

How can you support the OCP?

Your participation in the community can take many forms—the possibilities are infinite—each one of us has an effect on the whole community. Here are some ideas:

Read the OCP!

It's available at the library or from any OCPC member;
or buy a copy from the SCRCD

Enhance your own property by:

- leaving some areas undisturbed
- planting native plants in your garden
- growing food in your gardens
- leaving big trees to grow
- creating scenic windows instead of topping
- covenanting preservation for a part of your land that has large trees or other natural features
- shrinking lawn areas to reduce demands for water, fertilizers, mowers and trimmers.
- creating living fences
- using drought-resistant plants
- growing a variety of plants that attract beneficial insects and birds
- creating a pond to help slow the runoff from rains and groundwater

Buy local products

Walk our trails and on the beaches

Slow down and enjoy the drive on local roads

Come to our OCPC meetings

- meetings open to residents
- we meet 2nd Wed. of the month, 7PM, Roberts Creek Elementary School

For more information:

The Planning Dept., SCRCD (604-885-2267) will provide current OCPC contacts.



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What
a difference a
C makes.

One local resident admires another

How Creekers can live in harmony with their Community.

What is an OCP (Official Community Plan)?

The OCP is an official document crafted by community members. It describes the ongoing community they want to create, preserve and live in.

How did the OCP develop in Roberts Creek?

The **Roberts Creek Official Community Plan** is a document to be proud of. It outlines the community's vision of itself and provides guidelines for development including visual standards, pollution standards, density controls, social issues and more. The plan was several years in the making and involved an extraordinary level of citizen participation: more than 50 volunteers meeting weekly, some more often than that! On March 24, 1994 the plan was adopted as Bylaw #375 of the SCR.D. It can only be changed with a public hearing process.

What is an OCPC (OCP Commission)?

The **Official Community Plan Commission (OCPC)** is an elected group of volunteers who meet monthly to ensure that the plan is being followed, that it remains current and that it continues to meet the needs of the citizens of the Creek. The Commission is a "made-in Roberts Creek" organization. There is no other like it in BC although every community must have an Official Community Plan. The OCPC is an independent body; it maintains close ties with the Roberts Creek Community Association and is attended by our Area Director, who brings our feedback directly to the SCR.D.

What basic values are embodied in the OCP?

1. To reinforce the strong sense of community and neighbourhood enjoyed by citizens of Roberts Creek.
2. To maintain the existing rural atmosphere of the overall community.
3. To maintain a recognizable central area as a social focus and as a service centre for the community.

4. To protect and preserve the water and banks of all creeks.
5. To minimize visual, air, water and sound pollution in the community.
6. To allow for the provision of adequate community services.
7. To ensure that land is used in an aesthetically pleasing and environmentally responsible way.

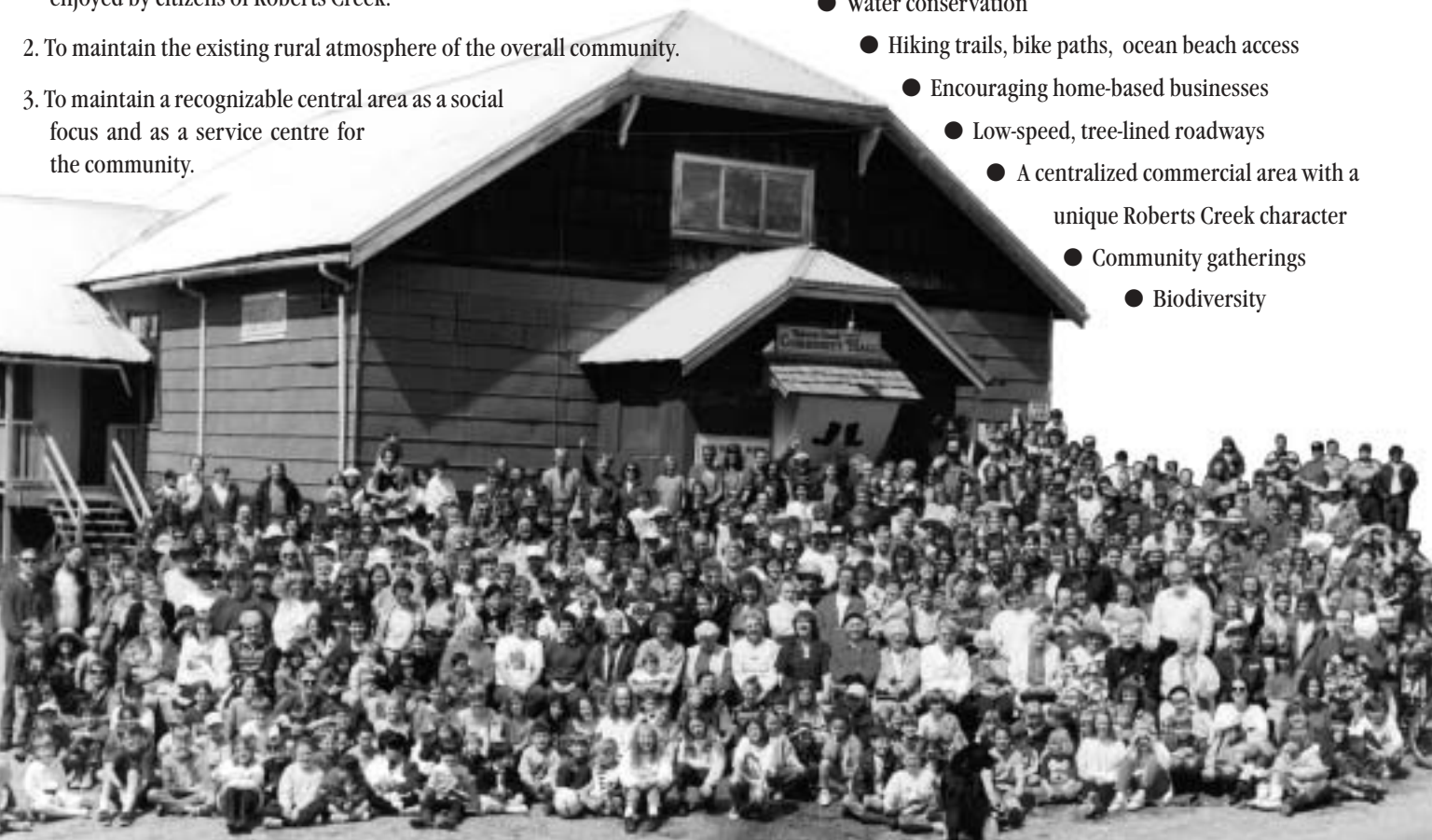
Roberts Creek is a neighbourhood and a community characterized by a strong sense of belonging, of identity and of many shared values. In building this OCP, the people of Roberts Creek have expressed values that we believe point to solutions to global problems and have articulated our commitment to the lifestyle we have chosen and wish to preserve. On the one hand, we recognize the pressures of growth and development. On the other, we have taken clear measures to guide and control that development so that the very qualities which make Roberts Creek an attractive place to live will not be lost.

We are committed to self-determination and community based decision-making. We are committed to the preservation of the rural atmosphere of Roberts Creek. Green spaces, trees, country roads, large lot sizes, centralization of commercial activity are all means to this end.

Creekers Passions:

"Creekers" are a diverse lot; we don't all hold identical beliefs, but several things consistently emerge as things community members are passionate about.

- Maintaining the rural character of the community
 - Tree conservation
 - Water conservation
 - Hiking trails, bike paths, ocean beach access
 - Encouraging home-based businesses
 - Low-speed, tree-lined roadways
 - A centralized commercial area with a unique Roberts Creek character
 - Community gatherings
 - Biodiversity



Roberts Creek Community Photo (1995) at the R.C. Hall