

Regional District of Nanaimo

Summary of the Electoral Area 'A' Official Community Plan Review Citizen's Committee Meeting Held on Monday, March 9, 2009 @ 6:30pm At the North Cedar Improvement District Hall 2100 Yellow Point Road

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. There were approximately 23 people in attendance including guests.

The Chair, Director Burnett, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 1 – Minutes of the February 9, 2009 Meeting

The minutes of the Electoral Area 'A' Official Community Plan review Citizen's Committee meeting of February 12, 2009 were moved by Lynnina Clark and seconded by Bert Vermaskari and were approved without amendments.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Presentation by Paul Thompson, RDN Manager of Long Range Planning

Paul Thompson gave a presentation to the Committee on the Regional Growth Strategy Review and the goals of the Regional Growth Strategy and how they relate to urban containment.

In summary, the presentation included the following

- Background on the purpose of the Regional Growth Strategy
- An overview of the Regional Growth Strategy review and how the community can get involved
- A summary of the 11 potential changes to the Regional Growth Strategy
- A brief overview of the current Regional Growth Strategy Goals

Following the presentation, there was some general discussion on the Regional Growth Strategy as well as the Official Community Plan adoption and amendment process.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Presentation by Lynnina Clark, Administrator, North Cedar Improvement District

Lynnina Clark gave a brief presentation on the North Cedar Improvement District water system. Some of the highlights of Lynnina's presentation include:

- The NCID currently has about 1200 connections
- The water distribution system covers about 30 km² of land area
- Ground water is extracted from 3 wells which draw water from the Cassidy Aquifer
- The NCID has two above-ground storage reservoirs and room for additional reservoirs in needed
- There is a fourth production well in development
- The NCID has extensive data on the water system and water supply
- The NCID recently implemented a toilet rebate program
- All NCID water connections are metred
- Ms. Clark described the subdivision approval process and how NCID is involved

Agenda Item No. 3 – Presentation by Greg Keller, RDN Senior Planner

Greg Keller gave a presentation on growth management, how the Electoral Area A Official Community Plan addressed growth management, and some options for managing growth in the new Official Community Plan.

Mr. Keller's presentation went over the meeting workbook which is available on the project website.

Agenda Item No. 4: Roundtable Discussion

Following Mr. Keller's presentation, the Chair called for a round table discussion.

Chris Pagan suggested that meetings be held in other areas of Electoral Area 'A'

Brian Collen requested that the presentations be posted on the presentation website

Henrik Kreiberg suggested that the Official Community Plan should address the community's concern over loosing the school in South Wellington\

Gary Laird stated that he is concerned that we don't have enough people attending the meetings

Brenda Arthur indicated her concern that the industrial land issues are not being included. Ms. Arthur stated that the school has been the centre of South Wellington. Ms. Arthur suggested that the people of South Wellington are tired of fighting the RDN and the province over the approval of industrial land use approvals and have given up.

The meeting was closed at approximately 9:20 pm.

Certified correct by:

Director Joe Burnett, Committee Chairperson