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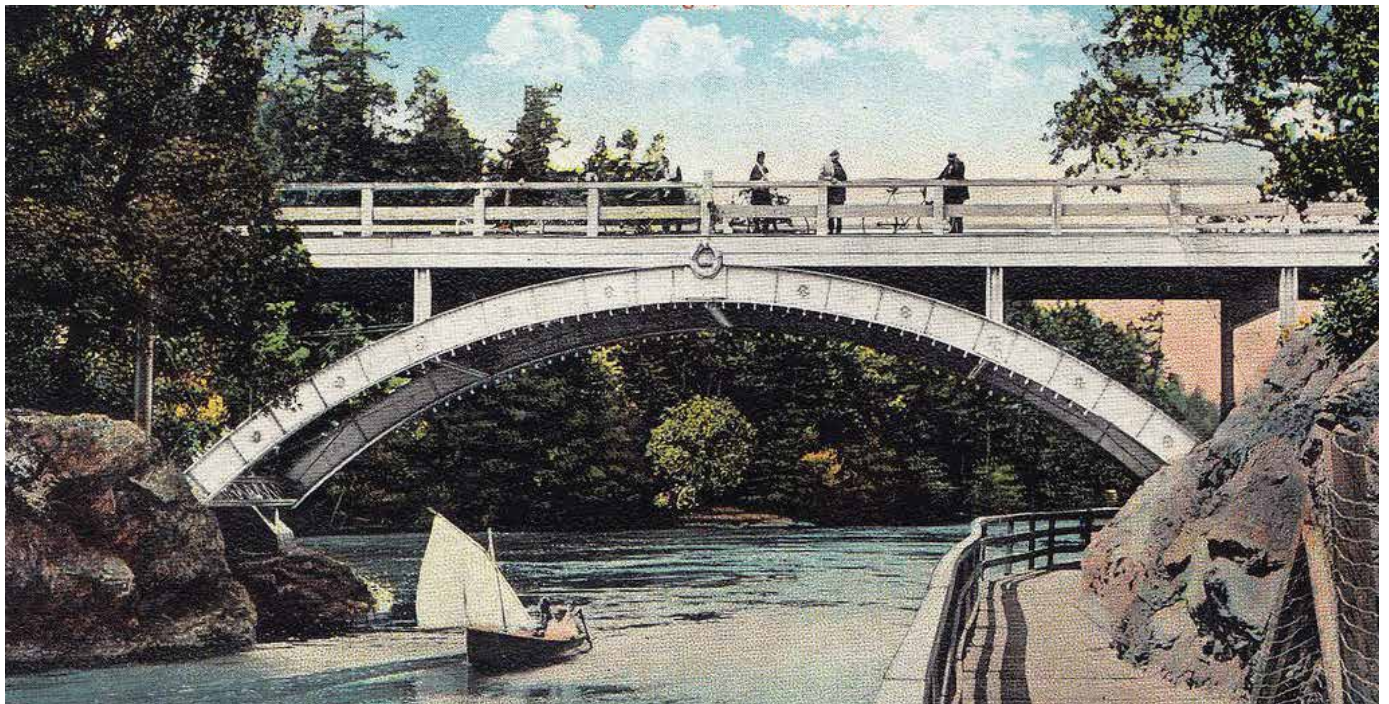
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 44152
Victoria, B.C., V9A 7K1

2013/2014 Annual General Meeting

April 10, 2014

“Heritage in the ‘hood”



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A Year in Review



7 Events Hosted/
Supported



5,000+
Volunteer Hours



10,500+ Total Event Attendance



15 Stakeholder
Meetings/Consultations



9 Presentations
to City Council

AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Minutes from 2012/13 AGM – Motion to Approve

President's remarks

Treasurer's report – motion to approve

Election of 2014 Board Officers and Directors

Sasquatch Award 2013

Nutrition break provided by members and GTUF

Scott Karpes – Our History in Pictures

Scott has been gathering a wonderful collection of pictures and stories about the history of the Gorge Tillicum neighbourhood. His presentation will take us back to the beginning of European settlement along the Gorge Waterway when it was called the Portage Inlet from one end to the other. The stories he has to tell carry on the tradition of sharing that Dennis Minaker began with the publication of the book *The Gorge of Summers Gone*.

2013 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Pearkes Recreation Centre, 7:00 P.M., Apr. 11th, 2013

Attendance: 43

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda – moved by Sue Koolman, seconded by Harry Lewis
3. Minutes from 2012 AGM – moved by Anne Genuist, seconded by Vera Wynn-Williams
4. President's remarks by Rob Wickson
 - a. Special thanks to outgoing board members Sue Koolman, Brett Lowther, Karen Larabee and John Hoole
5. Treasurer's Report (interrupted by 23 minute fire alarm) – moved by Gabe Epstein, seconded by Scott Karpes
6. Election of 2013 Board Officers and Directors presided over by Ed Lyons

President – Rob Wickson – acclaimed
Vice-President – Scott Karpes – acclaimed
Treasurer – Chris Kask – acclaimed
Secretary – Arden Little – acclaimed
Membership Secretary – Christine Fedoruk – acclaimed
Director at Large – Ray Farmer – acclaimed

Directors at Large
Returning: Katherine Brandt, Gabe Epstein, Trevor Hancock, Julia Menard, Brian Menzies,
Norma Dowler, Pam Loadman, Vera Wynn-Williams
New: Olivia Anderson – nominated by Arden Little, Vincent Gornall – nominated by Harry Lewis

7. Council Report – Saanich Councillor Paul Gerrard

8. Jane's Walk 2013 – Harry Lewis

Nutrition Break provided by members and Gorge Tillicum Urban Farmers

9. Presentation: "The GTCA Story" – 15 years of history as told by Harry Lewis, Paul Gerrard and Rob Wickson

President's Annual Report

For some it has been a relief that 2013 year has morphed into 2014 so we can leave behind the trials and tribulations caused by all the traffic disruption and construction mess. Once the new Craigflower Bridge is open, traffic should return to normal, except that travel through the school zone should be much safer for pedestrians and cyclists now.

We hope that 2013 will be remembered for much more. The 15th annual Gorge Canada Picnic was another success. The addition of Gorge on Art to the event brought further unique experience to the evolution of our premier event. The long-term chairmanship of Harry Lewis has now been passed to Chris Kask and is in very capable hands indeed. While we all join in thanking Harry for his years of stewardship, I know he will continue to play a significant role in the planning, and as usual you will find him near the stage on the day. Our other summer events, Music in the Park and Swimfest, turned out to be strong community-building opportunities. We have been able to meet many folks, some of whom have lived here for many years and others who have just discovered what we already know.

The physical structure of the neighbourhood has been going through changes this year. Our friends at EY Properties have now opened Herons Landing and the Ardea. The project not only has the distinction of being the first purpose-built rental units for Saanich in over 25 years, but is also the first such development to achieve a Built Green Platinum Standard. Abstract Developments has completed their townhouse project on Whittier. We understand both projects are almost sold out.

Saanich Senior Living finally completed an almost four-year process to bring a much needed project to our community. In February this year Saanich Council unanimously approved the project, and we will see the property change this year. We are looking forward to the completion of this important social and economic asset for our community.

The biggest news from the past year is the approval of the Gorge Park Community Gardens. From the very beginning this community project took on an importance that will be measured over the course of our future. The detailed community consultation process we undertook, led by the very capable Gabe Epstein and the Transition Garden Committee, gave us the opportunity to form new partnerships and relationships with diverse community groups. Organizations including ElderCare's Trust Us and the Saanich Neighbourhood Place along with the Capital Regional District are all actively participating in the creation of our gardens. With close to 60 folks expressing interest in leasing garden plots and many more just wanting to become a member of the Garden Group, we are very optimistic for the long term success of this project. The basic organizational structure will be a user agreement between Saanich Parks and the GTCA that will set the foundation for land use and financial responsibility; a memorandum of understanding between the Garden Committee and the GTCA that will clarify the relationship and expectations between us; and a set of comprehensive guidelines related to the responsibilities of the gardeners' management of the property. Without a doubt, we congratulate Gabe and the Garden Transition Committee for taking us through an inclusive process that will serve as a model for community consultation on any issue.

Looking forward to next year, we can see some of our traffic disruption ending with the completion of the new Craigflower Bridge. However, we also can expect a return of construction tie-ups when the new sewage pump station is built along Gorge Road, at the foot of Austin. In addition, Saanich Senior Living will begin


working on their project in June of this year. Seaterra, the folks working on the regional sewage treatment project, have indicated they expect to take the conveyance pipe through our neighbourhood. At this time we are reviewing the proposed routing of this pipe and are seeking input from neighbours.

This past year, the GTCA Board formed a Land Use Committee. This committee is tasked with (1) reviewing land use applications and making comments and recommendations to the Board for input to projects; (2) promoting the land use objectives within our Local Area Plan that came from the Charrette in 2004; (3) engaging the local businesses and commercial property owners in conversations about opportunities in our neighbourhood; and (4) facilitating community conversations about the evolution of our land use document, the Local Area Plan. Membership in this committee is open to the public, and we hope to create a diverse group that will reflect our community.

Community engagement has been a theme of ours since the inception of the modern GTCA. From the Gorge Canada Day Picnic to the Community Gardens, everything we do has elements of trying to find ways to reach out to the broader community. From the Gorge Tillicum Newsletter to our fantastic web sites (www.goregtillicum.ca and www.gorgecanaday.ca), our Facebook page, with over 400 "likes," and our Twitter account, we are more active than ever. We continue to get positive comments about the bulletin board at Pearkes, including requests for where we got it.

This is the time of year for GTCA Board renewal. It is gratifying to see that most of our directors and officers will be continuing our work over the next year. However, it is with regret we must say goodbye to those directors who have for various reasons decided to step aside, at least temporarily. Olivia Anderson, our local librarian who joined the Board almost as soon as she moved into the neighbourhood, has told us she feels cannot meet her own expectations for board participation, but she will always be a key asset to our community no matter what role she decides to play. Brain Menzies has been taken over by his job working for B.C.'s Minister of Finance, but he will continue as a valuable resource to the Board. Vincent Gornell is leaving because he and his wife are expecting their first child and may end up leaving the neighbourhood. Last but certainly not least, we are saying so long to Arden Little, who has been our recording secretary for more years than I can remember. Arden tells us he must take time away because of his responsibilities up at the University, but he expects to be able to return in the future. We will hold him to that.

To all of our directors and officers, returning or leaving, thank you so very much for sharing your skills and adding your insights to our endeavors. The work we do is a lot of fun, but more importantly, we are creating a future for our community, one that builds on our long and vibrant history.



Rob Wickson
President
2013


Financial Statements of
Gorge Tillicum Community Association
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Gorge Tillicum Community Association
Balance Sheet
As at December 31st

	2013	2012
ASSETS		
Chequing Bank Account	\$ 43.80	\$ 170.65
Gaming Bank Account	-	-
Savings Bank Account	36,424.02	28,129.10
Membership Shares Bank Accounts	10.00	10.00
Paypal Account	14.13	109.23
Total Cash	36,491.95	28,418.98
Accounts Receivable	250.00	350.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 36,741.95	\$ 28,768.98
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 21.74	\$ -
Deferred Revenue	884.99	789.99
TOTAL LIABILITIES	906.73	789.99
EQUITY		
Unappropriated Surplus	27,978.99	24,851.97
Current Earnings	7,856.23	3,127.02
TOTAL EQUITY	35,835.22	27,978.99
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 36,741.95	\$ 28,768.98

Certified January 09, 2014 in Victoria, BC:


 Chris Kask
 GTCA Treasurer


 Rob Wickson
 GTCA President

**Gorge Tillicum Community Association
Income Statement
For the year ended December 31st**

	2013	2012
REVENUES		
Municipal Government Grant Revenue	\$ 9,975.00	\$ 10,400.00
Federal Government Grant Revenue	2,200.00	2,200.00
Total Government Grant Revenue	12,175.00	12,600.00
Membership Fee Revenue - Individual	1,200.00	1,460.00
Membership Fee Revenue - Business	125.00	275.00
Donation Revenue	3,563.01	4,016.44
Advertising Revenue	2,326.00	1,841.66
Sales - Vendor Fees	7,490.56	5,573.34
Sales - Food & Beverage Events	4,058.70	3,932.00
Sales - Goods, Shirts, etc.	-	50.00
GST/HST Rebate	1,186.53	1,017.24
Interest Revenue	385.51	342.77
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 32,510.31	\$ 31,108.45
EXPENSES		
Bank Charges & Interest Expense	\$ 126.81	\$ 5.80
Community Works Expenses	318.22	2,094.40
Conference & Course Fees	39.20	-
Meetings, AGM, & Retreat Expenses	664.78	554.64
Donations Expense	-	100.00
Events - Casual Labour Costs	3,198.91	2,724.18
Events - Food & Beverage Expenses	1,673.08	1,287.00
Events - Materials & Supplies	6,174.40	4,314.86
Events - Performers' Fees	4,200.00	4,944.00
Insurance Expense	575.00	575.00
Licenses & Dues	25.00	25.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	277.21	1,562.40
Office Supplies	63.62	22.18
Postage Expense	219.77	477.91
Printing Costs - Newsletter	5,665.83	5,923.97
Printing Costs - Other	1,137.34	590.99
Website Expenses	294.91	2,779.10
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 24,654.08	\$ 27,981.43
NET INCOME	\$ 7,856.23	\$ 3,127.02

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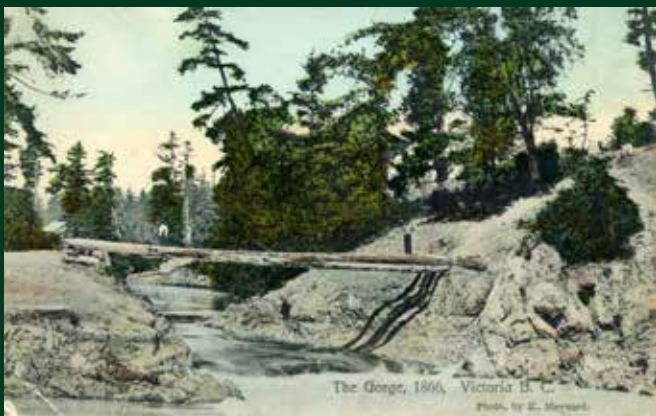


Chris Kask
GTCA Treasurer

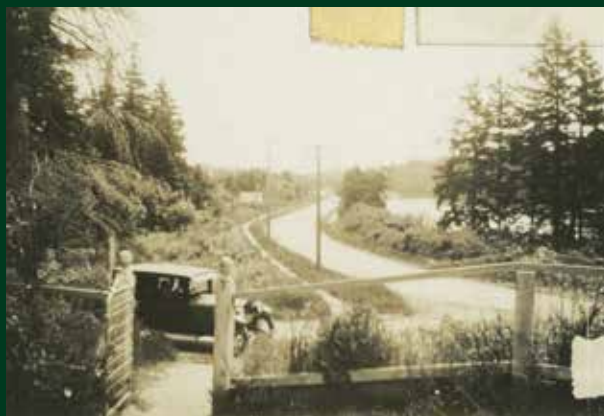


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GTCA President

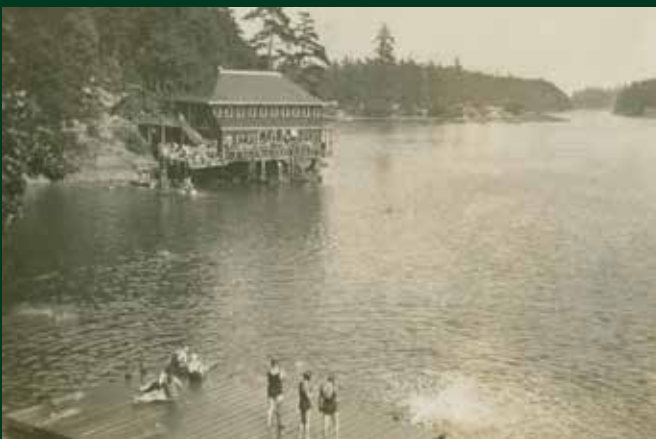
The History of the Gorge Tillicum Area



First Gorge Bridge 1866



Gorge Road at Admirals 1930's



Bathing House 1920's



Craigflower Bridge and School 1910's



King George and Queen Elizabeth 1939

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