

Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee (RCOCPC) Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2018, Roberts Creek Community Elementary School Library

Present: Scott Avery, Sarah Bradley, Casandra Fletcher, John Gibbs (Chair), Ulla Lee, Andy Sloss, Karen Spicer, Dana Wilson; Guests: Mark Lebbell (SCRD Director), Kevin Rea

Regrets: Douglas Fugge, Elaine Futterman, Anne Meyers

- 1. Meeting called to order by John.**
- 2. Agenda approved** - Motioned by Andy, seconded by Casandra.
- 3. Adopt February Minutes** – All in favour.
- 4. Tree Retention Considerations** – Kevin Rea discussed his concerns regarding the logging of a lot on the corner of Cassidy and Gulf Roads. This 0.42 lot was purchased in November 2016, completely logged over four days in the summer of 2017, and then sold the day after the logs were removed. It is of note that no bylaws prevent such lot clearing if the lot is not in a riparian or otherwise protected zone. Kevin would like to see some tree retention guidelines implemented. West Van has introduced a detailed tree retention plan that requires retention of trees of a certain diameter to be retained for bird habitat and for aesthetics. Many other communities have similar guidelines in place. The RCOCP clearly supports a treed community, and the OCPC will be looking into how we could move forward with this.
- 5. Local Cannabis Regulations** – High on the agenda is the upcoming marijuana legalization. Mark provided a detailed overview of what the wacky tobaccy legalization plan currently looks like. The implementation date is coming fast, and the SCRД thus needs to move quickly. Federal legislation/jurisdiction will oversee the licensing of mary-jane commercial production and quality control for both microproducers and large-scale producers. Federal legislation will ensure that there are no pot vending machines, no marketing to youth, that personal growing has a four plant limit, and that the ganja possession limit will be 30 grams. Provincial legislation/jurisdiction will oversee weed impaired driving and retail distribution (a combination of a private and public model, like alcohol). Stores will require a provincial license and the support of the SCRД Board following a mandatory consultation with residents in the vicinity. Minimum blunt-smoking age will be 19. The province will establish guidelines of where you can smoke grass. Local government jurisdiction/legislation will regulate the location (land use) via zoning bylaws (microproduction or retail pieces). They can also regulate the number of retail stores within boundaries, and will have input into where you can light up reefer. In terms of land use, the SCRД needs to determine what restrictions it will put in place. Production cannot be prohibited on ALR land, just regulated (Ag zone over 8 hectares).

Other locations? Indoor? Outdoor? The neighbourhood impacts of retail sales need to be considered. Is it any different than any other retail use (e.g., bread? Beer?). Where should retail happen and not happen (e.g., proximity to schools/parks). Where should consumption lounges be permitted? One recommended approach is to identify as prohibited use via zoning and then scale back via individual applications. Otherwise, existing uses will be grandfathered in and there will be no opportunity for community discussion. Please feel free to contact Mark to discuss any ideas you may have on this.

6. **Knotweed Update** – Dana is looking for volunteers to help with the split rail fencing surrounding the pilot project area. Karen and Sarah will write the grant application for a Grant-in-Aid.
7. **Director's Report** – Water – much discussion but no changes yet in regard to the four projects that are underway: 1) Metering in Sechelt, 2) Chapman Lake drawdown – waiting for a letter from the Province, 3) Groundwater search, year two, 4) Reservoir Feasibility Study – new budget item. (See the chart on the SCRCD website for further information on these.) Budget: 6% increase in Roberts Creek—asset management-related. Short-term Rentals – temporary use permits are being considered. Landfill: has 8 to 10 years left; our current waste stream is composed of 20% recyclables and 40% organics. The switch to curbside recycling is coming: biweekly, week 1: garbage & organics, week 2: recycling & organics. BCTS wants informed engagement with the Roberts Creek community. How do we want to be engaged regarding forestry issues?
8. **Meeting Adjourned** – Motioned by Sarah; seconded by Andy.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 10th at 7pm, RCCES Library.