



GTCA Board Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Pearkes – SNP Board Room

Present: Phil, Vera, Mike, Paul, Chris, Mauricio, Reb, Jennifer, Scott, Marlon, Marie-Nicole, Sandra, Nathan, Xi
Regrets: Brandon, Meaghan, Arden

1. Meeting

- Agenda review - Approval –Phil/Marlan - Adopted
- September Minutes – Motion to approve: Nicole/Mike - Minutes passed

2. Communications

- Newsletter
 - To be sent to press by Vera next Tuesday October 14, 2025

3. Working Group Update

- Art, Culture & Celebration Working Group
 - **Murals** (Vera) – We are eligible for grant for another, smaller mural. This would fund up to 75%, we'd cover remaining 25%. Question raised as to whether the committee is able to support costs of another mural. Suggestion made to raise the visibility/profile of the donations box we place at all events we attend.
 - **Pumpkin Parade** (Reb) – Scott will co-ordinate the trucks that will pick up the pumpkins. Vera to see if her neighbour can help out with their truck. Mall is paying for removal of the pumpkins. Discussion about safety of the event, given the darkness and possibility of injury. Safety plan needed.
 - Outcomes: **Need 1st Aide equipment.** Nathan named 1st Aide person. **We should bring bright lights/ lanterns for areas that should be lit.**
 - **Skating Party** (Reb) : December 23rd, 1:45-2:45pm. GTCA Donations box should be placed in visible location. Maximum 100 people to attend. Tabled: Needs further discussion regarding how to limit numbers.
 - **Christmas Markets**
 - Tillicum Christmas Market **November 15th** – Phil / Reb to attend. Phil will get the tent.
 - Craigflower Christmas Market **November 29th** – Sandra / Vera to attend.
 - Paul will do morning of both days, Marlen will do afternoons of both days.
- **Canada Day** - Vera spoke
 - Vera presented to Saanich Arts/Culture Committee
 - Meetings with Saanich – Vera met with Risk Manager (Cindy) and Head of Finance (Paul).
 - Paul is onboard with providing greater funds to support.
 - 5 Requests made: 1) support with costs; 2) more Saanich staff; 3) recycling 4) Permanent structures to be added: stage in Gorge Water Park (Camossung Park) with with access to electrics, objects to protect entrances of park
 - Chris will request greater financial support from Federal government.
- **Land Use Working Group**
 - Burnside Planning Process – public online meeting is set to move forward, no date yet

4. **Motion put forward by Paul:** “The GTCA's formal position is that no transportation strategy shall be implemented on the balance of Gorge Road West that reduces the number of travel lanes for motorized vehicles between Harriet and Tillicum Roads in any plan prepared by Saanich for the Tillicum Burnside Community (e.g. Tillicum Burnside Plan), particularly to accommodate bike lanes in light of the proposed alternate routes for bike lanes along Harriet, Boleskine, and/or Maddock.”
 - Vote on motion: in favour: 2; against: 9; abstain: 2
5. **Paul’s second motion regarding Burnside Road (East and West):** tabled to the next board meeting pending whether the draft Tillicum Burnside Plan includes bike lanes or not.
6. **Board Planning Session – will be held November 9th.** Please review the report sent by Meghan (Vera to resend it) before the Nov. 9 Meeting.
7. **Motion to adjourn: Paul/Michael. Approved. Meeting adjourned 20:45.**