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## **GTCA Board Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

### **Saanich Neighbourhood Place**

Present: Vera, Phil, Brandon, Arden, Chris K., Chris B., Paul, Mauricio, Scott, Jennifer, Marie-Nicole, Meaghan, Reb, Nathan

Regrets : Xi

Guests: Chris Russell, Marlon Coy-Veliz

#### **1. Meeting**

- Agenda review – Meagan/Paul
- Approval of the February Minutes

#### **2. Membership**

- Currently 68 members – Vera to send out personal messages to former members

#### **3. Financial Report**

**-\$80,000 cash – municipal grant down slightly due to 2023 overpayment – picnic vendor fees up \$3500**  
**-Phil/Brandon**

#### **4. Communications**

- Newsletter – Spring (late March, early April distribution)
- Newsletter – Summer - all Canada Day issue
- Open rates for digital newsletter at 220, 100 for Facebook

#### **5. Working Group Updates**

- Canada Day
  - Report from Chair - first full meeting February 18 – looking for additional sponsorship and more board participation – discussion re using a company to facilitate 50/50
- Art, Culture & Celebration Working Group
  - Meeting with Tillicum Mall – Vera and Meaghan met with Elise and Emily – very supportive – redevelopment is far into future due to long leases – planning to fill empty spaces
  - Mural update
    - Kosapsum washroom – Esquimalt first nations very enthusiastic, waiting for response from Songhees FN – possible master artist with community work groups – problems with Saanich re CAC funding, very negative response – possibly some funding might be available from Saanich's stalled Mural program
    - Albion Mall – some issues with flashing and wall texture – waiting for a response from Colin Elder
  - Spring Events
    - Fairy doors from May 1 to 14 – discussion re event at the mall and possible procession in Gorge Park community garden with picnic and music
    - Music in the Park August 26
- Land Use Working Group
  - Vera has created a matrix on all neighbourhood developments in last 10 years

- Saanich engineering has told developer of proposed 18 story building that they need a wider right of way so it's back to the drawing board
- Community pushback on Quadra/McKenzie proposals will slow things down Saanich wide

## **6. Other Business**

- Meeting with new MLA – MLA's offices to move into Herons Landing with potential community meeting space
- AGM/25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Event
  - discussion re format – posters outlining our history, old newsletters, stations, keep people moving
- Pearkes – Kid's programming –there is no kid's programming as Saanich says there's no demand : Pearkes lack of children's programming to be followed up by Phil/Reb/ Megan and Marlon.
- Silver Threads Facility – no update
- Pollinator Garden Signage - \$165.00
- Saving large boulevard tree (Scott) – Saanich to "ignore" liability- tree saved

## **7. Adjournment at 8:40**

**Phil/Nathan**