



Board Meeting Agenda
Pearkes Recreation Centre, **7:00 P.M.**, May 1. 2014

1. Adoption of Agenda/ Apr., 2014 minutes
Wendy/Christine
2. Reports
 - a. Finance – No Report
 - b. Membership – Christine
 - Email renewal requests have been sent to members who have emails.
 - Renewal requests will be emailed to those who don't have email.
 - Generally members have been slow to renew however most renewals happen at the Canada Day picnic.
 - c. SCAN/Council – Rob
Mayor going to Scan next week.
 - d. West Gorge Transportation Committee – Rob
Paving work likely done on Obed.
 - e. GWI – (Craig Elder)
No report.
 - f. Colquitz Conservation Coalition- Harry
No report.
 - g. Canada Day Picnic- Rob
 - Planning is ongoing. Meetings to take place next week.
 - Saanich Senior Living will provide \$1,000 Canada Day Picnic. They will have two tents and they will have a contest and will provide penny candy. They will also sponsor the bike valet.
 - There will be two tents for membership.
 - Communications should have talking points about possible safety concerns given the incident at the legislature last year.
 - h. Land Use Committee – Wendy
 - Earl Grey development going to Council next week. This is the meeting to move it to public meeting.
 - Development has incorporated changes which address issues brought up at the neighbours meeting.

-Wendy met with Cameron Scott to discuss local area planning. If local area plan does not have something that is a barrier then the community wishes will over ride the information in the plan.

- i. GTUF- Gabe
No report
- j. G.T. Community Table – Gabe
Bike ride is scheduled for May the 4th.

3. Parks

a. Community Garden – Gabe

-The total cost of the garden is going to be around 50-60K, well beyond the 20K Saanich originally budgeted. Island Equipment is looking to do the work.

-Likely that the garden will not be ready to plant until end of June. They have also received the CRD MOU – they will do the rain garden and signage.

Perhaps next year they could do compost education.

-Shed was built by Camousun students. Irwin industries will provide and install a metal roof as an in-kind donation. There is also lots of wood from the old pedestrian walkway from the bridge.

-Fundraising is still the big issue. Formally asking for bridge financing from the GTCA. The proposal will come up for a vote at the next board meeting.

-United Way through the community tables initiatives will help with fundraising for the community gardens as this meets a multitude of mandates.

-Money is trickling in through a variety of sources.

b. Gorge Park ‘Earth Day’ – Ray

About 15 people showed up and cleared up an area behind Cedar Shores.

4. Developments-

a. Craigflower Bridge Update – Rob

Open on May 2nd at 4:00pm.

b. Earl Grey/Gorge development

-Going to Council May 5th.

5. Communications –

a. Newsletter –Vera/Christine

-Starting to work on the next issue, which will be out around the first week of June.

b. Facebook – Christine

-Facebook continues to have strong community engagement.

c. Twitter- Christine

Will once again use #gorgecanadaday to promote the Canada Day Picnic.

d. GTCA rack card – Vera

Vera is working on a membership rack card to be ready in time for Canada Day.

e. GTCA online account management – Marcus

6. Fish Fence Signage Grant
 - Federal grant approved.
 - Vera to contact Rae Roer at Saanich Parks re: signage specs.

7. BIABC Conference Report – Vera
 - Vera reported that she had attended the Business Improvement Areas of BC conference which was held in Victoria. Having spoken to several BIA officials including the BIA coordinator for the city of Vancouver it became clear that a BIA structure would not work for the Gorge Tillicum area because you would need to have approval from property owner representing over 50% of the property value in the area to agree to an additional tax. (Residential and Government do not contribute) Given that RIOCAN most likely represents over 50% of the commercial real estate value in our area it is highly unlikely that this threshold could be achieved. However, many BIA type projects (ie. Banners etc.) may be possible with other funding sources.
 - There were many interesting speakers at the conference and Vera committed to send around some links to presentations.
 - Vera noted that the banners on Tillicum which were recently changed by Saanich would soon become the responsibility of the GTCA as Saanich only agreed to pay for the initial run of banners. She noted that banners should be replaced every six months.

8. Task Group Fall Workshop – Rob
 - Date, Time, etc. for fall needs to be determined.
 - Rob asked who wanted to be part of the task force for the fall workshop.

9. Art Along the Gorge – Marcus
 - Would be good to encourage more art along the Gorge water way similar to what has been done in other communities. The art could take many forms and the GTCA could lead the initiative.

10. Additions to the Agenda – none