



GORGETILlicUM

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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2016/2017 Annual Report
GTCA Annual General Meeting
April 3, 2017



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Vision:

A welcoming, walkable community whose diverse citizens engage in creating a sense of place and community pride and focus on the well-being of the neighbourhood as a part of the wider region.

Mission:

The GTCA will build an engaged community through facilitation, communication, celebration and education.

It will:

- create or support attractive and welcoming spaces including centres for community gathering, connections and expression;
- promote quality of life considering physical social, ecological and economic aspects of the neighbourhood; and build a responsive, diverse, collaborative and robust board and association.



AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Minutes from 2016 AGM – Motion to Approve

Treasurer’s Report – Motion to Approve

President’s Remarks

Saanich Canada 150

Update on Governance Review

GTCA Constitution & Bylaws - Special Resolution - Motions to Approve

Election of 2017 Board Officers and Directors

Volunteer Recognition

2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Craigflower Schoolhouse, 7:00 PM, March 31, 2016

Attendance: 41

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda – moved by Richard Bouchard, seconded by Chris Kask. Approved.
3. Minutes from 2015 AGM – moved by Ed Lyons, seconded by Marcus Fedoruk. Approved.
4. Remarks by GTCA President Rob Wickson.
Special thanks to outgoing board member Wendy Farwell.
5. Treasurer's Report presented by Chris Kask.
Moved by Chris Kask, seconded by Gabe Epstein. Approved.
6. Election of 2015 Board Officers and Directors presided over by Ed Lyons.

President – Rob Wickson – acclaimed
Vice-President – Scott Karpes – acclaimed
Treasurer – Chris Kask – acclaimed
Secretary – Vera Wynn-Williams – acclaimed
Membership Secretary – Christine Fedoruk – acclaimed
Executive Director at Large – Ray Farmer – acclaimed

Directors at large

Returning : Katherine Brandt, Gabe Epstein, Trevor Hancock, Pam Loadman, Richard Bouchard and Marcus Fedoruk

New: Irena Jazwinski – nominated by Katrinka Karpes

7. Discussion on homelessness situation in Saanich
8. Discussion on the McKenzie Interchange
9. Motion to adjourn business portion of AGM. Moved by Ed Lyons, seconded by Gabe Epstein. Approved.

President's Annual Report

The Gorge Tillicum Community Association has been involved in a wide range of activities and issues this past year. To begin with, as we presented at the last AGM, we have continued to be active on the McKenzie Interchange project and the homelessness and affordable housing issues in Saanich.

It is clear that the interchange is well under construction with phase 1 due to be completed this summer and phase 2 to begin right away. Our members have been very active in keeping track of how this project is impacting the surrounding environment. We have had a few breaches of storm water causing increased sediment in the Colquitz and sewage overflow into Portage waters. Most recently, we have asked for some small changes in designs for the pedestrian and cycling overpasses and we are currently reviewing plans for a berm between the highway and Cuthbert Holmes Park. This project will take most of the next two years in construction and disruptions.

The affordable housing and homelessness issues in Saanich are still as important as any other issue. We have been presenting our recommendations to other community groups and committees. The Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee, a council committee, forwarded 2 motions to council last June and they were heard in August. After a great deal of public input and council debate, the motions were not supported. However, the GTCA is continuing to build support from Saanich communities and we will return to council with our recommendations once we have gathered more community input.

The 18th Gorge Canada Day Picnic began feeling a little damp but warmed up to a beautiful successful day. Our admiration for the organization of this one day event knows no bounds. The whole set up pops up first thing in the morning and by 7:00 in the evening it is all gone. It is always amazing to see such a dedicated group of volunteers working to make this such a successful event. Thank you Chris Kask and the whole picnic committee. We are already looking forward to Canada 150 being part of our 19th event this year.

Other events included the Gorge Community Garden Dance and Silent Auction, Music in Rudd Park and the annual winter solstice Lights on the Gorge event. All these wonderful events continue to enhance our community and bring folks together under relaxed social conditions. Again we cannot thank our volunteers enough who were led by Gabe and Belle Epstein, Chris Bullock, Kay Stewart, Ramon Farmer, Marcus Fedoruk, and all of their teams.

Development projects are continuing to be proposed for our neighbourhood, particularly for residential units. Just walking around the neighbourhood we see many properties being renovated and upgraded or being replaced with modern structures. We also have had a number of developers approach us with ideas around multi-family housing, some for rental and some for condo ownership. The Saanich Senior Living project has changed their name to Amica at Saanich and is aiming for completion in 2018. We all have noticed that while the old Brookmans store has been moved slightly, it has been significantly dismantled in order to allow it to be reconstructed properly. The work of removing old lead based paints and restoring the wood is being done off site. Amica is continuing to plan for this to be a public facility such as a tea room or confectionery store.

The Provincial Government has recently updated the Societies Act and now requires all registered Societies in BC to update their by-laws to conform to the act before November 2018. The GTCA Board has done that

in time for approval by the membership at this AGM thanks to the hard dedicated work led by Bill Williamson and his working groups (Vera Wynn Williams, Chris Kask, and Rob Wickson). Anytime by-laws are reviewed the task can be long and arduous, but with Bill leading the way it was really quite painless this time. Thank you Bill.

Unfortunately, Bill has decided to leave the board this year. His is being joined by Christine Fedoruk who has been our membership secretary for the past few years. As Christine's family commitments increased this past year, we were very fortunate to have Bill step in to help out. Our thanks go out to both for all the hard work on this membership file.

Richard DuBouchard has also decided to leave the board this year. Unfortunately for us, Richard's other commitments have created a significant time constraint and therefore he does not have the availability to commit to the GTCA. Richard was also a key member of our Canada Day Picnic committee and leaves a significant hole to be filled as he was the team leader for all those logistical issues such as where the chairs and tables go, the waste management and set up and tear down of the tents.

There is no doubt that these three valuable directors will be missed, but we thank them for the work performed in helping us build our community.

Of course, as folks move on from the GTCA Board, we actively seek out new candidates to join us in the work for the community. We are fortunate that in the Gorge Tillicum neighbourhood we have a wide range of talent and skills. There are folks who dedicate themselves to stewards for our natural spaces. Two such leaders are Dorothy Chambers and Julian Anderson. Others are involved in our examination of issues such as transportation and land use, affordable housing and homelessness, and communications including publishing our newsletter. We must give a great big shout out to all those who take the time to volunteer on behalf of our community. Thank you all.

This past year has ended on a sad note with 2 deaths in our parks. It is devastating to hear the stories behind the lives and realize how it can happen so close to home. This is what drives the GTCA to carry on with the Homelessness in Saanich Project we introduced at our last AGM.

Another priority will continue to be transportation. In particular, we are very concerned about how car traffic behaves while using the streets in the neighbourhood.

As the years are coming and going, ever faster it seems, the one constant is the steady Gorge Tillicum Community Association. We have been very fortunate to have such a strong core board of directors who continue to find new ways to get involved. The more opportunities we find to participate in all those conversations, the more we have learned about ourselves.

Cheers,



Rob Wickson
President

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

	2016	2015
REVENUES		
Municipal Government Grant Revenue	\$ 12,150.00	\$ 14,149.00
Provincial Government Grant Revenue	-	2,500.00
Federal Government Grant Revenue	-	-
Total Government Grant Revenue	12,150.00	16,649.00
Membership Fee Revenue - Individual	755.00	885.00
Membership Fee Revenue - Business	175.00	125.00
Donation Revenue	5,745.35	6,098.00
Donations-in-kind Revenue	-	270.00
Grant Revenue	300.00	1,000.00
Advertising Revenue	3,653.33	3,441.66
Sales - Vendor Fees	10,469.27	10,445.41
Sales - Food & Beverage Events	3,898.65	3,761.80
GST/HST Rebate	658.18	677.34
Interest Revenue	419.99	220.00
Gardens Membership Fees	800.00	590.60
Gardens Allotment Fees	2,435.70	1,493.20
Gardens Special Event Revenues	5,748.00	8,398.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 47,208.47	\$ 54,055.01
EXPENSES		
Advertising Expenses	\$ 30.01	\$ 138.74
Bank Charges & Interest Expense	200.95	25.87
Community Works Expenses	2,707.16	-
Meetings, AGM, & Retreat Expenses	559.66	1,572.71
Events - Casual Labour Costs	5,344.73	5,304.60
Events - Food & Beverage Expenses	509.10	834.46
Events - Materials & Supplies	11,416.17	8,055.18
Events - Performers' Fees	5,270.00	7,018.75
Events - Space Rental	20.00	-
Insurance Expense	700.00	700.00
Licenses & Dues	138.76	125.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	-	44.80
Office Supplies	36.91	198.43
Postage & PO Box Expense	235.21	193.21
Printing Costs - Newsletter	5,101.78	5,375.23
Printing Costs - Other	704.75	703.45
Website Expenses	555.96	406.72
Garden - Operational Expenses	5,571.56	8,787.59
Garden - Building/Capital Expenses	5,258.45	6,164.31
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 44,361.16	\$ 45,649.05
NET (DEFICIENCY)/INCOME	\$ 2,847.31	\$ 8,405.96

Certified January 31, 2017 in Victoria, BC:



Chris Kask
GTCA Treasurer



Rob Wickson
GTCA President

**Gorge Tillicum Community Association
Balance Sheet
As at December 31st**

	2016	2015
ASSETS		
Chequing Bank Account	\$ 1,961.05	\$ 1,027.36
Savings Bank Account	9,514.39	9,238.33
GIC Investments	30,280.77	30,000.00
Membership Shares Bank Accounts	5.00	10.00
Paypal Account	-	23.67
Total Cash	41,761.21	40,299.36
Accounts Receivable	4,003.18	937.34
Prepaid Expenses	220.13	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 45,984.52	\$ 41,236.70
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,092.07	\$ 776.56
Deferred Revenue	1,633.32	1,048.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,725.39	1,824.88
EQUITY		
Unappropriated Surplus	34,411.82	26,005.86
Current (Deficiency)/Earnings	2,847.31	8,405.96
	37,259.13	34,411.82
Appropriated Surplus - Art Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL EQUITY	42,259.13	39,411.82
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 45,984.52	\$ 41,236.70

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Chris Kask
GTCA Treasurer



Rob Wickson
GTCA President