



## **Draft MINUTES**

Pearkes Recreation Centre, **7:00 P.M.**, Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017

**In Attendance:** Rob Wickson, Scott Karpes, Katherine Brandt, Chris Kask, Vera Wynn-Williams, Pam Loadman, Ray Farmer, Bill Williamson, Irena Jazwinski, Gabe Epstein, Trevor Hancock and Chris Bullock

**Regrets:** Christine Fedoruk, Richard Bouchard and Marcus Fedoruk

**Guests:** Bev King, Brian Haut and Russ Godfrey

### **1. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved GE/Seconded BW – Approved

### **2. Remembering Dave Armitage**

- Bev King (Shopper's Drug Mart) and Brian Haut (Gorge Liquor Store) were invited to the board meeting to take about the community response to the death of Dave Armitage
- Bev reported that Dave Armitage had been very well liked and that people had begun a memorial on the bench in front Shopper's. They community had also donated \$1725 towards some sort of memorial for Dave. She noted that she expected more donations to come in. She added that there had been 50,000 hits on the Chek News story about Dave and the community.
- Bev had spoken to the owner of the mall to see if a plaque could be placed on the bench where Dave sat every day. National approval from the mall's owner was required and Bev was hoping that they would agree. The cost for a plaque would be minimal.
- Saanich Parks had also been approached to see if the donations could go to a commemorative bench or picnic table for the park where Dave died. The cost of a bench or picnic table would be around \$3,000 with a 3-month timeline.
- Scott noted that one of the three picnic tables in the park was falling apart and could be replaced with a new commemorative table. Scott also suggested that perhaps yellow tulips could be planted around the trees in the park in memory of Dave.
- There was some discussion about donating funds to service organizations which help the homeless however there was a longstanding board policy of not using association funds to fund other organizations. It was also noted that the intention of those donating was to help remember Dave.

**MOTION : It was moved by Trevor Hancock and seconded by Scott Karpes that the board thank Bev and Dave for all that they had done and for coming to the board meeting and that the board consider a financial contribution towards a memorial picnic table for Dave. The amount of the**

**donation would be discussed at the next board meeting in February.  
MOTION CARRIED**

### **3. Reports**

**a. Finance** - Financial statements were distributed prior to the meeting.

Chris Kask noted the following on the Income statement for 2016:

- There was a \$4,000 decrease in government grants due to the completion of the community gardens
- Community garden expenses were down because the gardens were complete
- There were additional Canada Day expenses because the committee invested in wayfinding signage
- There is an expense for \$3,700 for the fish fence sign
- Income for the year was \$1,800

The Balance Sheet shows that the CRD still owes the GTCA \$3,000 for the community gardens.

Chris recommended that the board may want to appropriate some of the GCTA funds for the acquisition of 321 Gorge Road. This would require a future vote of the board.

Chris also noted that more detailed financial statements are always available upon request.

### **b. Membership**

Rob reported that due to family commitments Christine was stepping away from her role as the GTCA Membership Secretary and that Bill Williamson had agreed to take over for Christine.

**MOTION: It was moved by Gabe Epstein and seconded that Bill Williamson be acclaimed as Interim GTCA Membership Secretary until the next AGM. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **c. SCAN/Council – Rob**

#### **SCAN**

- Marsha Henderson is the new Chair of SCAN
- Saanich made a presentation on the Uptown Douglas Corridor project
- Saanich is hosting a series of events and Rob would send around the details
- SCAN is looking at the issue of how communities communicate with Saanich staff
- The next SCAN meeting would be focussed on using Social Media and everyone was welcome

#### **Council**

- No report

### **d. McKenzie/Hwy 1 Intersection Task Group**

- A meeting was being held on Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

### **e. Transportation Committee**

- Rob reported that the first meeting of those interested in the Transportation Committee would be held on either the 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> of January.

#### **f. Land Use Committee/Developments**

##### **SNP and 285 Maddock**

Rob noted that the GCTA needed to send responses to Saanich. He had distributed the proposal and asked that board members forward their comments to him. Rob would draft responses and send them around by email.

#### **g. Lights on the Gorge – Chris B.**

- Approximately 100 people attended this year's event which was the same as last year however there were new people at this year's event
- Most popular part of the evening was the Mummer's play
- Chris noted that they were in desperate need of volunteers to keep the event running
- It was suggested that the newsletter and the AGM were good methods to reach out to potential volunteers

### **4. Parks**

#### **a. Cuthbert Holmes Park**

- Julian Anderson has FOI'd the Saanich Land Transfer and formally asked for a full land transfer
- It seems that the Province is not prepared to transfer the land to Saanich permanently

#### **b. Gorge Park Community Garden**

- 50+ people are on the waiting list for a plot
- 3 new compost bins were installed in November and December
- The GPCG is holding their AGM on Jan. 21, 2017
- The GPCG board was in the process of planning a fall, harvest season event

### **5. Communications**

#### **a. Newsletter – Vera**

- Deadline for content submission is January 30th

#### **b. Websites/Social Media**

- 950 like us on Facebook
- The GTCA has 290 twitter followers

#### **c. GTCA Communications Strategy**

- Rob suggested that there be a special meeting of all the board members who do communications (newsletter, facebook, twitter etc.) in order to better coordinate and come up with a strategy

### **6. GTCA Constitution/New Societies Ace Update – Bill**

- Bill noted that he had circulated the proposed new constitution and bylaws and changes mandated by the new legislation were in red

- Trevor questioned any bylaw that needed a 90% approval before it could be changed – Bill noted that in the previous version this item was in the constitution hence was unalterable hence the very high threshold
- There were also questions about proposed changes to “in writing provisions”, secret ballot, Past President and Ex Officio roles
- Bill noted that the intention was to review and approve the bylaws at February’s meeting and requested that board members read through the draft and come prepared to discuss and vote

## **7. AGM –Vera**

- Vera noted that because of several factors including approval of the bylaws, interest in the McKenzie Interchange project and the proposal to have a volunteer thank you event in conjunction with the AGM, the GTCA needed to hold the AGM at somewhere other than Pearkes
- Vera had already approached Silver Threads but they had no availability on weeknights
- It was suggested that the Native Friendship Center could be good venue – Vera agreed to follow up with them
- It was also agreed by the board that given 2017 is Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday and the Year of Reconciliation, it would be appropriate to have a guest speaker who could speak to the history of the area, particularly First Nations history
- The tentative date for the AGM is Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **8. Ward Based Elections – Trevor**

- This item was deferred to February’s meeting because the information about the issue was not distributed prior to the meeting

## **9. Board Protocols and Practices – Rob**

- An issue had arisen about the proper process for inviting guests and adding items to the agenda
- It was noted that in practice, the Chair should be asked whether guests can be invited however it was also noted that the meetings were open to the community
- After some discussion it was clear that board members did not have a common understanding of what the process was
- It was noted that as part of the bylaw process, board members would need to agree, in writing, to serve on the board and that board members should be provided a document outlining general board practices

**Next Meeting**  
**Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm**  
**Date: Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017**  
**Place: SNP Board Room, Pearkes**