



Squamish Trails Society February 19th, 2020 Agenda
Wednesday, February 19
Location: Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room

Call to order: 19:03

In attendance: Matt, Vic, Jack, Jim, Carl, John, Candy, Kimberly

Special Guest: Kimberly Amour; SRWS

Introductions:

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by John – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: December meeting minutes as January was cancelled due to “Snowmagedon”.

Moved by John, seconded by Jim – carried.



Presentation: Kimberly Armour - Central Estuary Restoration Project Update (information on spit realignment & bridge pond connection) Started in 2017 building on restoration since 1999. Culverts installed through training dike (built to facilitate coal port development in 1970's) over the years have not functioned as hoped. (intent to have juvenile salmon access to central channel). Annual fish monitoring has shown devastatingly low salmonid numbers actually accessing estuary. Berm flushing juveniles straight out into the ocean with very limited survival. Coastal restoration moneys came available through the Ocean Protection Plan targeting chinook stocks. Three phase project; replacement of existing culverts with large concrete box culverts; until such a time until sea dike installation only lower culverts can be upgraded – upper reaches must wait (top of Crescent Slough). This past season has been opportunity to test equipment and procedures, counting processes, PIT and acoustic tags. Ultimate solution is to remove as much of the training dike as possible. Phase 2 intent is to decommission lower training dike to at least the yellow gate (about 1km). Wave analysis showed very slight wave height at rail spur line (defacto flood control). Next is hydrodynamic modeling to see what impact would be in historic flood events. Need to know how it would impact water and sediment flows on west berth. Goal is to take out 1 – 2km and build a structure to protect ships and ship channel using Squamish Terminals. Windsport really wants a “hockey stick” to existing launch area at end of training dike, but noted that this is a fish project and not a recreation project so it is possible that access to this area could be by boat or some other access (to be determined). In a perfect world construction could start next winter. Discussion regarding future of trails within the Estuary. Phase three would be a flow intake structure through the rail spur line to Cattermole Creek



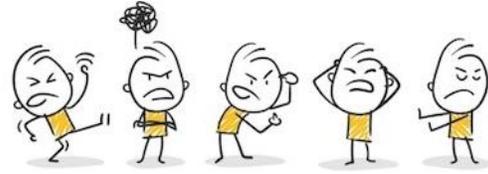
and Bridge Pond to re-introduce base flows (new connector channel to existing constructed channel that parallels North Dike).

Reports:

Brackentail – Wonderland Connector: Matt – been very busy, lots of amazing work, 800 m from south end (1.4km total), has started at north end Tuesday, bridge arrived Friday (bit of neighbour controversy – DoS involved (Jonas lead). DoS informed landowners that all permissions and permits are in place. Polygon and SORCA asked to kick in funds to address issues outside of contract and alleviate some of the neighbourhood challenges. Discussion of road/right of way challenges; hydro

poles, trail user use of private drive. Moved by John that we dedicated the Run Squamish funds to this project if required to complete north end completion, seconded by Jack – carried.

Question: what is SORCA putting in at this point?
Discussion of Westwind trail repair.



Trail base material for Swan Link on Bailey Rd. new plan: Carl / Matt – spoke to Jody to address DoS road maintenance and drainage concerns. Still need to nail down DFO. Note that damage bridge on Swan Trail has been replaced by DoS staff.

Campground & SBP Projects: John – been challenged to get water supply – public hearing recently regarding Centennial Way development (Anthem) – hopefully this development will include waterline ending at fire hydrant opposite the campground. (possibly 2 years time?) Picnic table has been installed at Hospital Hill Play Park. Carpark Crag has three route developers working on a plan, including wheelchair, family friendly base area. Discussion of funding for upgrades – possible partnership with Trials? Moved by John, seconded by Jack that we set aside up to \$1000 for improvements to base of Carpark Crag – carried.

Financials: Jack – report tabled. (note report to first of month)

Senior Smoothers summary / ceremony Feb 3, 11 am: Jim – (note funder was not available so ceremony did not need to happen.) Map/brochure draft tabled for comment. Jim to send PDF.

No meeting date set yet with DOS staff: Is this still needed at this time? Matt at Polygon trail meeting and Aja (DoS) indicated they would like to get together with us. We should ask DoS for a date – early April would be good.

Correspondences:

Next CERP Working Group meeting Friday, February 28:

Squamish Non-Profit survey:

Benevity Profile update: Matt and Jack will get together to take care of it.

Trans Canada / Great Trail Cleanup Grant: Jim to put together application.

Letter of support to DoS for Active Transportation Grant: Matt completed already.



Business Arising

2020 Projects and cost estimates: Deferred to next meeting – Jim has a list.

Roundtable: Matt: Smoke Bluff Park – DoS has order native plants to replant controversial trail extension. Carl; Trail Signage on Corridor Trail up – only complaint not mean enough; Pemberton to Hunter Place Connector almost completed, Pemberton bike lane plans high on DoS priority list – maybe just the north side?, Nature Trail repairs required(bridge, culverts, drainage) Westbild minutes – send to Board. Jim; AGM coming up in April – please bring in new members, rail crossing at Mamquam bridge replaced. Still need to buy another wheelbarrow – Jim will buy one he likes.



Adjournment: 20:54

Next meeting: March 18

