



Area D – Cowichan Bay OCP

Meeting Notes OCP Steering Committee

Monday, January 24th 2010
Cowichan Valley Regional District – CR2
9:00 am – 11:00 am

1. Adoption of Agenda

- The agenda was adopted with the addition of affordable housing strategy, mobile home parks, chickens and vision statement.

2. January 10th Meeting Notes

- Notes from the January 10th Area D Official Community Plan Steering Committee Meeting were adopted without changes.

3. OCP Survey #2 – Update

- Ann provided an update of responses to OCP Survey #2. 148 surveys have been completed to date. The survey is being extended until February 15th.

4. Consultation Activities

- January 19th Marina Owners Stakeholder Meeting: Ann, Lori and Mike met with marina owners in Cowichan Bay to listen to their concerns. A follow up meeting is planned one to two months from now. The group was particularly interested in the Cowichan Bay Village Development Permit Area guidelines and would like to be involved in reviewing and revising the guidelines if necessary.
- January 27th Waterfront Residents' Focus Groups: Ann will conduct two focus group sessions on January 27th. Ramona De Graaf will attend as well. The purpose of the focus groups is to discuss issues and concerns with foreshore protection with the intent of identifying mutually supported policy direction.
- February 8th Neighbourhood Workshop. A community workshop will be held from 6 – 9 pm on February 8th to discuss work completed to date and obtain feedback from community members on directions for respective neighbourhoods in Area D – Cowichan Bay.



- February 15th VORR Workshop. The CVRD, Cowichan Tribes, DFO and Transport Canada will cohost a workshop on February 15th to further discuss the proposed VORR (vessel operation restriction regulation) and navigation channel for Cowichan Bay. The workshop is intended to be interactive.
- Business Questionnaire: A draft business questionnaire was circulated to the committee.

Comments included:

- It should be clear that the questionnaire is geared to all business owners including those with home-based businesses, those who work from home and those who are self-employed.
- Questionnaires can be circulated on January 31st when the committee does its Area D field trip.

5. Scheduling

- Consultation Schedule: The completed 2010 schedule and draft 2011 consultation schedule were circulated. Future meeting topics and dates are to be determined based on community feedback at the February 8th workshop and results of OCP Survey #2.
- Steering Committee Meeting Schedule: The committee agreed to maintain the current meeting schedule. Meetings will continue to be held the first and third Mondays of every month from 9 am until 11 am.
- January 31st Field Trip/Working Session: The group will commence with breakfast at 8:00 am at Smitty's on Chaster Road. The morning tour will include Crossroads, Lambourn, Cherry Point and Kingscote. Cowichan Bay lower and upper villages will be explored mid-day with a stop for lunch at Cowichan Bay Pub. The Whippletree and Chaster areas will be explored in the afternoon.

6. Affordable Housing Strategy: Lori provided an update of the Affordable Housing Strategy being completed through Social Planning Cowichan. It was noted that there is a desire to include a percentage of attainable housing units in all major developments. It was also noted that Area D – Cowichan Bay has four mobile home parks which are an important source of affordable housing. Strong policies are needed to protect the residents of this housing.



7. Chickens: Several residents have expressed an interest in be allowed to have backyard chickens. This will be explored at the neighbourhood workshop on February 8th.
8. Don's draft vision statement was reviewed by the group. It was noted that each of the committee members should attempt to write a vision statement and then these statements could be compared to find commonalities.
9. Next Meeting
 - The next meeting will be held February 7th from 9:00 am until 11:00 am in CVRD Committee Room 2.