Mary Brown feels we need information meetings around water issues.

Sandy Sinclair feels that we will get interest from people once they learn that they will be affected.

Heather Phillips pointed out that the rezoning process is public. Wayne clarified that we need a mechanism to link rezoning to other issues (i.e., water supply, fire services, etc.).

Signey Lawson pointed out that we have “urban” rather than “rural” planners. She found that the planners' language is not always clear or appropriate to a rural area.

Gerard LeBlanc pointed out that it's *how* you wish to live in a community is crucial in a rural area.

Sandy Sinclair pointed out that United Nations Agenda 21 is not known in the community and that rural is not sustainable and property rights are no longer a consideration.

Question 3

Bob requested that our membership and community come out to the meetings outlined in this document.

Bob thanked Arnie for chairing the Citizen's Committee.

8.5 Update on Marine Trails Holding Rezoning Proposal – Wayne & Fiona

Fiona reviewed the proposal details, and the process and meetings held to date. The LUC will make a recommendation and passed on to the CRD Board.

Wayne reviewed the arguments for and against the development proposal.

Arguments for:

- Jobs
- Property taxes
- Proposed amenities
- Environmentally sensitive resort

Arguments against:

- Absence of fire and emergency services
- Question local economic benefits
- Negative impact on JDF Marine Trail
- Negative impact on natural environment
- Rezoning contrary to intent of Regional Growth Strategy

Next Steps:

- April 13, 2011 CRD Board Meeting
- April 19, 2011 JDF LUC Meeting

Public position of the OPSRRA Board—what does OPSRRA do?

We had recommended at the Rural Resource Lands public hearing that: mapping be done; watersheds be identified and land use planning take direction from the Regional Growth Strategy. We would like to know if the membership would like us to make a submission if a public hearing is held.

Directors will likely meet before the Land Use Committee meeting. We will circulate our submission to the membership for comment.

Gerard LeBlanc pointed out that what happens on the Rural Resource Land can affect Otter Point and Shirley.

Regional Director, Mike Hicks pointed out that there were four options relating to this project: deny the application, work with the developer to see it happen; ask the Province to buy the land for the park; and ask the CRD to purchase the land for the park. OPSRRA can ask our Director to ask the CRD to purchase the land for the park. Purchasing the land is a viable option even though both the Province and CRD have said no in the past, and it won't divide the community.

Sid Jorna has heard a lot of people say this park should be protected and that JDF Community Trails would advocate for the park.

Heather Phillips pointed out that federal politicians would support this. Mike Hicks feels that this won't be on the federal agenda.

Harold Shipton feels that we should come up with a third option to support/not support the development and that Mike's proposal will not be divisive.

Michelle James said the Province should be asked to purchase the land for the park as they caused the problem.

Regional Director, Mike Hicks pointed out that the CRD voting structure may change so we should make the proposal to purchase the land for the park. He feels that if this development is against the Regional Growth Strategy that the proposal is dead.

Gerard LeBlanc pointed out that the developer wants something to happen, but we have to be careful that we don't lose our money as the community did with Mary Lake (Highlands). He feels that making a CRD connection will be good. Mike Hicks pointed out that there is a lot of

support in the Victoria area.

Heather Phillips pointed out that the LUC hasn't met and hasn't been able to assess if this development is against the Regional Growth Strategy, but that the land owner can still use that land within the existing land use.

Wayne Fritz pointed out that purchasing the land for the park ensures that it conforms to the RGS.

Doug Lawson supports the park purchase.

Arnie asked for direction from the membership for the OPSRRA Directors. That OPSRRA and the JDF Trails Society, either jointly or separately request that the CRD purchase the land for parks, or that the land become part of the Provincial trail. We need to submit this proposal before the April 13, 2011 CRD Board meeting. We may or may not be able to circulate a letter to the membership.

Sandy Sinclair feels that we should be firm in our wording, and that the economic impact of the resort development may be on par with a campsite.

Gerard LeBlanc pointed out that we may not have much success getting a quick response from the Province.

Director Hicks recommended sending a speaker to the CRD Board, especially as this is a regional issue and that the park value outweighs the tax income..

Michelle James feels that development can happens somewhere else to make up the lost taxes.

8.6 Issues from the Floor

Arnie thanked Wayne for his term as Vice-President and welcomed Marika.

Arnie reminded everyone that we welcome their attendance at our Board meeting.

Regional Director, Mike Hicks presented Arnie with a "Juan de Fuca Ranger" cap and invited him to be a "Ranger".

22. Gerard LeBlanc moved adjournment at 4:25 PM.