

Gorge Tillicum Community Association

Board Meeting May 5/11

Julia, rob, Chris, Norma, Pam, Karen, John, Kathy, Virginia, Ray, Gabe, Sue

- 1) Shoreline Community School Association – presentation by Lee Rogers, President of Association
The Shoreline Community School Association offers youth programs for kids in grades 6-8 (middle school). Most of these programs are open to all youth in this age bracket, from all municipalities. Attendance at Shoreline is not required. Only community schools offer these kinds of programs.

Although Saanich students utilize the programs, they have never received funding from Saanich, although they have requested funding for the past four years. They would like our support in their next approach to Saanich for funding. Ms Rogers was invited back for the January 2012 meeting to revisit this. Agreed that GTCA supports this endeavour.

- 2) Agenda adopted. Minutes of last meeting adopted.
- 3) Reports –
 - a) Finance April – Received funding from Saanich. \$1,000 matching grant (for signs) as well as \$825 (operating costs). Also received \$1818 for GST/HST refund.
Letter from Saanich confirming \$7000 grant for Canada Day picnic.
 - b) Membership – lots of new member. No current numbers right now.
 - c) SCAN – no report. Upcoming Jane’s Walk - walking around your neighbourhood and taking inventory of what’s there and what can be done.
 - d) Council – next week Ker Avenue application (Habitat for Humanity house) will go to public hearing.
 - e) Healthy Saanich – no report

Esquimalt Community Association wants to give a presentation regarding the sewage treatment plan for Esquimalt. Rob will invite them for next meeting (June)

- 4) Communication
 - a)– Newsletter – deadline Sunday, May 15. Theme – Transportation.
 - b) Web site and e-mail - E-mail notice will go out once a month to members listing upcoming events. Chris will meet with Jordan (volunteer) to work out how to move forward with the webpage.
 - c) Community bulletin board – it’s up outside Pearkes. Ray, Scott and Rob have the key for access to the board.
- 5) Transportation

a) Rob and Karen met with Saanich planners re Admirals Road. Bike path is being extended. Crosswalk will be put in just south of Cowper. Left turn lane to turn onto Cowper with pedestrian controlled light. Work should start July 2. Due to more severe damage than originally thought, Craigflower bridge cannot be repaired and must be replaced. Current Saanich plans are to replace bridge next summer. There will be bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides of bridge. Saanich will keep us informed.

b/c) Discussion about how the transportation committee is evolving. Pam will forward her notes from the West Gorge Transportation Committee's meeting with Saanich engineers. (attached as separate file)

d) Parking on Colquitz. Issue brought up by two homeowners on Colquitz. Rob will contact all parties and suggest the Dispute Resolution Centre.

6) Cuthbert Holmes Park – Saanich has written Management Update Plan as result of the environmental assessment report. Saanich has asked GTCA to assist with working out how to bring this to the public. Rob will contact Saanich and encourage them to meet with separate interested groups immediately. Suggest another ½ day workshop perhaps working from a summary of the management update plan. GTCA feeling at this point is that there is no urgency and Saanich should not rush through this process.

7) picnic – considering increasing fees for vendors.

8) Music in the Park – August 23 in Rudd Park. Terry Brennan is booked. It was agreed that we could have Mr Tube Steak and Mr Softee Ice Cream as well as Kuku's? Chris will contact Kuku's. Level Ground coffee with donate coffee.

9) Development updates – Cheltenham Court Motel – independent living facility has bought corner property. Also considering purchasing 3 houses behind the motel to develop townhouses that will allow for graduated support needs.

Saanich is very slow to move forward with the EY Property proposal. EY hopes the public hearing will be scheduled for May 16 Council meeting because their window of opportunity is closing. GTCA supports this development proposal.

10) meeting adjourned 9.20. Next board meeting June 2, 2011