

Squamish Trails Society ~ June 17, 2010
Minutes
Arts Council Building, Cleveland Avenue, Downtown Squamish

Present: Bob Brant, Heather Evans, Don Laurence, Matt Parker, Vic Drought, Patrick Macnamara, Graham Fuller, Prue Fuller, Carl Halvorson, Jan Roberts, Doug Morrison.

Welcome back Jan! :0)

Chair: Bob Brant
Recorder: Heather Evans

Updates

Website: Splash page has been created for the webpage and we will work on it through the summer.

Brushback brigade have been out on work sessions three times already – Valleycliffe, Valley Drive to Westway, and trail behind the High School. Some funds have been spent on repair and purchase of tools. Todd Pope has some suggestions for future projects: west side of oceanfront trail, near the skateboard park, short steep section in Valleycliffe from Clarke down to the Highway, spawning trails near Mamquam Road. Perhaps we need to set some priorities, perhaps user conflicts are high priority.

Possibility to schedule a day for brush-back brigade on the triathlon run route. Team up with the Titans. Date to be scheduled in early July.

STS Highway Project Issues Bob sent a query to Mick Gottardi re our concern about issues that are a danger to pedestrians and cyclists. Recently forwarded it to Bob Kusch in his new capacity in Engineering – no response yet.

Carl has prepared and circulated an update to his previous review and welcomes comments and suggestions on it from STS members. Carl raises that this is a major concern because it's the corridor trail, sea to sky trail, TransCanada etc.

Next Steps – schedule a ride with a representative group to highlight the need for action. Meet with Bob Kusch first? Need to clearly identify the objectives for the meeting. Question was raised whether transcanada trail has standards when it's roadside? Next step is to correspond with Bob Kusch. Goal of the meeting would be to highlight Valleycliffe, and to get commitment for next steps to fix and mitigate the deficiencies (through to Highways) that the community believes are problematic. Some are quick fixes.

Discovery Trail at Industrial Way-

The concern has been raised again about Terasen regarding the unsatisfactory rehabilitation of the Discovery Trail after their work. Carl has been recommended to work with the Terasen public relations person as a contact.

Test of Metal BBQ (June 19th)

Set up crew is meeting at 6:30 at Kinsmen Park.
Thanks to Sue Aucoin for all of the volunteer recruitment.

Don't be a Dark Statistic

We should get this geared up for fall. It would be an awareness campaign, perhaps get local merchants on board (ahead of time so that they can consider it for ordering). Do a press release, etc. and involve schools etc.

Boulevard Roundabouts

Need to find a way to advise cyclists that they should take the entire width of the roadway and not be passed. Kids are of particular concern for safety in roundabouts – options include signage, education thru schools, education for drivers. The final construction is not complete yet. Could be an item of discussion with Bob Kusch.

Kingswood Overpass is complete and the CN crossing is in. It's fantastic! "A liberating connector" says Bob.

Bike lane upgrade at Shady Tree – DoS did a bit of work here. What is the District's intent for upgrading ... are they still waiting for the development to occur? This could be an item of discussion with Bob Kusch. There was still supposed to be a further \$30K spent on bike lane shoulders.

Planned sewer line upgrade along Government Road will go from sewage treatment plant to Garibaldi Way (west side). There will be a road upgrade, and we should work on the bike and ped design in this area. Would be nice to have some proactive discussion with Bob Kusch.

Adjourn at 8:30pm.