

Otter Point and Shirley Residents and Ratepayers Association

Minutes of the Directors' Meeting May 12, 2008

Date: May 12, 2008

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: SEAPARC Meeting Room

Present: Arnie Campbell, John Charles, Ken Pungente, Sarah Tidwell, Sandy Barta, Wayne Fritz, Bob Phillips

Regrets: Erik James

1. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by K. Pungente subject to adding item 5.4—"Fall CRD Elections"; Seconded by S. Tidwell; Approved

2. Appointment of Recorder

Ken Pungente to be followed by Erik James.

3. Approval of Minutes of the April 14, 2008 Board Meeting

Moved by J. Charles subject to amending item 6.4 to read "approximately 2-10 hectares in size with an average size of 5 hectares"; Seconded by B. Phillips; Approved

4. Old Business

4.1 Outstanding Correspondence

4.1.1 Letter to Minister of Highways re: Road Safety:

No reply has been received to date to an April 2, 2008 OPSRRA letter to the Minister of Highways requesting "work and repairs" to Highway 14 and its principal arteries. On a related issue, A. Campbell was contacted by RCMP Staff Sergeant Andrew Isles who indicated that he is planning to organize a meeting in Otter Point & Shirley dealing with road safety issues. The place and date of a community meeting is still to be determined.

4.1.2 Letter to CRD re: Rural Resource Lands Comprehensive Land Use and Development Plan:

No reply has been received to date to the OPSRRA letter which outlined suggested changes to the proposed Rural Resource Land Comprehensive Use and Development Plan and requested that additional public consultations be held.

4.1.3 Letter to Minister of Mines and Energy re: Arden Gravel Pit:

No reply has been received to date from an April 18, 2008 letter to the Ministry of Mines and Energy inquiring how the Ministry will monitor and enforce the conditions attached to its recent approval of a sand and gravel permit for the Arden Gravel Pit in Otter Point.

4.1.4 Letter to Provincial Subdivision Approving Officer re: WFP Lands:

A. Campbell reported that a letter had been forwarded to the Provincial Subdivision Approving Officer (see May 2008 newsletter) which outlined planning tasks that OPSRRA believed should be completed before the Western Forest Products subdivision application was approved. OPSRRA also welcomed an opportunity to meet with a representative from his office.

4.1.5 Tugwell Road Off-Roading Concerns:

A. Campbell reported that the WFP barricade at the end of Tugwell Road appeared to have solved the problem of ATV use at least temporarily. The JDF Parks Commission had sent a letter indicating it had previously identified three potential ATV use park sites but lacked resources to purchase them. Doug McLatche, a BC Hydro representative contacted A. Campbell and indicated its willingness to work with the community on this problem. He also indicated that BC Hydro did not own the land used for the BC Hydro line in the Tugwell Road area but was willing to put up no off-roading signs in the area. John Horgan, MLA is still looking for information about Nanimo's experience in dealing with ATV off-roading concerns on regional district lands.

4.2 Business Arising from the Meeting of April 3, 2008

4.2.1 Meeting with the BCLA

Al Jones of the BCLA indicated to A. Campbell that a decision about a meeting with OPSRRA would not be made until after the forthcoming BCLA annual general meeting.

4.2.2 Sooke Business Park Invitation

A. Campbell reported that to date nobody had approached OPSRRA about making use of the Sooke Business Park's Otter Point log sort property for a community event.

4.2.3 Meeting with Western Forest Products

A. Campbell gave a summary of an April 24, 2008 meeting Duncan Kerr, COO of WFP and representatives from OPSRRA. (See summary in the May 2008 newsletter.) There was general discussion about likely future developments.

5. New Business

5.1 Meeting with Sea to Sky Greenbelt Society and the Dogwood Initiative:

A. Campbell and W. Fritz met with representatives from the Sea to Sky Greenbelt Society and the Dogwood Initiative. They were interested in learning more about past and current zoning and OCP changes in Otter Point and Shirley/Jordan River, particularly about the establishment of settlement containment areas and their relationship to the Regional Growth Strategy.

5.2 Discussion re Meeting with Regional Director concerning OCP and Zoning Amendments

A. Campbell reviewed previous correspondence from OPSRRA to the Regional Director requesting that public consultations be held in association with a general review of the zoning bylaws for Otter Point and Shirley/Jordan River. After general discussion, it was agreed that another request should be made to

the Regional Director and the other CRD Board representatives from Central Saanich and Metchosin who sit on the JDFEA Land Use Committee.

5.3 Communications with the Times Colonist

A. Campbell reported that when speaking with Judith Lavoie (a Times Colonist journalist) about zoning developments in Otter Point and Shirley/Jordan River, he had suggested that the Times Colonist Editorial Board might wish to meet with a range of different community groups to hear a variety of different views on the subject. No response has been received to date.

5.4 Fall CRD Elections

K. Pungente noted that CRD elections would be held this fall, that a variety of different candidates should be encouraged to run for office, and that opportunities should be created to hear the candidates views on current governance and zoning issues.

5.5 Updates from directors on Assigned Responsibilities

5.4.1 Land Use Committee – Ken Pungente, Wayne Fritz

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5.4.2 Liaison with Regional Director

Nothing to report.

5.4.3 Liaison with Shirley – S. Tidwell

The Sheringham Lighthouse Preservation Society will be meeting on May 24 and the Shirley Education and Action Society will be meeting on June 1, 2008.

5.4.4 Liaison with MLA – A. Campbell

A. Campbell reported that he had discussed a number of issues with John Horgan including: off-roading issues, the developing a strategic vision project, and safety issues with the Arden Gravel Pit.

5.4.5 Strategic Vision Project – W. Fritz

W. Fritz reported that approximately 35 people participated in the second community workshop on April 19, 2008. A first draft of a Strategic Vision for Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River is expected to be drafted and circulated for community feedback in early June 2008. Directors were encouraged to read the draft and forward their views.

5.4.6 Governance Activities – A. Campbell

Nothing new to report.

5.4.7 OPSRRA Website – Sandy Barta

Everything on the website is up to date.

5.4.8 OPSRRA Newsletter – A. Campbell

The June newsletter is currently being prepared. Suggestions are welcome.

5.4.9 Publicity – J. Charles, S. Tidwell

Nothing new to report.

5.4.10 Community Bulletin Boards – B. Phillips, W. Fritz

Five new boards are to be created and put in place.

5.4.11 Treasurer's Report – B. Phillips

B. Phillips reported that the RBC is the lowest cost local financial center for OPSRRA to deal with and recommended that OPSRRA continue dealing with it. He plans on registering with them as a signing officer for OPSRRA. The estimated bank balance for OPSRRA is \$3,931.85 of which \$3,531.75 is allocated to the Strategic Vision Project.

5.4.12 Membership Report: E, James

As E. James was not present, no report was given.

5.4.13 Muir Creek Protection Society Update – A. Campbell

The Society held its annual general meeting on April 29, 2008 and elected a Board of Directors. It also raised approximately \$1,200 at a recent fundraising dance.

5.4.14 SEAPARC and JDF Parks Commission – K. Pungente, J. Charles

SEAPARC is considering holding a referendum in November 2008 to determine if there is support for raising approximately \$1M in local tax funding to support expansion of the existing complex.

6. Adjournment

Moved by K. Pungente