



GORGETILLICUM

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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2014/2015 Annual Report
GTCA Annual General Meeting
March 26, 2015



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Gorge Canada Day Picnic 2014

Exceeded all expectations!



AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Minutes from 2013/14 AGM – Motion to Approve

President's Remarks

Treasurer's Report – Motion to Approve

Election of 2015 Board Officers and Directors

Sasquatch Award 2015

Meet & Greet Reception

2014 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Pearkes Recreation Centre, 7:00 P.M., Apr. 10th, 2014

Attendance: 37

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda – moved by Wendy Farwell, seconded by Belle Epstein. Approved.
3. Minutes from 2013 AGM – moved by Ray Farmer, seconded by Vera Wynn-Williams. Approved.
4. President's remarks by Rob Wickson
Special thanks to outgoing board members Brian Menzies, Olivia Anderson, Arden Little and Vicent Gornall.
5. Treasurer's Report – moved by Craig Elder, seconded by Ray Farmer. Approved.
6. Election of 2014 Board Officers and Directors presided over by Harry Lewis

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

Directors at Large
Returning: Katherine Brandt, Gabe Epstein, Trevor Hancock, Julia Menard, Norma Dowler,
Pam Loadman
New: Wendy Farwell– nominated by Olivia Anderson; Marcus Fedoruk – nominated by Scott Karpes

7. Presentation by Rob Fleming, MLA.
8. Presentation of the Sasquatch Award to Gabe Epstein
9. Presentation: "Heritage in the Hood" by Scott Karpes

President's Annual Report

This annual record of our history is fundamental to our success. It is part of the efforts we make to communicate with our community. As we move through each year, the tempo seems to pick up. Not only do we continue to publish our Neighbourhood News; our web sites and Facebook and Twitter pages now are active almost on a daily basis. Through these channels we try to keep our community members apprised of important changes and developments going on in Gorge Tillicum.

Heritage and infrastructure

2014 began with promise. We made it past delays on the new Craigflower Bridge project, and when the bridge opened in spring, users were notably appreciative of efforts to make the new bridge inclusive. Just look at the number of fishers this spring! Future plans for the bridge include a new art project. Bridges like this are famous around the world. Who knows what folks will think of ours in a hundred years?

Heritage is a prominent part of our neighbourhood. On Facebook, Scott Karpes, our VP, has created a wonderful series of pictures and stories about our recent past. Who knew the Gorge Bridge had been replaced seven times to date? The historical maps that have been posted illustrate how land uses change over time. They remind us of our responsibility to protect this place and to leave it better than we found it. We all are interested in these walks back through our community's history, so please keep sharing your old photos. This year we saw the BC Heritage branch finally find a suitable tenant and manager for the old Craigflower Schoolhouse. We welcome the Hallmark Heritage Society. Executive Director Ken Johnson already has met with the GTCA. We look forward to opportunities for future events as the schoolhouse moves through its second century.

Two addresses from our neighbourhood joined the over 40 properties on the heritage list. A privately owned property at 3261 Harriet Road had its exterior designated as a municipal heritage structure. The second property, at 321 Gorge Road West, is owned by Saanich and currently is rented. The GTCA has expressed interest in future uses for this property, including as a community meeting space, interpretive centre — perhaps even a GTCA-operated tea room. We already have had discussion about some public washroom facilities at this location. We are looking forward to working with Saanich Parks to redefine the future use of this space for the benefit of the community.

Speaking of new washroom facilities, along the Gorge Waterway a long-planned sewer pump station, to include restrooms, was to begin construction at the bottom of Austin Avenue last summer. As you can see, work has not yet begun; however, as of early March we were assured that work should begin in April of this year.

Community growth

The story of the Gorge Community Gardens should be a template for how any community engagement project should proceed. We cannot say enough about the leadership of Gabe Epstein and his committee of gallant gardeners. This work comprised consulting with our community, developing comprehensive plans for each stage of the process, and posting and gathering responses while working with our partners at Saanich Parks. After three years of planning and organizing, dirt was turned. The garden is about to begin its first growing season, complete with a rain garden courtesy of the CRD and a garden shed from Camosun College and Irwin Industries. We encourage our community residents to come out and lend a hand to get the beds

ready for planting. This is indeed an exciting development and the community will benefit from this new gathering place.

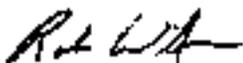
Our 17th Gorge Canada Day Picnic surpassed our own expectations. One of the hottest days of the year brought everybody out to enjoy a pleasant community event. The road was full! It always amazes me how many members of the community put their time into making this a successful event. Thank you to Chris Kask and the whole picnic team. You all are a fun group to work with.

This year we invested some time and energy into creating a land use committee. I am pleased to say there is a strong group of board directors and association members that your board can call on to examine the many land use questions we face. Two examples that came forward in 2014 were a proposal to subdivide two properties on Portage Road to accommodate a total of six single-family lots and a proposal for Saanich Neighbourhood Place to develop a new daycare facility on the parking lot behind the Pearkes Recreation Centre.

In most cases, the developer in any land use proposal will meet with members of the GTCA Land Use Committee before they make a formal application to Saanich. We offer them advice on how to proceed with their project, specifically outlining the public process that will be necessary once the application has been made. We do not conduct or arrange for that public process simply because we do not have the resources to do so; it is up to the proponent to make and pay for such arrangements. However, if we are asked, we will help facilitate such a meeting and promote it with our community. Our job is to reflect back to Saanich Council the views of the Gorge Tillicum community. It is the job of the Saanich staff and our Council to decide whether or not a specific proposal should go ahead. If you would like join our land use committee, please let us know. We should note here that the long-planned Saanich Senior Living project is now under construction, and we have been told that work will continue until the project is complete. The old Brookman's store will be moved off site and renovated while the new foundation is laid, and then moved back. Thanks to Wendy Farwell we have managed to retain some wood from the old buildings to use in our community garden.

Board changes

Each year at this time we see changes in the makeup of the GTCA board. Regretfully, we are saying goodbye to a couple of long-serving directors, starting with Norma Dowler. Norma has been a valuable member of the GTCA board for close to six years, and once her life slows down a bit, we look forward to her return. Julia Menard has been with the board for the same length of time and also has been a leader in the Gorge Tillicum Urban Farmers. Julia's skills around mediation and human resources conflict resolution have helped us tremendously over the years. Our sincere thanks go out to these two retiring directors.

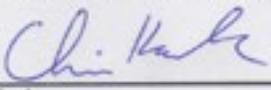


Rob Wickson
President
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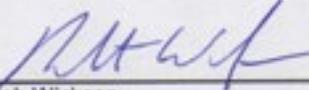
**Gorge Tillicum Community Association
Balance Sheet
As at December 31st**

	2014	2013
ASSETS		
Chequing Bank Account	\$ (10.11)	\$ <i>Restated</i> 43.80
Gaming Bank Account	-	-
Savings Bank Account	24,218.71	36,424.02
Membership Shares Bank Accounts	10.00	10.00
Paypal Account	80.00	14.13
Total Cash	24,298.60	36,491.95
Accounts Receivable	8,797.42	250.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 33,096.02	\$ 36,741.95
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 195.18	\$ 21.74
Deferred Revenue	1,894.98	884.99
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,090.16	906.73
EQUITY		
Unappropriated Surplus	30,835.22	22,978.99
Current (Deficiency)/Earnings	(4,829.36)	7,856.23
	26,005.86	30,835.22
Appropriated Surplus - Art Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL EQUITY	31,005.86	35,835.22
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 33,096.02	\$ 36,741.95

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Chris Kask
GTCA Treasurer

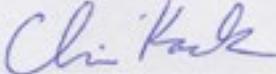


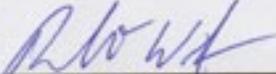
Rob Wickson
GTCA President

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

	2014	2013
REVENUES		
Municipal Government Grant Revenue	\$ 29,094.00	\$ 9,975.00
Federal Government Grant Revenue	2,200.00	2,200.00
Total Government Grant Revenue	31,294.00	12,175.00
Membership Fee Revenue - Individual	960.00	1,200.00
Membership Fee Revenue - Business	100.00	125.00
Donation Revenue	4,392.90	3,563.01
Donations-in-kind Revenue	650.00	-
Grant Revenue	4,800.00	-
Advertising Revenue	2,345.01	2,326.00
Sales - Vendor Fees	8,946.14	7,490.56
Sales - Food & Beverage Events	4,130.45	4,058.70
GST/HST Rebate	1,731.25	1,186.53
Interest Revenue	295.26	385.51
Gardens Membership Fees	270.00	-
Gardens Special Event Revenues	1,312.00	-
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 61,227.01	\$ 32,510.31
EXPENSES		
Bank Charges & Interest Expense	\$ 21.13	\$ 126.81
Community Works Expenses	-	318.22
Conference & Course Fees	-	39.20
Meetings, AGM, & Retreat Expenses	600.87	664.78
Events - Casual Labour Costs	4,780.56	3,198.91
Events - Food & Beverage Expenses	1,299.04	1,673.08
Events - Materials & Supplies	7,413.28	6,174.40
Events - Performers' Fees	7,875.00	4,200.00
Events - Space Rental	25.00	-
Insurance Expense	575.00	575.00
Licenses & Dues	40.00	25.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	-	277.21
Office Supplies	206.03	63.62
Postage & PO Box Expense	175.36	219.77
Printing Costs - Newsletter	4,825.77	5,665.83
Printing Costs - Other	1,506.63	1,137.34
Website Expenses	629.45	294.91
Garden - Building/Capital Expenses	36,083.25	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 66,056.37	\$ 24,654.08
NET (DEFICIENCY)/INCOME	\$ (4,829.36)	\$ 7,856.23

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GTCA President

Gorge Park Community Gardens

Thanks to the many volunteers who are bringing the gardens to life.



Photos courtesy of Gabe Epstein

Help is always appreciated.
For more information, contact Gabe Epstein at belle.leon1@gmail.com