



Squamish Trails Society Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, January 19, 2021, 7:00 pm
Location: Online Google Meet

In attendance: Matt, Carl, Jim, Jack, Jennifer, Gillian, John, Vic, Lauren, Patrick



Call to order: 19:02

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Matt (added correspondence) – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Gillian, seconded by Jenn – carried.

Reports:

Wonderland & Looking Glass Trail Work: Matt – not a lot to report given the weather burying all the trails. Had just gotten in to manage danger trees, but after recent ice storm will probably need to be reassessed.

Brackendale neighbourhood trails mini projects: Matt – awaiting snow melt.

Mashiter / Mamquam Spawning Channels Trails: Matt – awaiting snow melt to reschedule meeting with DFO.

Whistler-Blackcomb Found. prizing membership drive: Gillian & Jen – drew final winner (very excited) – used social channels and newsletter to spread the news, somewhat greater response than last year. Wondering about how to do it next year to get better numbers? Looking for any ideas... Tough time to “sell” trail memberships with trails under snow but still got 30 signups. Looking forward to spring “volunteer appreciation” “prizes” – maybe trail clearing/smoothing? Nice to identify some opportunities prior to next meeting. Maybe a community wide trail branch clearing day – just branches (pruning saw/hand pruner sized) clearing. There are lots of trail users who are going out there and removing tree falls already – so looking at smaller stuff to tidy the trails up.

Sea to Sky Trail Interpretive Signs Project: Jim, Gillian, Matt, Carl – Gillian to forward Matt the current wording for review by students. Haven’t heard back from SFN at this point.



Update to Director’s Handbook: Jim – regarding donation procedures and safety. Note that it is important that this handbook be utilized with Jim suggesting we set aside 10 minutes per meeting to review various aspects of the manual. Suggesting new additions under policy regarding donations. *A donation is a voluntary contribution for a specific cause. A gift is something given voluntarily without charge. Both should be handled in the same manner. A donation or gift may take various forms including money and goods but not services. A receipt must always be given. The receipt must have the receiving organizations name, date, serial number. amount donated, donors name and be signed on behalf of the receiving organization. More complicated donations or gifts should show detailed terms on a donation consent letter or form attached to the official receipt.* Might want to expand on what we presently use and updated spreadsheets. Discussion of what we can offer receipts for regarding in kind as it relates to labour and the appropriate form and character of those receipts. Noted that CRA requirements are quite specific.

And regarding safety: We are all responsible for our own safety. Risk management is a primary responsibility of management, which in our case is the Board of Directors. Failure to abide by posted rules and common knowledge may result in insurance claims being denied. The resulting financial damage could destroy our organization. The most important safety rule is that under no circumstances should an unapproved person be allowed to use any piece of equipment. Next comes the real need to check and confirm the proper functioning of all emergency equipment at least monthly (prior to work party). The list of safety measures is often very long and specific rules must be posted for each piece of equipment. First time use on any machine must be supervised by a qualified person as listed on the annual posting of qualified people. Need to develop criteria for approval of use



of equipment. Insurance part of these requires that we minimize the risk. John has just finished manual for MRAS and it is a “massive” job – can simplify the wording to works by Directors and then need volunteer waiver for others (rakes and shovels). Some concern regarding public use of trails ie. persons out there on their own with a chain saw – if we have a written policy that outlines what we understand is our responsibility we may open the door for liability? Proposed policy would only relate to STS owned equipment during STS organized activities...

Smoke Bluffs Park & Campground: John – noted that not clearing snow off the stairs to save from crampon damage; unfortunate incident with the borrowing library in park burnt down...

Snow and ice removal on active transport routes & trees down: - snow just starting to clear so we should be able to start moving forward. Snowmageddon has been an issue with once in a generation ice storm. Complaints about dog doos should be next. Hopefully DoS can start working on secondary trails. Big challenges with working with Highways regarding snow removal with snow deposited on intersection refuge islands, sidewalks and Corridor Trail in particular.



Financial and Shed insurance update: Jack & Lauren – significant donations this month with no expenditures – including \$500 in interest! Jack met with insurance broker regarding insurance risks and mitigations. Noted that trail users do so at their own risk, which makes it easier to rationalize the current cost of STS insurance. DoS has requirements to insure STS shed on DoS property and possible requirements of DoS regarding actual trail infrastructure... Regarding insurance for officers – only fiduciary and not liability regarding injury. General liability policy would offer protection adequate protection if rider protecting DoS is included? Really a basic policy to protect the shed and its contents. Historically, when volunteers work on trails there is a blanket policy, strengthened by waivers and Trails BC policy?

Correspondences:

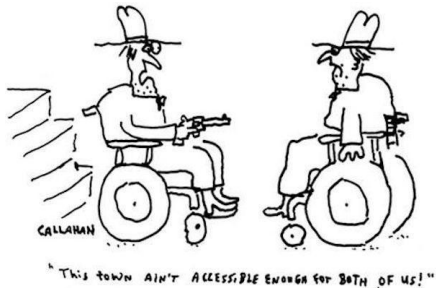
North Crumpet Neighbourhood Plan Survey #2 – available now if you want to put in your two bits worth – available through Squamish.ca website. STS has submitted list of important trails...

Donation from the Heartland Group – Squamish Liquor Store – over \$3000 - that's a lot of plastic bags! Jennifer to contact Bob Brant for blurb to put up on website.



Business Arising:

Extended from December waiting on snow melt: got a few projects lined up as soon as conditions allow. Noted there will be a huge impact on trails when hillside development off of Logger's Lane. Discussion of integrating trail infrastructure improvements when Fortis/Woodfibre LNG works is done over Crumpit Woods area.



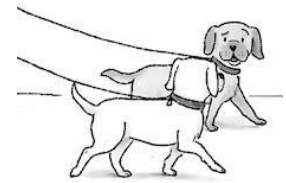
Roundtable: CH – representing STS on the new Squamish Accessibility and Mobility Committee, attended the Squamish Visitor Management Roundtable December 16, 2021 - mostly parks and back country, Corridor Trail signage recently tagged; Jim – Canada Summer Jobs applications open until the end of the month, discussion of dedicated Estuary Trail improvement funding and whether it could be used on another project? Noted a proposed route from Starvation Lake through the Canyon. \$1-2 million!

Adjournment: 20:13

Next meeting: February 16, 2022



Squamish Trails Society Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 7:00 pm
Location: Online Google Meet



Call to order: 19:02

In Attendance: Carl, Matt, Gillian, Jennifer, Vic, Patrick, Jim, John, Lauren

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Jennifer – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Jennifer, seconded by Matt – carried.

Reports:

Benevity renewal completed: Laura & Matt – renewed profile (portal that corporations allow their employees to donate to a cause).

Phone meeting with Ian Lowe SORCA's new Executive Director: Introduction call with Matt – had worked with SORCA years ago – took from little affairs to big deal with hundreds of riders. (Previously active with paddling community.)

Wonderland & Looking Glass Trail Work: Matt – nothing new to report, but will be soon ordering gravels for low areas, scour areas and top dressing.

Brackendale Neighbourhood Trails Mini Projects: Matt – meeting scheduled with Andy (DoS) next week to look at McDonald Place Connector – wants to ensure appropriate drainage features, and conscious of riparian features. Also looking at Cottonwood Park Connector. Short connector from Kingswood to Meadow (right off the end of Judd) also needs a bit of gravel and blackberry trimming... Bracken Estates trail also has puddles (and blackberries). Query – do we have hedge trimmers? John found to be very effective for blackberries. Can get one with extension and pivoting head. Worthwhile doing some research to see what is available.

I can't help but think something's holding me back from really living my life.



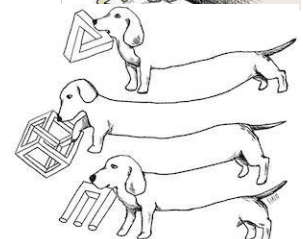
Mashiter / Mamquam Spawning Channels Trails: Matt, Carl & Jim – met with Malcolm (DFO) and has positive walk through – didn't see any big problems with ideas. Suggested we break up into bites size pieces to be submitted for approvals, feedback. We need to avoid works in the water to avoid onerous approval processes. Do whatever we can to stay out of the wet!

Sea to Sky Trail Interpretive Signs Project: Jim, Gillian, Matt, Carl – mock up signs passed on to students and SFN elder. Unfortunately suffering from covid – passed on to another staff member who has time allotted for next week. Initially looking from the images, with sticky notes. Next step to tackle feedback on text. Gillian connected with NVan education/cultural department – waiting to hear back what next steps will be. Also, waiting on some production quotes.

Sea to Sky Trail: Jim and Mike Nelson took DFO to site – long stressful hike. Got to see the actual washout section – had a good look and were in agreement that there was no possible bypass through the rocky hills. Only possible solution to build up the existing trail bed. Chrystal (DFO) could have opinion within a couple of weeks. Ted/Mike familiar with protecting riparian – awaiting approvals. Funding promises in place from TransCanada and SLRD – but looking for some funding from FLNRO and topping up from SORCA/STS funds. Costs in the ballpark of \$10 – 15K.

Turtle Trail Signage /Marking: Jim – came up later last year, have yet to approve a budget. This was a Meg Fellowes project that has fallen a bit on the wayside. We either need to make Meg's wishes come through or forget about it. Currently, Jim considering route signage (30 trail signs for?\$K) Jim has had 30-6x6 coroplast trail markers made. Discussion: this vision was massive, with kiosks and big buck interpretive signage. (\$100K) Noted that Sea to Sky Trail signage is part of the route. Discussion of route. Important that there is a sense of continuity, reconciliation a big part of it. Discussion of scope, working with SFN etc. Noted that STS is the only group to keep the project alive as SFN and DoS don't appear to be willing to be part of championing it. Discussion about updating stencils with a few markers. Challenges around interpretive signage and challenges regarding collaboration with SFN. Like the idea but some reticence to accept challenges around another interpretive sign problem. Some reticence to not get involved with more interpretive signage projects. Also, noted that there is value, and a need to continue to maintain STS profile along the trails. Discussion how you might need to put up enough signage for effective wayfinding. (7K route) **Action item:** Matt and Carl to ride route to discuss possible number of markers that could be required. Existing sign about \$10 a piece. Moved by Jennifer, seconded by Gillian we reimburse Jim for exiting 30 signs – carried.

Smoke Bluffs Park & Campground: John – free lending library burned by vandals has been replaced. Noted that Snomaggedon from Downtown all dumped at Smoke Bluff parking lot – half filled with snow, all frozen blocking access to Craggs! DoS carved a tunnel – area packed with users this last weekend. Discussion of sign at Smoke Bluff suggesting overflow at Adventure Centre. (need to suggest another area to dump the



snow) Noted that Smoke Bluffs not impacted by ice storm – but access to Mamquam kayak site a disaster!
Discussion of STS recognition – ie. Mamquam Blind Channel Connector from parking lot a great initiative that STS made happen. Campground reggae event planning underway – need vollies to pull beer!

Financial and Shed insurance update: Lauren – lovely formatting! Noted financials to be sent to Directors...

Correspondences:

Photo op with Squamish Liquor Store Monday: Matt and Jim snapped promo picture with staff. Been super generous and have had lots of instore comments and appreciation of support of trails. Wondered what impact of plastic bag ban will be on this funding source? Suggestion that we have a display of STS brochures in the store? Possibility of posters being adequate – avoiding brochures that might just end up in the landfill – but maybe membership brochures? Noted Bob writing an article for web post. Matt to check out liquor store for possibility of display. Discussion of brochure supply for Candy to post on trail kiosks...

TCT seeking confirmation of \$2000 reception for interpretive sign project: Lauren to send confirmation note. **Action item:** Gillian to confirm requirement and forward to Lauren.

Confirmation of seasonal TCT clean-up grant application: Received – but, need general liability insurance certificate. Insurance issue still needs to be resolved. DoS needs a rider on general insurance that acknowledges the shed (BC Trails) – need to contact to see if that is possible. Noted that Director’s insurance (protecting from fiduciary malpractice) has expired. General liability with BC Trails expires in April 2022. Suggested we renew this (BC Trails) and go with local (SCU) for Directors. **Action item:** Gillian to forward copy of insurance to Jim for grant compliance. **Action item:** Matt and Lauren to meet with local insurance agent and buy a Director’s policy.



BCTS Operating Plan #27 Harvesting near Duffey Lake:

Estuary Survey by Quest student: Sent out for members to fill at their will.

Outdoor Rec Council encouraging letters to MLAs to incr. RSTBC funding: **Action item:** Matt to send off a letter on behalf of STS.

Business Arising:

Continued trail project management of the above projects: now that snow melt is underway, projects should be getting underway.

Directors’ Handbook topic review – Jim – Lauren has entered the new changes and available online. Jim – completed 30, 40 pages – one pager for handbook and the rest in the shed. Lauren emailed copy to everybody. Action item: Lauren to email to Directors.

Roundtable: John – memorial benches discussed with Andy – DoS has been putting people off as they are rewriting the policy. Noted they will do 4 per year and after 10 years they give you the bench back... Jim – would like to advertise on the on-line volunteer connector to advertise for trail workers, new directors (opening for various tasks); Gillian – noted “prizing” (still have 6-7) for volunteers available to drive vollies and membership. Discussion of volley work party initiative – spring clean up... Discussion of awarding prizes – every hour gets you an entry – 3 hours, 3 chances at the draw? Jennifer – Atlantic Power (Mamquam Power Project) – accepting requests for sponsored projects. Discussion of donations through mail transfers. Carl – material from Fortis that might be available for boardwalks, Accessibility Committee interested in community connectors, trail issues etc., contact with Sarah Tipler regarding accessible trails, standards, designations and working with trail organizations to facilitate accessible trails.



Next meeting: March 17

Adjournment: 20:28



Squamish Trails Society Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 7:00 pm
Location: Online Google Meet



In attendance: Matt, Jennifer, John, Victor, Heather S., Jim, Gillian, Carl, Patrick **Regrets:** Lauren

Call to order: 19:02

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by John – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Gillian – carried.

Reports:

History section added to Director’s Handbook: Jim – sent out update of STS history, noted lots more history docs in the file cabinet in the storage shed – so much so that Jim picked up another filing cabinet for the shed. John: thanks to Jim for all the work on manual = and history. Great presentation! Jennifer liked the summary – updated info posted on website. Great resource for future Directors ensuring continuity.

Wonderland Work: Matt – preliminary work has started at south end. Noted that folks have been riding about on electric motor bikes. Have been others in Merrill Park. Gwen L’hirondelle has been having correspondence with STS and DoS to ensure that this is dealt with. STS needs to monitor and ensure traction on the issue and impacts.

Kingswood Connector: Matt – road base to be delivered 8:30 am Thursday.

Setting up an STS account with Lafarge / Cardinal Grp: Matt and Lauren to work together to set up an account. Have \$700 credit and contractor rate for additional material as required: DoS willing to haul and possibly stockpile small amount for our casual uses. Matt meeting on site tomorrow at McDonald Place to Government connector with Cascade to ensure environmental concerns are being addressed. DoS offered to supply culverts as required.

Sr. Smoothers Project list time line: Jim – proposed list sent to DoS to ensure there are no conflicts. Might be able to include some of the Brackendale jobs. Noted 21 folks have replied for volunteer opportunities. Starting at Amblepath in April. Good opportunity to submit names of vollies that show up for prizes? Suggested one entry per hour of work with a draw at the end of each month? Jim willing to provide a monthly winner...

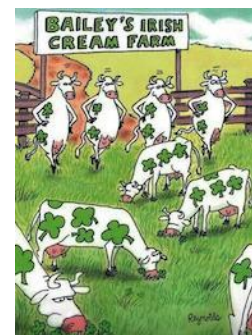
Mashiter Spawning Channels Trails: Matt, Carl & Jim – David Roulston OK’d proposals if existing dike toe materials are not impacted. Discussion of DFO approvals – need to work appropriately. Some works to be completed away from the channel probably can be done without official DFO oversight. Need designs for proposed bridge changes/improvements for their review.

Sea to Sky Trail Interpretive Signs Project: Gillian, Jim, Matt, Carl – received feedback from SFN – needs a fair bit of work to edit/incorporate their feedback. Gillian has met with SFN education representative and have process in place to work on further approvals. Meeting with InBiz to work on layouts and after that, will be working on what are the level of approvals that will be required for final signage designs. Have production quotes from Century – price significantly higher than anticipated and might look at some cost saving options. Also looking at some of the options for maps on signage.

Sea to Sky Trail: Jim – DFO has tentatively approved upgrades but finals have not come through – not a quick process!

Turtle Trail signage / marking: Matt and Carl rode the route and thought that stickers might work very well in lots of places – many places where colourfull stickers can be placed on the back of existing signboards and other areas where coroplast signs Jim had prepared would work on concrete barriers. Waterfront portion will be quite a bit in the future so it was suggested that the initial signed loop not include this southern “tongue”.

Smoke Bluffs Park & Campground: John – looking at DoS proposal for picnic shelters. Vandalism and undesirable use raised as issues. (These concerns were raised as part of the proposal.) Infrastructure like this be important infrastructure along trails and in parks. Might have involvement of OurSquamish? Nice to see the design prior to construction. John talked to Andy about using asphalt grindings for trail surfaces.



Suggested that might be a worthwhile product for parking area. Noted some danger trees require removal around "Free and Easy".

Financial Report: tabled - Matt and Lauren to meet regarding insurance when she is back. Discussion of options and requirements.

Correspondences:

Volunteer Connector submissions: 21 so far through email after articles and postings.

Save Crumpet Woods Coalition invitation: possible initiative to purchase portion of lands. Suggested we put a link on website for members to pursue at their leisure. Good discussion on DoS website...

Response from SORCA re. Sea to Sky Trail & Smashiter: Suggested they contribute to flooding area on Sea to Sky, second area moving trail off Paradise Valley Road, Mashiter – have tacit approval in riparian areas but is confounded by little sliver of land owned by L&A.

BCTS Operating Plan #27 Update: primarily SORCA issues.

Letter to MLA to incr. RSTBC funding: encourage adequate funding for rec sites and Trails BC.



Business Arising:

Estuary Trails Letter to DOS, Council & MFLNRRD: Matt suggested that we can massage the letter and plans a bit recognising that we do need help from the District to "push it through" Provincial approvals. Suggested it needs some political clout behind it – hence start with DoS. Might be important to include alternate options, such as proposal for hybrid boardwalk/berm idea. At this time we need community and local political support to get the ball rolling. Jordan Sturdie?

AGM: Coming up in April – Matt willing to step down as President. Would be nice to have Director's roles tied down. Carl willing to continue in his role, Jennifer willing to continue in media, Vic willing to continue with BBB, Jim anxious to turn over duties as he is planning to move back east in 2023 and he has worked on Squamish Non Profit, Oceanfront, fundraising, trail projects organization – needs continuity – and need a dedicated publicity person. Gillian willing to sit as Director as well...



Roundtable: Heather – Cherry Drive to Flicker Path Bridge needs a few new deck boards. North Dike bridge also has some loose deck boards. Looking Glass a "little ratty". Jim – asked Heather to check membership list for "Jim jobs" – worthwhile to poll membership? Discussion of welcome message to new members. Great way to drive membership engagement. Carl – PitchIn Week April 17-23. Jen to post on social media.

<https://squamish.ca/our-services/garbage-and-waste-diversion/pitch-in-week/>. Suggestion of creating a video on how to rake a trail! Jim – international Trails Day in June. Gillian – trail cleanup day on Earth Day – would be great to organize a specific event... April 23 Trail Tidy from Adventure Centre – 10 to 12

AGM: April 27

Adjournment: 20:20

Next meeting: April 27, 2022





Squamish Trails Society Meeting / AGM Agenda
Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 7:00 pm
Location: Online Google Meet



In attendance: Matt Parker, Patrick MacNamara, Lauren Braithwaite, Jennifer Adams, John Harvey, Vic Drought, Jim Gracie, Carl Halvorson, Pierre Friele, Gillian Bexton.

Call to order: 19:05

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Jen – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Jen, seconded by Jim – carried.

Reports:

Wonderland / Looking Glass Work Completion: Matt – mostly completed, have paid a bill to Dreamwizards Events with SORCA still to contribute \$4500 to this project. – Some gravel and water management work at the north end Looking Glass. Question: Has there been bridge replacements? -No but some wood and stone structures are planned for seasonal muddy sections.

Senior Smoothers: Jim – works completed on south end of Amblepath with 200m completed and ~ 410m remaining (next year) – lucky to have rain after work which really settled in the gravel – 8 vollies. Thursday looking at Town Dike east of 3rd Ave. Next will be Nature Trail – after Corridor lighting is completed.

Pitch-in Week Loggers Creek Trail Work: Carl – small culvert on south and chainsaw work... still need to anchor bridge ramp.

Campground: John – big event this past weekend, great weather, good crowd. John last standing at 3:30 am! Noted good staff at campground and going well...

Sea to Sky Trail Interpretive Signs Project: Gillian – action on signs – slowly coming along, call this week to confirm proofs – any luck we will get a timeline for approvals. Looking at other production quotes. Thanks to Gillian for all the legwork on this. Signs: 8 versions for 10 location – two of which are Oceanfront which probably be deferred. Discussion of signage installation – steel/aluminum/attractive/well anchored. Discussion of size – how big do they have to be? Could scale down a bit. Mamquam Channel signage a good model?

Sea to Sky Trail Meeting: Jim – attended virtual meeting recently – still trying to get DFO approval to raise trail bed in flood prone section. Thought there wouldn't be a problem but DFO has found other issues to confound the conversation. Ready to go, funding is lined up – DFO cannot get there stuff together.

Financial Report: Lauren – report tabled on screen view – biggest changes – Senior Smoother grant moneys and Dreamwizards payments, SORCA trail maintenance grant money shuffling. Should look at cashing out short-term investments to increase income from investment. Moved by Matt – seconded by Gillian that we give approval for Lauren to monitor the Vancity Cashable 90 Day Lockout interest rate to see if it continues to increase in the next month or two, and then cash out our existing 90 Day Lockout investment that is currently at 0.35% interest and re-invest in a new 90 Day Lockout at 1.30% or higher – carried.

Directors' Insurance (& Shed): Matt & Lauren – have received quote through InsureBC at Station Square. Noted that we'll have to contact Trails BC to see what we can do to add DOS to our general liability policy concerning the shed. Note: Officers and Directors Insurance policy has been renewed through Capris – same company as previously used.

Estuary Trail Letter to Council & contact with Jordan Sturdy's office: Matt – went to Council, have not heard anything back. John commented referencing STS letter of strategic plan to connect humans and walkers to a specific trail to control impacts... Matt to forward copy of letter to the Chief.

Kingswood Connector Trail gravelling: Matt – did a bit of gravelling, 1" minus \$300, 8 hrs of work. Are any Brackendale trails on radar for Senior Smoothers – Brackendale Store to Cottonwood Park. McDonald to Government connector also to be done with 3" minus raising and culverts... Question: are we going to have a supply at Parks storage?

Correspondences:

- Squamish Non-Profit Network Volunteer Fair April 30: Jim, Jen & Matt.
- Trans Canada Trail Funding Stream Webinar Fri. May 6 12:30 Montreal time: Matt and Jim attending...
- Whistler Blackcomb Environmental Fund application invitation: May 15 – SORCA and STS making a joint application. Matt working with Ian Lowe on application.
- David Ralston and Jody Baron Mashiter Spawning Channel Trails dike trail: have approvals from PTB at DoS to realign ramp as long as we do not touch the dike...



Significant works with lots of material required to create new ramp along the dike. Will create much easier access... (Senior Smoothers)

- Sue Maxwell SLRD Illegal Dumping Strategy & Action Plan interview: Carl – looking to understand what is being dump, where, why and what can be done to reduce this nuisance... Cameras at specific sights? contact: sue@ecoinspire.ca
- RideBC Trail Contractor availability:
- Brackendale Farmer's Institute Grant Application: Carl – noted value of lands and trails to STS values.



(from Glenne Campbell) I am writing a grant application to Squamish Community Foundation for a new tent for the stage. BFI holds a provincial registry number (# 3058 Ministry of Farmers Institutes) but does not hold a society number. Unfortunately the SCF grant needs a society number. My ask is: could we be under your umbrella and use your society number? I have spoken to SCF and they have no problem with us being under another organizations number.

- Tourism Squamish Transit and Parking Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7B58MPQ>

Business Arising:

MRAS Trail maintenance proposal for Mamquam Spawning Channel Trails: review of proposal – suggestion to co-fund with SRWS. Concerns of DoS wayfinding and challenges with signage. Trail linkage could be done through Senior Smoothers? Noted Pierre built and maintained “Finch Creek Trail” and recent invasive human abuse requires some significant signage - statements of appropriate use. Discussion of signage: Centennial Way parking signage – all the things that need to be “made uniquely after much back and forth” – proper use of area, map of connections. Proposal includes trails north of Raven, Brennan Channels, Mamquam Reunion. Moved by Matt, seconded by Jim that we accept proposal and enter into a partnership to complete the Brennan Channel/Pellk Wil'em Trail Revitalization Project to a maximum amount of \$10,000 – carried. Noted there may be funding from SRWS...

2022 Budget: Lauren has been working on the budget – noted, good to have a framework but need flexibility to tackle arising projects. Discussion of BBB budget – need any new equipment? Basic yearly maintenance and cost of gasoline. There are significant expenses involved. Should consider \$1000 budget to allow for replacement of machinery. New chainsaw?

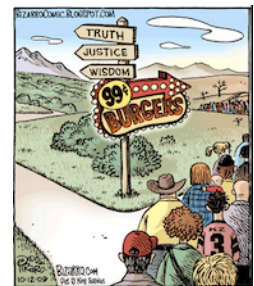
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Discussion/clarification of specific proposed budget line items/anticipated grant funding. Noted we need some quotes to replace Coho Park boardwalk to a establish budget... Lauren to email draft budget to Directors for feedback for approval at next meeting.

AGM Election & 2022-2023 Directors designation: Nominations - Lauren Braithwaite willing to stand as

Treasurer, John Harvey willing to stand as Director, Jim Gracie willing to stand for one more year as Director, Carl Halvorson willing to stand as Director, Jennifer Adams willing to stand as Director, Gillian Bexton willing to stand as Director, Vic Drought willing to stand as Director, Matt Parker willing to stand for one more year as President (looking to work this next year to find a replacement). The question was asked three times if there are any other candidates willing to stand for these positions – there be none, the nominated slate was elected. Thank you one and all for hanging in for another year...

Roundtable: Coho Park bridge update: Matt to speak to DoS real estate to see if there is anything we can do to facilitate Crown tenure application for bridge abutments. Congratulations to Lauren! Jim; need to find a TransCanada Trail representative – can be a member – also representation on Squamish Non-profit AND fundraising – Jim has 10 files from various organizations – somebody needs to be responsible. Need someone to focus on publicity –somebody in tune with what is happening in town and ensure we take part – STS needs to stay in the picture.



Adjournment: 20:42

Next Meeting: May 18, 2022





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In attendance: Jim, Matt, Carl, Patrick, John, Lauren, Vic – Gillian travelling...

Call to order: 19:02

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Vic – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by John – carried.

Reports:

Senior Smoothers: Jim – trying for 3 projects per month (\$10K) – Dipper Thursday, then McDonald Place with DOS supplying culvert. 60m completed from Cottonwood Park to store.

Mashiter / Mamquam trails ramp: Jim – James from RideBC - half completed, lots of 3" minus has gone in but has underestimated amount of fill, Jim that will still be around the \$5K mark... After completion will look at further graveling of surrounding trails.

Little Stawamus Trail wet spot: Jim – 1.5m fill placed along margin of tennis court. Jim met with Andy and Logan to review future works "downstream".

Sea to Sky Trail: Jim – DFO has denied approval for trail up to Starvation Lake as envisioned – looking to move trail to another location away from river... Several folks have looked at it – doable but may result in a "pretty hard trail". SORCA, SLRD, TransCanada all willing to give money – just need a way to place the trail through. May be too big a project for STS to continue as lead – but in reality a route has not been finalized so we really don't know the end result. Need some more eyes to look at all the options. John and Jim Harvey maybe both take a look – concerns that if STS doesn't push will not happen, so there is willingness to have a closer look. Cheapest option might be to build a low bridge on pilings but same issue with DFO approvals in the end. Might get some push if we acknowledge it must be moved or closed. Area under powerline from Jack Webster to Bailey Bridge has no issues with trail crossing their right of way – still have to get private property permissions.



TCT Funding Stream Webinar: Matt and Jim attended – very informative. Info available online.

Brushback: Vic – formal BBB has not started with – has checked Toboggan, needs water redirection, fill and topdressing. Toboggan Trail came up in Redbridge as well. Looking at better security at gas storage. Carl has done some work on Dark Roast – will gravel low wet area and dip by road from material at Amblepath.

Redbridge Open House: John and Carl attended presentation regarding changing location of pedestrian bridge across Mamquam Blind Channel to Rose Park to closer to highway bridge. Discussion of access for more people. Concerns of intersection at Scott Road. Some like the aesthetic. Possibly a cheaper location – but could be possibly a covered bridge. Most effective geographic is Valleycliffe up and over Hospital Hill and directly through. Decision will eventually be made by Council after public consultation.

Campground & Smoke Bluffs Park: John – has asked DoS for grading of parking areas. Will be starting trail upgrade project in the next month?

Sea to Sky Trail Interpretive Signs Project: Gillian – by email. SFN confirmed receipt of drawings. Have requested project extension, billing taken care of, awaiting production estimates for comparison. Prizes ready for presentation for couple of folks for litter cleanup. (Patrick and Lynn) 9 prizes left.

Squamish Non-Profit Network Meeting: Jim – not sure there was a meeting because of the scheduled Volunteer Appreciation fair (April 30).

Financial Report, 2022 Budget & Insurance: Lauren – BC Society report filed, charity information return will hopefully be approved for online; discussion of investment particulars – met with financial advisor today and comfortable with our position in a volatile world. Review of budget document (also sent by email). Discussion of particulars – SLRD funds available if required, post office box free(?), may not get funding from Canada Helps. Review of Treasurer's Report.



Correspondences:

Farmers' Institute: request for help lending charitable status. Action item: Carl to communicate with Glenne about request prior to approval.

BMX Society: (Alison Westwood) request for help with grant applications lending our help with charitable status. Challenge to ensure STS does not get into issues with CRA but also acknowledge this is a benefit to cyclist – while acknowledging cyclist do damage trails and would like some quid pro quo. Collaboration with other community groups is important. Board willing to support applications with the right to review project and funders. Require formal requests.

Wind Festival Invitation: August 9 – 15?; good opportunity for public exposure – look at a later date.

Squamish Chief: Letter from STS regarding help to get estuary work done put forward as a news story rather than a simple letter to the editor.

Request for info to DoS regarding Coho Park bridge: held up in email pile. Crown tenure requirement for bridge abutments a real sticking point.



Business Arising

Go Fund Me fundraising platform for specific trail projects? Ted had started a crowd sourcing page for specific projects (ongoing maintenance of Half Nelson) which makes it an interesting idea for STS projects. Maybe the estuary remediation boardwalk? Discussion re acknowledging Ted's work – maybe STS could make a modest donation. Action item: Lauren to review the rules.

Roundtable: John – can next meeting outdoors, Squamish Savings space may be available soon? Maybe in a couple months? Jim – International Trails Day coming up in June – maybe we can create a competition to get folks out on the trails? Carl: Jumar to McDonald's needs gravel – Discovery Trail like a river when it rains. Matt – looking at Dentville trail for summer work projects. John – Blind Channel Trail can be very flooded in many places – could look at DoS gravel delivery? Question: where is material from training dike spit removal going? Stored in case it has to go back.

Adjournment: 20:18

Next meeting: June 15





Squamish Trails Society Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 7:00 pm
Location: Online Google Meet



Call to order: 19:02

In Attendance: Matt, Jim, Carl, Mark Edwards, John, Lauren, Patrick, Gillian, Pierre,

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Gillian – carried.

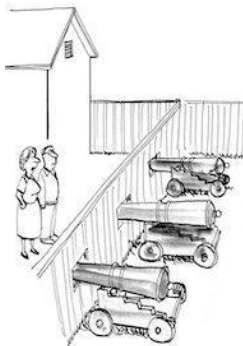
Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Gillian, seconded by Mark – carried.

Reports:

Senior Smoothers: Jim – planning on finishing dike around Mamquam area with one more day this month. Planning on finishing off the funding in July

Sea to Sky Trail: Jim – found area of preferred bypass – looks doable AND bikeable! Hoping to get underway August or September. Note river section is still in this route – hopefully a proper proposal with all rationales will pass the muster with DFO. Looking to DoS or Forestry to produce a good map for site plan – after that a memo indicating the plan. Should look into support form local MP?

Brushback: Vic has resigned from brushback – several persons are interested in helping out so we will see how we will move forward – possibly one person a week for a couple of hours... needs a lead hand. Can “smash” down a lot of brush but you need lots of folks to clean up the mess. Fork works better than a rake (though rakes have their place :-). Vic has a list, Gillian willing to put it out there. Time slot on a Wednesday afternoon doesn’t always work for a lot of folks. Logistics of operation is not simple as all the equipment needs to be moved around. Matt can move stuff with his vehicle. Start out this Saturday 10 until noon – Nature Loop, meet opposite Adventure Centre.



“Did we do something to upset the neighbors?”

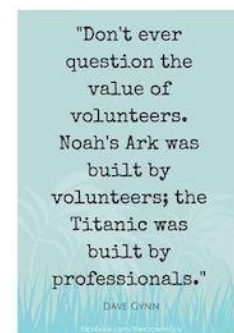
Campground & Smoke Bluffs Park: John who? We don’t know any John? Proposed work plan to be forwarded to FLNRO. Dealing with a few cranky neighbour things... Discussion of public access across a private lease of Crown Land.

North Crumplit Neighbourhood Plan Public Information Meeting #2 & Trails and Environmental Group mtg.: Matt – attended meetings last week – taken a “conservation approach”. Concerns regarding traffic and road connectivity. Most of the connector trails are being conserved in the initial plans – SORCA pushing for “no net loss”. Also a group hoping to have the whole area set aside. Planning company has asked stakeholder groups for a “policy paper” formulating a position. Discussion of the proliferation of trials riders riding everywhere creating a maze of trails. Discussion of loss of trails – Cheekye fan trails will be gone once the Cheekye debris fan mitigation goes through...

Sea to Sky Trail Interpretive Signs Project: Gillian – hard copies in SFN hands, trying to track down contacts – hard to keep up energy with delays and struggling to move forward... Discussion of moving forward with granters – what if we can’t deliver. Maybe we could lean on SORCA, through their contacts to see if they have a specific person who we could ask for some traction? Matt to send SORCA contact to Gillian.

Volunteers of the Month announced: We have eleven prizes for volunteer appreciation – awarded 3 – looking for more nominations. Jennifer has been posting to social media...

Financial Report & Insurance: Lauren – clarification of funding to Ride BC. Discussion of pricing, contract prices and final costs. Challenges with contractors not owning their own equipment resulting in significant rental charges as part of costing. Discussion of CRA set up and problems with security questions – lots of updates have been put in (GST rebates etc.). Insurance: still need rider for DoS for the storage shed. Possibility that we can be put on DoS policy? Great work Lauren!



Correspondences

- Rob Cocquyt inquiry and offer to help with maintenance to Stawamus River Trail at the southeast end of Valleycliffe: (chlorination shack to the bridge) is on private property! Need more info...
- WBFEF support \$9000 for joint projects with SORCA Tracks from Hell \$6500 and address Diamond Head trail braiding by "loamers" (fall line trails) to be addressed \$2500:
- Volunteer offer from PLEA: challenges with supervisory component.
- Atlantic Power Donation follow-up: donation was not received.
- Gary Buxton response regarding assistance with Estuary Trails: DoS not a partner with WMA master trail – Carl to distil DoS Trails Master Plan. Estuary Integrated Trail Plan?
- Jody Barron (DOS Transportation) expressed no concerns with the trail work Jim proposed along side Centennial west of Pelk Wilem Culvert:
- Tiger Bay Dev. Kirsten Avison inquiry into trails consult for Britannia working with SLRD Surf Park rec hub planning. Matt sent info regarding connectivity in the area.
- Home Depot Grant application with SORCA: \$25,000 supporting SFN biking program.
- FB inquiry re: Fortis pipeline trail impacts.
- SSISC info for STS website forwarded to Jennifer – keeping boots and tires clean!



Business Arising

- Position statement or feedback on North Crumpit Neighbourhood Plan: Can respond as individuals. There are challenges with the number of trails in the area – particularly in sensitive habitat areas
- On-going and up-coming projects: Senior Smoothers!

Roundtable: Pierre – Gord McKiver section of Sea to Sky Trail between Whistler and Pemberton – Mystery Creek Landslide; John – hoping to graveling areas along the Mamquam with volunteers; Jim – people keep mentioning that “DoS is doing a great job of maintaining these trails”. We need more signs saying brought to you by volunteers; Carl – thanks to DoS for their quick response taking care of the tree that



fell over the Nature Loop – also, is there a place the general public can mention work party ideas – brushback or graveling. We do get some through Facebook, but something dedicated on website – maybe a contact through and “info@”; Gillian – nice to have a story about all the work that is being done. Noted that we do have a portal that we can highlight through Facebook.

Adjournment: 20:33

Next meeting: July 20



Squamish Trails Society
July Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 20 2022, 19:00 - Zoom



Having survived the shipwreck, Pinocchio finds himself alone in beaver infested waters.

Called to Order: 19:04

Adoption of the Agenda: moved by Lauren - carried

Adoption of the Minutes: moved by Lauren seconded by Gillian - carried

Reports:

Senior Smoothers: most recently established new trail connection from the top of the Mamquam River Dike along Centennial Way to Pelkwilem trail head.

Sea to Sky Trail: New proposal drawn up by Pierre Frielle to address flood prone section of the Sea to Sky Trail, Trail solution comes with a \$24 000 price tag, so Jim has asked the different groups involved if they would double their previous monetary commitment to get it done

Brushback: So far have trimmed the margins of the Nature Trail, Loggers Creek Trail, Rotary Trail (last week), Dipper Trails (today-Wed.)

MRAS Pelk Wilem Project: Have graveled and smoothed Parking pull-out areas, repaired the roof of the kiosk, done a lot of the gravelling on the Raven to Centennial section and estimate having gone through \$7500 of the \$10 000 budget. Some work still to be done around the bridge at the west end entrance. FLNRORD Trails and Rec – Danielle- working on working with the Crown lease holder of the equestrian site

Smoke Bluffs Park: DOS Trail mower can do the Parking Lot up to the Playpark and back in about two hours

Sea to Sky Trail Interpretive Signs Project: Gillian has been in touch with Angela at TCT, no news from Squamish Nation regarding approvals of the Proofs, Gillian with Lauren’s help is compiling the costs spent on the project thus far – mainly for Sign mock ups from In Biz -so money spent has been minimal (It has mainly been vollunteer time invested thus far.) Gillian will send Angela a final report and TCT will send us a note for reimbursement.

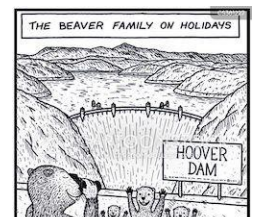
Volunteers of the Month: Heather Sidsworth and Hal, 5 of 11 prizes given out so far, John nominated Pierre Frielle for his assistance with Pelkwillem and Sea to Sky Trail projects

Financial Report: Most of Sr. Smoothers budget has been spent. Jim has been working closely with Lauren to monitor this. \$29 000 being passed through to SORCA as we received their WBEF Grant for trail projects. \$1000 donation from Atlantic Power. More being spent than coming in at this time but we remain solvent and within our operating budget.



Correspondences:

- Inquiry to FLNRD Trails and Rec re. Pelk Wilem Trail maintenance John has been in direct communication with their office to maintain trail continuity here.
- Declined Wind Festival Invitation to set up an information Tent at event.
- Received reply from Constituency Assistant to Jordan Sturdy re. Estuary Trail this was shared with directors.
- Squamish Reporter – Interested in Trails Stories.
- Atlantic Power - \$1000 donation
- Support letter supplied to SORCA, Ian Lowe, to support their application of a Community Gaming Grant which would help fund the Trail Crew
- Volunteer Inquiries added to Brushback call-out
- Kowtain Trail Concern from Kari Chambers - Discussion around how important this trail is as a connector and further suggested that DOS Planning Staff, Aja, be made aware of this trail, its importance and the need for some maintenance. Point made that this is on the Kowtain reserve and need permission from Squamish Nation to work on this trail. Inquiries have been made and we’re waiting to hear back.
- Bob Brant - Sq. Liquor Store Donation on its way
- Jim Douglas Ray Peters - mud patches along Ross Rd. section – Matt mucked out the muddy sections (organic on top of the asphalt surface in some places) Could



use some re-gravelling in a few places but otherwise ok. Permission from the property owner needs to be sought before any significant trail work is done along here

- SORCA and Cascade Environmental led Sq. Trails Inventory Program for DOS– STS rep & Sq. memb. at large Jim Harvey suggested that Trail Forks has quite a comprehensive inventory of Squamish Trails already
- Sq. Community Forest Maps & Mgmt. Plan at Library for review – Seeking approval for Forest Stewardship Plan and open house at Totem Hall Tuesday, July 26, 3:30-7:30



Business Arising:

- Discussion as to how to proceed with re-asking permission to restore Swan Trail south – Work with Environment Society (Nature Squamish), Biosphere Initiative, SRWS and other nature/environmentally conscience groups to promote and protect the environment and provide working partners to ensure trail work protects the adjacent environment. Matt and Carl to work on a response and way forward
- Larger raised culverts needed for Dark Roast Connector? – Matt, Carl and Vic to take a look at this perhaps with Malcom with DFO to see what we can do about some of the flooded sections of trail

Roundtable: Mention of inquiry from Jessie Abraham asking Carl and I to participate in the DOS Heritage Management Strategy study, suggestion made if they're after the history of some of the Squamish Trails then consulting with Jim and John Harvey may also prove to be fruitful



Adjournment: 20:00 pm due to 1hr Google Meet Limit
Next meeting: September 21, 2022





Squamish Trails Society Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 21 2022, 19:00 pm
Location: Online Google Meet



In attendance: Matt, Carl, Mark, Patrick, Lauren, Vic – Jennifer sends her regrets

Adoption of the Agenda: moved by Mark – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: moved by Matt, seconded by Mark – carried.

Reports:

The passing of Dave Reid the SORCA Trail Crew coordinator:



Brushback: Mark & Matt – keeping records of where we have been, what has been accomplished and who showed! Couple of new folks... Looking for ideas what to attack next. Next work party Friday on Ray Peters and a couple of small sections here and there. Could do Jumar to McDonalds southern end of Discovery? Great place to put up the signage to get some high school kids?

MRAS / Pelk Wilem Project Inquiry to FLROD Trails & Rec Sites: deferred

Sea to Sky Trail Cheakamus reroute: SLRD rep for trail trying to stick handle DFO approvals. Waiting for responses.

Financial Report: Lauren – couple of grants through the books for SORCA over the summer.

Correspondences:

- To Eric Balke re. possibility of trail work in the WMA that will help protect: “let’s get together and talk”
- Squamish Heritage Study: Matt & Carl – met with project consultant, important for one and all to put in their ideas
- Angela Morin TCT Wayfinding signs new TCT logo: asking that new stickers can go up on signs to update logo. Suggestion that existing TCT funds could be repayed or used on other local TCT projects.
- Support for a Squamish BMX Grant application to WBF pave bmx track: possible pass through funding.
- Fall Trail Care Grant now open:
- SORCA hosting Outdoor Rec All Candidates mtg: 6:30 – 9:00 pm Wed. Sept 28th in the Quest University. Tables set up and candidates circulate amongst them.
- Bob Brant did a new thankyou poster for Squamish Liquor Store:
- Kowtain Trail: Concern from Kari Chambers, awaiting SFN reply.
- Edith Tobe called Jim Gracie to thank STS for the Centennial Trail & Pelk Wilem work:
- Squamish Community Forest: feedback provided wildlife and trail corridors - Matt attended open house.
- Salmon spawning inquiries:
- SRWS International Rivers Day: @ McNaughton Park 11 am -3 pm this Sunday.
- Capri CMW and Rogers Insurance joined to form Acera Insurance doesn’t affect our policy:



Business Arising:

Project suggestions: CN crossing into Estuary – should we just bite the bullet and move forward on pedestrian crossing? Moved by Carl, seconded by Matt that we invest up to \$1000 for fees to CN to get the project started – carried. Matt to start the process; Continue gravelling of Mashiter Channel area east of highway (paralleling Corridor Trail); Bridge/boardwalk work in Coho Park? Did we arrange for a stockpile of gravel? Challenge of where to keep it? Order as needed. Maybe we could steal a bit from DoS occasionally?

Meeting formats - in person, online or hybrid? When might we meet again? Nice that folks can meet from afar...

Squamish Savings probably has capacity for hybrid meetings. Matt to look into it...

Roundtable: Patrick looked at Dark Roast – Muni made a terrible mess of it! Follow up with Andy for future work and support from DoS. Suggested they could fix it, given the amount of work we put into it! Mark; nice to gravel Logger’s Creek Trail from Finch behind ball fields to Brennan Park. Good idea to have STS equipment serviced at the end of fall season in prep for next spring. Most winter work would only be emergency chain saw work. Vic; wondering about source of water on Dark Roast – three beaver dams on creek and blocked culvert. Culvert is supposed to be managed by Highways... Lauren; any invoices from Coast Ag or Rental Network?

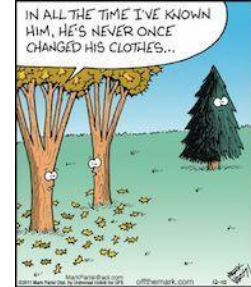


Adjournment: 19:35

Next meeting: October 19, 2022



Squamish Trails Society Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 19 2022, 7:00 pm
Location: Online Google Meet



Call to order: 19:00

In attendance: Matt, Mark, Carl, Jennifer, John, Patrick, Lauren, Jim Harvey, Vic

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Jennifer – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Mark, seconded by Lauren – carried.

Reports:

Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room: Not yet open... Matt will continue to monitor availability and capacity of room for hybrid meetings.

Brushback Wrap up: Mark – today worked on access route, cut through trail in Valleycliffe – last big one completed by Squamish Elementary and McDonald’s. Machines to be put away for the season – thanks to Vic for sharpening. Matt - could look at winter brushback. Noted we needed a report for Jen to update the website. Signage has been posted on trails we did this year – will remove later in the season for reuse to promote STS works.

MRAS Pelk Wilem Project: John – Pelk Wilem project “waiting” – Pierre working on signage. Challenges with neighbours continuing – hoping that this can be resolved if Pierre, Matt and FLNRO get together with everybody to resolve route around horse fencing to spawning channel intake outfall. Works continue at Mamquam kayak access and campfire upgrades that will hopefully be completed by the end of the year.

Smoke Bluffs Park: John – great weather has been keeping the park busy. Checking out new anti-graffiti product supplied by DoS. DoS eager to see how it works... very expensive!

TCT & Sea to Sky Trail signage & Cheakamus reroute proposal: Matt – STS agreed to install rebranding stickers TCT. (Jim had spent significant effort putting up the signs!) Interpretive signage held up by SFN approvals. Hoping apply moneys to another project. Cheakamus reroute grant turned down as we did not get all the approvals in time – new window November 1. DFO seems to be the hold-up... Hoping FLNRO can push past DFO reticence – John to talk to Pierre about process...

New Horizons Sr. Smoothers grant application: Matt working on application and attended info webinar to assist with process. Won’t know until March 30, 2023. Letters of support requested from DoS/SORCA.

Financial Report: Lauren – SORCA cashed cheque re: W/B. Few small donations – not a lot of action.

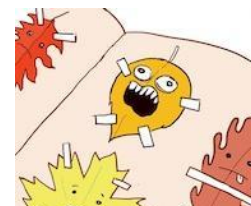


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Correspondences:

- Natasha Wilbrink Coordinator South Coast Land Management Program - WMA Heron and Swan Trail mtg. Nov. 2, 10 am end of Main. Hopefully new coordinator will be more open to “our vision”. Matt, Carl, Mike Nelson, possibly Malcolm – DFO community advisor to attend? We will plead our case – work in WMA needs to show benefits for habitat. Hopefully they see our plans as something positive.
- SD#48 \$100 donation of 18 leaf rakes to BBB – great to remove leaves to avoid “organic sludge”. Noted that Home Depot has been very supportive of other trail work initiatives. Might be worthwhile to look into possible relationship – had pruners? Noted rakes available for work parties...
- Heather Sidsworth -Dark Roast Connector report with photos. Significant works needed to rehabilitate after beaver activity



flooding. Letter sent to DoS offering support. Seems to be a wait and see what happens before anything can be done to mitigate... Will watch through the fall and winter to see if flooding issues are resolved.

- Eric Anderson Valleycliffe Trail condition and routing. Discussion of routing lower section of trail – switchback and stairs? Discussion of Redbridge community amenity agreement – significant funds for trail works which could impact Valleycliffe and Toboggan that does not kick in until “phase 4” of development – so a bit of a wait. Discussion of Blind Channel bridge location. DoS supporting location parallel to highway bridge. Discussion of connection from Redbridge to Waterfont and links to channel side trail and Victoria Avenue. Noted that Vallecliffe Trail and Scott Crescent access closed during Redbridge’s Scott Rd reconstruction window. Matt to try and schedule meeting with DoS planning to see direction and timing – and what works that can be done in a timely fashion.
- Bob Brant - Squamish Liquor Store donation.

Business Arising:

Fall / winter project suggestions:

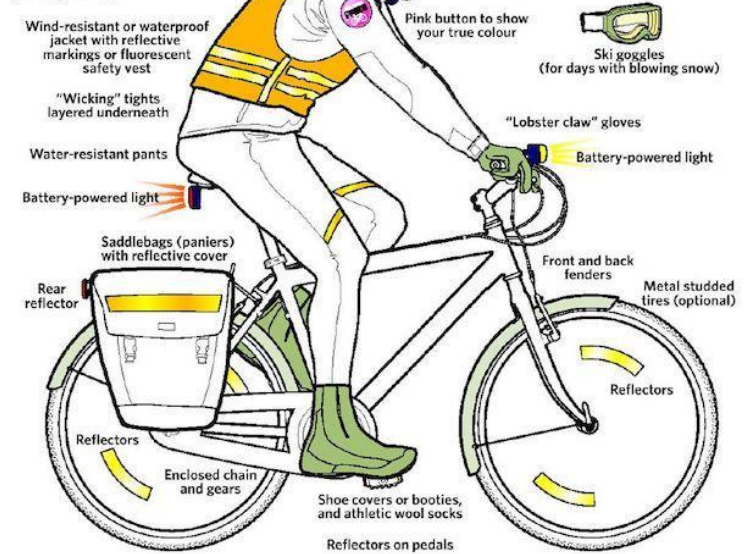
Roundtable: Matt; riverside trail maintenance Saturday at 10am. Trying to make contact with CN regarding rail crossing into estuary. Jim; going to start up construction of new trail “All About You” and volunteered for marine trail work. Carl; Riun Blackwell request to gravel Finch to Brennan Centre. Discussion of connection of Waterfront to 3rd Ave. Previous discussions had included some kind of connection across Catermole Slough to 3rd Ave. This is no longer being considered...

Adjournment: 19:52

Next meeting: November 16, 2022

Winter cycling

All you fair-weather bike-riding pinkos! Stop being such wimps. Just because there’s snow on the ground and Don Cherry is teasing you doesn’t mean you have to give up cycling until the spring. Get some spandex from your local lefty co-op, slap on a few more flashing lights, borrow a balaclava from an anarchist friend and you’re good to go.



BRIAN HUGHES/TORONTO STAR



Squamish Trails Society Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, November 16 2022, 7:00 pm
Location: Online Google Meet

In attendance: Matt, Carl, Andy Dawson (DoS), Logan Manning (DoS Trails Coordinator), Mark, Jim, Gillian, Pierre, John,

Andy/Logan conversations: Matt; discussion of “dog leg” accessing Valleycliffe through Redbridge and minor loose gravel / erosion issue at trail – driveway junction; possibly of putting reflective tape on light posts in middle of Corridor Trail at YIG and parallel to Rose Park on highway sidewalk. Noted that Dark Roast trail closed until further notice – DoS doing an environmental assessment – possible future bridges/culverts - hoping to get STS help/support; recent DoS works removing trees on Discovery and assessing trees in Valleycliffe area – noted that Logan is qualified danger tree assessor...



Call to order: 19:04

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Gillian – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Mark – carried.

Reports:

Nov. 2nd Estuary Trail mtg: Matt & Carl – met with WMA coordinators (Natasha and associate) along with Mike Nelson; looking at Heron Trail and reconstruction of trail through Westwind remediation site. Mike created a report – highlights; looking at dropping high bridge (on lock blocks) to be between the blocks rather on top, to decrease access issues and widen handrails; and options for remediation of trail through wetland – possibly on screw piles at as low an elevation as possible. (would be under water during highest tides. Rock fill and culvert installed by STS along Heron Trail to be removed and replaced with boardwalk?)

Brushback Trimmer Maintenance / Winterization: Mark – meeting Friday (noonish) at the shed...

Outdoor Rec Counsel of BC Interview Domestic Impact of Trails and Rec in Squamish: Matt



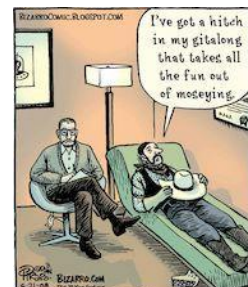
Snow Removal on Corridor Trail Adjacent to Highway: Carl – discussion of snow removal issues with Highways dumping snow on Corridor Trail and bridge sidewalks. How can we work with them and DoS to have these areas free from snow as quickly as possible – acknowledging last winter was a disaster! Andy suggestion that we go to MLA and bring up the safety card. Noted that Highways will not let Dos take care of the bridges etc. Also noted that existing DoS equipment to wide to cross the bridges on the sidewalks. Both bridges are a winter nightmare and could be made wider to facilitate easier use. They are insufficient and DoS and STS should work together to get some kind of resolution. May be Fed funding or TCT funding or any other pockets. With the highlight for active transportation these are important areas to work on... Asked Andy to please send STS appropriate contact info so that we can contact best person in Highways!

Mamquam River Trail Maintenance Day: Matt attended and impressed with trail work at kayak put-in.

Financial Report: Lauren – not a lot to report – funding went out to Pelk Willem

Correspondences:

- Front Country Trails Inventory advisory panel meeting coming up soon – note from SORCA, facilitated by Cascade – looking for date to put together a panel to assess area trails.
- Outdoor Rec Council of BC trail funding advocacy. Letter writing to MLA to encourage funding.
- Virginia Vianna re: Meditative Labyrinth Project Grant application inquiry – has communicated with DoS planning – interested in collaboration on grant for labyrinth. Suggested it be deferred until an actual site is located...
- SORCA Skills Park funding from Polygon’s trail funding commitment – STS agreed to commit some of these funds but save some of the funds for works around



Coho Park. (lower wetland boardwalk and upper bridge approaches) Discussion of connector trails from Coho Park to Ayre Drive (Skyline Place).

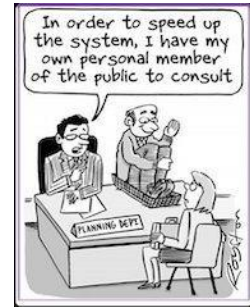
Business Arising:

Pelk Wilem Trails Project Review: a new connector trail is “emerging” parallel the horse fence from the Brennan Channel intake pipe outfall to the hydro tower. A bit more hand work will get it done.

Project suggestion: Gravelling Loggers Creek Trail Finch to BMX track – contact DoS, rake of organics and lay down some gravel; Dipper trail from highway bridge parallel to bridge crossing Mashiter Channel where we ended last time;

CN Rail crossing update – request was submitted and is being bumped along to the right desk at CN.

Mamquam Blind Channel pedestrian bridge location: received info from DoS regarding discussion with Redbridge. Discussion of safety at Scott Crescent, maybe a compromise location – half way. Discussion of Valleycliffe exits – Guilford, over the hill or Plateau Drive. Discussion of access above pub to trail and down. Primary safety reason from DoS is avoidance of users accessing Cleveland intersection. Discussion of connecting Downtown to the Bluffs. Possible solution to swing south end to align with Scott Crescent corner. Noted that there will be a public process where people can put in their preferences. Discussion of the steepness of the trails that connect... Discussion of connection to two-way multi-use trail on Scott Crescent. Discussion of intersection of highway and deceleration lanes. Maybe they can blast out the pinch point... Everyone should ensure their opinions are shared! STS to highlight on social media any upcoming public consultation opportunities.



Roundtable: Jim - working on report for Senior Smoothers – still some moneys to spend – maybe replace bridge in Mashiter Channel area. RE: Sea to Sky Trail - over to Alison McDonald (SLRD Trail Coordinator); Pierre – recent work in Finch Trails – stump walk crossings. Discussion of deadlock with stables regarding trail work around to top of spawning channel intake to reconnect trails. Mark – discussion brought up challenges with trail names – particularly in Mamquam Channel areas... Gillian – last year at this time we had started a membership drive and was looking at email applications process. Hopefully we haven’t missed an opportunity for further prizes.

What is the view regarding dispersal of volunteer activity prizes? Spring time associated with AGM to encourage folks to come out? Maybe put it out to the Chief for a news story – what’s your favourite trail? Come on out? What do we have for a membership data base, is it still current? Heather has that... Jim – we need some chain saw work on Mamquam Dike and Dipper Trail. Matt to take care of it Thursday; Mark – could improved sight lines on trails have prevented recent bear attacks? Noted that off leash dogs can be an issue; Andy – December 15 lunch at the Golf Club on Andy, possibility of having DoS excavator for trail graveling; Pierre – proposal works include graveling, filling in low spots, installation of direction signage, improvement to kiosk; Matt – can the trail just across the bridge at the dike culvert/kiosk. Matt has applied for Sea to Sky stickers and will ensure they are OK to put up – approved by DoS.



Adjournment: 20:30

Next Meeting: December 14





Squamish Trails Society Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 7:00 pm
Location: Online Google Meet



In Attendance: Jim, Gillian, Carl, Patrick, Matt, Jennifer, Vic, Pierre, Lauren

Call to order: 19:02 Suggestion on how to send out meeting info – online suggestion to email info at to ask for link rather than sending it out to the whole world?

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Lauren, seconded by Jen - carried

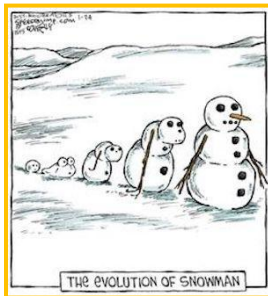
Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Gillian – carried.

Reports:

Brushback Trimmer maintenance: Winterization is done. Mark – will be submitting bill for re-impbursement.

TCT signage rebranding: Waiting on stickers again. Stickers did arrive by mail, but because of delay to pick them up they were sent back. Gillian looking into getting additional keys cut so that mail can be checked more often... Noted that we need completed authorization form so packages can be picked up as well. Moved by Matt that we extend authorization to Matt, Lauren and Gillian to receive packages – carried. Matt has submitted a report and requested extension for trail rebranding.

Front Country Trails Inventory Advisory Panel Meeting: Feedback on questionnaire questions and study area map required by December 22. Steering committee looking at front country trails asking for stakeholder feedback. This is not a masterplan, but possible first steps... Part of planning includes questionnaire (and associated maps). Suggested that membership forward ideas to Matt. Public will eventually get a chance to respond but at this point they are looking for stakeholder feedback to inform further study. Noted by Jim that current DoS map is up to date. Pierre: offered that trail inventory is actually incomplete with all the trails being created off the books by motorized users “just riding all over the place”. He suggested there are far too many trials riders and should look at ban or ways to limit impact. There have been negative



interactions with walkers and trials riders that “session” in an area creating a maze of trails with no consideration for habitat and ecology in areas being used. Matt to forward info to Pierre. Due prior to December 22.

Financial Report: Lauren. As full financials not shared last month report covered two months. SORCA cheque went through the bank, GST rebate approved and we have received another significant donation from Squamish Liquor.

Correspondences:

- DOS Transportation Master Plan Advisory Committee call out & input: Invitation sent to STS – Carl interested in serving on committee – anybody else interested in being an alternate? Let Matt know...
- Virginia Vianna – Labyrinth project update Rose Park suggestion: DoS supportive of area in Rose Park near the “acorn water feature”. Moving forward with planning to present to Council for approval. Men’s Shed willing to support with benches etc.
- CN Rail crossing inquiry: referred to CN public works manager – specific location has been identified. Noted that there is another crossing on the Sea to Sky Trail that could be brought to CN attention.
- Andy Dawson invitation for lunch – this Saturday at 1pm. Noted Carl and Patrick both volunteering for Christmas Bird Count that day. Matt to connect with Mark to get appropriate folks an invitation to get back to Andy.
- TCT (virtual) meeting lined up for Jan11, 2021. Rollout plan for multi-use trail classification program.
- Message from SORCA – new lead trail builder.
- Message from John – have donations for two memorial benches.



Business Arising:

- Gravelling Loggers Creek Trail Finch to BMX track when weather, time and ambition allow.
- Whistler Blackcomb Epic Prizes available again this year – discussion on how to allocate – vollies, membership drive – any other ideas? Question – are any time sensitive – last time there was a “shopping list” and we could choose appropriate ones. Maybe might be looked at in context of who we might be awarding them to? Start looking at a membership drive in February? Can decide in January after review of available prizes. Most are snow sport related?



Roundtable: Matt has asked if public meeting space is available at Squamish Savings – not yet. Wondered if there is a space at 55 – yes, you just need to ask and there has also been public meetings at Westwind. Matt noted that he attended a hybrid meeting and it is a challenge from the online participants. Jennifer – end of fiscal year – hoping we could look at the project list on our website, what was accomplished, moved forward, proposed for 2023. Lauren – looking at year in review to maximize reporting and benefits. Pierre – haven’t yet wrapped up MRAS project, some funds still unspent on signage – to be completed at the end of next year or into next. STS looking at further works in Brennan Channel area off Centennial (project for 2023). Jim – grant report is done and gone - \$1200 outstanding to be spent on Logger’s Creek trail.



Adjournment: 19:40

Next meeting: January 18, 2023

