

## SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

### ROBERTS CREEK (AREA D) ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

December 16, 2019

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ROBERTS CREEK (AREA D) ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD IN THE ROBERTS CREEK LIBRARY READING ROOM LOCATED AT 1044 ROBERTS CREEK ROAD, ROBERTS CREEK, B.C.

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	Chair	Mike Allegretti
	Members	Gerald Rainville Cam Landry Marion Jolicoeur Danise Lofstrom Alan Comfort Nicola Kozakiewicz
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Electoral Area D Director	Andreas Tize (Non-Voting Board Liaison)
	Recording Secretary	Vicki Dobbyn
<b>REGRETS:</b>	Members	Heather Conn Chris Richmond Bill Page
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Members	Dana Gregory David Kelln

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**CALL TO ORDER** 7:06 p.m.

**AGENDA** The agenda was adopted as presented

#### MINUTES

Roberts Creek (Area D) APC minutes of November 18, 2019 were approved as circulated.

The following minutes were received for information:

- Egmont/Pender Harbour (Area A) APC Minutes of November 27, 2019
- Halfmoon Bay (Area B) APC Minutes of November 26, 2019
- Elphinstone (Area E) APC Minutes of November 27, 2019
- West Howe Sound (Area F) APC Minutes of November 26, 2019
- Planning and Community Development Committee Minutes of November 14, 2019

## REPORTS

### Invasive Plant Management Strategy

Key points of discussion:

- Two relevant sections of OCP (5.18 and 5.19) discourages the use of herbicides.
- This has been discussed at OCPC and there was opposition to chemical measures.
- One problem is the potential public misuse of herbicides.
- BC Hydro uses the touch up application method which the report says isn't that effective.
- Report suggests that the SCRCD seek consultation on the use of herbicides.
- Report asks us to identify priorities.
- Our OCP says no herbicides but this seems to be the only long-term solution.
- When being manually removed, invasive species will return unless continually cut back.
- 80% of Knotweed is on MoTI land but they are not taking responsibility.
- Do we want MoTI to take charge of using herbicides?
- The problem is there is nowhere to put plants when they are manually removed.
- The priority is we need to find a place to put it, and ways to transport it so it doesn't spread.
- Public manual removal should be pursued first but again there is nowhere to send it.
- There should be a public meeting where the options are presented. If there isn't public response to manual removal then there may have to be chemical measures. There needs to be a deadline for action on this as the problem is getting worse.
- Can it be legislated that people cannot have invasive species on their property?

#### **Recommendation No. 1**     *Invasive Plant Management Strategy*

The Roberts Creek Advisory Planning Committee recommends that the SCRCD carry on with the Invasive Plant Management Strategy.

#### **Recommendation No. 2**     *Invasive Plant Management Strategy*

The Roberts Creek Advisory Planning Committee recommends that the SCRCD organize a public meeting for education, presentation on prevention and options on eradication. We support the OCP by giving the public an opportunity to be involved in manual removal.

#### **Recommendation No. 3**     *Invasive Plant Management Strategy*

The Roberts Creek Advisory Planning Committee recommends the SCRCD aggressively communicate with Ministry of Transportation that they need to immediately deal with invasive species on their property.

#### **Recommendation No. 4**     *Invasive Plant Management Strategy*

The Roberts Creek Advisory Planning Committee recommends that the SCRCD look at the issue of disposal of removed invasive species or methods for taking the plants out but having them remain in place and compost.

## DIRECTORS REPORT

The Director's Report was received

**NEXT MEETING**                      Monday, January 20, 2019

**ADJOURNMENT**                      8:26 pm