



## **GTCA Board Meeting Agenda - 10 December, 2020 Minutes**

### *Zoom meeting*

Present: Gabe, Russ, Paul, Scott, Vera, Irena, Chris K, Phil, Arden, Katherine, Pam

Regrets: Chris B, Ed, Larry, Sharifa, Erica

### **Governance**

#### 1. Meetings

- a) Agenda review -- Motion to accept agenda as amended: Move Arden; Second Pam; all in favor
- b) Minutes from the November meeting - Move to approve: Vera; Second: Irena; all in favor

#### 2. Members

- a) Report: no report of exact number of members - but there are approximately 120 at present (7-8 new members in last 2 months)

#### 3. Communication & Conversation

- a) Website: no report
- b) Newsletter: 50% completed therefore Nov/Dec 2020 newsletter will be cancelled. Distribution of next newsletter will be in February. (Will do 3 newsletters in 2021: February, May, October.)

#### 4. Working Groups - A Process Clarification for Membership

Participants do not need to live in the area or be members of the GTCA -- they can contribute to working groups as supporters or experts. If there is a potential conflict of interest, membership in the working group will be discussed by the GTCA board on a case by case basis.

#### 5. Plans, Actions and Tangible Outcomes

Comments: focus on tangible outcomes for working groups -- and for board activities as a whole

### **Projects**

#### 6. Art, Culture & Celebration

- a) Arts, Culture & Celebration Working Group - working group report. Focus of the group at present is on murals. Cycles West Bike shop on Burnside has been approached and is interested. *Funding:* GTCA has previously approved \$5000 for art. The group may ask other community members or apply for a Saanich grant to add to the GTCA donation. Saanich grant applications would have to go through the regular process. The ACC is also looking into paint contributions. *Liability:* artist responsible for Worksafe coverage. Do we need a statement of intention to maintain the art in case a building owner left or wanted to change the mural?
- b) Lights On The Gorge - Date: Dec 20 at 3 pm. Proposal to use a Zoom meeting to replace the in-person celebration using a mix of pre-recorded and live performances. Board approves (all in favor). LOTG will use GTCA Zoom platform, allowing up to 100 people to participate in the celebration.
- c) Canada Day Picnic: Due to COVID-related uncertainty, it was decided that the picnic would not be held in 2021.

7. Natural Environment (Green spaces & waterways)

- a) Green & Blue Working Group - Pam will step down as chair of this group after the next meeting due to time availability. There is a meeting on Tuesday, Dec 15th with recruitment, Walter Park, and Pollinator Corridors on the agenda.

8. Buildings, Mobility & Transportation

- a) Buildings Working Group & Mobility & Transportation Working Group - see written group reports for more details. Phil met with Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition - they are willing to be advocates for bike lanes on Tillicum Road (with council and provincial government) and collaborate with the working group. The BWG and MTWG are working together to promote Tillicum Road as a community oriented/mixed use corridor with active mobility as part of the plan. The Groups will bring a proposal to the next board meeting and ask for support to develop a high-end video that promotes a mixed-use model for Tillicum Rd. that provides increased amenities for the neighbourhood. The group will ask for ~ \$2-3000 for video production with the goal being to bring Saanich and other experts together for an improved road design. Gorge Bridge could potentially be included in this plan.

b) Development Applications -

- ♦ 271 Battleford Street: proposal for subdivision of lot supported by council. Will go to public hearing next.
- ♦ Qu'Appelle: Demolition completed, construction beginning
- ♦ Obed/Harriet developer: project includes a crosswalk over Harriet at Obed.
- ♦ Gorge/Tillicum development: going to public hearing in next few weeks (probably 12 January). Asking for last remarks from GTCA. Board members, as with all citizens, able to participate in public hearings and to speak on behalf of themselves.
- ♦ 630 Gorge: going to the Advisory Design Panel in January.
- ♦ Tillicum bingo hall site: Saanich council will hear and respond to application in January.
- ♦ 3143 Tillicum Road (micro-units proposal): advised to host a public hearing; will attend GTCA meeting in January.
- ♦ Gorge/Earl Grey: no news
- ♦ 992 Gorge: Vera talked to Abstract who state they understand opposition from the public - they are revisiting the design taking into account the opposition and suggested modifications
- ♦ Abstract developers have bought Gorge Point Pub.

c) Saanich Housing Task Force: report. Community amenities contribution process being reconsidered - including that:

- ♦ Rental developments not contribute to CAC's.
- ♦ The task force is suggesting that CAC's be directed to CA poor areas and not necessarily to the area where the development is located.

9. GTCA Community Projects and Collaborations

- a) Gorge Park Community Gardens - long term plan in place to replace all the beds; budgeting is being discussed. The transition of GPCG from a Board project to an independent one will require that GPCG becomes a registered not-for-profit society of its own. A new Transition Team will start planning the transition process early in the new year.

- b) The Existence Project: No report

**Motion to adjourn: Paul; Second Russ; All in favor**