



GTCA Board Meeting Minutes – 10 November 2022 Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Saanich Neighbourhood Place

Present: Vera, Phil, Meaghan, Paul, Gabe, Katherine, Reb, Chris B., Mauricio, Arden, Michelle

Regrets: Chris K., Scott, Ed

Guest: Rob Riddett

1. Meetings
 - a. Agenda review – Paul/Phil
 - b. Approval of the June Minutes – Phil/Chris
2. Communications
 - a. Content & tone of communications (email/social media) – our policy is to acknowledge but not respond to inflammatory or inappropriate emails
 - b. Updated volunteer contact list – 7 positive responses to 2 emails
3. Finance Report – no report
4. Working Groups
 - Art, Culture & Celebration Working Group
 - Pumpkin Parade event 1 November Report – successful event – 375 pumpkins this year
 - Lights on the Gorge event 18 December Planning – email sent to board re revised format
 - Land Use Working Group
 - Active Transportation Planning – Saanich 5 Year Check in – discussion re long delayed bus route from CFB to UVIC
 - Natural Areas + C&E Working Group
 - Workshop: Reviewing Development through a Climate Lens on Nov. 29
 - Meeting Nov. 15 with Mike Large re boulevards
 - Gabe proposes that Natural Areas and Climate groups merge – general board support for this initiative – discussion to be had with both groups
 - Food Resilience Working Group report – at research stage, group hasn't met yet
5. GTCA/Indigenous collaboration
 - Meaghan and Gabe met to discuss options
 - Discussion around land acknowledgement – how and when to do this
 - Public education needed around the Indigenous history of our area
 - Possible usage of CAC's at Kosapsam Park
6. New Saanich Council
 - Phil- important to build relationships
 - Mauricio – we should meet with the new councillors

7. Saanich Community Association Network (SCAN)
 - Concerns that council can be swayed by CA's who are seen, often erroneously, as voices for their community and thus can have unreasonable influence
8. Bakeology Site
 - Vera spoke with Cam Scott, manager of community planning about the situation
 - More investigation needed about what the intended usage was supposed to be: What was the exact wording of the CAC? Can Amica rent it out or "give" it to us?
9. Storage locker
 - We agree to rent a 4 X 6 locker at Admirals Road Storage for \$112/month
10. Board Priorities – much discussion:
 - Should continue enquiries about Bakeology site
 - More emphasis on the Burnside Mall area
 - Should effort be put into having another mural done, possibly at the new Day to Day grocery store?
 - Need more trees in the area
 - Should initiate talks with businesses, both in and out of our area.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm Phil/Gabe