



GTCA Board Meeting Minutes - 7:00 pm, 13 January, 2022

Zoom meeting

Attendance: Vera, Gabe, Mauricio, Scott, Meghan, Chris K, Katherine, Paul, Chris B, Michele, Reb, Phil, Erica, Pam.
Regrets and Absentees: Arden, Larry, Ed

Governance

1. Meetings

- a) Agenda review: Additions: Communication Systems Review in Item 4. Move to adopt: Gabe, Second Paul. All approved
- b) Minutes from November meeting – Edits: add Pam to attendance and change title from “agenda” to “minutes”
Move to adopt: Chris B, second Gabe, all approved

2. Finances

- a) Finance Report: see financial statements. Will need motion to move appropriated surplus of pollinator project money to next year. **Motion** (Chris Kask): \$3000 to be moved into appropriated surplus for future pollinator projects. Second Michelle; all in favor passed unanimously. **Motion** to pass 2021 annual financial statement attached (Phil), second: Gabe. All in favor

3. Membership

- a) Report: annual membership starts January 1, 2022. Scott will do a mail out to members inviting renewal.

4. Communication & Conversation

- a) Newsletter: design and template redesign initiated. Next newsletter out prior to AGM in April.
- b) Website: no report
- c) Social Media : no report
- d) Communications Systems Review: Gabe to do a review of all communication systems with Michelle, Meghan, Vera, Reb.

Projects

5. Art, Culture & Celebration

- a) Arts, Culture & Celebration Working Group – 2 new members. Framework initiated with events proposed for this year
 - a. Events:
 - i. Curb Appeal – “spring fantasy” theme April 10-24
 - ii. Mini town square – potentially at corner of VCKC
 - iii. Get back together – summer post-pandemic street parties with Theater Skam
 - iv. Pumpkin Parade – Halloween
 - v. Arts Fundraiser Dance - November
 - vi. Lights on the Gorge – December
 - b. Arts:
 - i. Murals: small mural locations to expand number of artists

- b) Canada Day: website is updated. Application deadline for vendors moved to April. Funds/grants have been applied for. Picnic committee call will be within the next month. Limitation may be Saanich roadwork on Gorge Road slated for summer. **Decision needed:** date to cancel event if required by pandemic restrictions or road works (May 1?).
- c) Lights On The Gorge: well attended event this year. Vera thanked organizing committee.

6. Mobility and Transportation

- a) Mobility & Transportation Working Group: Two council motions approved this week:
 - a. Direction to staff to provide implications to change Active Transportation Plan implementation timeline from 30 to 15 years
 - b. Direction to staff to provide implications of application of Vision Zero framework for traffic planning (https://saanich.ca.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=1&clip_id=598&meta_id=41956)
- b) Tillicum School Sidewalk Improvements: Part of "safe routes to school" project. Albina, Maddock and Orillia are part of this work project. **Action:** Phil to write letter to Saanich to ask for a copy of the plan
- c) Gorge Road Project : no further report

7. Buildings (Developments and other building uses)

- a) Buildings Working Group (no report, next meeting Jan. 18)
- b) Saanich Council Decision on Local Area Plan (LAP) revisions: Paused. Council voted to proceed with corridors and centers improvement plans instead of the LAPs (which take about 3 years project/LAP).
- c) Development Applications Updates (see report summary)
 - 3400 Tillicum Road (Cielo Development) – For Sale
 - 992 Gorge Road – **Decision required:** Amenity contribution recommendation -- tangible improvements to Craigflower-Kosapsum Park (e.g. functional sculpture, bike parking, other park amenities)
 - Cannabis Store at Tillicum Mall (see attached documents): **Decision:** GTCA mandate does not include giving input on selection of stores at malls -- the CA will, therefore, not express an opinion on this proposal. Vera will send letter stating this.
 - Tillicum Mall: redevelopment project for whole site being explored
 - Albina supportive housing: **Action:** Vera to write letter to Province/Saanich regarding boulevard tree loss and standards for future projects

8. Natural Areas (Green spaces & waterways)

- a) Natural Areas Working Group – GTCA pollinator project will work with UVic students again (during the next semester)
- b) Trees (Increasing local tree canopy) -- Looking for people to form a group to move this forward.

9. Climate & Ecosystem Group Report: see circulated documents (parts 1 and 2).

- a) **Approval obtained** for initiating projects proposed in the report for:
 - i. Communication practices review (as above)
 - ii. Getting the Community Connections Working Group up and running (building social infrastructure) - volunteers sought
 - iii. Increasing local tree cover (as above)
 - iv. Building food resilience in neighbourhood -- Gabe will take the lead on this on behalf of the Board

10. Move to adjourn meeting (9:04): Gabe; Second: Michelle; all approved