



**Squamish Trails Society Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 7:00 pm
Location: Online Google Meet**

In Attendance: Pierre, Lauren, Gillian, Patrick, Matt, Vic

Call to order: 19:02

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Pierre, seconded by Vic - carried

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Lauren – carried.

Reports:

TCT signage rebranding: Stickers have arrived but application requires 20 degree Celsius weather, squeegee and rubbing alcohol applied to sign for proper adhesion. On hold for now.

TCT (virtual) meeting Jan 11: Mark & Matt attended as did Maggie Scallion - McElhanney and Allison MacDonald -SLRD-S2S Trail rep. Rollout plan for multi-use Trans Canada Trail classification program that will be available to public. STS to provide content for portion of TCT we oversee (~Adventure Centre to S. end of Cheakamus Canyon), including:

- Corrections to existing trail map noting ACTUAL (use GPS references) Clear up discrepancies in our section);
- Note levels of preparedness/need for maintenance along trail, obstacles e.g. surfacing
- Remarks re: participation levels

March 31 target due date.

Matt, Mark and Pierre to contribute back to TCT.

Front Country Trails Inventory Questionnaire: Feedback was submitted to SORCA/Cascade Environmental by Dec 22 deadline.

Dark Roast Connector Update: DoS environmental is reviewing, trail currently closed and barricaded. DOS did work to restore water flow and partially remove beaver dams but this has been ongoing as beavers remain active in there and there has been quite a bit of water with the wet weather Finch from Loggers Creek Trail (Adventure Centre to Brennan Park)). Matt says water is flowing (no longer blocked) Thanks to ongoing efforts of DOS staff and trail is passable but still closed. Will look into re-opening status so crosswalk can be re-linked to trail in spring. May require six culverts to manage water flow to low areas.

Financial Report: Lauren. No major activity since last report. GST rebate received plus a \$1500 Canada Helps donation. Matt noted that Atlantic Power has reached out to say they would like to make a donation.

Correspondences:

- Volunteer Fair slated for Friday, April 21 from 5-7 at O'Siem Pavillion Park. Matt can grab the tent, membership drive and volunteer recruitment should be the focus and 2022/3 Project Lists featured.
- Outdoor Rec Council of BC has asked groups and individuals to request funding for outdoor trails through local MLA's.
- Vancouver Foundation Grant opportunity identified by Jim, provides grant funding for participatory action research co-led by community groups with research organizations, ie. a university, with an ethics board. All agreed it seems to fall beyond the scope of STS, will pass.

Business Arising:

- **2022 Project Completion List & 2023 Proposed Project List** completed. 2023 list can be added to through the year as opportunities arise. Matt made a motion to approve lists (all in favour), will forward to Jen to post to STS website.
- **2023 Membership Drive** slated to start in February in conjunction with the re-start of BBB for the season. As weather cooperates, project schedule will be firmed up and then Matt & Mark to recruit volunteers. As we promote membership, we can also reach out to new and existing members to come volunteer and better understand the organization. Schedule update next meeting. Campaign promotion via weekly social media posts and (semi-weekly?) membership newsletter re: prize draws (already drafted) to ideally coincide with newspaper editorial* and link back to STS website re: 2022 Project Completions and 2023 Proposed Projects. Gillian to reach out re: editorial opportunity as well as coordinate prize drawing from WB. Weekly draw prize for new member sign-ups during campaign timeframe to be selected primarily as gift certificates and alpine hiking, less time sensitive and broader appeal. Save one draw prize for April Volunteer Fair.

* Can we make STS folks who worked on major projects available for interview if that opportunity arises? – Absolutely!

Roundtable:

Matt: Proposing we hire pros to operate loader for Finch project once approvals in place to proceed. Rentals otherwise \$200/day mudbuggy, \$200-\$300/day miniexcavator and \$75/day compactor and volunteer operators may not be as efficient, nor even available. Hiring operators will include equipment necessary. Pierre: MRAS Pelk Wilem project signage completed (posts in and signs made up to be posted on the posts)(7) highlighting native plant, riparian area, no horses or motorized bikes, watch for frogs; sign posts (6) in place; kiosk upgrade in planning stages, benches to be installed in coming months (pads poured); trail surface already pretty smooth, may use some minor raking but no surface dressing likely required. Matt: Plans to step down at the end of his term this spring, is considering approaching folks beyond STS to provide leadership, (unless somebody wants to step up?)

Adjournment: 19:30

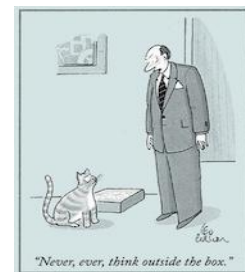
Next meeting: February 15, 2023

Hey Carl, we all felt you were with us in spirit tonight. Hope the hip surgery went well and your recovery is swift. Would you believe I could actually find multiple memes that fit the occasion? Ha! GB Always great to end with a smile !-) MP





Squamish Trails Society Meeting Agenda
Wednesday February 15, 2023, 7:00 pm
Location: Online Google Meet



In attendance: Matt, Logan, Vic, Patrick, Lauren, Carl, Gillian.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Lauren – carried.

Adoption of the January 18, 2023 Minutes: Moved by Lauren – carried.

Reports:

Trans Canada Trail (Sea to Sky) Classification update: Matt and Pierre met to review (using Google Maps) and pinned specific info regarding form and character to be inputted onto official maps which has since been submitted. Mike Nelson willing to GPS if required. Discussion of route.

Loggers Creek Trail – North - Resurfacing Project: Matt, Mark and Logan walked the trail this past Monday to discuss plan and location of gravel delivery. Logan working with Andy Dawson on gravel requirement measurements. Looking at scheduling works for after mid-March. Possibility of hiring local contractor to move the gravel, with STS volunteers raking and profiling. Hopefully getting DoS roller compactor to run over surface sooner than later considering equestrian impacts in this area can be significant on an uncompacted surface.

Swan Trail South maintenance inquiry: Matt – email correspondence with SCCLMP – detailed list of requirements that could be problematic given classification we are supposed to live up to. “Remediation”/removal of unauthorized works on Heron Trail must take place prior to any other works – and any replacement of trail with boardwalk that cannot be more than .75m wide (or .5m above grade) – excluding a significant part of STS mandate. (Handicap accessible boardwalk must be 1.2m wide, within 75mm curbs.) SCCLMP insisting any works must be single track width and cannot impinge on tidal flows, so no fill, no low bridges and all works must be backed with long term maintenance agreement holding STS responsible for all future costs related to maintenance. Must have full consultation with SFN and provide trails master plan. Without some latitude it could be that STS walks away. Suggested consultation with all parties and use Jordan Sturdy as an advocate?

Sea to Sky / TCT files and resources passed forward from Jim (leaving in April!): Matt to formulate list of these resources and file it all in the storage shed.

Financial Report: Lauren – report reviewed – thank you so much!

Correspondences

- Donations from Atlantic Power and Squamish Liquor Store.
- TCT Spring Trail Care Grant (\$1000) Feb. 28 deadline: Still spending last grant moneys...
- Natasha Wilbrink (SCCLMP): Moving forward requirements.
- Squamish Vital Signs Survey:
- BCTS Comment Period Closing – Forest Stewardship Lands. Can impact SORCA trails.
- Heather S. regarding abandoned encampment in Estuary – near Cattermole trail. Pitch-in?
- Multi Modal meeting coming up: March 1 – Carl attending...



Business Arising:

- February and March projects: Logger’s Creek Trail (north); noted Nature Trail from Nature Loop intersection south still to do as well.
- WB prizing and spring membership drive; in two “chunks” like last year with “skier specific” going out first. Second chunk focused to Volunteer Fair timing and volunteer appreciation. Gillian has reached out to Squamish Chief for interest in future story relating to volunteerism, projects, membership drive. Looking at March? Gillian, Matt and Jen to coordinate...
- **AGM April 19:** Matt interested in stepping down, so we need some interested parties for President/Directors/Board members?

Roundtable: Squamish Savings meeting room is not open to the public yet; Lauren – contacted VanSavings to get better investment options – need two officers to approve changes. Matt to call and confirm; Logan walking trail south of Maple Crescent – noted that the bridge needs work off Cottonwood – Dowad property.

Adjournment: 19:40

Next meeting: March 15, 2023





Squamish Trails Society Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 15, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
Location: Online Google Meet

In Attendance: Mark, Matt, Carl, Pierre, Patrick, John
Lauren and Gillian sent their regrets.



Call to order: 7:05

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Mark – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Patrick – carried.

Reports:

- Central Estuary Restoration Project mtg (& Swan Trail): Carl & Matt – interesting meeting regarding removal of spit, impacts and community stakeholder presentations and input. Matt chatted to Natasha and put forward some alternate ideas (bridge widened to act as a wildlife / estuary viewing platform) and concerns for Swan/Heron Trail rehabilitation and invited her to review all the trails within the area. STS position that trails should be a wider trail standard than proposed by WMA plan. BC Park standards state that “interpretive trails” should be a Class 2 standard which is about 50 cm wider than the 75cm wide trails proposed in the Squamish Estuary Management Plan. Matt spoke to Jordan Sturdy’s assistant – who took it to the previous manager. Low hanging fruit could be possibly be supported – like the perched bridge...?
- DOS Active Transport Mtg: Carl – discussions included upgrades to Logger’s Lane downtown, impacts of “rolling devices” on multi-use trails and connectors and how the various types from powered skateboards to devices that are obviously electric motorcycles will be integrated into multi-modal planning, integrating wildlife corridors into community connector plans.
- Loggers Creek Trail Resurfacing Project: Matt – Andy suggested we need 60-80 yds of gravel – looking at sometime in April with DoS moving materials into various locations along the project.
- Dark Roast Connector: Matt – DoS environment folks have had a look and it looks like they will be doing works in the area. Have been busy clearing dams on a weekly basis.
- Membership Drive and WB Prizing: Gillian – prizes have been going out for folks getting STS memberships.
- Financial Report: Lauren – noted we got another New Horizons seniors grant!
- Pelk Willem Signage: looking at options for replacement of 4x8 panel. Options to show rewatering plan plus the inset showing Brennan Channel area. If we only showed to Raven Drive to cover Pierre’s trail. Leaves lots of space for further text, icons, do’s and don’ts. Dog issues, motorized vehicles, lots of garbage, etc. Any icon ideas send to Pierre with suggestions. Wonder if we should ask DoS to put another garbage can at top of intake. Old Mamquam Reunion logo?



Correspondences:

- April Volunteer Celebration Event O’Siam Park April 21 4-7pm -signed up. Setup at 4, ending at 7. Encouraged to do something interactive – maybe the labyrinth lady with her portable model...
- Sierra McCann - Sponsoring a Whistler/Blackcomb Foundation Grant for FLOW Adaptive women’s mtn. bike retreat to be held in Squamish April 1 deadline. Have done with other groups – if Lauren doesn’t see any red flags there might be less concerns. Need to ensure funds are tracked properly.
- Paddy Vero – Vertigo Trees- offer to borrow tracked chipper. Might be useful if we had a big project with lots of material.
- Jennifer Smack- moving Sea to Sky Trail off dirt Paradise Valley Rd to adjacent BC Hydro right of way. Lots of private land issues. Fisheries issue at far campsite should be considered a higher priority?
- Hut Lake Trail condition Inquiry.



- Support conveyed for SORCA's Home Depot Grant application to support hiring Squamish First Nation youth as junior mtb coaches and tail guides.
- Phishing SPAM (Questionable invitations to click on the link).
- Alex Cairns interested in organizing community cleanups – April 8 or 29? Looking at Alice Lake turnoff site.



Business Arising

- Sat. March 18 Camp Clean-up off Cattermole Creek Trail 9:00 am: Clean up and bridge repair approaches?
- Loggers Creek Trail Project:
- Beer with Jim coming up before mid-April departure.
- AGM April.

Roundtable: Mark looking for Brush Back and project options. Behind Castle Rock to Dog Park on Bailey could be looked at. Estuary trails can be clipped by hand – quiet clipping. No power tools without formal permission; John not taking an executive position next year; Matt looking for new president – STS Presidency could be a stepping stone into Council for someone interested in taking this position on; Patrick – Dentville buffer zone north of Magee getting very muddy – about 150m in length – it is on the Sr. Smoothers' project list for 2023;

Adjournment: 19:50

Next Meeting: AGM April 19





Squamish Trails Society AGM Minutes
Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 7:00 pm
Location: Online Google



In attendance: Matt, Jennifer, Carl, Vic, Lauren, Deanna Lewis
Mark and Gillian send their regrets.

Call to order: 19:05

Adoption of the agenda: Agenda amended with addition of several correspondences. Moved by Lauren to accept amended agenda – carried.

Adoption of the previous minutes: Moved by Lauren – carried.

Reports:

- **Loggers Creek Trail:** Matt – south end from Brennan Park to Finch completed. DoS hauled gravel and compacted. Noted how quickly Ted moved gravel with skid steer and ability to put in basic crown requiring only minimum hand raking. Discussion of volunteer participation – noted this project had a pretty late call out/time change. All the rain has been helpful to complete compaction of material provided. Any areas that require additional “touch up” works can be quickly taken care of as there is such easy access to the project.
- **Pelk Willem Project:** large replacement info sign at kiosk has been installed, benches being installed.
- **Membership Drive and WB Prizing:** Going well/positively received. Looking at 40+ membership applications. Planning to award additional prize on Friday at Volunteer Fair.
- **Financial Report:** Lauren – preparing \$25 cheque for Volunteer Fair. Review of financials for past month.

Correspondences

- May 15th 2023 deadline for WBEF applications: not looking at applying this year as we have several funding sources on line for this next season.
- DOS “Uptown at Garibaldi Estates” Dev. Inc. (aka Tantalus Village – immediately north of Mamquam fire hall) rezoning application and community consultation (Developer’s presentation tonight) - trail connectivity between Corridor Trail and Coho Park Trail suggested. Discussion of potential human/dog impacts on environmentally sensitive parts of the parcel leading to Coho Park if a trail were put through this area.
- Labyrinth Project: Virginia Vianna proposal - budget and designs by Wildside Landscape put forward (by email). Discussion of proposal history/background...
- Brushback volunteer additions. Lots of interest from volunteers.
- Pitch in Week April 17 – 23rd.
- Student (Jasper Fleming) organized Cycling Clean-up Project request. Planning to meet Monday at Brennan Park 9am.
- Paradise Valley correspondence regarding moving trail off roadway. Noted properties under power line corridors are often private or private lease – wider margins during road reconstruction may be an option. Might be able to work with Pierre to identify parcels along the road with trail opportunities.
- Notification to changes to Society Act: noted for this year’s filing.

Business Arising:

- Volunteer Fair Friday, April 21 Pavilion Park 5-7pm (Set up 4-5pm)
- Sr. Smoothers’ 2023 Proposed Projects: Loggers Creek Trail (near SBP & SVEA), Dentville Trail, Centennial Trail dike, Southern Town Dyke Trail & Waterfront Trail (Brew Pub to Peter Legere’s), Mamquam/Mashiter Spawning Channel Trails, Dipper Trail (next to Hwy & Corridor Trail), Rotary Trail, Discovery Trail (Jumar to McDonalds), Dryden Trail (in Brackendale), Access to Valleycliffe Dike at south west end (& trail paralleling dike). Question from Jennifer: does STS want aggregate bags?
- Planned Alice Lake Turn off clean-up Saturday April 29 – organized by Alex Cairns.



- **AGM:** Thank you to last year's Board members! To start the AGM those members who had served on the Squamish Trails Society Board this past year resigned, followed by a call out for any persons willing to serve for the coming year. Lauren Braithwaite willing to serve as Treasurer, Jennifer Adams willing to serve as Director, Vic Drought willing to serve as Director, Matt Parker willing to serve as Director, Deanna Lewis willing to serve as Director, Carl Halvorson willing to serve as Director, Mark Edwards willing to remain as BB coordinator and Director. There being no other nominations, those persons who put their name forward were appointed to the Board for the coming year.

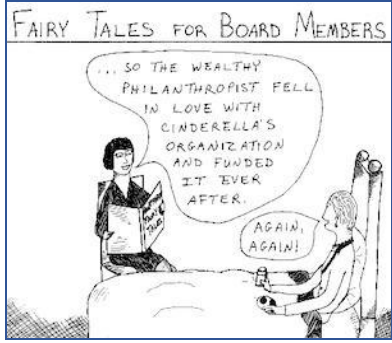


Roundtable: Carl: Correspondence with DoS engineer regarding layout of multipurpose trail along south side of Garibaldi Way from Highway to Tantalus. Assured that lighting standards will not impinge on full 3 metre with, crossing leading into mall may be painted green, discussion of “elephant feet” at all crossings leading to bike/multipurpose lanes.

Adjournment: 19:57

Next meeting: May 17, 2023





Squamish Trails Society
May 17, 2023 Monthly Meeting
1102 Laramie



In attendance: Jennifer, Vic, Patrick, Lauren, Carl Mark (by phone).

Call to order: 19:14

Adoption of minutes of April 19, 2023 minutes: Moved by Jen – carried.

Treasurer's Report: Lauren – noted that “business” is picking up with recent payments to Coast Ag for Logger’s North gravelling and Squamish

Chief ad for membership drive. Discussion: questioned the expense of the ad – might not have been the best value? We have also received funds for this year’s Senior Smoothers grant and additional contribution from Squamish Liquor... Lauren also reported renewal of insurance policy, “30 day lockout” rate renegotiated and the Pellk Wil'em project is now wrapped up and right on budget! Noted that BC Society report has been filed and getting all worked up to go through GST rebates!

Brush Back: Mark has been checking out trails looking for what work needs to be done and setting priorities. First project this next week to be knocking back blackberry brambles on Cattermole Slough trail from Vancouver St. (opposite Brew Pub) to Peter Legere’s. Discussion about Senior Smoothers project: Setting priorities – what trails do we want to see done: Had previously discussed completion of Logger’s Creek trails near entrance from Smoke Bluffs parking; looking at Mashiter Channel loop completion – gravelling parallel to highway and Corridor Trail north from Mamquam River bridge. Question of organization and operation without a project leader (no Jim). How do we order gravel? (have acct at Coast Ag – but need to ensure they know who can order for society and procedure – invoice go to Lauren for payment). How do we go about renting equipment and organizing operators? (Mark interested in getting mentored on machines) Question of crossing bridges with equipment – how to tell if they are strong enough for the load? (Heron Trail gravelling the bridge was supported in the middle to the creek bed prior to crossing with fully loaded mud buggy. For Brennan Channel gravelling this is not an option but could maybe use power wheelbarrows?) Discussion of recent work on Logger’s Creek North (behind ballfields and Logger’s Sports – surface has packed but is pretty rough and choppy – possibility of a small grader or? Alpine Paving has tractor unit for leveling gravel which might work – maybe contact Gene? Next meeting needs to have a more fulsome discussion of how, what, where and who does what/organizes and roles and responsibilities moving forward with both Brushback and Senior Smoothers (type) projects. In the mean-time Mark asking for suggestions and ideas of works required... Mark to send brushback volunteer distribution list to Jennifer.



Correspondences:

- Virginia Vianna: re labyrinth grant application letter of support – STS financial statement provided.
- Steve Best – BC Marine Trails: re Sea to Sky Marine Trailhead signage at Waterfront Park.
- Alison Westwood – Squamish BMX re successful grant from Whistler/Blackcomb Foundation.
- Ximena Diaz Lopez – Outdoor Rec Council of BC re final report available “The Impact of Outdoor Recreation in Rural BC Communities (Burns Lake, Fernie, Revelstoke, Squamish and Tofino). Can forward copy to anyone interested...
- Matt Parker – update from Utah:
 - Noted STS civic address might change as it is currently the land where our storage building is located but with new pickle ball courts going in a new location will need to be found - in a year or so...
 - Centennial Trail upgrades have begun with gravelling underway. Thanks to Atlantic Power for their contribution and to Hal, Gary and Patrick for their help...
 - Community Cleanup Update: Jasper Flemming, and friends did a biked based clean-up of the Corridor Trail, Loggers Creek Trail, Discovery Trail and Alex Cairn group cleaned up the area around the Alice Lake turnout and White Rabbit trailhead

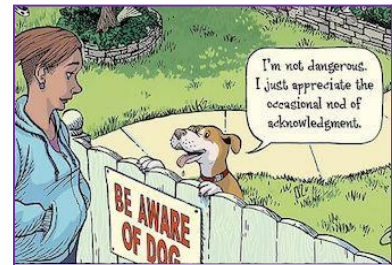
Old Business:

- Dark Roast Connector: On again off again opening – still flooded by beavers with wet crossings every so often. Discussion of working with DoS “behind” the beaver berms and putting in proper beaver baffle pipes. Probably easiest to work with Malcolm, DFO community advisor and come up with a plan?
- Volunteer prizes: Have 8 great prizes but need nominations. Discussion of how we decide who is eligible for them. Suggested that every volunteer who shows up for an event has their name put into “a hat” and we draw randomly from that pool. Each time a volley puts in a shift they get an entry, so more work, more chance for acknowledgement – but each person can only “win” one prize per season, so once you win your name can’t be drawn again – though possible that at the end of the year we could have “awards” for special meritorious contributions of the volunteer kind! (if you don’t want to win a prize you can always opt out?) Jennifer to organize and suggested we do a random web app-based draw. Mark can send her the list of who’s who in the volley world and she will organize and let Gillian know the name drawn... twice a month? Noted that Jen wants pictures of folks volunteering!
- Pedestrian crossing across Sq Terminals CN Rail line into estuary: what is the status?



New Business:

- Brackendale Fall Fair: September 9 – longer commitment this year from 9am to 5pm. Would need 6 vollies for three shifts. Can set up tent on Friday evening... Lauren to check in to reserving a table. Noted that we need to highlight our specific mandate – different than SORCA – “not just shits and giggles”?
- Discussion of how we operate without a President – deferred until Matt’s return for fuller discussion... Possibility of having hybrid meetings – both virtual and in person?
- Discussion of volunteers asking about trail work opportunities: idea of creating videos for website – “So you want to volunteer for Trails Society?” Can suggest brushback and gravelling opportunities but also chance to highlight trail maintenance that anybody can do any time – “take a rake for a walk” – need a video to explain the “proper way” to rake and maintain trail surfaces. “Take your pruners for a walk” – video to explain the most appropriate way to prune back trail side vegetation and strategies for special issues like blackberries and invasives. (possible easy projects include Corridor Trail margins from Harris Road north to Tantalus and Dipper Trail) “Take a garbage bag for a walk” – do we really need an explanation – maybe we could create Squamish Trail Society reusable bags that we could give out for folks to do trail cleanup – promote STS and clean up the environment?
- Estuary North Loop Trail: Log bridge at west end is collapsing – how would that be replaced – around 40 feet.



Brings up larger issue of this trail as it is on Site A and works require SFN prior approvals. East end has been on the radar for several years to upgrade but have yet to have a plan put into place. Possible upgrades to muddy/rooty sections of the Cattermole Creek trail through Site A have also been proposed as well. Bridge at east end of this trail requires some work on western approach, recognizing both SFN interests and sensitivity of promoting easier human access into the area... Noted that recent DoS communications have indicated future initiatives to look at Estuary trails, recreation uses and a new process to replace the Central Estuary Management Committee... What would be the STS

role in any future process and what would be our position on appropriate trail management in the Estuary?

Roundtable: nothing to report

Adjourned: 20:12

Next meeting: June 21 – Carl offering to host at his house...





Squamish Trails Society Meeting
Wednesday, June 21, 2023,
Location: 1102 Laramee



In attendance: Carl, Matt, Patrick, Vic, Lauren

Call to order: 19:10

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Matt – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Lauren – carried.

Reports:

Sea to Sky / TCT trail wayfaring signage and TCT rebranding: Matt (rebranding stickers applied, additional signage added, final report still needs to be submitted with gps. locations of signs. Noted that some signs might have been missed, please report any you notice. Matt did from Adventure Centre north to end of the road in Paradise Valley. Planning late June to mid-July discussion with Mike Nelson of how to produce map with coordinates to complete project.

Brushback: Mark & Matt – This past Wednesday worked on Centennial Trail from Kiosk, along Brennan Channel and parking area across from kiosk towards Seven Peaks; previously did work on Live Wire and Nature loop. This Friday looking to start at northern entry to Coho Park. Noted that Matt meeting with Ian Lowe (SORCA) to discuss bridge work uphill and lower boardwalk repairs/upgrades. Also, reviewing proposed bridge from Coho Park to Garibaldi Springs with Ian/SORCA.

Senior Smoothing: Matt - Need to set some dates to move forward with this seasons projects. Matt to meet with Logan (DoS) to look at facilitation of gravelling Dipper Trail paralleling to Highway. In future, looking at more work on Centennial, Town Dike west of 3rd and Dentville trail paralleling Magee, west of Britannia. Matt talking to Ted (Dreamwizards) to arrange possible gravelling with his skid steer. Also need to look at possible drainage solutions on downhill section of Ray Peter Trail north of Water Tower to highway corner - water control berms directing flows into forest?

Financial Report: Lauren – report to end of May - Senior Smoothers moneys in, also donation from Sq. Liquour Store. Some expenses have come through and covered. Enough moneys in operating fund to move forward with proposed projects. Discussion of buying a new machine – Stihl long reach hedge trimmer for trail maintenance. Carl and Matt to investigate appropriate equipment. Moved by Matt that we approve a maximum of \$1000 to purchase – carried.

Correspondences:

- Inquiry into Estuary Carving location and history – Carl sent them a map.
- Natasha Wilbrink meeting July 26 re. permission for Estuary Trails Maintenance.
- Jennifer Smack re moving Sea to Sky Trail off of Paradise Valley Road to under adjacent powerlines. Matt reviewed this with Pierre (from northerly camping area to the south). A lot of private property issues, dust issues, traffic issues – issues!
- Labyrinth Project – Did not get Squamish Foundation Grant (\$24 500 dispersed but over \$81 000 in requests) Possibility of simplifying project by using paving stones?

Business Arising:

Recent ride on Loggers North – trail seems to have “smoothed in” – OK to ride - no additional works required?

Roundtable: Noted that we need to heck in with Deana to ensure we have the best contact information for her; Lauren - Fall Fair? Sept 8/9; Matt - Ok to trim vegetation along Woodpecker Trail; Patrick -Alternate Crossing at Howe Sound Secondary needs 5/6 wheelbarrows of gravel to fix north side lip. Noted it would also be nice to have 5/6 wheelbarrows to fill the often water filled depression on the west side of Easter Seal crosswalk as well; Carl installed Hi-viz reflective tape on light standards in the middle of Corridor Trail south of Garibaldi Way – looking to put a bit more as required and also do poles on east side of the highway south of Cleveland intersection. Noted conversation with dog walker on Corridor Trail along highway – mentioned that this “trail should be the safest in Squamish but with electric motorcycles and speed of ebikes and scooters it was more like taking your life into your hands every time you walked it!” Carl preparing comment document to send to DoS highlighting safety related suggestions; Matt - noted Active Transport Survey – great for finding out what people want with respect to alternate transport routes. Also noted activity at Corridor Trail pinch point south of Mamquam Blind Channel highway bridge – apparently, they are coming up with a plan to remediate this dangerous situation...

Adjournment: 20:06

Next meeting: July 19, 2023





Squamish Trails Society Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, July 19 2023, 7:00 pm
1102 Laramee



In attendance: Matt, Hal, Lauren, Mark
Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Mark - carried
Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Lauren - carried

Reports:

Brushback: Mark & Matt – recent works on Toboggan, Jack’s, Woodpecker, Centennia ... Almost completed Logger’s Creek Trail – looking at completing soon and checking what needs done on Dark Roast. (Noted Trail Forks has multiple names for many trails in this area! Discussion regarding making corrections – Matt to track down process.) Matt and Hal trimmed Toboggan; several folks on Centennial. Noted that it looks like Polygon is moving forward with Corridor Trail extension along Tantalus to Kingswood Crossing. Live Wire/Ray Peters mostly encroaching ferns – OK for now. Discussion of Dark Roast – culverts? Bridges? What will DoS/DFO approve? Would also sure be nice to get some more volunteers? Have tried scheduling different days/times – there is enthusiasm but not a lot of bodies...

TCT signs: final report submitted – Matt & M. Nelson gps’d sign locations

Sr. Smoothers: met with Logan re. Dipper Trail – confirmed DoS support and offer to move gravel to work site. September project...

Coho Trail Bridgework: some repairs done by DoS – Matt to contact about a couple of other issues – noted that with a few quick repairs it should be good for several more years. SORCA looking at doing some gravel mitigation to trail farther up? Rent a power wheelbarrow? Noted impact of some mechanized equipment on trail surface – might be better to use mud buggy to forward material towards boardwalk? Discussion of bridge maintenance – “crack cleaning”...

Storage shed: cleared and should be moved shed to equestrian area. Discussion of how to move it or bite the bullet and buy a container, then try to give the existing shed away? Matt looking at container costs; \$3500 for used but they do need venting/door. New with doors and vents ~\$8000. DoS is buying a couple – maybe could get in on the deal? Must be somebody in Squamish who could put in doors and vent. Matt will remove filing cabinets and Laurel will post on-line to see if anybody is interested in taking it away.



Active Transportation: Carl - haven’t met recently – September.

Financial Report: Lauren – some minor billing/payments, have recieved some donations – still no bill from Ted.

New Horizon Grant for Seniors: Matt - submitted interim report – completion March 2024. Discussion which trails are particularly special for Seniors? Town Dike gravelling?

Estuary Trails: Meeting with Natasha Wilbrink on Chelem Trail July 26, 10 am. Matt will invite Deanna – will confirm contact info.

Correspondences

- Invitation to join “Back Country Trail User Group” – anybody interested? If nobody else Matt has some interest... Good opportunity for diverse groups to communicate.
- Container Quotes.
- Volunteers added to Brushback and two removed.
- 2023 NHSP announced (New Horizons Seniors Program) Will apply when we spend the moneys we have already received.
- Fortis reached out to have a chat/coffee discussion regarding their works – scary to take part in “consultation” that gets interpretive as “approvals”. Looking forward to meeting with DoS Planner responsible for the file.



Business Arising

- Update signing authority with Squamish Savings. **Signing authority:** Lauren, Matt, Carl, Mark. Lauren will start the process.
- **Fall Fair** – set up Friday night – volunteers for Saturday
- **Trimmer purchase** still pending. Carl and Matt to meet at HSE...

Roundtable – Noted completion of Garibaldi Way road and bike lane upgrades – lots of paint, lots of crosswalks and lots of drivers displaying poor behaviour. Turtle trail stickers – approval of expense to have stickers made to complete marking of route – less than \$200. Grant for Sea to Sky trail improvements in Cheakamus Canyon area? Anything on bottom section at river? Looks like funds are for Canyon north and design for the canyon itself ... Still no approvals for works in Paradise Valley – in the hands of SLRD... Discussion of trail maintenance along CN Rail right of ways – noted that STS should stay away from works in this area as CN not approving movement along their rail corridors – particularly as routes to school... Replace curtesy signage on Corridor Trail? Hal: if tools are being maintained – make sure they are sharpened!



Adjournment: 20:20

Next meeting: Sept 20, 2023





Squamish Trails Society September 2023 Meeting
Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 7:00 pm
Location: At Carl's

Call to order: 19:06

In attendance: Matt, Lauren, Vic, Patrick, Carl, Mark, Jennifer

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Carl – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Mark – carried.

Reports:

Brushback: Mark and Patrick recently worked on Dipper Trail. Prior, Mark and Hall recently worked on Valleycliff powerline access trail and towards Farside/S&M Connector. Also did Dark Roast. Looking at putting a list together for year-end report. Discussion of maintenance concerns on private lands. Discussion of advantage of new “hedge clipper” machine for trail margin trimming. “New pruner a treat!” Discussion of volly list – should look at refreshing/updating list in the spring...



Storage Container: Matt – being built for us right now – door, gable vent and roof turbine being installed. Need to have an agreement with DoS regarding insurance but have not heard back from insurance as of yet. Have already got building permit for inspection but need to confirm what is required regarding container installation...

Sr. Smoothers: Matt met with Ted to review town dike project (skim and re-crown). Looking at section from 3rd to Vancouver and EagleWind to Pemberton (behind Castlerock). Organizing meeting with Andy Dawson to review proposals. Thursday or Friday this week or next?

Brackendale Fall Fair: Jen, Matt, Carl, Patrick – 2 added to brushback. Very well attended!

Walk ‘n Roll: September 10 - (the launch of the Squamish Accessibility Plan)

Heron Trail: Submitting a Notification of Authorized Changes through Front Counter BC with the help of Cascade Environmental. We had been advised to put in an application for remediation of trail (removal of culvert and?) Discussion: non-starter if we are required to replace trail with .75m boardwalk – minimum width acceptable same as existing bridge put in by DFO...

Polygon: Inquiry from SORCA re: Polygon’s Garibaldi Springs off site Trails CAC (SORCA Skills Park and DOS crown tenure application to allow Coho trail connection to Garibaldi Springs trail network. About \$36K left to spit between project. Dave Marrow (DoS) not aware of a bridge tenure application going in yet. Cascade to try and move this project forward. Need follow up to get this done!

Financial Report: Lauren - No big projects in July. August- received funds from Trans Canada Trail after submission of final report. Purchased new weedeater and cheques cleared for materials for Logger’s Creek Trail gravelling project.

Correspondences:

- Membership reception question: Need to tighten up communication to new members. Need to ensure new members are also added to Mailchimp list for newsletters.
- Gran Fondo volly opportunities...

Business Arising:

- Welcoming new members protocol (see attached letter) suggestions?
- Finishing up smoothing projects & year-end report / newsletter.
- Senior Smoothers: Mashiter Trail paralleling highway (remediate corner at bridge), Town Dike, “boney” EagleWind trail connector to Pemberton Town Dike and 5th Ave.
- Ask Andy for advice about Ray Peter drainage issues along Squamish Valley Road?

Roundtable: Carl; Bridge repairs Judd Slough off Cottonwood – don’t know who did recent upgrade, garbage in STS info boxes, LiveWire dog bag piles. Jennifer; Covenant Trail work appears to have started collecting material for new bridge at waterfall; Patrick – trees need removal near Brennan Channel.

Adjournment: 20:03

Next Meeting: October 18, 2023



He's been like that ever since he got that email asking him to volunteer at the trail.



Squamish Trails Society Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 7:00 pm
Location: 1102 Laramie

In Attendance: Matt, Vic, Patrick, Carl, Lauren

Call to order: 19:06

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Matt – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Matt – carried.

Reports:

Meeting with DOS Operations (Andy Dawson): Matt, Mark & Carl – designs on Town Dike, Eaglewinds, Dentville. Matt flagged the spots that require the most work in Dentville for DoS review... Offered to help move gravel and remove vegetation cap on Town Dike (300m). Eaglewind (700m max) – Castle Rock (200-300m). Ray Peter Drainage – FLNRO. Dark Roast – DFO design/oversight (Carl contact for Streamkeeper for contact). Oceanfront – Andy to set up a STS tour. Discussion of Mashiter Trail remediation – mud buggies on bridge? (maybe not a full load). Coho Park work on upper bridges.

Storage Container: Matt – arrived and on site identified by DoS. Had to replace missing turbine vent. Need work party/storage brainstorming session to decide on prefab storage options. Most stuff just in there. Physical address to be used for STS address. Might be worthwhile to look into storage of fuels on site? What does SORCA do?

Sr. Smoothers Coho Park Trail: Matt did some lower graveling Oct 17 (Tuesday) Matt - Polygon's Garibaldi Springs off site Trails CAC & Coho Trail connection to Garibaldi Springs trail network. Looking at ways to have funds transferred. Discussion: suggested bridge is purchased and stored for later installation.

Sr. Smoothers Next Project: Town Dike – Matt to let us know timeline...

Financial Report: Lauren – updated to end of September. Cheques cashed for storage container, Logger's Creek gravel.



Correspondences:

- Virginia Vianna: Labyrinth mtg. with Operations re. maintenance & Squamish Foundation grant application. October 30, 9:00 Squamish Muni with Elaine Naisby.
- SRWS AGM Sunday.
- Gravel donation offer ¼ yd pea gravel.
- SORCA looking to accept Monster Drink donation through STS Benevity? Discussion of legality with CRA regarding flow through funds to trails projects. Matt to discuss with legal acquaintance.



Business Arising:

Smoothing projects: Matt to put call out. Year-end report / newsletter?

Roundtable: Squamish Environment Society AGM next Wednesday; meeting space – Brennan Park, Oceanfront, (and others); Keys: Patrick, Vic, Carl, Lauren, Matt, Mark.

Adjournment: 20:00

Next Meeting: November 15, 2023





Squamish Trails Society Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 7:00 pm
Location: 1102 Laramie



Introductions: Matt, Carl, Mark, Patrick, Lauren sends her regrets.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Mark – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Patrick – carried.



Reports :

Labyrinth Update: 2024 budget for 2025 – DoS policy required for amenities from private sources cannot be a drag on their budgets. At this point cannot endorse but have been positive – year or two.

Coho Park Trail: Matt out with SORCA crew and graveled some of the upper sections. More works to schedule at later date. Logan has replaced more bridge deck boards, but railings still need a bit of work.

Polygon: Provided a cheque (remainder of their CAC to off-site trails) to fund connection of Garibaldi Springs trails to Coho Park Trail. Cascade to facilitate Crown tenure request – looking at up to two years. Bridge has been purchased by Dreamweavers. STS could reimburse and store until tenure is resolved.

Sr. Smoothers Projects Update: 4 truck loads to town dike, work date TBD. Has been prepped by DoS. Centennial Trail project has been weedwacked and raked. Can dump straight on to the trail. Looked at Dentville trail but looking at a danger tree assessment prior to equipment use on trail. Drainage might be an issue in places. Access from middle west. Also, looking at fence along trail at impound lot. Need plan for Dark Roast. Dipper Trail works needs work on switchback configuration.

Insurance inquiries: DoS required as co-insured on container. Matt has inquired with TrailsBC/Squamish Insurance.

Redundancy of access to our **Society's registry key:** Suggestion from CRA discussion.

Financial Report tabled:

Correspondences:

- Permissions provided for work to Centennial Trail and Ray Peters Trail from FLNRO Ted to look at drainage - from Alice Lake turnoff to water tower.
- SORCA to borrow wheel barrows & considering pursuing Charitable status
- Invitation received to tour (site walk) Sea + Sky development (Waterfront Landing Kingswood Dev.) Looking to rezone southern section.
- Sea to Sky Trail Grant application letter of support provided to SLRD.

Business Arising

- TCT crew visit and tour of Looking Glass Trail 11am Thursday, Nov. 16 – from Tantalus end.
- Upcoming year-end report / newsletter for next month incl. trails brushed.
- Brennan Park Meeting Room is available for rent ~\$30 /meeting.

Roundtable

- December meeting / celebration plans. Replace Corridor Trail curtesy signs. Involving Scouts: Eaglewind trail prep? Discussion of quantifying brush back, raking, pruning, gravelling – length, hours of effort. Question of what DoS does for gas storage?

Adjournment: 20:16

Next meeting: December 20



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Squamish Trails Society December Meeting
Wednesday, December 20, 2023, 7:00 pm
Location: 1102 Laramee



In attendance: Matt, Lauren, Patrick, Carl

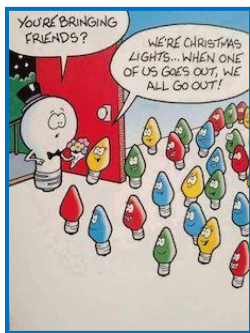
Call to order: 19:16

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Patrick – carried.

Adoption of the Amended Minutes: Moved by Patrick – carried.

Reports:

TCT visit and tour of the Looking Glass Trail: Matt and Ted walking tour – noted erosion and suggested repair funding. Matt applied and we did receive approval. Discussion of scope of works. DoS supplied letter of support... Max funds available \$4200 from TCT with matching funds from STS. Anticipated works to be completed by the end of March. Moved by Matt that we approve matching funds up to a maximum of \$4200 – carried.



Sr. Smoothers: Town Dike (300m), EagleWind, Centennial & Mamquam Blind Channel Rd east side trail (machine time only). Discussion: save considerable funds ordering directly from the gravel pit by large truck. Also, better work if material is staged farther apart, packed and placed more carefully. Discussion on role of STS in Smoke Bluff Park works.

Financial Report: (investment renewal incr. interest rate & updating our signing authority for 2024). Funds received from Polygon towards Coho Park bridge. \$1500 received from CanadaHelps. New year works to put together info for Senior Smoothers grant report. Suggested we fund Blind Channel trail from Sq Liquor donations.

Correspondences:

- Copy of proof of insurance provided from Trails BC & DOS has been added.
- Cascade Environmental – Erin Starting on Section 11 Notification & preferred options for Heron Trail (clear span vs screw piles)
- Inquiry to tour Sea + Sky development (Waterfront Landing) submitted – sometime in January.



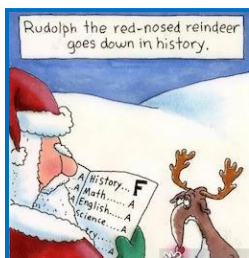
Business Arising:

2023 Trails and Senior Smoothers reports to go out in January 2024.

TBA: Dentville Trail (money has been spent on hazard trees, Dipper Trail (discussion of logistics).

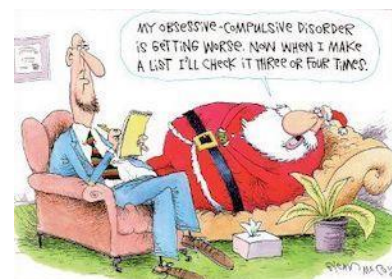
Ray Peters (Squamish Valley Road section) drainage project being explored.

Roundtable:



Matt - January meeting Brennan Park Meeting Room Wed. Jan. 17, 2024 (~\$30 rent) but hard to schedule same night repeating. 55 Centre art room available for Wednesday but must be out by 8:30 (could start at 6:30). Might look at other days depending on what is available on a consistent basis. Matt to check it out. Suggestion that we invite Ted Tempany to meeting; Carl - gravelling access to south Eagle Run crosswalk, stairs and ramp. Discussion: Loss of Andy Dawson at DoS... Need to re-establish that direct connection to DoS trail folk; Lauren – email from Sq Savings – rate on short term investment has improved. Need

letter of direction (with two signatures) to make the change. 39025 Loggers Lane V8B 0M5 new STS civic address (equestrian site with STS container); Patrick – looking forward to Dentville trail works – pretty muddy. Probably end of January.



Adjournment: 20:01

Next meeting: January 17, 2024