



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Pearkes Recreation Centre, **7:00 P.M.**, Thursday, March 5 , 2015

1. Adoption of Agenda & Feb. 2015 Minutes

Moved PL/Seconded GE – Approved

2. Music in the Park - Sue Glover

This year the GTCA will have to arrange for our own food vendors. Saanich wants the GTCA to have at least 2 vendors. It was suggested that Sue contact Chris Kask for food truck contacts

Music in the Park will be on Tuesday, August 18th, 7 pm. Rusty the Rooster will perform.

3. Board Retreat Planning – Julia

The retreat has been scheduled for May 3rd at the Point Ellice House. As part of the day there will be a full tea service. (\$20/person). The board may be able to travel to Point Ellice by harbor ferry – still to be confirmed. We still need a confirmation of numbers.

4. Reports

a. Finance – Chris

No report

b. Membership – Christine

There are more members this month than last month.

c. SCAN Renewal /New Council – Rob

Council is going through their budget and there are many budget items that affect the GTCA. New CAO passed out a list of 2015 projects, four of which are in the GTCA.

- Austin pump station - \$2,000,000
- Portage flow station - \$680,000
- Crosswalk at Milgrove - \$200,000
- Tillicum overlay and bike lanes

GTCA should send a letter to Saanich to get information about the work being done on Tillicum as this has not been communicated previously.

Fred Haynes brought up the issue of changing speed limits across all of Saanich to 40km.

SCAN considered the changes to the society act. There is potentially more opportunity for developers to file “slap” suits against associations. Hence the GTCA does not pick sides on proposals and only communicates what the community says. To get covered by insurance there is an additional \$750 cost.

Big Box houses were brought up but there was no concensus.

d. West Gorge Transportation Committee – Pam

Ask the questions about the Tillicum Road overlay and get more information.
Would like to a story in the next newsletter about the Urban Forest.

e. Land Use Committee/Developments – Rob

Meet with Jarret tomorrow to discuss the process of writing a letter. Interesting to know what Saanich's interest is in the property so that the GTCA can make an informed decision.

Rob got a call with Greg Abbott about developing the properties across from Fairways on Albina. He is now considering unbundling parking and rental units aimed at seniors.

Pisces does not want the development on Portage Road so Saanich will turn it down. Big thing is the A1 zoning but the property has sewer containment area so it should be able to develop.

f. GTUF- Gabe

No report

g. G.T. Community Tables - Chris Bullock

The community garden fundraiser is being partially sponsored by community tables.

5. Parks

Community Garden – Gabe

- There was a full page story in the Saanich news which also promoted the fundraiser.
- Gravel – Saanich is taking away the gravel and replacing it proper blend gravel.
- Gabe has to present at Council on the March 17th to pitch the grant for the community garden.

6. Communications

a. Newsletter –Vera/Christine

- Current newsletter is being distributed.
- Newsletter is also online.

b. Websites/Social Media

- 126 people on twitter.

7. Art on the Bridge

- First meeting for the jury later in March to review the submissions.
- After this project is complete then the GTCA could employ its \$5,000 for some additional art on the bridge. There is also the possibility of doing a project every 5 years.

8. Canada Day

- Planning is well underway.
- Gorge on Art will continue.
- Investigating bike parking with GVCC.
- Pump station construction may affect the placement of some of the events.

- Next meeting is on March 24th.

9. AGM

- Christine to send out invite to members to bring food to the AGM.
- Gabe will bring information about the community garden.
- Board members to think about potential new board members.

10. Mailboxes

- CTV did a piece about the proposed locations for mailboxes.
- Canada Post seems to be moving forward without consultation.
- GTCA will continue to push both Saanich and Canada Post for more consultation.

11. Conversation (Amalgamation discussion)

Many people at the event were in favour of wards. Does amalgamation solve any issues or is the issue really what is the best governance model? Notion of participatory budgeting, a model where 90% of the budget is centralized but the community association gets to have input on the remaining 10%, was discussed. The incorporation discussion has started and it is anticipated that this will be a four-year process.

12. Oil Tanks

The forum was held but not much has happened since then. The GTCA has consistently reminded people to check their tanks.