

New Facility AGM Report - Oct 16, 2026

The Facilities Committee has been very active this past year with numerous meetings. What follows is a chronological summary of key actions and events resulting from these meetings.



- Dec 18, 2025: Kelly Backs, Area D Rep, issued support for our proposal subject to getting support from the Roberts Creek community. He says: *I will do what I can to support this initiative because I believe it is a great use of public land.*
- Dec 18, 2025: email to membership regarding Roberts Creek proposal
- Jan 29, 2026: NF group discussed possible branding options but quickly realized that it was premature to adopt any at this point and that we should focus on possible taglines.
- Feb 16, 2026: phone conversation with Kelly Backs in anticipation of Feb 26 meeting.
- Feb 26, 2026: Kelly Backs presented a motion to the SCRD Board directing SCRD staff to meet with and begin a negotiation with SCPA regarding our proposal to develop a PB facility behind the RC Community Hall. In Kelly's motion he included a reference that 50 out of 52 respondents to his Boot Tales survey strongly supported our proposal.
- March 8, 2026: Brian, Charles & Ted did a site walkabout.
- April 7, 2026: Brian, Carolyne, Charles & Ted met with SCRD staff (Shelley Gagnon, Jonathan Jackson and Anna Adam) – focussed on indoor facility and land lease.
- April 17, 2026: met with Marketing group - SCCU (now SCF) interested in sponsoring a project in conjunction with SCPA once we get further re land lease.
- May 27, 2026: NF Committee Met with the Roberts Creek Community Association
- June 12, 2026: Ted used AI software to create renderings of our proposed facility along with Roberts Creek Hall with expanded patio space and parking.
- June 16, 2026: Brian & Ted met with Tamara (President Suncoast Racquets Club) and Colin Jacobsen to pre-emptively respond to Sechelt Councillors who have raised on two occasions at SCRD meetings the possibility of us building on the SRC land lease. Tamara and Colin seemed supportive at the meeting but on checking with their Board decided that they could only support us building on residual land to the east with our own lease and driveway.
- June 2026: Director Janyce Bampton joined the NF Committee.

- June 23, 2026: Brian & Ted met with Wayne Phalen – president of Masons – positive discussion of issues related to the Masonic Hall and RC Hall. Wayne supported our proposal.
- July 7, 2026: Ted & Charles met with Doug Spani at the site - positive but raised issues of topography, stump removal and archeological
- July 11, 2026: Brian, Ted Charles met with Kelly Backs to encourage him to support Option 2 in the SCRD staff report to SCRD Electoral Area Service.
- July 14, 2026: NF Committee met with RC Board – presented some renderings – well received
- July 16, 2026: SCRD Electoral Area Services Meeting – good turnout of SCPA members – SCRD staff report submitted to Council – preferred Option 2 unanimously passed.
- Aug 21, 2026: Carolyne & Ted met with Art Dew at the RC site. Art indicated that site quite buildable with clearing cost ~ \$50k and leveling for courts ~ \$100k – should get ~ \$15k for cedars – stumps could be ground up – archeological and storm water management could be costly
- Aug 26, 2026: NF Committee met with SCRD staff (Shelley Gagnon – retiring, Joe Dixon – Shelly's replacement, Ian Hall, Anna Adam). Discussion centred on details regarding rezoning; MoU advancement; and charitable donations flowthrough to SCPA via SCRD.
- Aug 27, 2026: Director Brian Gaffney joined the NF Committee.
- Aug 28, 2026: NF Committee met with Sechelt mayoralty candidate, Paul Dhillon to discuss pickleball on the Coast and to introduce him to the sport. Paul supportive.
- Sept 21, 2026: Brian & Ted met with Area D candidate Scott Tilley to get his thoughts on our RC facility proposal. Scott was not negative but presented the need for due process.
- Oct 15, 2026: Brian & Ted to met with Joe Dixon, General Manager of Community Services, Jessica Huntington, Manager, Parks Services at SCRD and Anna – Recording Secretary. Overall, the meeting was positive but it was very clear that staff's role is strictly limited to executing directions from the SCRD Board. Consequently, to change anything from our original proposal we must go to the Board as a delegation or have a director present the changes for approval.

Respectfully submitted

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Chair, New Facilities Committee

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