



Draft MINUTES

Pearkes Recreation Centre, **7:00 P.M.**, Thursday, Apr. 6, 2017

In Attendance: Rob Wickson, Scott Karpes, Chris Kask, Gabe Epstein, Katherine Brandt, Vera Wynn-Williams, Pam Loadman, Katherine Brandt, Ed Pullman, Russ Godfrey and Marcus Fedoruk

Regrets: Chris Bullock, Irena Jazwinski, Trevor Hancock and Ray Farmer

1. Approval of Minutes

Moved SK/Seconded GE – Approved

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted

3. Reports

a. Finance Report – Chris K.

- Financial statements were distributed prior to the meeting
- Chris noted that revenues are down when compared to the previous but this was expected and related to less revenues from the community gardens fundraising efforts
- The GTCA received the a \$2500 federal grant for Canada Day

b. SCAN – Rob

Rob noted that there was a presentation by Deborah Keane, an environmental lawyer, on bonus density. It was noted that in the Gorge/Tillicum community plan, building height is capped at 6-8 stories. It was suggested that it would be good to have a story in the newsletter about planning and zoning so that people in the neighbourhood could be more informed about the steps required to get a development approved. Rob and Edward would work on something for the next issue.

Rob also noted that it was recommended that community association get Director's Liability Insurance.

c. Canada Day – Chris K.

- The next meeting was scheduled for April 11th
- Chris was looking into the Reynolds School Green Team to handle logistics
- Non-profits are fully signed up
- Saanich has an additional \$4,000 to spend on the picnic
- The committee was close to finalizing the entertainment lineup

d. McKenzie Interchange – Rob

- There are noise complaints from residents close to the construction site

- It was recommended that residents be advised to document their concerns (notes, photos, video etc.)
- It was noted that residents need to voice their concerns to Saanich, MOTI, newspaper etc. not just to the GTCA
- Rob reported that Tom Morrison felt that there was a basis for a lawsuit
- MOTI has committed \$450,000 to the Saanich for the park but there has been no word on how this money will be spent

f. Tillicum Road

- Rob reported that Saanich has budgeted to redo Tillicum Road from the highway to Burnside Road
- The road will be paved and bike lanes will be added
- The streetscaping will not be to the same level as Tillicum Road on the other side of the highway

g. Land Use

- Boleskine – the development for 90 rental units has been approved
- Albina - There will be an open house for a development on Albina (at Obed)
- Qu'Appelle – The whole block is designated higher density and a developer is interested in developing the property but has not yet purchased
- Austin/Cowper – The owner of 2870 Austin is looking at creating a panhandle (2872 Austin). It was noted that the GTCA does not have an issue with panhandles however owners need to get approval from the neighbours
- Portage Inlet – Ian Sutherland is taking his proposal to Council on April 24th. Staff is recommending the development.
- Nigel Valley – There is a BC Housing proposal to close off Vernon Ave and create a large housing development including affordable, seniors, and disability housing. The highest structure could be 16 stories high.

4. Parks

a. Cuthbert Holmes Park

There are discussions about the fish fence are ongoing. Modern counters could replace the fish fence however then the spawning fish are harder to see. Nothing has been decided at this point.

b. Gorge Park Community Garden – Gabe

The GPCG has sent out a newsletter, updating the community on garden activities.

c. Rudd Park

There will be a second Music in the Park in Rudd park, however the GTCA has no responsibilities.

7. Communications

a. Newsletter – Vera

The deadline for newsletter content was April 30th.

b. Website/Social Media – Marcus

- The current website contract will be up in April, and the monthly cost for Square Space will be \$18/month. Vera agreed to help Marcus migrate content to the new site and Marcus has completely backed up the old site.

c. Communications

- Vera noted that the departure of several board members highlighted the need for shared communication tools. Vera would organize a meeting of all those involved in communications to review procedures and recommend tools.

8. GTCA All Candidates Forum

It was decided that it would be best to partner with the other community associations to hold an all candidates forum. Rob was going to speak to the other associations about this.

9. Governance Review Committee

The committee is still looking for input. There is a series of meetings and consultations coming up in the next few months. Saanich is also using a digital tool called Place Speak to collect feedback. Rob urged board members to check out this tool and submit their ideas. All information was on the Saanich website.

10. GCTA Priorities – Vera

Vera noted that in speaking to some former board members and potential members it was difficult to articulate the GTCA's priorities. The GTCA was involved in so many things that there was a feeling that the board members were stretched too thin and maybe issues should be prioritized. After some discussion, the issue was left unresolved.

**Next Meeting Board Meeting
Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm
Date: Thursday, May 4, 2017
Place: Pearkes**