

Squamish Trails Society January 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Members present:

John Harvey, Chris Dale, Heather Evans, Stephane Perron, Doug Morrison, Vic Drought, Meg Fellowes, Jim Gracie

Regrets:

Carl Halvorson, Jen Adams

1. Development Proposal: Cheekeye River Developments

Guests:

- Caroline Lamont, representing 3 partners for development application (Matthews southwest, Bethel, and Squamish Nation: Cheekeye River Developments
- Tamsin Mills, Planner, District of Squamish

Presentation and discussion notes:

- The proposed development would require OCP amendment and zoning to proceed. The application proposes 750 single family homes with modest commercial development.
- Public information was held in October. The applicant is planning to introduce the project at Council on Feb 3rd. Probably another public information meeting coming up in February. Welcome all comments from Trails Society, to Tamsin by email or planning@squamish.ca.
- Tamsin and Caroline shared some slides and maps. Info is available online through the District's [development showcase](#)



Key Trails info and discussion:

- [Intergovernmental accord](#) between District of Squamish and Squamish Nation states that the Brackendale Farmers Institute Park has to remain where it is (51 acres)
- Trails to be inventoried and remain or be located
- Tamsin and Caroline's presentation references the Squamish Trails Master Plan
- Phased development, and the District would have the ability to require the developer to do trail improvements early in the development.
- Ray Peters trail (RPT) extension and improvement is proposed. Surfacing of the RPT is a question – gravel or paved?
- For relocated trails, what would be the standard of these trails... tbd.
- Need cut-through trails within the neighbourhood to be well designed
- Suggestion that the District ought to talk to CN about trail connectivity in the context area of Brackendale? Whatever the discussion and treatment is in this development area, provides good precedent and model for other areas as well.

- STS would also like to take a broader view of the trail connections from the proposed neighbourhood to the other trails and amenities; i.e. need to get to the highway overpass, and safe routes to school.
- Also need to pay attention to the trail connections through the neighbourhood and out to the powerlines ... popular for dog walking etc.
- What will be the fencing along the powerline ... interface for the trail users etc.
- Need to provide trail connection in and out of the neighbourhood, so that people can get to the commercial area. Currently the ped/bike facility along Government road is a shoulder that should be improved for active transportation.
- The roads within the development will be narrow (with adequate parking areas for residents designed in)
- Question posed by STS about the District's policy around replacement of 'like' / similar trails – no net loss ... how is this being approached for this development proposal?
- Wayfinding: need trail wayfinding to be considered through the planning and building process
- For the debris flow mitigation project, it was discussed that STS should keep asking the question about including trail connection so that it can be designed in to this project if possible.



Approval of Agenda

- approved

Approval of Carl's December meeting minutes.

- approved

REPORTS

Smoke Bluff Committee report - Shawn or Matt

- N/a – did not make quorum at the last meeting. There will be a new chairperson. There is some discussion about Hospital Hill neighbours' playground within the smoke bluffs park.

Brushback Brigade report – Vic

- There are a few tree hangers and damage. Vic is raising this with the District.
- Little Stawamus area trail - there may need to be some reconstruction and machine work. Streamkeepers are working on this.



Membership report - Heather
Nothing new to report.



"From now on, just take a picture of the tooth and upload it to my Facebook page, then I'll send you the money from PayPal."

NEW BUSINESS

PayPal account set up –Jennifer

Paypal is set up for new memberships on the STS website – thank you Jennifer!

Request from Emily Kalil, Camp Summit, Outdoor Education Centre Director

- for a trail, environment related project, on April 22 that would involve 100 international students around 12 years old.

Ideas for trails projects

- Perhaps the Mike Weeks trail that goes around Highlands Elementary. We would need \$1000 of gravel (3 loads). This project could keep 25 kids and staff busy for a whole day. We'd want to engage the Highlands Elementary as a collaboration with Camp Summit for Earth Day. John H will talk to the Principals at Highlands Elem.
- Nature Trail gravelling is another potential project but needs a small machine because the distance to walk is too far and onerous for kids.
- Perhaps some of the kids could do a brushback project.

- Stephane will invite Emily to February meeting.

• \$500 donation from Atlantic Power Corp via plant administrator Elspeth Miller (Mamquam IPP) –Stéphane

- Huge thanks to Elspeth and Atlantic Power for their support. Stéphane captured the cheque donation with a photo.
- Could engage the membership to see who would be interested in a site visit, as Elspeth has offered.

Edith Tobe, Squamish Watershed Society

- deferred to another meeting as Edith was not present. Purpose of this item is to discuss fixing Loggers Lane Trail at some of the wet pockets beside the new wetlands we constructed just up from the Adventure Centre. Edith will be seeking permission from the DOS to go in and do a little work party and want to see if she can coordinate something with STS.



OLD BUSINESS

Source operating funds for 2015, review expenses.

-At a future meeting we should total up what all of the annual expenses are to get an understanding of what our annual 'carrying costs' are to keep STS running.

- Ideas: Might there be a some savings and efficiency re charitable status with the Squamish community foundation, with several non-profits that could benefit from this?
Also could we explore the role of the District for insurance of people volunteering on District trails? Jim will take on some background research.

Garibaldi Village - Wesbild/Standard Life - 'Getting on the same page' re: negotiating position - John

- Letter to Mayor, Council and staff re: Information with regards to legal dispute
- John will contact the lawyer for an update
- Stephane and John have written a letter to the DoS to tell them about Wesbild; they will circulate a draft

Brennan Park/Commercial way connector - Stéphane and John

- John received a reply from MoT indicating that it costs \$20,000 to put in another crossing light at Commercial Way.
- Pre-application meeting with DoS coming up on Tuesday January 27th. John attending, and Stephane will try to join him.



• Flood Plain Forest Interpretive loop (existing trail), consider STS involvement.

- Meg brought this to the Forestry Society for discussion, action can be anticipated after April.

Action on visioning exercise from last meeting

- Deferred to the next meeting

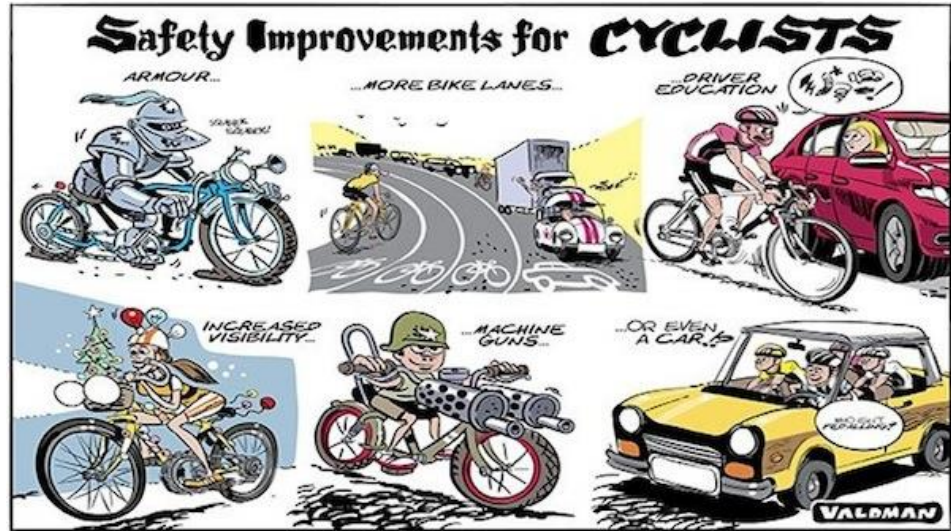
AROUND THE TABLE

Meg update on the Turtle Trail

- Temporary markers (100 markers would cost \$200), and Meg would like some help. STS members, Quest students, school kids etc. – building some community partnerships. Meg is soon going to Community Development standing committee to discuss, and it has been suggested there should be a community working group to make it happen.

NEXT MEETING
Thursday, February
19, 2015

ADJOURNMENT
at 9:05 pm.



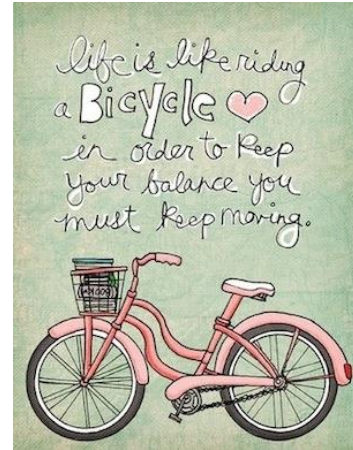
Squamish Trails Society
February 19, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Members present:

John Harvey, Heather Evans, Doug Morrison, Vic Drought, Meg Fellowes, Sean Gosnell, Jennifer Adams, Matt Parker, Stéphane Perron, Patrick McNamara

Regrets: Jim working on his tan in Hawaii

Meeting come to order: 19:11



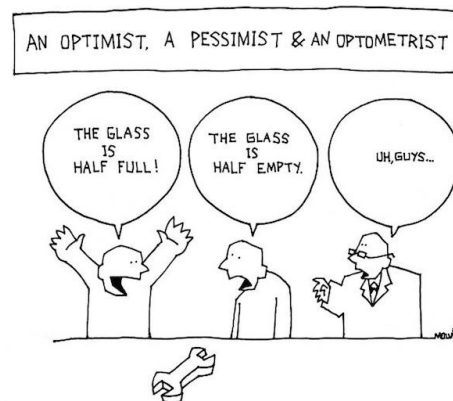
Guests: Katie Homes – Hospital Hill Play Park

Hospital Hill Park Update: Thanks to STS for acting as a fundraising partner and coordination. Have a draft plan (previously sent by email). Goal is to create a play park that is simple and respectful of the existing landscape. A park for the area is in DoS plans but has been limited by available funding. Would need to deal with drainage issues to start. Would use boulders, logs to create play features. Swings and slides to be funded by others. Majority of costs are machine time and community labour. Smoke Bluff Park to donate \$5000 and \$2000 so far from neighbourhood canvassing with goal of \$5000. With that \$10,000 in hand hoping to approach DoS for a further \$15,000 to reach the \$25,000 budget. Financial: Donations of over \$20 can receive income tax receipts from the Squamish Trails Society Hospital Hill Play Park Project. News of project to be provided for Trails Society web site.

Motion: that “ TS accept and dedicate specified charitable donations to trail design, site clearing and drainage facilitation for the Hospital Hill Play Park and that no general funds from STS will be used for this project” Moved by Shawn, seconded by Stephane - carried

“Westbuild File”

The reality is that this development would not have gone forward without the negotiated settlement between the Society and Westbuild. Without Highway access this project would not have been viable. This being the case, each business, each job, the profits as a result of the sale of the property and the continuing profits of the current owner and tenants are dependent on this negotiated settlement.



Regular Meeting: 19:37

Approval of Agenda: additions - Meryl Park Access, Be Bright At Night, trail safeguard, AGM - moved by Stéphane, seconded by Heather - approved

Approval January meeting minutes:

- moved by Stéphane, seconded by Heather - approved

REPORTS:

Smoke Bluff Committee report - Shawn

- covered by Hospital Hill Play Park presentation.

Brushback Brigade report – Vic

- looked at bridge at Mamquam Spawning channels.
 - did some filling on approaches.
- document provided by Jim regarding liability from North Shore Mountain Bike Association Sustainable Trail Maintenance.
- note BBB this year - \$4900 in labour based on stats Can evaluation of \$17.50 per hour.

Discussion: Adopt a Trail concept – nice to encourage but onerous in DoS model. Can it be revitalized into the future?



Financial report - Jennifer

Has set up Paypal link on website and used it to pay membership fees. It is available now to renew. Yearend has been completed and passed on to Don McLennan. Part of this filling out the CRS forms for "Directors". Financials attached by email. Trails BC membership has been renewed, Arts Council membership is due, in-kind donation from Sentry Mini Storage. Insurance discussion: Jennifer will not research further unless something comparable comes up. Notes: AGM coming up, so will need ad in paper. Tshirts \$8.10 each cost

Membership report - Heather

Nothing new to report, but given that AGM is coming up it would be timely to have another newsletter. BBB "applications", membership renewal, AGM notice etc.

Feb 3 Meeting with Bob Smith, Scott Lamont DoS:

Great meeting, very receptive, would like to meet twice per year. Curious what was high on our list. Their story – no money, though they are hoping to get new machine that could be used for trail maintenance. Only specifically budgeted maintenance items is Corridor and Discovery Trails. Reiterated how much they appreciate the BBB. Another item was discussion of how inappropriate basalt gravels are. News to them! We need to continue to facilitate these types of meetings.

Agreed that we need improvements regarding signage and wouldn't it be nice if STS was involved in the discussion.



NEW BUSINESS

Meryl Park: (behind Catholic Church) Access from Greenwood Way is going to be gone with construction of house. There is another access at Greenwood that needs some work. Highlights the need to protect access points.

Kingswood Overpass Connector: Appears to be loss of connector to Dryden and trail along tracks.

Leads to discussion regarding crossing of CN Rail right of way. Need a coordinated strategy, which

would start with an effort to identify where the problems are. Defer to next meeting.

Be Bright at Night: Would the STS support asking DoS to trademark the slogan?
Needs a champion. Maybe ICBC would be interested?

Option to approach District / ICBC on letterhead? Maybe if DoS knew brand was being offered to ICBC they might pony up to trademark themselves? Important that the concept remain locally owned – yet still available for all users.



Safeguarding Path from Greenwood Way to Thunderbird Creek: Unprotected 12 foot drop (as previously discussed) Discussed with DoS and reply that this is on private land. Action item might be that these types of concerns are attached to priority list given to DoS. May be timely that we produce an up to date “concern” list. Possible approach to produce a “form letter” that is forwarded to DoS when concerns are brought forward. Doug to resend correspondence from last year to executive.

Turtle Trail Signage: Went to Council standing committee and had quite warm response. Will be looking at pinch points. Liked the idea of temporary markers. Possibility of posters around community to garner support and feedback. 100 pieces for \$200. Moved by Stéphane, seconded by Heather that we authorize this expense – carried. Started Council presentation with the branding discussion and wayfinding. Will be part of discussion when it comes to design of interpretive signs.



Mike Weeks Trail: Work party Friday April 17. Graveling trail around Highlands Elementary. School Board to donate trucking. Ramp to be built with lock-blocks, donated by SD48. STS to provide gravel from our credit at Coast Agg. Moved by John that we apply up to \$1000 of this credit for this project, seconded by Stéphane – carried.

AGM: Coming up in April. Need to solicit members for executive. Would we like to have a guest speaker – pulls in more people? Need to advertise. Start thinking about it!

Issues Moving Forward: Fundraising: Membership drive: Better music at meetings?

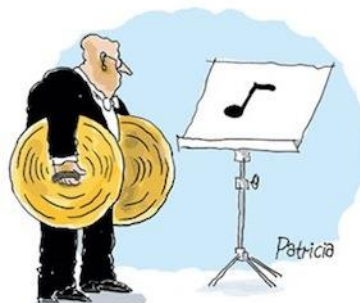
• **Flood Plain Forest Interpretive loop (existing trail), consider STS involvement.**

- Update for March meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 19, 2015

ADJOURNMENT at 9:13 pm.



Squamish Trails Society
March 19, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Members present:

John Harvey, Heather Evans, Vic Drought, Meg Fellowes, Matt Parker, Stéphane Perron, Patrick McNamara, Chris Dale, Jim Gracie



Meeting come to order: 19:05

Guests: SDBA - Corry / SORCA - Jeff and Roland

Background: Funds (historically \$60,000) from DoS. SORCA has been doing the majority of the legwork. Jeff made presentation to Committee of the Whole during the budget process and requested \$60,000 again this year. Discussion: how do we spend this funds with about %15 going “to the Trail Society”. Six workers for about 12 weeks split into different projects. Last year worked in Coho area. Planning started late last year so would like to establish priorities earlier. Like to see the biggest impact for all users. *How did they come up with number?* Broke down into a week based on the number of members in each group. Based on a work week. 3 for SORCA, 1 for Trails, 1 for SDBA. Over the course of the season this would balance out. Original agreement (this is 4th year) was hashed out between Ed, Bob and Cliff. Multi-user trails or cross-over / overlap areas the biggest bang for “everybody”. This year looking at Trestle Trail. Also looking at Bracken Trail because of potential trail user conflicts – possibly twin. One uphill walker and the other biker downhill. SORCA looking at dialing in climbing trails – lots of shared use. STS ideas Trestle to Pia, Mike Weeks trail for gravel placement, Smokebluffs Funarama. SDBA biggest focus is “organizing the hillbillies.” Glad to be a part of trail organizations. Reality is that motorized users are not well organized. Message is that they have to go above and beyond because of some real bad examples. Some stuff does not work. Cannot have motorbikes and bikes climbing the same routes. We are not separate user groups. Motorized users have got bikes too and are “eventually going to have to walk (on trails) with their girl friends”. We all need to be on the same team as locals – need to ensure education, stewardship and responsible trail use through education / signage. This is a lower Mainland issue as there is no “dirt bike” trails in the North Shore. Need areas for family, kids, learning and training areas for motorized users. Only ten locals maintaining trails and (many) guys from the city destroying them every weekend. We need somewhere that riders can do the “skateboard” type of activities. If you do not have a designated “redneck” park they will spread into other areas. “GAS”



(Cat Lake) area is ideal but cannot get Section 57. Is there another area in the Mamquam Forest Service Road area. Something needs to happen moving forward.

“Why are we having crossover issues close to town when motorized users can get farther out where there are not the same kind of user conflicts.” We do have good relationship with Forestry and have been good allies.

STS Issues: Funding is a problem. Signage, safety gaps. STS looking at bigger projects for connectivity, bike lane infrastructure.



Past issues: Liability problems for private land owners that contain trails ie. Tom Dowad lands. SORCA is working through a new insurance policy for trail use on private land, as DoS does not want to take on liability. SORCA's insurance intended to protect SORCA from liability as well. Been on SORCA agenda for years and on DoS since Trails Master Plan.

Altercation with mountain biker on Mashiter Trail. SORCA would like to educate users – both cyclists and walkers to find a way to co-exist. Some trails need to be designated as non-walker ie. Roller Coaster, Half Nelson are crazy to walk on. Mashiter should be designated as multi-user trails with proper protocols – this is a road, not a trail. Eg. Downhill cyclist keep to the right. Discussion: We need a consistent signage standard and policy. Need to have an inclusive consultation with DoS. Develop a consistent standard – greater use of QR codes. DoS is putting forward RFP for District wide way-finding. All groups must use same base standard. All should be registered on Tourism Squamish.

Trail signage standards next evolution of “branding process”. Why are they all brown logo with green paint” – should be trail markers with bright reflective strip on top so you can see them – day or night.

Would like a yearly funding review but would also like a 5 commitment of \$60,000 per so that planning can start early to ensure works start as early as possible in season. Workers need to be interviewed and hired prior to start of works. For this year, as funding has not been approved, nothing has started yet. Optimistic that funding will be approved, but until cash still will be waiting to move forward.

Lots of overlapping issues, so lets keep each other informed of issues so that we can assist each other. Perhaps we could exchange minutes. **End of guest presentation:**

SES MEETING: Approval of Agenda: add distribution of agenda, rewrite of Greenwood Way letter
- moved by John, seconded by Matt – approved.

Approval January meeting minutes:
- moved by Stéphane, seconded by Matt – approved.

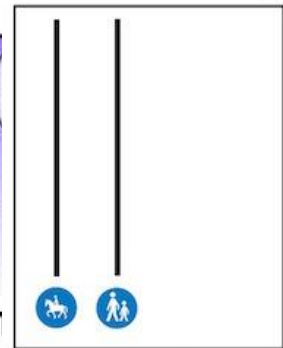
REPORTS: Smoke Bluff Committee report - John
- BC Hydro cleanup, 775 trees planted.

Brushback Brigade report – Vic
- not terribly active yet, couple of trees removed from a couple of trails. DoS paid to have some danger trees felled.

- looking forward to real start of season in May. *Question: Impact on nesting?* Cannot remember seen nests that are that close to trails and usually brushing back year old



A Short History of



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growth.

Financial report -

Jennifer away. Stéphane discussing some recent highlights. Ie. Received \$1000 for organization in Ontario. Heather sent a nice letter back.

Membership report - Heather

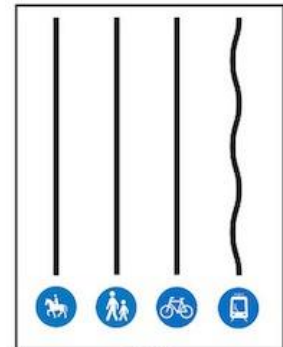
AGM next month; Heather to send out newsletter and we will be accepting renewals of membership. Heather will be bringing T-shirts. Newsletter; sign up for Brush Back, Turtle Trail update.

NEW BUSINESS

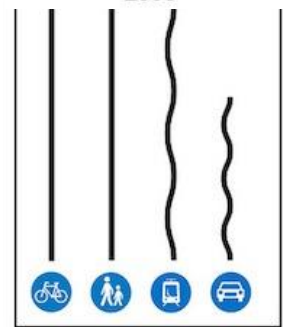
SES CSI meeting this March 21, Saturday at 8:30 Carl to provide update.

Estuary Trail Discussion: Trails within areas around Westbarr. Rail crossings. Gazetted crossing on sewer outfall, but not on South Loop. Some pushback by environment community members on south loop.

Trail Adoption: Jim: Why don't we have more trail adoption. Use to have it and it was not very successful. Is part of the Trails Master Plan. Lot of liability issues and waivers. Without a dedicated Trail Coordinator it fell by the wayside. Worthwhile to do some further investigation to see how it works in other areas. Maybe simplify so that it is very basic. Raking – sticks and rocks, garbage and dog poo might get a larger contribution. Real trail inventory might be useful in this regard. GIS system is suited for this. Jim researching some more.



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AGM: Coming up in April 16 at Arts Council Building. Need to solicit members for executive. Would we like to have a guest speaker – pulls in more people? Advertising in process. Meg to discuss the Turtle Trail. Membership drive! Moved by Stéphane , seconded by John that we invite Meg to discuss the Turtle Trail – carried.

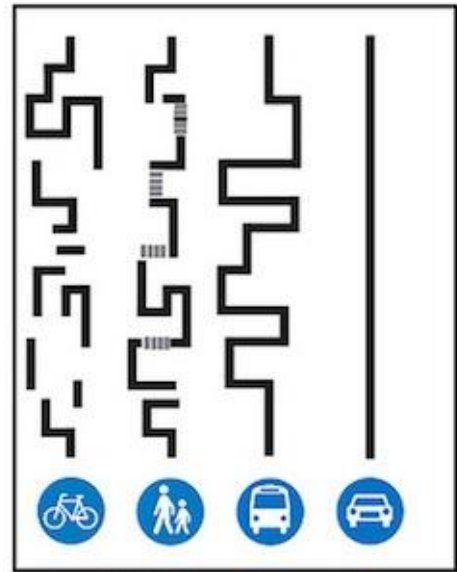
Topics for discussion. Trail visioning / setting priorities. Use large trail doc. Heather to make sticky notes of existing ideas which can be added to. Start the process so that membership knows what it takes to make these things happen. Maybe we can find a champion for a particular project, or get more folks to sign up for Brush Back or ?

Emailing Agendas: Stéphane moved, seconded by Patrick that we forward meeting agendas each month to membership. Discussion: proposed that we include a notice on next newsletter that we will be sending a monthly notice of meeting with agenda to all members – with an option to opt out of receiving such notifications.

Old Business: Correspondence / Wesbuild

Last letter; “Application of Notice to Admit” puts ball back in other court. If they do not respond it appears in our favour.

Letter regarding email about Wesbuild / developers has been sent. John to follow up for AGM report. Second letter in support of \$60,000 still in draft. John to review and resend for approval.



1950 - present

Turtle Trail Signage / Etc: Trail markers have been produced. Looking for a date and time to install. 100 produced. Underpasses: Graffiti Art – maybe we could get some youth to produce some art for these locations. Make features of these types of “installation”. Youth ownership might alleviate some of these issues. Turtle trail could be an “Art Loop” if “art” was placed on corners or along route – another possible youth project? Looking for involvement as part of the wind festival. Maybe wind art along some of our trail loops as features. Trail maps, brochures, business cards need to be available for these types of events (may need updating). Should have display at Adventure Centre.



Logger’s Lane Nature Trail: We would like to participate in a work party in the spring.

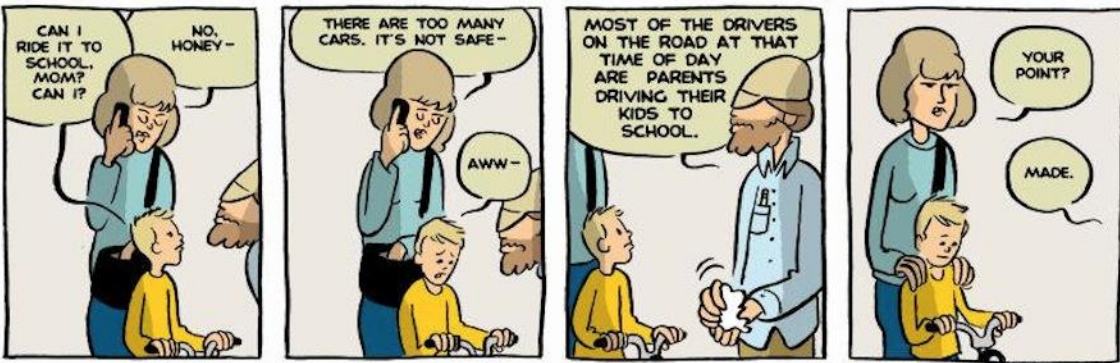
Greenwood Way to Jay Crescent / Be Bright at Night: Moved by Doug, seconded by Meg suggesting that the existing letters from Doug directed to Council be re-written coming from the Trails Society. Would anybody like to take these on as projects? Highlights the risk of these type of rock ballast structures that need a design solution to alleviate those risks, and trademark “Be Bright at Night”. Jim to take out his thesaurus.

Thursday April at BAG: Meg Toom on Squamish Large Mammals.

NEXT MEETING - AGM

Thursday, April 16, 2015

ADJOURNMENT at 9:15:28 pm.



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Squamish Trails Society AGM
April 16, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Members present:

John Harvey, Heather Evans, Vic Drought, Meg Fellowes, Matt Parker, Stéphane Perron, Don, Chris Dale, Jim Gracie



Meeting come to order: 19:05

Special Presentation: Turtle Trail Presentation – Different and Shorter

Acknowledging the diversity of people living in Squamish and the wide spread of individuals living throughout our corridor. One of the intensions of the Turtle Trail is to connect this diversity. Layout is roughly in the same of a Turtle with waterfront as the head – legs to Estuary, River, Smoke Bluffs and Mamquam. Core trail approx. 12 km and is largely in place. Squamish “residents” originally hunter gatherers, followed by farmers. Then came transportation and logging. After the Second World War truck logging was the driver. Since that time there has been a great diversification. The intension of the Turtle Trail is to share these stories.



There has been several presentations to community and Council. DoS engineering to do preliminary route to review to identify problems. Will be part of community way finding (maps, brochures, aps) and interpretive signage. Funding waiting for communication piece (as a follow up from Municipal branding excersise). Once that is done there will be a business plan for funding.

Role of Trail Society. Has been involved in the initial trail markers (turtle icons). Next meeting with youth (graffiti art?) and working with Wind Society to develop art projects.

More information? Facebook page – Google Squamish Turtle Trail for link. If there other opportunities contact Meg at turtletrail@telus.net. Turtle Trail image reminds us that we do not all need to move at the speed of light. Intended for families, groups, elders – not an adrenalin route.

End of presentation:

SES MEETING: Called to order 19.20

Approval of Agenda:

- moved by Stéphane, seconded by Meg – approved.

Approval March meeting minutes:

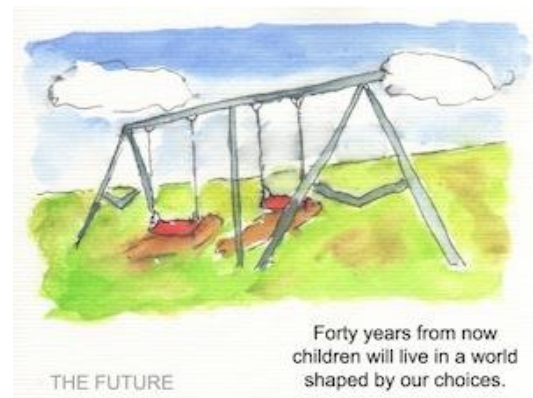
* date of meeting changed to Feb, 5 year plan notation.

- moved by Stéphane, seconded by Doug – approved.

President’s Report regarding last year / moving forward:

Thank you to everyone who has helped out and taken on a role. Greatly appreciated one and all. Also acknowledge donations and in kind - Ted Prior, Ted Tempany.

Last year. Many speakers regarding community proposals, SES community involvement. Held meetings



with DoS departments for direct consultation. Great to have discussions with SORCA and SDBA. Projects: Laughing Turtle, Fall Fair, Be Bright at Night (DoS now), newsletter (thank you Heather). Carson (Wilson Crescent) Slough Bridge – “Alternate ? Bridge”. Members attended Recreation All Candidates Meeting (excellent representation as well)! Did lots of great stuff. Hard to limit the praise to the Brush Back Brigade! Giant woo woo to the BBB!!!

Next Year? Brainstorming session in December. Turtle Trail! Thunderbird Creek / Trestle Trail (Townline to Coho Park), Wonderland Trail (ongoing Matt project), CN Rail crossing interfaces (safety, pedestrian connectivity) Judd Slough Bridge (Tom Dowad - abutement), Corridor Trail connectivity, Skyline to Ayer Drive connector, Brennan Park Connector (to Commercial) (some concerns from all weather field users), Tim Horton’s intersection to Logger’s Creek Connector (south side of Finch), Discovery Trail Bridge (completed – though grades along Britannia Slough still need upgrading), Hospital Hill Connector (Hunter / Tunnel Trail?) (note that DoS has removed some of the basalt material we complained about), Estuary Trail (assess some low spots and covering roots) (require discussion regarding appropriateness of trails), Little Stawamus Trail (washed out badly) (DoS is not going to spend any money, but is an important trail which should be reviewed), Trail Signage ideas.

Reminder that every idea / project needs a champion to really drive them forward!

STS also need to be a conduit for community based trail issues. Bring your concerns forward! Be those eyes and ears on the trail for developing problems and needs.

Suggestion that this “wish list” be posted on website. Heather to work with Jen to make it so.



Elections:

Resignation of the Existing Board:

Nominations: Stéphane - President; John - Vice; Heather - Membership; Vic - BBB; Jen – Treasurer, Carl – Scribe, Directors – Doug, Jim, Sean, Matt. No further nominations from the floor. Moved by Meg that we accept the nomination as presented, seconded by Patsy – carried.

*Note that Societies need new life and new members stepping forward to fill executive roles. *Stéphane reminding us that he will be standing for only one more year.

First New Business of “new” Board: Discussion regarding the position of Honourary Members for Life. Moved by Carl, seconded by John that we create the position and establish Bob and Penny as the first official members.

Carried.



REPORTS: Brushback Brigade report – Vic

“Stuff starting to grow”. Looking to get started in May. Put notice in the newsletter for new members.

Financial report -

Jennifer away. Presented by Heather. Carl moved that we accept financial report as presented, seconded by Stéphane. Discussion regarding money for Hospital Hill Play Park. Carried.

Membership report - Heather

Time to renew membership. Pass Heather money at the end of meeting. Can now become a member and pay on line (thanks to Jen) Note special deal to become a member and get a Tshirt. Thank you you Heather. Moved by Stéphane, seconded by Carl that we accept membership report as presented – carried.



NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Location. Arts Council Building secured for another year. (we are members of Arts Council)

Cat Lake “Climbing Trail”: Jim Harvey has determined that a bike lane could be built on the east side of the highway that could be developed as an off highway “climbing route” to Cat Lake trails. Stéphane has expressed support on behalf of STS.

Wind Festival: Coming up. Possible fund raising event? Stéphane to do a bit more research and ask for presentation at next meeting.

Old Business: Correspondence / Wesbuild: Status? Waiting . . .



Citizen Scientist Meeting: Discussion of appropriate level of access and impact of trails on environment. Discussion: Value of water frontage on a world class stage. Reminder that this is the start of the OCP renewal process. All community groups need to be prepared for the process.

Mike Weeks Trail: Happening April 17 at Highlands Elementary; 9 – 12.

Hospital Hill Play Park: over \$6000 donated from Hospital Hill residents. Have received funds from Smoke Bluffs and hopefully final funding from DoS. Heather and John to work together to produce tax receipts.

Merrill Park Access: Only official access is existing past church. There had been an access point through a private lot that has since been developed. There are two “good” routes with existing right of ways that could have trails constructed along to replace

the lost access. STS could support the proposal but DoS needs to be the organization approaching the effected property owners – not STS. John would like to start planning process in the fall for construction in 2016. Discussion: strategy to deal with these trail access issues. Discussion: STS position of trails on private lands.

Jay Crescent Connector: John has contacted the developer – who is apparently an avoider? He will learn that John is persistent.

Logger’s Lane Connector Trail has been postponed.

Wesbuild no new news.

Pemberton Avenue: there will be upgrades to Mamquam Blind Channel underpass.

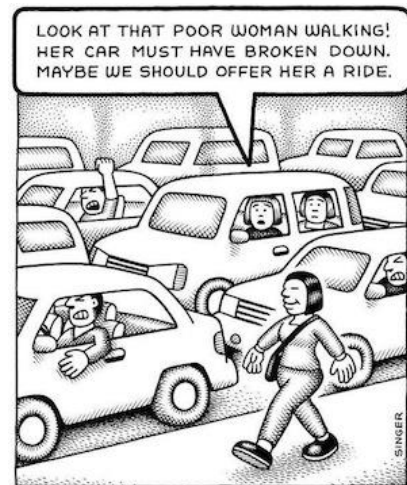
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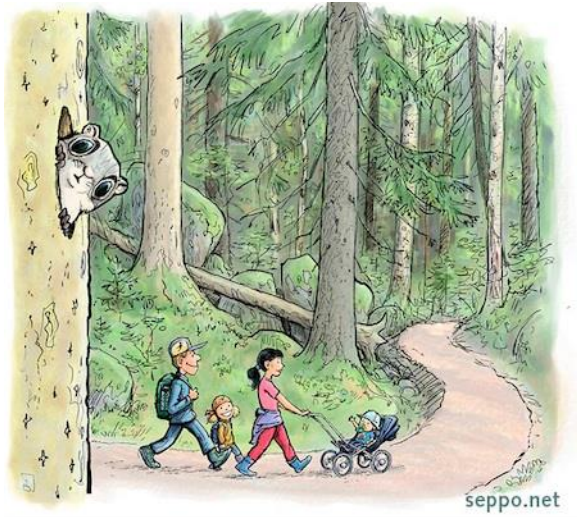
Thursday, May 21, 2015

ADJOURNMENT at 21:09 pm. Moved by Stéphane

Future: Letter to OCP re trails on private lands – protection of trail promises made by developers.

Sea to Sky Marine Trail: Does this mean no land trail





Squamish Trails Society
June 18, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Members present:

John, Heather, Vic, Stéphane, Patrick and Penny
 Doug, Jennifer, Matt and Jim send their regrets

Meeting come to order: 19:20

SES MEETING: Called to order 19.20

Approval of Agenda: - moved by Stéphane, seconded by Heather – approved.

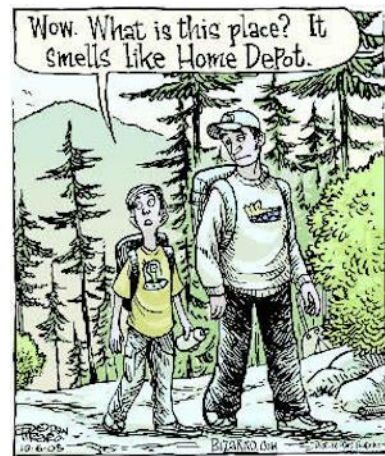
Approval May meeting minutes:

* Not yet ready – Stéphane to complete ASAP

REPORTS: Smoke Bluffs: Nothing to report for this meeting.

Brushback Brigade report – Vic

Starting work as the brush is growing. About 75 hours so far this year. Most recent work at Jack Quick Memorial – moving rocks and sticks and placing gravels to complete loop trail. Thanks to Doug Horth for his initial work on this trail. Also cleared brush on “Dark Roast Connector” (lots of knotweed). Discussion regarding control of knotweed, Monsanto and herbicides. Question from Heather; With Triathlon coming up July 12, is any help needed? At this point it is looking pretty good.



Financial report -

Jennifer away. Presented by Stéphane. Noted that we have been getting donations through “Canada Helps”, Jennifer has now connected this funding source directly to our bank account. (that is certainly very efficient) Discussion about grant writing. Maybe we need to engage membership to see if there is somebody to do this – which of course led to increasing membership – new blood to write grants!

Membership report - Heather

Nothing new to report but looking for newsletter item and thinking about the “how to donate” angle. Need a “charitable receipt available” script as part of the sales pitch. Win – win for persons or organizations that are donating. Discussion relating to fundraising and fund-spending; how do we allocate funding to leverage money? Let’s actually get out there and let “people” know that there is a



benefit in donating to the Trail Society. Do we have a “policy” for donations in memorial ie; memorial benches?

NEW BUSINESS

Penny Appreciation: Penny has been around since the “Jim Wisnia days” – hanging around on the periphery. Remembers first meetings at the Brew Pub. Been doing 15 years plus – which is worthy of recognition. Presented with “Certificate of Appreciation” and honorary Life Time Membership.

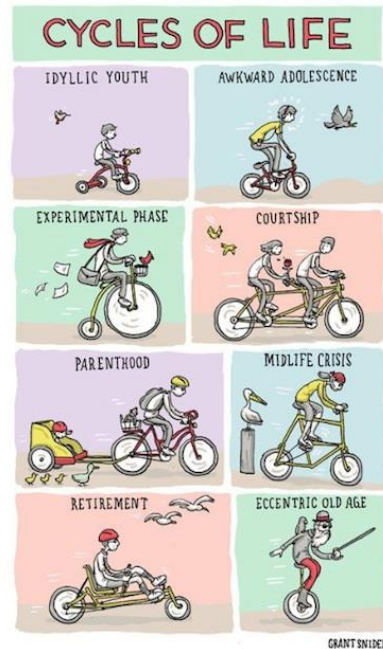
David Wilcox re: GAS Proposal: GAS implying that community groups had been consulted when there had not been any meaningful consultation. Moved by Stéphane that he provide a letter to the EAO that the Trail Society, as an invested stakeholder group in the area, did not have any meaningful consultation with the proponent and that any claim to the contrary is erroneous. Seconded by John – carried.

Old Business:

OCP Review Process: Going to be starting later this year. District is looking for input and Trail Society should not miss this opportunity. Deferred to later meeting but we should continue discussion in the mean time by email. We will need to be part of this process and review proposals. There is a possibility that STS could have a member on the committee? Heather to circulate to membership. Anyone with Trails as a passion should consider applying for committee. Easements, paving, wayfinding, connectors, sewer corridors to trails, trails standards, rail crossings, bike lanes . . .

Wayfinding: What is it? Definition? Maps; times, distance, elevation gains, amenities along the way. What should trail signage look like? Standards? Collaborate with STS, SORCA, SDBA.

Marine Trail Opening: Mamquam Blind Channel event – all the power players were there, including the Lt. Gov. – and John in a canoe. Speeches cut short by the rising tide. “Moving little piece of local history.” Check out article in the Chief





Merrill Park Access: Been toured a couple of times and trail routes have been defined. Letter drafted for Bob Smith and Scott Lamont which was approved and put forward by District of Squamish – hand delivered to all effected persons in the neighbourhood. Trails designed for walkers and bikes with signage on roads.

Wind Festival: Squamish Arts Council is putting this together – it is big! Coincides with the Squamish Yacht Club Regatta. Includes windsurfers etc. Need guides and will pay for their time. Good fund raiser! Heather to add opportunity to next newsletter.

Jay Crescent Railing: John met with Todd Nichols met on site. Put together a proposal and quote will be forwarded to Phil Holborn (Townline Development). Assume it will be completed before the end of summer. Profile? Maybe Doug should get up there with Phil and develop a press release. (maybe an OCP item – must be stepped walls)



"Hey, buddy! Unless you're passing, get out of the left lane!"

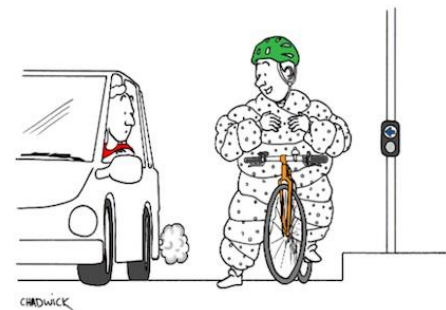
Hospital Hill Play Park: Fundraising: Residents \$7500 Council \$25,000 Smoke Bluff Committee \$5000. Feature piece could be the big large log from Biennial art project. Lots of donations from businesses.

Mamquam Floodplain Clean-up: Most of it has been cleaned up but more yet to come. John well know at the dump.

Wesbuild / Standard Life: There is general support for a settlement. Council's decision to defer rezoning of this property may have an influence on the speed of this process. Still in negotiation and the fact that they have made an offer is significant. Discussion: Do we have a firm handle on the legal fees to this point?

Turtle Trail: Meg meeting with DoS staff soon and will then have better idea of launch date. .

John Weston Bicycle Safety Meeting: Noted in Squamish Chief that John is organizing an important meeting regarding bike road safety June 20. Heather to circulate to membership to attend. Important event.



"Until they sort out some safe lanes I'm sticking with the bubble wrap."

Round the Room:

WestBarr Remediation:

Why has the link to south loop been removed?

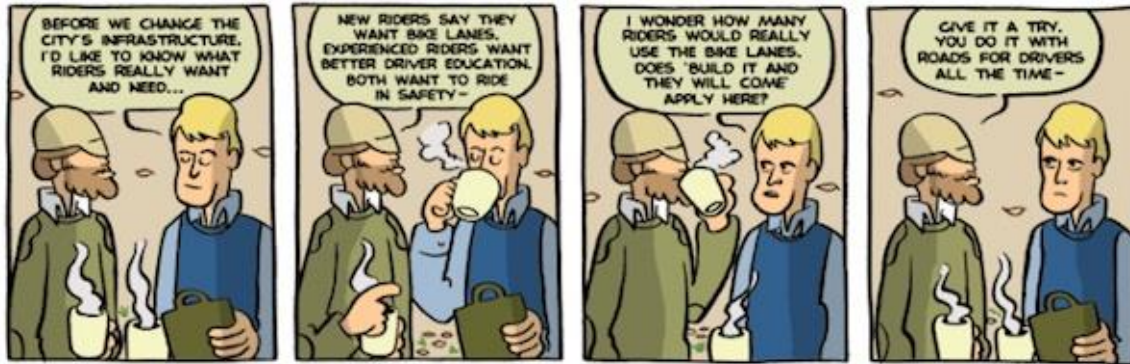
What standards is trail being built to?

Carl to discuss with DFO and SRWS then draft letter expressing interest of STS to assist in upgrades.

NEXT MEETING – Squamish Arts Council Building

Thursday July 16, 2015

ADJOURNMENT at 21:02 pm. Moved by Stéphane





**Squamish Trails Society
September 17, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

Members present:

John Harvey, Heather Evans, Stéphane Perron, Jim Gracie, Vic Drought, Chris Dale, Patrick McNamara, Shawn Gosnell, Carl Halvorson, Heather Evans
Regrets: Doug Morrison, Jennifer Adams, Matt Parker

Meeting came to order: 19:05

GUESTS:

Matt Simmons re: Corridor Trail Plans for 2015 (Funded by Gas Tax Grant) – ETC.

Garibaldi Way to Harris Road had been stale for a couple of years because of property issues, particularly in front of Spectacle - many presentations and strata votes.

Phase 1 starts at Garibaldi Way to Harris Road - approx 400 m and will be lit with LED lights every 30 m.

Phase 2 starts includes Kingswood Overpass to Depot. Originally plans were along railway right of way - through swamp - which is unbuildable. Gravel section from Tantalus Road to overpass and from overpass to Kingswood will be paved and "pre-ducted" for future lighting program.



Looking at neighbourhood connections into Bracken Park to Honey Lane and Depot.

Dealing with CN to establish connections across tracks. Transport Canada has changed guidelines so there are many challenges.

* Rose Park is ready but has been put off with sea dike planning and alignment through proposed Forestry Centre.

Active Transportation Plan / Turtle Trail / Corridor Trail extension to Chief - funding available but you need to have a plan to get funding. What are the deliverables? What is attainable?

Must work hard to solve constraint problems before plans are put in place. Have to really sell it, must have a good planning, must have a total, complete plan.

* Paving program cut to spend money on trails.

Reminder - let DoS know of hit list.

* There will be an active engagement process in future.

* Green paint coming for bike / car lane conflict areas.

* Moving forward, utility corridors must be "transportation" corridors



REGULAR MEETING:

Approval of June minutes: Deferred to next meeting

REPORTS: Smoke Bluff: Shawn, John

Noted that Smoke Bluffs needs a map that can be handed out at Adventure Centre.

Suggested that Shawn bring back to Smoke Bluff Group.

- Kudos to Jim and John in work in Play Park.

- Huge load of woodchips to be wheeled Saturday / Sunday 9 til 4 - everybody welcome.

- Grand Opening of Hospital Hill Play Park Saturday Sept. 26 at 1 pm.



* Barry and Amar re: Biennale Log Sculptures - being "inspected" tomorrow. Last piece was to go to Forestry Museum. May go to Smoke Bluffs (temporarily?).

Brushback Brigade report: - Vic

Had been shut down for "fire season". Back at it now 2.5 km and 115 hours - about half of last year. Recently working on Loggers Creek Trail. Had a few suggestions dropped off - Bill's Place to Mamquam Road? Lots of bank instability and hard to do "legally". Difficult area to do anything

with - a problematic trail. Noted that while these Highland connector trails can be difficult they maybe something we can highlight to District as priorities (as well as Ayre Drive Connector). "Cut and fill" neighbourhoods really need these kind of connectors – commented that utility corridors must be defined as community trail connector corridors. Work also required on bridge access on Mashiter channel bridge – (most westerly bridge between highway and Government)

Bridge repair required on two of bridges on Nature Trail as well.



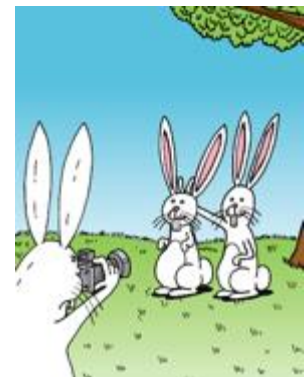
Financial report: There is money in the working fund. Details available. Term deposit coming due that we need to decide what to do with. Moved by Stéphane - seconded by Shawn that we request that Jennifer look into options – to be discussed by email - carried. Noted that we may need to keep some of these funds aside for future operations budget?

Membership: -Heather

Suggested that it would be a good time to do a Fall Newsletter. Three new members signed up at Fall Fair.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fall Fair Report: Jim, Penny, Meg, Stéphane - really busy, lots of people wanted to talk about trails. Signed some new members, sold some tshirts - raffled off a shirt – busy, busy! Harris Road resident talking about Kowtain trail access issues. Possibly contact SFN with cc to Randall.



Banking: Stéphane has been added to list of signatories for our bank account. Shawn, Stéphane, Heather, Jennifer now have signing authority.



District way-finding signage plan meeting: Presentation by consultant. - John & Stéphane attended. From Welcome to Squamish to trails and everything in between. Vocal re: opinion on what should be achieved.

Taken from the branding exercise. Suggested that ensure parts of the signage is replaceable - so the whole sign doesn't need to be replaced when it needs to be updated. Huge project with big cost attached. Not clear on how stakeholders will be included in project as it moves forward. Priority for Trail Society might be to fill in those spaces that may not be completed by District in near future.

Garibaldi At Squamish: Call from Peter present to STS board and have dialogue improve trails at that end of Squamish. Concerned that a meeting would be Moved by John that we do not invite - thirded by Stephane - fourthed by Carl - Stéphane to send polite letter notifying to go – just go.



Gordon requesting time to about GAS and how it could perceived as consultation. seconded by Shawn - carried our intention to tell them

Squamish School Travel Planning representative.

Carl will attend. Heather will go to first meeting if before Sept 28th.

Committee: looking for STS

Little Stawamus - Valley Drive Connector Trail: -John

Important connector trail. Prescription by Pier complicated and expensive. Possibility of stabilization by SRWS / DFO - with support letters from Trails and Streamkeepers. In-kind contributions important to grant application. Motion to write a letter support that would include in-kind contribution to a habitat enhancement project that would include stream side trail infrastructure. Moved by John, seconded by Stéphane - carried.

Squamish Nonprofit Network: Anybody interested in attending their meetings, seminars, workshops? Anybody? Heather is a teanie bit interested.



OLD BUSINESS:

- \$5000 Funding approval from Whistler Backcomb Environmental Fund for Squamish Sports Legacy Climbing Trail Network -Matt Parker

- Wind Festival. Guiding: \$100 for 4 hr commitment on July, 25th -Stéphane

- Wesbild/Standard Life -John & Stéphane
Talked to lawyer on his way out of the country - now Manual Life / Wesbuild. Talking about lump sum settlement. Westbuild is hoping that Manual Life will contribute towards a possible payment.



- Turtle Trail -Meg? Temporary marking soon to be finished.



AROUND THE TABLE:

Heather - Exciting that we have been invited to put forward our priorities. Good topic for next meeting to spend some time and actually put such a list together. Transportation plan is a great opportunity moving forward.

NEXT MEETING:

- Thursday, October 15, 2015, 7:00pm, Squamish Arts Council Building

ADJOURNMENT:



21:07



Squamish Trails Society
October 15, 2015
Meeting Minutes



Members present:

Stéphane Perron, Jim Gracie, Vic Drought, Candy Rustad, Don Lawrence, Jennifer Adams, Heather Evans, Doug Morrison
Regrets: John Harvey, Matt Parker, Shawn Gosnell

Meeting came to order: 19:07

Approval of Agenda: Yes

Approval of June minutes: Moved by Stéphane, seconded by Heather we approve – carried

***No meeting in August:**

Approval of September: Moved by Stéphane, seconded by Jennifer that we approve - carried

REPORTS:

Brushback Brigade report: - Vic Brushback has done 145 hours and 4.25 kilometers of trails so far this year. Discussion regarding trail maintenance – kudos to other individuals working on trails as well – particularly the gentleman who has been working on the Swan Trail. Noted that south end of trail is very rooty – could maybe use some of the extra material from the log sort mitigation to gravel some of the worst sections. Matt had mentioned before that he intended to get in there and do some work. Also noted that a culvert needed at south end for drainage crossing.



Trimming work has been done on Nature Trail. Two bridges are in need of repair. Discussion regarding invasive species. Primarily knotweed. Moved by Stéphane, seconded by Jennifer we accept Brushback Report - carried

Financial report: - Jennifer Discussion re: financial matters, outstanding cheques and committed funds. Discussion regarding what our actions might be if we were to receive a more significant amount of money. Suggested by Jennifer that she might investigate using a financial advisor. (Wait and see what happens with Wesbuild)

Moved by Stéphane, seconded by Heather that we accept the financial statements as presented – carried.

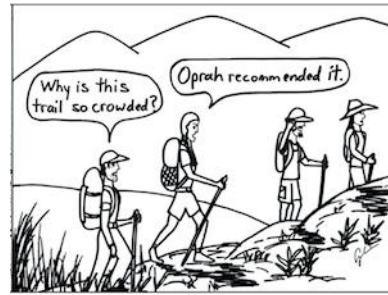


Membership: - Heather

Still thinking about a Fall Newsletter – need some ideas? Riding in the Rain (and Darkness), Smoke Bluff Parks, Turtle Trail markers, need BrushBack volunteers, Senior Wellness Fair, upcoming projects, DoS Wish list update.

NEW BUSINESS:

Corridor Trail Extension: Suggested that we ask the DoS if they are actively pursuing the extension trail on east side of the Highway to Depot and Wonderland. Discussion of routes – potential from the end of Tantalus. Moved by Stéphane, seconded by Vic that he ask Shawn to draft a letter to DoS – carried.



Squamish Non Profit Network – Changes to the Charitable Societies Act:

Jennifer attending on our behalf.

Rotary Sponsorship of Signage?: Noted that Rotary has sponsored signage in the past. Suggested that they may be interested in another project? Noted that Squamish is currently working on a signage / wayfinding process – so there will be a new standard coming forward.

Trail Map: Lovely plastized map showed up in our storage bin – good map for presentations! Discussion re maps and what are the best options. Website has links to DoS maps.

Senior Wellness Fair: We will have a booth – Jennifer and Candy have offered to woman the booth. “Free therapy at Trail Society – Come out To BrushBack and Wack a Weed, Anger Management Encounters. Pacifists Welcome as Well!

OLD BUSINESS:

GAS: Stéphane still to reply to Peter Gordon (GAS) – “just stay no”. Letting our personal bias get in the way of open consultation.

Hospital Hill Play Park: John proudly represented Trail Society. Very successful neighbourhood project. Noted that this project was a great promotion for STS. Suggested that we make an effort to promote the Trail Society – if you are representing the Society at public events suggested that we ensure we are wearing STS t-shirts.

Wayfinging Committee: Stéphane and John were STS representatives at first meeting. Consultant is presenting their draft findings / proposals for feedback Friday (Oct 16)

Wesbild/Standard Life: Nothing new to report. Nothing from the lawyer. Moved by Heather, seconded by Jennifer that Stéphane confirm financial expectations of lawyer – carried. Discussion regarding what our commitments are?



"If they want me to take it, they should use better marketing."

Turtle Trail: Meg sends her regrets. Did a trail ride last week – prepping for DoS feasibility study. Noted that icons spray painted along proposed route – last of the markers are up. There will be some ride along this fall for stakeholder buy in. Discussion re colours used and possibility of placing icons on the back side of other signage.

Little Stawamus - Valley Drive Connector Trail: - Support letter completed and in.

Squamish School Travel Planning Committee: - Carl

Carl attended first meeting, committee has broad representation from DoS, SD48, stakeholder groups and parent groups. Have funding to study 6 schools – doing Squamish, Mamquam and Garibaldi Highlands Elementary(s) first round. Final deliverable will be a map for each school defining preferred / recommended safe routes to schools for walkers and cyclists. Questions: Will there be infrastructure improvements? Connector improvements? Possible upgrade of Ayr Drive to Coho Park connector? High School issues –noted that Les Aiglons now at former Cap U campus. What about lighting? Lots of information available at www.hastebc.org



DoS Updates: email from Dora Gunn to be forwarded from Stéphane.

AROUND THE TABLE:

Heather – Matt Simmons letter? Stéphane to sign “on behalf of the Directors”.



Carl – one thing forgotten at meeting that I had promised to bring up . . .
Asked by representative at School Travel Planning Committee if Society would be interested (or able) to use youths involved in the Restorative Justice system as Community Service Workers – or if we knew of other organizations that could? They potentially might come out and work along side the Brushback Brigade or other work parties? Wondered how they might be covered by insurance?

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, November 19, 2015, 7:00pm, Squamish Arts Council Building
Note that Stéphane will not be able to attend. Heather will chair the meeting.



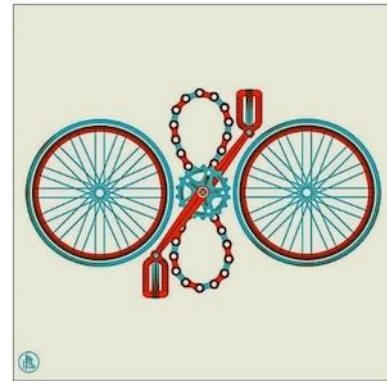
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So moved by Stéphane (who else)

Squamish Trails Society
November 19, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Members present:

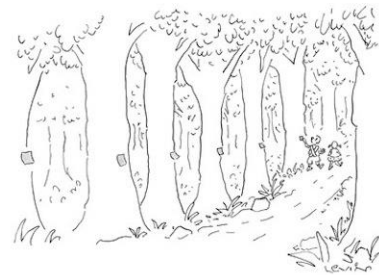
John Harvey, Jim Gracie, Vic Drought, Matt Parker, Candy Rustad, Don Lawrence, Jennifer Adams, Heather Evans, Shawn Gosnell, Doug Morrison, Chris Dale, Meg Fellows, Patrick McNamarra, Carl Halvorson
Guests: Jim Harvey, Phil Scott
Regrets: Stéphane Perron



Meeting came to order: 19:02

Guest: Jim Harvey – Proposed Debeck Hill / Bracken Trail / Wonderland Trail to Tantalus Road

Connector off the east end of Depot to easement to DoS land, from there to Tantalus Road cul-de-sac on Crown Land. Biggest issue is crossings of creek at the end of Depot. There is a neighbour /advocate who is canvassing neighbours. Jim would look after Section 57 application to the Crown, SORCA is willing to take on maintenance. Proposal would be to make it a walking, running, biking connector. Construction itself “not a big challenge” but help would be required for bridges and endorsements. Will need to go to DoS for approvals and for presentation for DFO support. \$8000 budget. Discussion: who’s project? STS or SORCA or? Suggested that this would be a good fit for STS with DoS carrying Corridor Trail - SORCA being the “mountain trail” people and STS looking lowland trails. This IS an important connector and worthy of whatever support STS can offer. Moved by Shawn, seconded by Jen that we send a letter to DoS in support of connector between Depot east and Tantalus Road. Carried. Discussion re: funding – would this be something which we might have dedicated fund raising / contributions ie. approach SORCA for a bridge (that may or may not be lying about)? Jim has offered to do the leg work. Noted that one house is probably encroaching onto proposed trail – suggested that DoS provide some leadership on this kind of issue. Nice if DoS had a communication package explaining the implication of trails or trail right of way along private property. This type of preemptive communication would alleviate challenges of working alongside private parcels. There are many other easements in Squamish and we should not have to deal with issue on a case by case basis.



As an aside, SORCA vision to make Bracken Trail climbing trail.

Phil Scott – Director of Development Holborn Development (includes land from Pia to Thunderbird Creek) Previous issues involved Doug Day project and proposed bridge across Meighn Creek. Envisioning road up to Pia from Newport Ridge. Noted that future development will impact Trestle Trail, Eightball, Coho Park Trail etc. Holborn not “interested” in taking on the burden of trail maintenance but there are trails that are easy to “keep” ie. Covenant Trail, Cherub, Seven Up. Clarification: new proposal is north of existing waterline and groundwater source of Meighn.

Jay Crescent: “Switchback Trail” from Greenwood Crescent to Jay Crescent

Originally a Townline development. Holborn may be able to provide funding for safety upgrades AND may be willing to provide DoS easement or transfer of liability through arrangement with Muni real estate department. DoS willing to let STS be the lead to do works.

University Heights: Proposed smaller lot / multifamily subdivision and impacts on trails through area. Noted important connector from Carpenter’s Son bridge. Presentation of proposed trails and connectors throughout the site: Suggested that developer provide us with an updated plan so that we can provide comments and coordinated review with SORCA? Discussion of role of STS “between” developer and DoS. Role of developer – bringing plans to STS and looking for input / proposals.

THE RINSE CYCLE



Approval of Agenda: Moved by Matt, seconded by Jim

Approval of October minutes: Moved by Jen, seconded by Matt we approve – carried

REPORTS:

Smoke Bluff: Prioritized and long term vision for Park – parking lot expansion to avoid parking in neighbourhoods – which has been a long standing issue. Play Park has been a huge success – even in our fall monsoons.

Brushback Brigade report: - Vic; Brushback has done 200 hours and 6.5 kilometers of trails so far this year. Been working on Ray Peter where it parallels the highway. May run out of gas before they run out of daylight. Looking forward to their year end get together. Suggested by Jen we buy them lunch.

Jennifer Changes to the Charitable Societies Act: requirements. Jen has found the original constitution. We will need to resubmit it and bylaws (schedule b) – trying to update to include new technology (they want everything electronic) and lots of stuff - like we need to change how Society might dissolve. Also need to clarify voting, non-voting, executive, etc. Discussion regarding bylaws ie. three week waiting period to become a member, with approval of Executive, so avoid stacked meetings etc. Needs to be brought back for future discussion. Jen will put together a presentation. New process starts in June and then Societies will have two years to put together new Constitution and bylaw packages. New Schedule A will be a standard set of bylaws that can be adapted. To be circulated.

Kowtain Trail: Resident in area asked about possibility of upgrade to existing trail. There is a lot of history and discussion BUT this is SFN land and anything must have their approval. Suggested that STS facilitate an introduction of proposal to SFN, DFO, SRWS, Streamkeepers, SES. Carl to provide proposed signage



OCP Input: Stakeholder engagement through telephone interviews, after which they will develop a broader community engagement process. OCP must enshrine trails at the start of the process – not an afterthought. John to approach to provide STS mandate and vision.

DoS / Bob Smith: Appealing to Council for funding for dedicated trail maintenance personnel. Previous budget discussions had also included equipment costs.

Active Transportation Plan: recently attended by Meg – wide representation. There is an online survey that is important to fill out. Included in plan engineering, enforcement, evaluation, education and encouragement (not in that order). Public meeting coming up November 28. Discussion: “Share the roads” “Idaho stop”



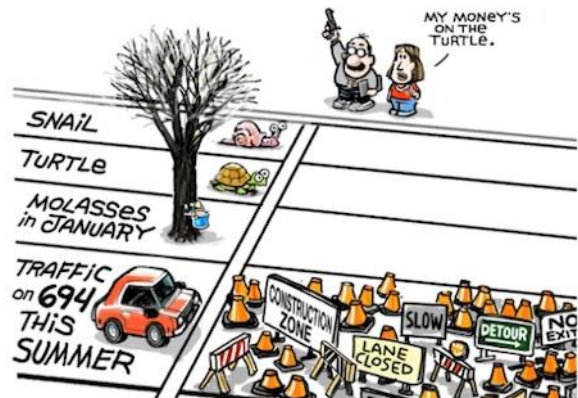
Senior Wellness Fair: Map makes them stop. Got a couple memberships – “it was good”.

Strategic Planning Meeting: Funded by Squamish Savings to help non-profits set goals, priorities and develop constitutions. AND Squamish Savings has lovely meeting area available. STS will register expression of interest.

Meryl Park Project: New connector from Highlands Way North to Summit Trail. Stairs substantially completed. Keeping it low key and great timing. Setting a standard for other neighbours. Completion budget about \$4000.

Turtle Trail: Meg presented a draft of the mapping – master map with small sections, defining government and private lands. Available by pdf – to be sent to Heather, who will share. They will be looking at sections of trails for possible construction.

Blue turtles showing up all over the place – kids having fun following them around. Coming along – Over the Hill walking group is walking part of trail on Tuesday. Meg to email around to organize a ride around – say Saturday Dec.5 at 10am at Brennan Park.



Safe Route to Schools: Tour dates: Mamquam Elem – Dec.2 @ 8:15
Garibaldi Highlands – Dec. 9 @ 8:15 Squamish Elem – Dec. 17 @ 14:30

STS Publicity via input to Chief:

Jim looking at proposing a weekly column that he would put together to raise Society profile and raise awareness – with our input. He would put together rough drafts and bring to meetings.

Interesting initiatives: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uVwtTM4cRe8Barriers>.
<http://www.copenhagenize.com/2010/09/no-ridiculous-car-journeys-malmo-sweden.html>

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 17, 2015, 7:00pm, Squamish Arts Council Building

ADJOURNMENT: 21:34