

Town Hall Meeting

The Village of Roberts Creek?

Sunday May 30, 2004

This Town Hall Meeting came as a result of the previous Town Hall Meeting held on Sunday October 26, 2003 and was organized by the Roberts Creek Research Committee on Incorporation (RCRCI - formed directly as a result the October THM) and was co-sponsored by the Roberts Creek Community Association. It was widely publicized in the newspaper, Bootales, Adrian Belshaw's Director's newsletter; on cable TV and with posters displayed throughout the community.

The purpose of this meeting (and RCRCI) was to disseminate as much information to the residents of Roberts Creek as possible regarding the pros and cons of municipal incorporation. To facilitate this, Derek Trimmer of The Ministry of Communities, Aboriginals, and Womens' Services; Adrian Belshaw – Roberts Creek SCRD Director; Paul Fenwick - SCRD planning manager; Donna Shugar - Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Commission Chair; Mike Allegretti – Roberts Creek Community

Association President; and Area Planning Commission Member Ed Lands were on hand as resource people. Betty Baxter was the meeting moderator.

After each Roberts Creek committee member gave a brief over-view of their respective organizations function within the current governance of Roberts Creek Mr. Belshaw spoke of his reasons for supporting a study on the question of incorporation for Roberts Creek..

Ms Baxter then introduced Derek Trimmer as the key-note speaker.

Mr Trimmer presented a primer on local governance, local government, and municipal incorporation. Mr. Trimmers 35 minute presentation seemed to hold the interest of the 100+ in attendance. He answered questions from the floor during his presentation. Upon completion of his information (which he outlined on a two-page handout) questions from those in attendance were answered.