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In attendance: Bob, Carl, Jennifer, Patrick & Judy, Vic & Vivianne , Lesley, Graham and Prue, Don, Doug, Penny, Edith, Todd, (sorry – there were more – of course Bob’s family and “ a random smattering of spouses” who’s name I did not record – and then those folks I just missed)

Pleasantries were uttered across the room, and duly reported so that must mean the meeting has started.

Discussion of Bob and Sue’s new kitchen. All agreed it is lovely and more importantly finished that very morning . . .

Discussion regarding Education Outreach program in the estuary, operated through the Squamish River Watershed Society, funded by the Squamish Savings Legacy Fund. SES provides partnership support and financial status as charitable organization to facilitate funding criteria. SRWS looking forward to next season for a high school level program. Application for funding is through the Trail Society, operated and facilitated by the Watershed Society.

Discussion regarding support of Ocean Front Development Corp. and comments by Eric Anderson of SCAN trail committee. Eric had issues with moneys spent on “propaganda” for ocean front development when moneys could be used for trail initiatives, specifically the Valleycliffe Connector.

Further discussion of SCAN trail proposal to link Valleycliffe through “Hunter’s Trail” corridor; Trail Coordinator’s position to council at this point was “to do nothing” until issues were resolved. While acknowledging that this is a valuable connector there are significant concerns and Council has requested routing options – while at the same time – closing the trail because of liabilities and property issues. Until an agreement is in place with private landowners, public money cannot be spent on this trail. Lower reaches are both difficult to do because of material and slope. Suggestion that Trails Society support a route connecting Valleycliffe and downtown Squamish based on appropriate grades and corridors, that ensures connectivity and availability to all users, including walkers, family groups and bicyclists. We must support the concept of community connection, specifically Valleycliffe and Downtown – regardless of the route that inevitably fulfils that need. Letter to be drafted by Don and Bob.

There are two options to route a connector along proposed Corridor Trail routing, which might provide options. Action item: email Todd to ask District staff to produce a map of the area with property lines.

Study underway:

1. Routing options for Corridor Trail / Mamquam Blind Channel Crossing

Discussion by Todd. Recognition of Squamish ongoing. Article in January *Decline* magazine. Half Nelson just highlighted on *Bike Australia*. *Mountain Bike* magazine highlighted Squamish recently. *IMBA* trail news featured *Kid Mountain Bike Day*. *Ride Guide* did a feature show that included Squamish.

Todd to send information for linkages to SES website.

Other business:

Connector from Commercial Way to Brennan Park: Previous discussion proposed grant in aid for construction. Proposal was put forward for an environmental assessment. Cascade provided an initial costing of \$2640 (plus GST) Project could cost between \$40K to \$80K – largely depending on the cost of bridges. Discussion of value of this connector. Question to group: We could fund the study but what about the \$80K for the full project, ie. we could commit \$10K. Suggestion to do an email survey of users for feedback. Suggested that we move forward with the initial study and prepare for community consultation ie. question of the week in the local paper.

Financial Report: sounds good – we have money . . .

Question from the floor;

Adopt a Trail, how has it been received. Approx. 20 participants so far.

Eg. Maybe the High School could adopt the trail from the High School to McDonald's
Cap College used to have such a program. Discussion re fast food garbage; suggestion to approach business owners to finance (as a group) one hour per day to sweep for debris.

Adjourned 8:07