



DRAFT MINUTES

Pearkes Recreation Centre, **7:00 P.M.**, Thursday, June 4, 2015

1. Adoption of Agenda & April 2015 Minutes

Moved Wendy Farwell/Seconded Christine Fedoruk – Approved

2. Eastside Sewage Treatment technically feasible locations

There is to be a meeting on June 10th at the Belfry. The board expressed disappointment at the speed at which the locations are to be reviewed. Only three people were able to attend the previous weekend's session. There was agreement that sewage treatment was not appropriate for parks and natural areas such as Cuthbert Holmes Park.

3. Reports

a. Finance – Chris Kask

Chris reported that Saanich grants were late and that this was reflected in the statements. Many expenses are related to the community garden however the garden revenues are doing well.

b. Membership – Christine Fedoruk

- There are currently 119 members
- Usually 30 to 40 renew at the Canada Day picnic
- Most renewals come from the newsletter

c. SCAN Renewal /New Council – Rob Wickson

SCAN Meeting

- Last SCAN meeting was mostly about the EDPA
- Saanich staff including the CAO and Chief of Planning attended the meeting
- Adriane Pollard gave a presentation about the EDPA and informed the audience that most of the rules in the EDPA were not new
- People were concerned about the new maps and there was much confusion about the 15 m. buffer zone
- Rob noted that the presentation addressed concerns and clarified some of the issues
- Saanich staff committed to continue to reach out over the summer and in the fall
- It was suggested that Saanich should have information at the Canada Day Picnic

Saanich Council

- Little girl made a presentation about goats

d. Transportation Committee

- Scott reported that the sidewalks by Tillicum had been installed
- Rob reported that Fred Haynes that has been talking about speed limits and there may be a review in the fall
- CARS would like to partner with UVIC

- Todd Litman of Victoria Transport Policy Institute has interesting information on his Facebook site

e. Land Use Committee/Developments – Rob

- Saanich Senior Living (SSL) is waiting for approval to proceed with development.
- SSL will now provide a variety of care and will be licensed through VIHA however the building will look virtually the same
- Costs have increased from 26 million to 32 million

f. GTUF – Gabe

No report

g. G.T. Community Tables - Chris Bullock

No report

4. Parks

a. Community Garden – Gabe

- Toilet installation is complete
- They bought 30 yards of soil for the beds
- 6 more beds need to be built
- Still a few issues with gravel that has not settled
- Work with Saanich has been excellent

5. Communications

a. Newsletter –Vera/Christine

- Newsletter was printed and ready for distribution

b. Websites/Social Media – Marcus

- GTCA now has 200 followers

c. Board Agendas & Meeting

- The board agreed that meeting minutes and agendas should be posted on the GTCA website (It was noted that all minutes are draft until approved at the next board meeting)
- Agenda should be posted one week prior to the board meeting

6. Art on the Bridge – Scott

- Blake Williams, a Vancouver based artist, was selected to produce the new art on the bridge
- His art would focus on the history and heritage of the area
- The artist was planning to come to Canada Day Picnic to speak to the neighbourhood and consult with the Songhees Nation

7. Canada Day – Chris Kask

- Planning was going well with very strong vendor and artisan interest
- Top Shelf Book keeping came in as a new sponsor
- Key issues are with waste management

8. Canada Post Mailboxes

- Continues to be an issue as some residents are advised that there will be boxes in front of their property

- Scott got a site meeting on his street as the location was inappropriate and not as shown in the drawings
- The city of Hamilton was suing Canada Post about the lack of consultation
- It was noted that any concerned property owners should follow the process outlined on the Canada Post website

9. GTCA Membership Survey – Vera/Trevor

- Vera and Trevor would try to meet over the summer to discuss research options

10. Adoption of New GTCA Mission and Vision

(As outlined in the GTCA board retreat planning document)

Moved Chris Kask/Seconded Richard DuBouchard – Approved with one abstention.

11. Food and Agriculture Initiatives

- CR-Fair (was currently taking over the Victoria Food Hub Society (a charity))
- There is a need to a community kitchen in the neighbourhood
- SCAN suggested Panama Flats as a possible location for a farmers market

12. Extending Gorge Walkway into town

- Issues with private properties along the Gorge Waterway
- It was suggested that the immediate priority would be to work on the path below the bridge

No meetings in July & August. Next meeting Thursday, September 3rd.