



## MINUTES

**Pearkes Recreation Centre, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 14, 2019**

**In Attendance:** Gabe, Vera, Scott, Chris K, Phil, Arden, Pam, Russ, Lewis, Paul, Elise, Katherine

**Regrets:** Irena, Evan, Jon, Chris B, Ed, Rob

1. **Agenda Adopted.** Gabe motion/Russ. seconded. (All in favour.)
2. **Approval of the Minutes from June 2019 meeting.** Vera motion, Arden seconded. (All in favour.)

### Reports & Updates - Board

#### 3. **Finances:**

A. See Chris's report

B. Lights on the Gorge, motion to approve LOTG budget, Russ. Seconded by Chris K, all in favour.

4. **Membership:** Irena away, no change since last meeting.

#### 5. **Communication:**

A. **Newsletter** is out, content for next issue is due Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>.

B. **Google Group:** The idea was floated that we as a Board might supplement our email communication to the use of a Google Group so that we might be more organized and things would be archived. Ed to look into this.

C. New locks are on the Bulletin Board. (Same combination as before.)

#### 6. **Board Organizational Review:**

A. **Working Groups:** All groups now launched, having had their first meetings.

B. **Strategic Action planning:** With reference to the Draft GTCA Strategic Action Plan, Vera/Paul will gather information towards an inventory of work done and projects achieved in our community.

C. **Board Meetings:** Vera had suggested that IF we have special presentations before our regular meeting, that we consider starting at 6:30 on those occasions. The Board agreed to be open to a 6:30pm start for important guest presentations (i.e. developer proposals.) Scott to check with Colleen Dejong of Saanich (to see if 6:30-9pm bookings possible at Pearkes.) Note the December meeting will be at Vera's, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm onward.

D. **AGM:** We decided that the theme for the 2020 AGM would be focused on 'developments' as there are so many current project proposals. April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 is a possible date.

### Board Activities – Current and/or New:

7. **Gorge Park Community Gardens:** 57 people on the waiting list for a plot. GPCG had their AGM, Coordinator Team makeup same as past year. Still working on task completion logistics.
8. **Green Spaces and Waterways:**
  - A. **Green and Blue Working Group:** Pam reported, expanding the Boulevard Brigade, looking at pollinator corridors. Mulch went into the existing traffic circles and boulevards. Event planned for 'Walter Park' Dec 7<sup>th</sup> -- a working party, planting of native species.

**B. Gorge Park:** RV Campers still parking in the parking lot (now often 4 campers.) Plan now to organize a larger discussion with Saanich Parks. A day meeting or a special evening meeting. Gabe to follow up.

**9. Building Developments:**

**A. Buildings Working Group:** Vera reported that we have lots of developments coming our way. Group is starting to set up their priorities of what we'd like to see, using the guidelines we all developed together over the last year. Looking at the taxes our community pays and how that correlates to services received in our neighbourhood. The group hopes to look at proposals coming and help take some of the pressure off the Board. The Board stressed that we would all like to be kept in the loop.

**B. Updates on current/planned developments:**

Tues. Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, at Pearkes, Abstract Developments to give presentation/talk on their two development plans on Gorge Rd W.

Tillicum/Obed/Albina (14 lots) still in the early planning stages, properties not yet purchased.

Daycare at Pearkes, almost ready to break ground, funding almost all in place.

**10. Mobility and Transportation: Mobility and Transportation Working Group:** Phil, group has just met. Beginning to identify priorities and concerns.

**11. Art, Culture & Celebration:**

**A. Arts Working Group:** Arden, group has just met, beginning to take shape and get to know our priorities.

**B. Lights on the Gorge:** Group starting to get organized for upcoming December event. Happy to see their budget approved.

**Reports & Updates – Saanich:**

**12. SCAN (Saanich Community Association Network):** Last meeting they had a long conversation about how to promote community engagement. Impressed with GTCA process. Also, discussed speed-limits on residential side streets, looking for a change there. Apparently there are a lot of development proposals in most of the CA's areas - not just in ours.

**13. Saanich Council:** Upcoming meeting, Saanich official Strategic Plan with an Open House and presentation.

**Reports & Updates – Projects Beyond the Board:**

**14. GWI:** Nothing to report.

**15. Gorge Tillicum Refugee Sponsorship Group:** Recent event pulled in \$1500. Still looking for monthly commitments.

**16. What's Next Gorge Tillicum:** Have met two times now. Quite a few people coming out. Starting to find a focus and identify potential actions.

**17. Wastewater Treatment Project:** WWT project on Gorge Bridge still ongoing.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.** Moved by Gabe, seconded by Scott

**Next Board Meeting  
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
Date: Thursday, 12 December, 2019  
Place: Vera's home.**