



## Board Meeting Minutes

Pearkes Recreation Centre, **7:00 P.M.**, Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015

### 1. Adoption of Agenda November 2014 minutes

Moved SK/Seconded GE – Approved

### 2. Maggie Warren- Water Rates

Maggie Warren, a resident in the area raised the issue of increased water rates. Her home bill was approx. \$90 per month. There is a concern that increased water rates are applied equally regardless of income. Rob suggested writing a letter to start a conversation with Saanich on how water rates are applied. The board agreed to this approach.

### 3. Board Retreat Planning – Julia & guest Andrew Wynn-Williams

Andrew handed out a Process Summary (see attached) and reviewed the proposed process with the board. Andrew will come to the next few board meetings to let the board know what will be coming up at the board retreat planning session. Proposed Retreat Date May 3rd

### 4. Reports

#### a. Finance – Chris

No report – Chris will report at the next meeting.

#### b. Membership – Christine

No report

#### c. SCAN Renewal /New Council – Rob

SCAN has shared their terms of reference for review. Some concerns were raised about SCAN becoming political. SCAN should be neutral but each Community Assoc. can make political statements.

Rob has been attending the Council meetings and they are very busy.

Judy Brownoff has put the McKenzie intersection on the agenda. At Rob's request Fred Haynes asked that community associations that are to be affected be consulted.

Pam circulated draft introductory letter to Council. The board reviewed the letter and were asked to provide additional feedback on the GTCA priorities.

#### d. West Gorge Transportation Committee – Pam

Rob has met the new Director of Engineering and will be meeting him for coffee.

#### e. GWI – (Craig Elder)

GWI has asked to be informed of all development applications. Most of the people on GWI have environmental concerns and are not following the various land use committees.

**f. Land Use Committee/Developments – Wendy**

**SNP Daycare Proposal**

SNP is now looking for funding to see if the proposal can get funding before they go through public consultation. Once again there has been some discontent because the newspaper stated that the GTCA “was in huge support of the proposal” however this was a misprint. The GTCA had supported the general concept of increased daycare and moving forward with the consultation process not the particular proposal.

**Uptown Grocery Store Proposal**

The meeting will be Jan. 22 upstairs at the Uptown Offices.

**g. GTUF- Gabe**

GTUF Did a members’ survey which illustrated that most members are happy with the organization. These findings will be put into a report and GTUF has decided not to pursue a more extensive planning process at this time.

**h. G.T. Community Table (Lights on the Gorge) – Gabe**

Lights on the Gorge was well attended and the indoor format was well received.

United Way is dropping Community Tables so Gabe suggested that Lights on the Gorge and the Spring Bike Ride become GTCA projects.

**5. Parks**

**Community Garden – Gabe**

- The garden now has a door for the garden shed. The whole committee process is gearing up again.
- Over the holiday the MOU with the CRD was signed and they provided \$10,000 of funding.
- There are now 27 members of the community garden committee.
- The community garden committee is planning a benefit. Rusty and the Roosters have offered to play the benefit if the GTCA recommended them for Music in the Park. The board agreed (not unanimous) with recommendation that the chair of the Music in the Park be consulted.

**Cuthbert Holmes Park management plan**

- Saanich Parks would like to come to the next board meeting to discuss the Park management.

**6. Communications**

**Newsletter –Vera/Christine**

The deadline for content is Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. Content is light so board members were asked to forward ideas.

**Websites/Social Media – Marcus**

No report.

**7. Canada Post Mailboxes (public consultation)**

Robert Binning from Canada Post is the person in charge of deciding how to install Canada Post community boxes in Western Canada. Canada Post has done a survey and are gathering information. Rob is trying to find out who in Saanich Engineering will oversee this project. This is still early days and it is anticipated that the process will run to the end of the year.

**8. Tillicum School Boulevards – Scott**

Boulevards were installed without community consultation so Scott has been trying to get some consultation going. Not much has happened.

**9. Hallmark Society – Rob**

The GTCA is being asked to support the project with the purchase of some chairs for \$20 a piece. The board agreed that the GTCA could purchase up to 5 Chairs and help promote the initiative in the newsletter.

**10. Art on the Bridge**

Saanich has proposed the place for the artwork at the bottom of Colquitz Ave. With pushback from the GTCA Saanich has finally agreed that there was room on the bridge. After an on-site meeting with the jury also agreed the bridge was the best location.

**11. Mount View Colquitz Transportation Visioning**

GTCA along with a couple of other community associations have asked to participate in the process.

**12. AGM date**

It was decided that the AGM would be held Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.