

**Regional District of Nanaimo**  
**Summary of the Electoral Area 'A' Official Community Plan Review**  
**Citizen's Committee Meeting Held on Monday, March 17, 2011 at 6:30pm**  
**At the North Cedar Improvement District Hall**  
**2100 Yellow Point Road**

Joe Burnett	Committee Chair
Jack Anderson	Committee Member
Garry Laird	Committee Member
Brian Collen	Committee Member
Joanne McLeod	Committee Member
Geoff Macaulay	Committee Member
Anne Fiddick	Committee Member
Donna Sweeney	Committee Member
Bert Vermaskari	Committee Member
Greg Keller	Senior Planner
Stephen Boogaards	Recording Secretary

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by the Chair. There were approximately 12 people in attendance.

### **MINUTES**

The Chair asked the Committee for a motion to adopt the summary of the November 8, 2010 meeting.

MOVED Donna Sweeney, SECONDED Geoff Macaulay, that the summary of the Area 'A' Citizen's Committee meeting held on November 8, 2010 be adopted.

CARRIED

The Chair asked the Committee for a motion to adopt the summary of the January 10, 2011 meeting.

MOVED Geoff Macaulay, SECONDED Bert Vermaskari, that the summary of the Area 'A' Citizen's Committee meeting held on January 10, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

### **NORTH CEDAR IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WELLHEAD PROTECTION**

Greg Keller reviewed the proposal for the protection of the North Cedar Improvement Districts (NCID) wells. The proposal is for a development permit area and Official Community Plan (OCP) policies for land within 90m of a NCID well. NCID endorsed the strategy recommended. The group discussed the policies and development permit area including the exemption for agriculture and servicing requirements for new development.

### **COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING**

Greg Keller reported that the public information meeting went well and they had 30 people in attendance. No one spoke against the Plan at the meeting and he has tried to incorporate the comments received into the draft. Mr. Keller explained the concept of the transfer of development credits in response to a question.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT OCP**

Greg Keller provided a list of amendments that they were bringing forward for the draft. Mr. Keller addressed questions about accessory uses in the Cedar Estates designation and the relationship between urban containment and the protection of agricultural land. The group discussed including a policy in the OCP to advocate for buffers around private managed forest lands, though those in attendance agreed it was not appropriate. The group also discussed the wording of the policy for incorporation of Area 'A' into a municipality, being that it should read the "RDN supports" not this "Plan" supports. G. Keller explained that since the Province is responsible for incorporation the policy should be more generic such as supporting an incorporation study. One of the committee members also made a recommendation that any development on the airport lands should also include a hydrological assessment to determine the impact on the Cassidy aquifer.

## **OTHER**

Greg Keller reminded those in attendance that the public hearing would be March 28 at 7:00pm.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

The Chair offered his thanks for the work of the Citizens Committee. The group discussed a possible appreciation event for the Committee to be held once the OCP is adopted.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Certified correct by:

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Director Joe Burnett, Committee Chairperson