



DRAFT MINUTES

Pearkes Recreation Centre, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, 3 May, 2018

In Attendance: Chris Bullock, Katherine Brandt, Irena Jazwinski, Scott Karpes, Chris Kask, Pam Loadman, Vera Wynn-Williams, Edward Pullman, Gabe Epstein, Arden Little, Evan Leeson, Elise Cote, Phil Lancaster

Regrets: Russ Godfrey

1. **Guest Presentation:** Tracy Ryan, Executive Director of Silver Threads, 7-7:20pm. Tracy gave us a rundown of what Silver Threads does. Of special note: It is the 50th Anniversary of the Les Passmore Centre this coming November (since 1968.)
2. **Approval of minutes** from April meeting. Chris K motion/ Vera seconded.
3. **Agenda Adopted.** Vera motion/Chris B seconded
4. **Reports:**
 - A. Finance: Report submitted by Chris Kask
 - B. Membership: 150 Members and 2 business members for 2018 so far.
 - C. Communication:
 - i. Newsletter: Content is in. Going to print by end of May, to go out early/mid June.
 - ii. Website: Evan has been picking up on this, Vera to help. Using Nation Builder platform, working on having ready soon. Will integrate our existing pages/platforms, streamlining things somewhat. To cost 25\$/month.
 - D. Board Transition Process:
 - i. Katherine introduced herself as she had missed the chance to do this at the last meeting.
 - ii. Gabe, (see GTCA) gave a run down of the *Who Does What* document, (What we do, what we might do.) We talked about the various roles/possible roles available to us and others in the larger 'umbrella' of the CA.

5. Initiatives & Collaborations:

A. Governance:

- i. SCAN: Gabe attended, gave us a very brief rundown on the various presentations that were made -- on the Saanich Climate Action plan and on rainwater management. Of particular interest was the "Terms of Reference" that SCAN is working on for community associations.
- ii. Council: 'Chattel' amendment to the Parks Bylaw has passed. Mixed feelings about what this means and as to whether this will make things any better for issues in Cuthbert Holmes Park. Upcoming council meeting will hear a motion regarding the possible regulation of short term rentals.

B. Building Developments:

- i. Developments: The question of a CAC (Community Amenity Contribution) request for the development on Qu'Appelle was discussed. There are plenty of 'options' that CAC's could be directed towards. CAC's are not set as a 'standard' in Saanich but at this time seem to be negotiated ad hoc. Can CAC's be earmarked towards a specific project? Yes, Gabe thinks so. (Gabe will confirm with Saanich Planning department.) The board talked about many possible options, such as washroom facilities at Gorge Park (which apparently is deemed to be 'quite' expensive and unlikely to happen soon) but settled on the idea of directing some funds toward our local parks -- e.g. a pathway within Gorge Park that creates a connection between Gorge Park and the Gorge Waterway Park.

C. Boulevards, Parks & Waterways:

- i. Cuthbert Holmes Park:
 - Motion: "The Gorge Tillicum Community Association requests that, while engaging in activities addressing homelessness in Saanich and the region, the District of Saanich declare that overnight sheltering or longer term camping is not permitted in Cuthbert Holmes Park/Tillicum Park or in any other environmentally sensitive park in Saanich." Moved by Phil, seconded by Evan. (All in favour.)
 - Vera reported that while some garbage has been cleaned up from empty camps, the majority hadn't been. So far the new bylaw hasn't effected much change on the ground. (In fact Vera had walked through some areas on the way to the meeting and had photos to show, including some of concerning looking bottles holding unknown chemicals.) Vera had worked on some possible options for a possible social media campaign that might kick-start some action. We had a relatively long exchange of possible angles to consider and there was a variety of opinions on this. This took us to 9:05pm.
- ii. Tree Planting (skipped, due to shortage of time)
- iii. Gorge Park (skipped)

- iv. GPCG, A Fall Festival for the Gorge park Community Gardens is in the works, to be planned over the summer.
- v. GWI (skipped)
- vi. GWP (skipped)

D. Transportation:

- i. Ed reported that the Active Transportation Plan is going to Council May/June. With regard to our neighbourhood, after Tillicum Rd (between Burnside and the TransCanada Highway) is finished, Hampton Rd next, to connect to Galloping Goose. (Ed to report more on this later.)

E. Art, Culture & Celebration:

- i. Gorge Canada Day Picnic: Please sign up for the GTCA table.
- ii. Music In The Park (skipped)
- iii. 'Nail Sail Bail', is happening as part of 'World Oceans Day' at Esquimalt Gorge Park, Saturday June 2nd (12 noon - 3 pm). GTCA team to be headed by Ray Farmer. Scott helping organize the event.

6. Other Items:

A. Gorge Tillicum Refugee Sponsorship Group. Elise brought this forward, would like to start a group, with help from the ICA. Would like us to be aware, help out and join if interested. More to come.

B. One Planet Cities Initiative. Information was sent to the Board in an email. Was decided it is too much for a board project at this time.

7. Additions to the Agenda:

Boat anchored at Gorge Park. (Decided to move this item to our next meeting.)

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm Moved by Scott, seconded by Arden.

Next Board Meeting
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Date: Thursday, 7 June, 2018
Place: Pearkes Recreation Centre