



## Squamish Trails Society January 2017 Meeting Agenda Wednesday, January 18th, 7:00 pm

**Location:** Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room

**In attendance:** Matt, Jim, Patrick, Carl, John, Vic, Heather

**Call to order:** 19:07

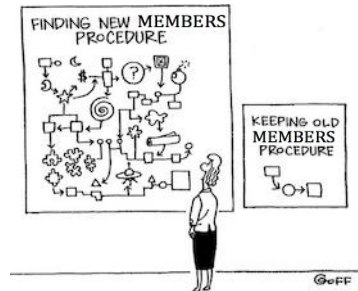
**Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Jim – carried

**Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Moved by Carl, seconded by Matt – carried

**Welcome to 2017:** Thanks for coming out everybody on such a louse night.

### Reports:

**Membership:** Note membership dues are due – could not enter the meeting without paying! Heather has taken over. Spreadsheet is ready for update. New members get a welcome with “how do they wish to get involved”. Discussion regarding update for membership form? Does it include contact by email? Yes. Membership is by calendar year but would be nice to have renewal at AGM in April? Nice to get the money in the bank. Discussion regarding fundraising options.



**Projects/Campground:** John Sturdy consultation meeting, attended by John – Back Country Use: SFN/back country skiers/snowshoers/Alpine Club Canada not there. Hard to say if there are any solutions regarding overuse of back country areas. (Joffre Lakes/folks camping in vans etc in media pushed the agenda). John also raised our and DOS's desire to add adjacent crown land parcels to Smoke Bluffs Park with MLA.

Discussion of connector along Mashiter connecting Boulevard and Mamquam Road.

Campground news: no financial support from SAS or CASBC as of yet



**Smoke Bluffs Park Advisory Committee:** nothing to report – first meeting in February. Discussion: Smoke Bluff is designated as a Municipal park. Jim wondered if it should be a Provincial Park to ensure protection into the future.

**Financials:** Jim – as of a middle of January we were still solvent. Need an inventory for hats, tshirts and Brushback equipment. Discussion: budget line items for BBB etc.

**Brackentrail to Wonderland Connector:** Still looking at issues at south end with road allowance and issues with private property owner. Surveyors have committed to do the survey to see where the boundaries actually are.

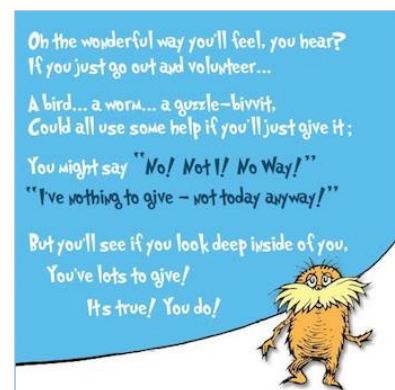
### Correspondence:

Jim Harvey note regarding park along CN Rail behind Eagle Run could be a route for a trail. Was looked at as route for Corridor Trail but had too many issues with water – though may be a route for a connector walking trail.

Kirsten Gauley regarding public meeting for Cheekye Cornerstone development and request for support from the community. The proposal had been brought forward to STS before and we did not support it as presented. Suggested that we will have a representative at the January 24 meeting at Howe Sound Secondary (6pm).

### Business Arising (and continuing):

**Brush Back Brigade Storage Shed:** Insurance issues have been resolved. We need to provide DoS info and all is good. Matt will contact Ted to see where we go from here regarding where we go from here regarding the storage bin. If Ted deal falls through there is a possibility with a bin from Atlantic Power.



**Society Act Update:** Jim – finalizing constitution and bylaws: Constitution looks OK and only issue for bylaws regarded types of memberships. Discussion regarding dissolution (funds reverting to DoS as last recourse) and recourse by membership if there was a perceived “highjacking” the executive.



**2017 Project List:** Discussion: Mamquam West Under the Bridge Trail (extension of 613) – stairs timbers on west side of bridge ready to go.

- Brackentrail to Wonderland connector – could start up again soon if snow melts away?

**Roundtable:** Discussion regarding grants, grant applications and funding opportunity.

Jim – trails articles – has done 40 and has 40 “in the bank”. Interested in knowing how trails got names? Let him know if you have ideas or trails that should be highlighted. Estuary trail maintenance? Who does it? It is something we could take on. Discussion regarding a shared project on Chelem Trail with Squamish Environment Society.

**Adjournment:** 20:33

**Next meeting:** February 15, 2017





**Squamish Trails Society February 2017 Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, February 15th, 7:00 pm**

**Location:** Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room

**In attendance:** Matt, Jim, Stephané, Patrick, Carl, John, Vic, Alspeth, Heather, Meg

**Call to order:** 19:07

**Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Meg – carried

**Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Moved by Meg, seconded by Heather – carried

**Moved by Stephané that we wish Meg a Happy Birthday - carried**

**Reports:**

**Membership:** Heather - Note membership dues are due. Who has paid anyway? Heather will let us know!

**Projects/Campground:** John - Bridge Under the Mamquam is in place – could always use some tweaking but is possible now. Bin works started and clearing will start ASAP with goal to open campground in four months. Discussion of funding and grants. "Thinks do come out of the woodwork" when needed (fingers crossed).



Next Trail Society project? Trail along west side of creek from Valleycliffe pub to trail at school. Potential to build additional trail on east side of creek to Plateau Drive. Discussion regarding trail up to Plateau Crescent – need to ensure that existing trail does not infringe on private property. High value community connector and identified as a "Safe Route to Schools".

**Project Management for Non-profits:** Great venue for networking!

**Smoke Bluffs Park Advisory Committee:** Matt - nothing to report – meeting cancelled with "snowmagedon". Discussion regarding make up of committee. "Shall do battle next month".

**Cornerstone Development Public Hearing:** Matt – Discussion regarding impacts on trails. How will trails be replace, form and character, connections to Corridor Trails?

**Financials:** Jim – as of a middle of February we were still healthy. Patiently waiting for Turtle expenditures. Have significant commitments this year but they are covered. Still need t-shirt info for inventory – action item Heather.



**Brackentrail to Wonderland Connector:** Still buried in snow.

**Correspondence:**

Mountain bikers from Prince George looking to set up a trail society – John suggested he talk to SORCA

Person looking for employment directed to trail builders.

Buckerfield's site has been purchased – will impact Swan Trail.

**Business Arising (and continuing):**

**Brush Back Brigade Storage Shed:** Action item - John to contact Ted Prior re: availability of steel bin. Discussion regarding installation of door into bin. We can do it! Insurance issues have been dealt with.



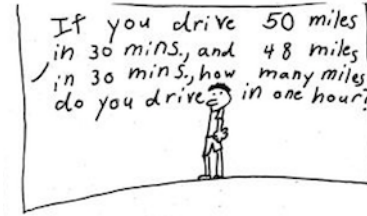
**Society Act Update:** Jim – "final" version has been distributed and if there are no objections it will be presented at next AGM. Suggested that info be made available on website and it be noted on AGM advertisement that we will be updating bylaws and constitution. Heather to work on AGM communications. Discussion regarding AGM: Would we be considering a speaker? DoS staff member regarding Trail Integration in the OCP / Corridor Trail Next Steps?

**2017 Project List:** Discussion: Setting up a meeting with DoS – Matt and Sarah? Entice them with Pizza and T-shirts?

**Roundtable:**

Discussion regarding grants, grant applications and funding opportunity.

- Valleycliff Trails linking to Crumpit Cruiser.
- Discussion Corridor Connector options from Kingswood to Depot
- Mashiter Creek to Paco Road – problems with unstable slopes over?
- Turtle Trail
- Woodpecker Trail and Chelem Trail upgrades with partnership with SES, SRWS and DFO.

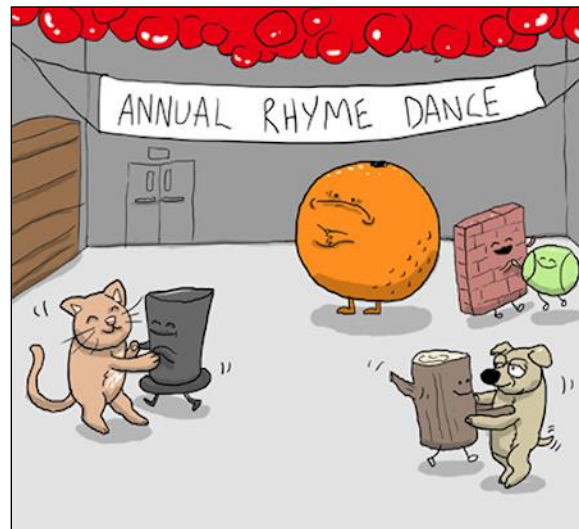


Round the table: Jim – DoS Budget: Skateboard park under the Mashiter Bridge infrastructure, trailhead parking etc. Westbuild: noted that Westbuild gave \$900,000 to Provincial Liberal Party! Suggested info go to SES lawyer. Vic – does DoS have any plans to thin out underbrush around community – would have impacts on trails. Discussed at Safe Routes for Schools Valleycliffe tour in regards to wildlife near school. John – coordinating extension of "campground" trail. Meg – Beth is setting up ride around for Muni staff to look at Turtle Trail issues. Suggested a focus on Sihk temple to Castle Rock routing. Looking forward to announcement of date! Bob Brant is looking at route to see what markers/sign posts are needed. Discussion new DoS signage – go look by Brew Pub. Keely has been working on graphics for proposed trail brochure/map. Looking to include SFN names for plants and animals, locations etc. Carl – Easter Seal Dike update, Tourism Squamish meeting.



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## Squamish Trails Society March 2017 Meeting Agenda Wednesday, March 15th, 7:00 pm

**Location:** Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room  
**In attendance:** Matt, Jim, Chris, Patrick, Elspeth, Carl, John, Vic, Meg, Charles Rummel  
**Sending Regrets:** Heather  
**Call to order:** 19:06  
**Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by John – carried  
**Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Moved by Matt, seconded by Meg – carried

**Reports:** Keely had her baby (boy – Milo)

**Membership:** Introduction of new member – Charles Rummel. Update from Heather – current lists for next meeting (AGM). Will also bring shirts and maps. Will take care of the advertising – as well on multiple web based opportunities.

**Projects/Campground:** John – Discussion of permits required; bird nesting, invasive species, dike maintenance, etc, etc. Should be able to move forward soon. Thank you for two loads of gravel from STS. Donations from community; surveying, trucking, fencing, fill. Trail along front and connectors to be completed in the future. Anybody willing to come and place fence posts see John!

**Smoke Bluffs Park Advisory Committee:** Matt – last meeting went “surprisingly well”. Very well attended by DoS staff. New plan (less restrictive) was put forward and approved. New Chair and vice-Chair – who “seem delightful”. Three meetings per year plus one “park walk through”. “Off to a good start”. Matt committed to another two years!

**Meeting with Matt Simmons - DoS:** Matt and Carl – Wide ranging discussion. Corridor Trail extension and lighting from Centennial to Old Mamquam Bridge. “Quest” trail to Paco Road – there is a corridor for a trail. Corridor Trail options in Brackendale – “bike boulevards” through Kingswood and Dryden roads, Cottonwood Road. Swan Trail connector – note that is on BCR property. Valleycliffe greenbelt along Little Stawamus Creek and school access to Plateau Crescent. Discussed route from Valleycliffe (Crumpit Woods area) to Finch area and beyond. Golf course corridor along Mamquam Road may be available for walking trail. Reconnecting Mamquam underpass to west side highway sidewalk - on to Cleveland intersection and to schools - stopgap route.

Discussion: Bike ride in April will take into account 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue route along old town dike. Lots of issues here with changing dike requirements, flood control, ownership issues. Suggested that we put a thankyou in the paper for DoS support and efforts. Stressing cooperation etc.



**Financials:** Jim – as of a middle of March we in the black. Still commitments to pay but looking good. “In a healthy position”. Noted that Merrill Park project has been completed (as far as the accounts are concerned.) Discussion: selling shirts etc – need more exposure. Noted that tax forms have been sent in.

**Brackentrail to Wonderland Connector:** Still buried in snow. Waiting on surveying – more next month.

### Correspondence:



Pitch-in Week: April 22-29. We can organize a group – we can have a “Trails Team” and pick our place to go.

Barbe Hinde: April 30 Walk and Talk – Looking for suggestions for accessible trails for walk and talks. Discussion: map of Turtle Trail and four landmarks which identify services (including accessibility). Mobility challenged persons have a lot of requirements – parking, appropriate surfaces. Need to gather info – what can be the role of STS to do an audit to share info that will foster understanding of issues, problems and solutions and standards. Could we do an audit of trails that could be easily upgraded to provide access. Maybe a good Quest project – urban geography? How about a wheelchair athlete? Eg. Golf Course trail has 100 m un-gravelled at west end to complete a loop. Discussion regarding standards and requirements. Accessible trails need accessible parking.



Monica Craver: Email forwarded put forward from Environment Society. North Van resident putting forth concerns about mountain bike trail construction and access into wilderness and sensitive habitats. Need to support SORCA and others who go through the proper channels and do things appropriately. Need to expand on the



etiquette of cyclists, walkers – all trail users. Share with group for ideas to make a proactive response. Sensitive habitats need to be protected. Discussion: School bike education programs (bike academy) could be an excellent place to connect. Carl to forward letter for comment and future response.

**Business Arising (and continuing):**

**AGM Prep:** Who can continue in their roles: Jim – yes. Vic – maybe with help. Discussion – scheduling other dates or times to share the load? Try a Saturday or two. John – yes. Meg – Turtle Trail and accessibility issues. Elspeth – yes to Director. Carl – yes. Heather – yes. Matt – yes. Confirmed DoS reps are available to speak regarding OCP at meeting. (Spoke to Sarah at Safe Routes to School meeting and OK to attend – CH)

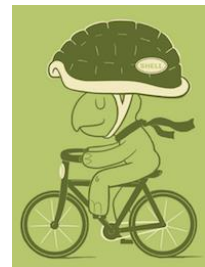
**Brush Back Brigade Storage Shed:** Ted still wants to sell but last deal fell through – so might not be so urgent. Anybody run into Ted – ask him about the bin!



**Society Act Update:** Jim – “final” version has been distributed and if there are no objections it will be presented at next AGM. Will be voting on special resolution – amendments to the Constitution as an example. Moved by Meg that we put forward a resolution to drop “The” from the official name of The Squamish Trails Society, seconded by Matt – carried. Adding “Associate” and “Honourary Memberships”, dissolution, etc. Discussion: attending meetings by new technology – Skype, conference calling, etc. Budget: will be presenting a budget for next year.

**New Projects:**

**Roundtable:** AGM stuff being passed on to Heather, Matt confirming DoS participation. Could have standing room in Squamish Savings Boardroom. Vic – discussion re storage of equipment. Matt to confirm Ted’s offer of a bin. Also noted that a lot of bins in town are being broken in to – should leave tools where they are as long as they can. Discussion re budget for BBB - \$300 enough? Should be thinking of replacement budget in the future. Chris – Logger’s Creek Trail needs work. Meg – Bob Brant has been talking to Amy Fast regarding trail corridor on dike south of CN Rail Bridge over the Mamquam – community access package. Bob has produced a spreadsheet for Turtle Trail signage requirements. Wayfinding: suggested they start at Adventure Centre with signage – just get something in place.



Carl – standard of signage near Brew Pub – not of very high quality, doesn’t really pop – maybe just temporary? Suggest that we could comment to DoS regarding this sign to see if this is where we are going? Posts are kind of hidden with lots of other stuff – poles, road signs, etc.? Start with casual conversation with staff rather than formal written critique?

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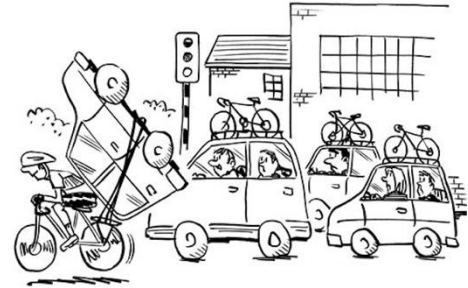
**Next meeting:** AGM April 19, 2017

**Project Management for Non-profits:** Attend next meeting – when is it!



**Squamish Trails Society AGM**  
**April 19, 2017.04.19**  
**Squamish Savings Board Room**

**In Attendance:** Matt Parker, Jim Gracie, Patsy Riecher, Meg Fellowes, Charles Rummel, Patricia Marini, Elspeth Miller, Patrick MacNamara, Jeff Cooke, Candy Rustad, Don Lawrence, Carolyn Grass, Chris Dale, Heather Evans, Penny Wilmot, Heather Sidsworth, Jennifer Adams, Ihor Zalubniak, Carl Halvorson, Vic Drought, John Harvey, Stéphane Perron  
**Guests:** Aja Philp, Sarah McJannet, Matt Simmons



**Call to order:** 7:04

**Quorum?:** Yes



**Guest presentation:** *OCP Process and Content Update: Where we are in the process, what we have heard, where we are headed next!* Sarah McJannet, Aja Philp and Matt Simmons (District of Squamish)

OCP highest community land use plan, hazards, growth management, resources, infrastructure investment – and even trails! 20 year blueprint for the community.

Started 15 months ago. Held visioning event to determine community priorities. OCP Discussion Guides the next phase with hosted pizza parties. “Growing, Thinking, Resilient Squamish”. Recreation and access received the most comments. Priorities included managing rapid growth, managing housing and employment, nature protection and access, health and well being.

Coming up in soon (May 11) an executive summary to be published in the Chief and followed by discussion paper for community and stakeholder groups.

Discussion draft: Foundations, People and Places

Objectives and Policies: Community Growth/Hazards, Climate Action, Liveability.

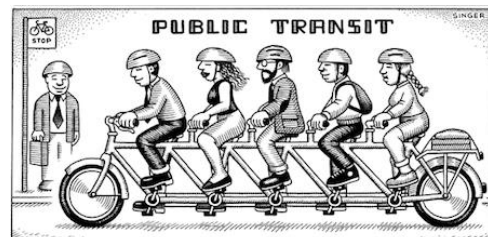
Land Use/Development: Development Permit

Appendices: STS focus – Active Transportation Plan, Major Trails Network Plan, Park Network Plan  
Draft Trails plan left for our review. Looking to the future to invite all trails groups for a focus session.

Key issues regarding Trails – improving connectivity both on roads and trails to connect neighbourhoods, employment and commercial. Decrease reliability on Highway for connection. Focus on alternative transportation – reducing single vehicle usage – walking, biking, transport and ride share.

Priority to fund active transport, safe route to school initiatives.  
Focus on barrier free networks.

Policy devoted to trails and transportation has grown exponentially in the new OCP. Trails “pieces” are being elevated at the development stage to encourage not just protection of existing trails be ensuring we see more trails developed as required.



Questions: What is happening with current developments ie. second phase of University Lands housing? Going forward, with proper policy, the District will be looking for net gain and connectivity – and not just rerouting trails between housing – quality of trails is important.

What about protection of riparian zones? Noted that many existing trails are within riparian buffers.

Sensitive habitat mapping is a key part of the OCP. Development permit guidelines are going to be much more robust to protect sensitive habitats.

Matt Simmons: Capital Project Manager DoS. This year in Capital – trying to leverage trails issues with projects. Depot to Reid water main upgrade – include widening of road to include bike lanes. Rail crossings: new regulations have established new standards and will affect all 21 crossings in Squamish (by 2021). End of Depot sidewalk completion. Braemar to Boulevard area will include sidewalks, curbs and crosswalks. Recent upgrade of treatment plant. Question: Paving? \$800,000 budget with additional \$75,000 for pothole repairs. Also identified \$25,000 for crack sealing.

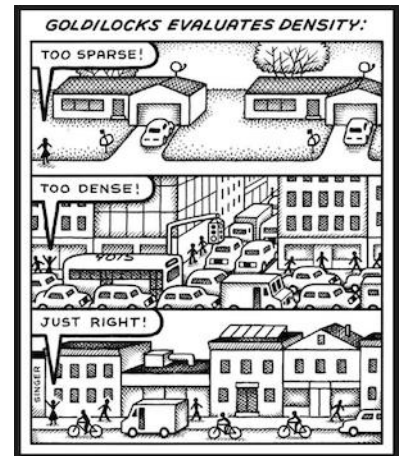


Active Transport: Centennial to Mamquam River, sidewalk completion - with lights! Carson Place “bulb” has been reconfigured. McDonald access will be reconfigured to provide pedestrian access. Loggers Lane lighting project moving forward with double light standards for both Corridor Trail and Loggers Lane.

Question: Plan for underpass area. Looking to make improvement to re-establish connection from west side of highway sidewalk down to underpass. Lighting has been improved with LEDs. Question: Have you looked at these corners with mobility challenges in mind. Blind corners with chicanes are designed to slow bikes down but make it difficult for some users. Looking to see what can be accommodated – please send suggestions and ideas. Looking at the possibility of mirrors. Active Transport: Neighbourhood routes – pushing forward to make proper defendable routes. Need to sign projects properly as well. Way finding process has yet to be completed – noted that salvaged timber from Landfill is being earmarked for this project. Question: North Yards crossing very rough? – challenge is that it is a CN crossing because it is in the rail yard. Need to balance new regulations, development, neighbourhood needs and future infrastructure upgrade needs. Re CN – send them a letter.

Question: Is crossing assessment a public document? It can be made available. Takes longer to approve works than actually do it. Question: Stawamus Creek trail – it will be a major undertaking to make it completely right. Grant opportunity for improvements to Discovery Trail – highlights improvements of Commercial and Industrial intersections. Also includes improvements along Pioneer.

Discussion re design criteria: to “force” folks to go to appropriated crossing infrastructure. Discussion regarding funding of projects and phased approach – also important to ensure connectivity during a phased report. Discussion regarding grants – must be shovel ready project with support in place.



Thank you to DoS for improvements to “Climber’s Parking Lot” and all kinds of other improvements. Question: Truck traffic down Loggers Lane downtown. What happens? Trying to make it all work but still challenging with BC Rail properties. Transportation is now being shown as a “land use”. Question: private lands designated as “resource” that we take advantage of as “green space”. Good opportunity to identified areas that the community would like to see maintained for public access. Incumbent on the community to ensure their desires are met. Discussion of eBikes – how will they impact trails and trail users with increased speeds.

Thanks to DoS staff and thank you for all the efforts they make to include us and allow are past and continuing input.





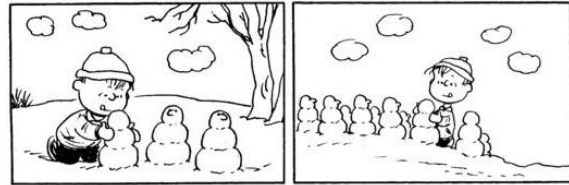
**2017 Squamish Trails Society AGM:**

**Call to order:** 8:04 started with introductions.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Moved by Meg - carried

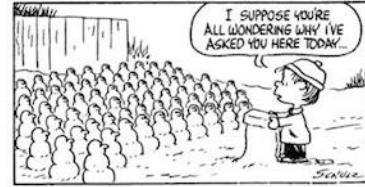
**Approval of the 2016 AGM Minutes:** April 21, 2016.

Moved by Charles, seconded by Meg - carried



**Reports from Executive:**

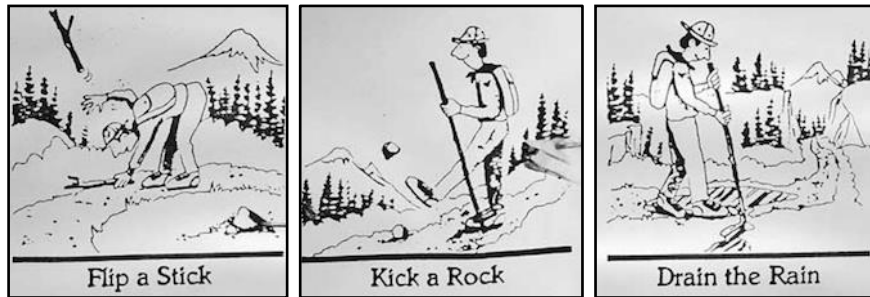
**Presidents Report** – Matt - Glad we are still here and glad we are still advocating for Trails and glad we are all still working hard on Trails



**Membership:** Heather – Members and Friends – 170: Grows every year. Not all paid members but many are. Things we could still do to get more of the community on board with Trails. Suggestion: get some of the walking groups to suggest membership. People have been connecting on-line. Is there a trails membership brochure that could be handed out? There is a link on the web site as well.

**Projects:** John VP's Report – Campground – grinder coming soon. In about 2 weeks it should be a “flat” piece of land that will be ready for layout and start of construction. “Kickstarter” campaign coming soon. Hopefully will mitigate some of the camping in van crowd.

**Brush Back Brigade:** Vic – hasn't quite started yet – growth will be starting soon. (Toe is coming along – may affect his decision to stay as coordinator). Noted that Ted has been cleaning up his yard – apparently plans are under way – so we do not know what that will mean for our equipment storage shed. Everything is ready to go – Loggers Creek trail could use some gravel and culverts – maybe some pre-emptive work before the big growth. Discussion regarding container and needs – upgrades. Attended the SSISC: new invasives coming – red slider turtles, flat pea (not as bad knotweed).



For those folks interested in trail construction and maintenance a great guide from the US Forest Service: <https://www.fs.fed.us/t-d/pubs/pdfpubs/pdf07232806/pdf07232806dpi72.pdf>

**Committee Clerk:** Carl – Earth Day / Pitch-In Week, Squamish Non-Profit Meeting / Breakfast with the Mayor. Earth Day was a pretty good day, sharing the Pavilion Park venue with Squamish Environment Society and WildSafe BC. Trails members shared the message of the Society and sold t-shirts and offered memberships. Pitch-In Week volunteers team up with the Environment Society to clean up several areas around town and collected over 2200 kg of waste for disposal at the landfill – that is half the waste collected by all the groups involved! (this total did not include all recyclables or refundables collected – 757 cans and bottles alone) Carl has attending the last couple Squamish Non-Profit meetings, sharing common goals to support our organizations. The last “Breakfast with the Mayor” focused on the role of volunteers and how we can best move forward in our efforts to support, encourage and solicit volunteers in our community.

**Communications:** Jen – website – there was a bit of an issue as we had a restricted password. Has since been resolved but they have suggested a new website design. Cost of \$1000 to set up – would not include transfer of existing



“Have you tried opening the back and emptying the pencil shavings?”

content! Good opportunity for grant but consensus is that it is not necessary at this time. Ain't broke so don't need to fix! Needs more pictures and other content!

**Treasurers Report:** Jim – big news is that our net worth is increased – didn't spend enough money on trails. That will change this year as we have ~\$14,000 in commitments. Discussion regarding expenses.

Paypal is working very well (though we lose %4 to Paypal) Questions: Turtle Trail map funding.

Moved by Heather , seconded by John that we accept the 2017 budget as presented – carried.



**Approval of Resolutions to our Constitution:** As per the new Society Act.

Discussion of amendments to bylaws.

Moved by Meg, seconded Carl by that we accept Article 2.1 as presented with the change that line item d be included as part of line a. Carried

Moved by Carl, seconded Jim by that we accept Article 3.13 as presented. Carried.

Moved by Meg, seconded Heather that we accept Artic 4.2 as presented. Carried.

Moved by Jenn, seconded Meg that we accept proposed wording for resolution with addition of the approval of majority of existing executive. Carried.

**Discussion of Constitution:** Move by Jim, seconded by Jennifer that we would drop the “The” from the official name. Carried.

Moved by Matt, seconded by Meg that we accept the amended constitution.

Discussion: We do need to address the issue of eBikes at some point. Do we need to include importance of signage. Carried.



### 2017 Executive Elections:

Thank you to the Board who have served for the past year.  
Every resigned.

Election Chaired by Meg.

Matt Parker will stand as President, John will stand as VP, Carl Halvorson will stand as Scribe, Jim Gracie will stand as Treasurer,

Jennifer will stand as Communications, Heather Evans will stand as Membership, Vic Drought will stand as BBB representative. Sean Gosnell and Candy Rustad have also agreed to be Directors. (thank you to Meg, efficiently done!)

Roundtable: Meg – Turtle Trail – map brochure will have accessibility codes.

Proposed codes presented reflect colours and styles used on skiing/mountain bike trails. If you are interested talk to Meg. Looking for feedback in particular.

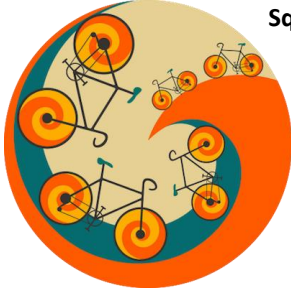
Carl: Pitch-In Week meet on Sunday at the end of Bailey. Jim: International Trails Day June 3. Next AGM needs to be before the end of February 2018

Adjournment 21:21

Next meeting May 17, 2017







**Squamish Trails Society May 2017 Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, May 17, 7:00 pm**

**Location:** Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room

**In Attendance:** Matt, Meg, Patrick, Jim, Carl, Vic.  
Sending Regrets: Heather

**Adoption of the Agenda:**

**Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting:** March 15

**Call to order:** 7:09

**Reports:**

**Membership:** Jim - approx. \$180 received from members so far this year.

**Brush Back Brigade:** Vic Drought - Things still not growing aggressively. Discussion of "Swan Connection" – could do up to the pumping station – intention to construct single track. Once we put it in it will get folks off the road. Something to work on casually. Jim and Vic working at Campground "watching school kids lean on shovels". Should be an "easy" connection. Will tie in nicely with Brennan Channel. Discussion regarding keeping track of community involvement hours.



"I'm getting worker's compensation from the Street Department. The shovel I was leaning on broke."

**Projects:** "Under the Bridge" trail needs work – first rock failed. Swan Trail bridge deck starting to show some age. Discussion: exploring candidates for accessible trails / boardwalks.

**Smoke Bluffs Park Advisory Committee:** Matt Parker - Second meeting went really well. Carpark doubled in size and yet fills up completely on sunny day. Trails riders had noted some flooding at one of their trails access points with addition of new berms.



**Financial:** Jim Gracie - Hospital Hill Play Park remaining funds still pending. Insurance: BC Trails membership allows us to be on the Provincial organizations insurance. Come renewal time we should see some significant savings on premiums?

**Tantalus Rd. to Depot Connector:** Waiting on surveying. Matt was out with Jim Harvey and surveyor. Corner posts were found for most properties off Depot. Challenges with route around one property. Looking at more southerly route below properties. Discussion regarding routing and Highways issues. Possibility of working with Montessorie to use part of their frontage.

**Notifications & Correspondences:**



New BCTS FSP for Sea to Sky Natural Resource District input due June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Dylan Morgan, Survival Run Canada, Squamish area August, donation + volunteer. Looking for a possibility to do some trail related works? Running with buckets of gravel?

Planting 70 cedars wedding favours. Wedding party looking for place to plant after ceremony? Moving on to something else.





### OCP Phase 3 engagement opportunities.

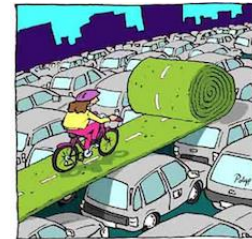
- Share feedback online through June 11
- Connect with District planners and staff at pop-up mobile stations throughout town
- Drop-in on Wednesday, May 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Brennan Park Recreation Centre.

Discussion regarding information available. SCAN is proposing that “like minded” groups have an info/idea sharing meeting in the near future to discuss the OCP. Will share correspondence for those folks interested in participating in such a discussion.

### Business Arising and Continuing:

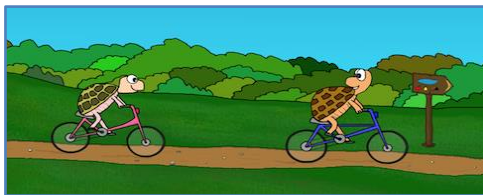
**Whistler Blackcomb Environmental Fund (WBEF) Application:** Due June 15 Possibility to look into funding for Nature Trail upgrades. Discussion: Should we ask Landlubber for pricing? Turtle Trail Interpretive loop proposal available – Meg to forward. Also need to look for “approval” from SRWS and DFO? Needs a proper plan with intension to be wheelchair accessible and include the interpretive loop proposal.

**2017 Summer Projects:** Mamquam Campground Connector, Paco Road Connector – issues with one property, Valleycliffe Upper Little Stawamus Creek Connector – issues with backyard privacy, Logger’s Creek Trail muddy sections, Swan Trail muddy sections,



**Roundtable:** Note that Jennifer makes the Okanagan her home during the summer but will continue to do communications and updates from there. Meg looking at accessibility trail issues: how do you define trails, labeling of trails to indicate level of accessibility. Check out planat.com? Meg also looking into indigenous issues with mapping, interpretive trails – cultural appropriation. Please add Turtle Trail report to agenda. Jim: need representatives from runners, equestrians. Discussion: what would it take to have a quarterly discussion? Are there local groups we should be inviting. How do we improve communications? Dipper Trail along the Mamquam Groundwater Channel: Kiosk maps are in error and out of date. Bob Fast Kiosk (north end of Westway) also out of date. Who has the files? Check with InBiz. Would be nice to find out how many of these need work. NCC kiosk on Mamquam dike could be moved, recycled, repurposed? Note that DoS way find may not include maps around town. Also need a Squamish overview map. Vic:

Status of trail proposal from Brennan Park to Commercial intersection. With increase of population in Loggers Lane developments has it now become a viable project? There were three options developed with Cascade Environmental. “Preferred” option included at least one bridge. This population would also utilize a Crumpit Woods connectors.



SEMC Meeting: Thursday April 27 presentation regarding Waterfront Landing proposal. Discussion focused on waterfront trail, bike lanes, connectivity for pedestrians through and around the development and form and character of infrastructure.

Oceanfront Development Outreach Committee: Wednesday May 17 presentation regarding first phase of construction and impacts on existing trails. Discussion of form and character of proposed waterfront trails and “green shores” influence treatment of shorelines. Of particular note will be removal of all trees along Catermole Slough as once completed the shoreline treatment will be considered a “sea dike” which does not allow for mature trees. Instead there will be sedge benches and low brush habits. This will make the trails very expose to the wind.

**Adjournment:** Adjourned 8:53 **Next Meeting:** June 21

**Squamish Trails Society  
June 2017 Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 21, 7:00 pm**

**Location:** Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room

**In Attendance:** Matt Parker, Meg Fellowes, Patrick McNamara, Jim Gracie, Vic Drought, Don Lawrence, Candy Rustad.  
Sending Regards: Heather & Carl



**Call to order:** 7:05

**Adoption of the Agenda:**

**Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting:** May 17

**Reports:**

**Membership:** nothing new to report here

**Brush Back Brigade:** Vic Drought - 71 hours in and 2 km of trail cleared brushed back: Nature Trail, Squamish Mamquam Dyke Trail, Dentville Trail, Town Dyke Trail (some knotweed noted on private property and adjacent to the trail), Loggers Creek Trail & Dark Roast Connector

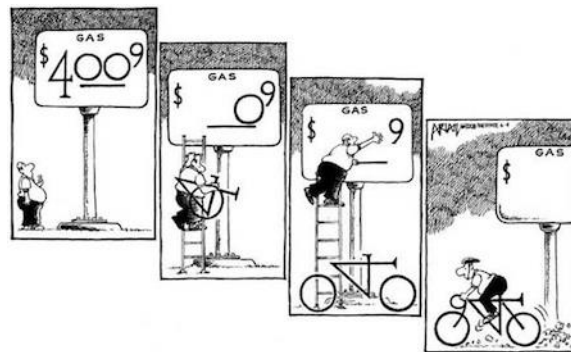


**Projects:** Campground nearing its grand opening - John very busy with this project. Noted from last meeting - Swan Trail bridge deck starting to show wear (horse hoof punched through one deck board) - decking at the north end of the bridge has recently been replaced and upgraded. Turtle Trail map/brochure will probably be completed in a few weeks and ready to be sent to In Biz for printing. Bob Brant is working on a spreadsheet on where signs will be needed. Meg will forward this to Matt Gunn.

**Smoke Bluffs Park Advisory Committee:** Matt Parker - Access point from Trials Riders' kiosk in Smoke Bluffs Park parking lot to Park Avenue trail was established. Committee Chair Krissy McKay submitted insightful input into the phase 3 OCP discussion

1. Crown Land Parcel DL5212 has been designated as "Future Residential Neighbourhood" but currently has a wealth of trails that would be jeopardized if sought for development and would be better designated as "Parks, Greenway & Recreation". It was previously suggested in the Smoke Bluffs Park Development Plan and in the recently adopted Management Plan that acquisition of this land parcel would benefit the park and should be a priority for the District.
2. Acquisition of crown land parcels and private land parcels at the north end of the Upper Mamquam Blind Channel to protect recreational assets in the park including trail connectivity.
3. Part of the Loop Trail is designated as "Trail Access" and should be designated "Major Recreational Trail" while the Smoke Bluffs Trail (or "commuter trail") should be labeled Trail Access. Matt Gunn responded promptly to address the concerns raised.

**Financial:** Jim Gracie - Financially we're in good shape with \$15,000 committed to projects this summer. Donations down this year so far. Best advertising is trail work and completed projects. Hospital Hill Play Park remaining funds still pending. Insurance: BC Trails membership allows us to be on their insurance for about \$200 instead of seeking insurance privately for \$1380. \$5,000,000 liability coverage. Website is paid up. Jim will pass the cash box and t-shirts to Heather as she has signing authority. Running low on brochures. Carolyn Grass was going to use her designer skills to re-refresh our brochure lay out - check on progress.



**Tantalus Rd. to Depot Connector:** Jim Harvey considering pulling out of the project given the challenges to routing and garnering support for implementing a more workable route, which crosses private property creating other challenges. Suggestion made that STS could pay for survey if needed.

**Matt- Whistler Blackcomb Foundation Environmental Fund** application submitted and accepted. We may hear back some time in mid July. DOS and Sea to Sky Forestry Centre Association provided letters of endorsement. STS has agreed to work with SRWS on any improvements to the Nature trail to maintain the present character of the trail.

**Accessibility** - Meg - unveiled a map showing green circle or potentially wheel chair accessible routes. "Where are the nature trails? Discussion around trail user groups to be continued in July. Distinction made between green circle trails and green circle single track. Cited Victoria's User Friendly Trail Initiative publication, which is available on line. Accessibility includes benches and wheel chair accessible picnic tables and nearby accessible parking.



### Notifications & Correspondences:

1. Scott Crescent development (previously Kingswood/Redpoint) is re-launching. Old hotel site has been acquired by the development group. Trail connectivity and bridge over the blind channel remains a part of this proposed development.
2. DOS letter to work with SRWS on any upgrades to the Nature Trail.
3. Sydney Vanzella school project to post signage reminding trail users not to litter and to clean-up litter: directed toward Mike Weeks trail and Discovery Trail but to keep signage to a minimum
4. Future joint meeting with DOS, SORCA, SBDA and Trails Assoc. re. land use and OCP It would be wise to also invite equestrian association as well. Suggestion also made to resurrect Trails Steering Committee as part of the Trails Master Plan.
5. Hospital Hill Delegation re. Scott Crescent Dev. for July meeting from Eric Anderson



### Business Arising and Continuing:

1. 2017 summer trail crew project suggestions (STS should be eligible for 20-25% of trail crew time): Swan Trail roots and mud puddle sections, Loggers Creek Trail - area that seasonally floods near manufactured wetland spot, Dark Roast Trail, (Cherub was on the list last year but was not addressed or worked on by trail crew so could remain on the list as a potential project) Some STS work and projects may be more effectively served with machine time so citing project suitable for the trail crew which mainly works manually is important. (DOS to address Little Stawamus Creek trail erosion with rip rap at a later date - I think)

### Roundtable:

Brackendale Fall Fair set for Sept. 9 Volunteers??? DOS Tree management and soil Management Bylaw meeting coming up for those interested in or able to attending.

**Adjournment:** Adjourned 8:50

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, July 19, 7pm

Squamish Savings Board Room





**Squamish Trails Society  
July 2017 Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 19**

**Location:** Squamish Savings Board Room

**In Attendance:** Matt Parker, Candy Rustad, Don Lawrence, Patrick MacNamara, Heather Evans, John Harvey, Meg Fellowes, Carl Halvorson

**Special Guest:** Richard Laverdiene, DoS Trails Maintenance Operator



**Call to order:** 7:07

**Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Meg - carried

**Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting:** June 17 - moved by Meg, seconded by Carl - carried

**Discussion:** DoS Trail responsibilities and priorities – Corridor Trail, Discovery Trail and community connectors primary targets. Definitely the paved trails and designated Safe Routes to School trails. Is there a priority list? Corridor Trail #1 for maintenance and improvements. What about horses on trails? Yes on Corridor Trail though noted some issues with bridges on Loggers Creek trails.

**Reports:**

**Triathlon:** Were 218 entries - loved off road course this year - kudos to volunteers who worked to prep trails!

**Brushback:** Pretty much on hiatus with power tools banned on trails. Prior to ban Matt did some work on Cheshire Cat. Still some ongoing hand pruner work going on by individuals – noted some blackberry pruning required along Corridor Trail if anybody is out there with their pruners :-)

**Projects:** Campground shut down – conflict with Public Health regarding outhouses. Binnie will be testing existing structure for leakage to move forward.



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

**Smoke Bluffs Park Advisory Committee:** Have had ongoing challenges with unsanctioned campers – garbage and outhouses pressure major issues.

Walk through recently looking at Trails bike access at “Park Avenue” entry. Drainage issues had been resolved. Sean Gosnell had raised concerned about clearing debris stacking creating a fire hazard. Fire Marshall had suggested in the past that this kind of debris be scattered “naturally”.

**Financials:** Jim on vacation, but confirmed we still have money on the bank - Heather has the cheque book in case we need to pay for anything in Jim's absence.



**WBFEF Grant:** Did secure \$1250 - to be matched with STS grant. LanWBFEF Grant: Did secure \$1250 - to be matched with STS grant. Ldlugger to be contacted to move forward ASAP. Do need to clarify trail standards that also meet an environmental ethic. Meg has been researching surface and standards. “A lot of information out there, need to start building some capacity”. Accessible areas such as Rose Park allow persons with mobility issues to access natural areas. “The devil is in the details” - e.g. designated parking areas with decent surfaces so there is appropriate surfaces right from the car. Discussion regarding appropriateness of asphalt “grindings”.

Discussion regarding trails as destinations - persons in wheelchairs should have the same access - "maybe not the same amount of access" but they do have rights to some kind of access. Discussion regarding parking at Hostel - used to be reserved for "park users" but signage disappeared some time ago. DoS could look into re-establishing this area with paved connection to Rose Park. Richard to look into it . . .

Who do we contact at DOS regarding Mamquam underpass?

Discussion regarding signage: Why are "we" recreating the wheel? Look to other standards?



**Trails Advocacy Panel - DoS, SORCA, SBDA for OCP input:** Accessibility needs to also be addressed at this table. Matt attended last meeting on STS behalf. Highlighted gaps in trail continuity/connectivity. SORCA focused on "Cheema land". Matt also brought up need for equestrian community to be at the table. \*It is intended that this group meet at a regular basis.



**Turtle Trail - Meg:** Pamphlet distributed for a first look. This first version intended for "internal use" - looking for comments and suggestions for improvements? Still needs to put the interpretive plan together. Over the summer planning to do more route marking and have a "ride around tour" with DoS staff to resolve issues i.e. 6th Ave etc. - maybe August/early September.

Discussion: intersections should be GPS'd to facilitate following routes on smart phone. Noted that this current Turtle Trail routing is fluid, unconfirmed and will change over time.

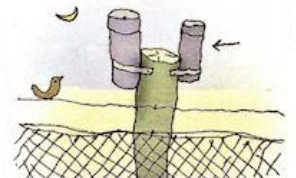
**Notifications and Correspondence:**

**1. Scott Crescent (Kingswood):** Have purchased old motel site and are looking to include in their proposal. Would include an additional 35 units. "Hospital Hill group" has several concerns regarding including trails, Channel crossing etc. Discussion regarding alignment of the promised footbridge. Would it be better to push for alignment closer to highway bridge – Corridor Trail users and students currently crossing highway and using rail bridge should be major consideration for placement of this bridge. Community connectivity concerns should ace what is the most scenic. Suggestion also forwarded to STS that long term plans should include an overpass connecting Adventure Centre area to Carson Place.



**2. Polygon (Garibaldi Springs):** Matt attended a meeting with Polygon representatives on STS behalf, focused on trail connectivity issues. Looking at developing trail network and could work with them developing needs and standards and connections beyond the development site. Matt wrote a letter to DOS staff and Council in support of trail connectivity and the preservation of green corridors from this area to Alice Lake Provincial Park.

ON THE FENCE POST, NEXT TO THE RAIN GAUGE IS THE OLD HAPPINESS GAUGE.



**3. Hiking Group Inquiries:** Lots of folks seeking out hiking groups. Do we have a list of such groups? Would be nice to have links on website . . .

**4. Chief Community Resource Guide and Business Directory:** Contacts should be updated to whatever we have on the website. Matt would like to tweak the wording. Moved by Carl that Matt just start tweaking.

### Business Arising and Continuing:

- 1. Swan Trail:** Looking at building up trail around large spruce roots near Log Sort exit. Materials will be delivered at trail head for upcoming trail maintenance day with trail crew.
- 2. Nature Trail:** Matt and Keith to get together ASAP - will keep Richard in the loop.
- 3. Brackendale to Wonderland:** Jim is a bit burned out - has hit an impasse because of issues at north end. The route is showing up on District maps and Trail Forks map app and should be removed until it actually exists. This suggestion has been made to DOS at Trails Advocacy Panel meeting. More work needed to see if there is a viable, buildable route east of the private properties along the boulder slope. SORCA is willing to dedicate time and resources toward this project. DOS is also supportive and can clear the access lane to the District Park parcel across the Creek at the north end of the proposed trail. Really worthwhile to get a community corridor established regardless of its form and character. Meeting on this issue coming up soon.

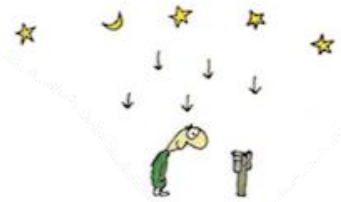
### Roundtable:

Thanks to Matt for all his work on meetings. Thanks to Richard for coming out and all his efforts. Meg - let's have a look at "green routes", the "accessible routes" etc.

**Adjournment:** 8:48

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, September 20, 7 pm  
Squamish Savings Board Room

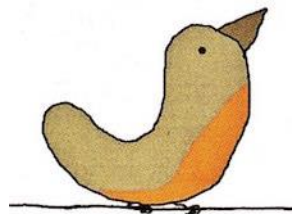
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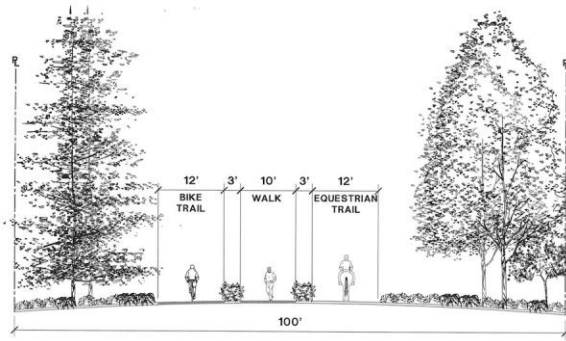
IT'S A SMALL GAUGE BECAUSE IT RECORDS LITTLE THINGS. YOU DON'T NEED MUCH TO KEEP THE GARDEN GROWING.



SOMETIMES THE GAUGE FILLS AND ALL THE WILDFLOWERS COME UP.



Too much to ask for?





**Squamish Trails Society  
September 2017 Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 20**

**Location:** Squamish Savings Board Room

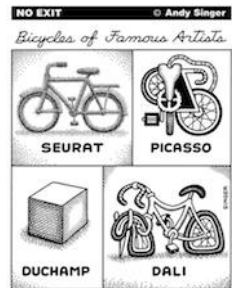
**In Attendance:** Matt Parker, Jim Gracie, Vic Drought, Patrick MacNamara, Heather Evans, John Harvey, Meg Fellowes, Carl Halvorson, Candy Rustad  
**Special Guest:** Jeff Cooke (SORCA)

**Call to order:** 19:03

**Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Heather - carried

**Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting:** July 19 - moved by Meg, seconded by John - carried

**Guest:** Jeff Cooke - 2018 Community Enhancement Grant - payroll for trails crew. Previous years 60% SORCA, SBDA and STS 20%. 2018 asking for \$80K. SORCA looking at changing the split - 2017 "partner allocation" was \$15K and are asking to leave it at that amount (not by percentage). Is that OK? and how do we make sure what we (STS) wants gets done? How do we work on trails of joint interest?. In addition to grant SORCA also pays for significant more maintenance from their membership dues. 2018 plan is to employ more SFN (partially paid by SFN) members and students (possibly through grants). Hope to have some restructuring to have a trails supervisor position, some skilled persons, and "labourers". Hope to develop a more sustainable crew that works on "everybody's" trails. Very hard to leave it all to volunteers. Trying to build a case for full time DoS trails manager. Why is it still a grant? Has to go through this process as it is the "only legal way to dole out moneys to community groups." Same pot funds library, Women's Shelter etc. Group use of trails? Need event permit and some do donate to SORCA for trails maintenance - e.g. Squamish 50, \$5 per user. DoS is promoting this as the "right thing to do". Isn't a mechanism to make sure it happens. How can we start to pressure DoS to put such a mechanism in place. Smoke Bluffs use: must hire an overseerer and pay fee. Sticky when it falls on Crown Land. For the most part it is getting better. DoS does need to be a champion and we do all need to be in the same boat! DoS does like to support volunteerism but some projects do need to be done at a very professional level. Tourism Squamish might be a way to go. In OCP feedback SORCA asked for a trails oversight committee with possibly a paid role - include equestrians. Trails Master Plan dictates that there "will be a Trails Committee". A meeting once a year of all trails users will help a lot - something we could do and would be very productive. Horse folks were talking to STS at Fall Fair - need to open up communications with all user groups. Useful to negotiate with developers - rather than going to each group and throwing a small bone in each direction. DoS needs to be part of the conversation - lucky that our current planning staff are strong advocates - but can be frustrating at the Council level when they don't recognize the full importance of trails. Action steps are still not there. Mountain bike trails alone are worth \$12-13 million. Beneficial to one and all - including developers. Other towns have put money into a pot to invest into trails - have identified such trails as a significant value. Wayfinding is going to be a big part of the next phase - with parking, and washrooms. If such things are not planned for there will be problems. Parking is always going to be a significant problem. District staff is very interested in park here and bike or walk to there. Lots of issues with crazy parkers - and campers in those parking spaces that are available. Roll out of "wayfinding" is now complete for this fiscal year but there will be an opportunity for folks to get together to discuss what has been put into place so far. STS will be supporting the application. Let's set up a time for a trails user groups. Let's coordinate trail crew time for what works need to be done and scheduling.



## Reports:



**Membership:** Heather - Newsletter? (Valentine meeting, everybody brings a partner). Maybe as outreach tool for donations. Caroline Grass helping with new membership brochure. Heather to do a trial on enews newsletter.

**Brush Back Brigade:** Working on Toboggan Trail today as well as helping on bridge replacement (Leo's Crossing off Dentville, on Discovery Trail) Bridge looks great! Toboggan Trail requires additional work to mitigate erosion issues. Waterbars and one culvert required. Next weeks work? Waterbar maintenance important before fall rains wash out trails.

**Campground:** John - Shut down for the winter and possibly forever if DoS doesn't show further support. \$20,000 required to remediate outhouses - if funds do not become available or DoS does not pony up for upgrade campground will not open next year. Discussion regarding management of other District camping facilities. There is clearly a big need for campgrounds. Rumour that Crown is adding more camp spots in Mamquam Service road, CalChek, Chief and Porteau. These sites do not solve problems of illegal camping. Seems reasonable that the DoS look at a campground manager as RFP? Partnerships with not for profits make sense.

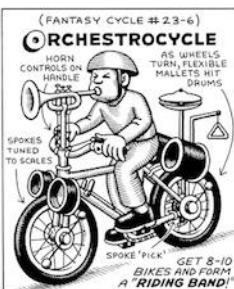
**Smoke Bluffs Parks Advisory:** Matt - Last meeting largely spent evaluating previous goals and "to do" list - i.e.. debris management. Consultant "will be consulted" to see cost and methods of debris management.



**Financials:** Jim - We still have funds! Highlights: Laughing Turtle trail budget is getting low, could need to allocate some more funds? Meg and Jim to talk? Hospital Hill Play Park is still on the books - talks ongoing. BBB still liquid. Insurance costs continue to get lower as Jim (at Heather's suggestion) has arranged that we be under the umbrella of Trails BC. Need to acknowledge with Trails BC logo on web site. Any sales at Fall Fair?

**Kiosk Refurbishments:** Jim/Vic - Paint and new updated signs - 3 at Mamquam Spawning Channels and park at corner of Westway and Plateau. Brackendale Fall Fair: Had good "face time" with lots of folks - well attended event. Meg talked up the Turtle Trail. Talked to equestrian - paranoid about being kicked out of existing facility by ball fields. Need to support them any way we can. Need to ensure other trail users know how to act when they meet a horse. Interested in trails in Cheekye fan? Horse community is being pressured by development i.e. Finch under pressure to "cash out". Need layer on map somewhere that is "horse". Where can they go? Where do they want to go? Horse community believes community is anti-horse. Behooves them to come to STS meetings! Maybe we should go to one of their meetings?

**Turtle Trail / Accessibility:** Meg - Heather and Meg have been out painting various blue turtles all over the place - also need "alt" routes. Blue turtled from Railway Heritage in every direction possible. Meg and Bob met with DoS planning for temporary routes who expressed concern regarding private property owners. Have started to flesh out alternate routes ie. when trains are across the tracks :-). Looking at other areas like BCR land at Third connecting to Peter Legere and behind Sikh Temple to Sixth Ave connection and on to Pemberton and Old Dump Trail. Suggestion that we might use pier blocks for marker placement? Pick up at Meg's for placement next week. Discussion of routing and alternatives. Cut out some turtles for markers through trail south of Legere's? Had discussion with Riun Blackwell regarding accessibility issues and assessments. Discussion



regarding Turtle Trail brochure - looking for suggestions for improvements.

#### **Notifications & Correspondences:**

**River's Day:** Sunday September 24 - anybody want to man a booth?

**Eggplant Emoji:** Waiting to hear back from them regarding \$500 contribution from film production. Heather willing to meet with them "in the city". Take a t-shirt to work.

**Estuary Map:** Discussion regarding content etc.

**Depot Road Residences:** Three residents voicing their displeasure with any trail bordering their properties.

**Trails Backbone Mapping with DoS:** Jim and Matt did an exercise with Matt Gunn regarding backbone trails. Anybody have any further feedback?

**Bowen Island Society:** How to set up a Trails Society?

**SFN Practicum Workers:** Had a couple of workers come to assist with kiosk work - on the web site.

#### **Business Arising:**

**2018 Community Enhancement Grant:** Do we have a list of projects with estimated times and budgets? Need a few projects to just wrap up the time - at this point Jim was keen to promote the connection of the Swan Trail north and south alongside the old Bailey Road. Discussion regarding how well we have "faired" in the past in regard to using Trail Crew time. In the past the reporting has been pretty loose. Not a consensus on whether we get less than 20%? In the old days all the moneys came to the Trails Society. Discussion regarding projects, oversight and reporting. Project list to be sent out by email. Heather will get it started.

**Nature Trail / Logger's Creek Trail:** Have funding but have not had time to get it started yet - could possibly use some of the trail crew time.

**Brackendale to Wonderland:** Nothing new to report.

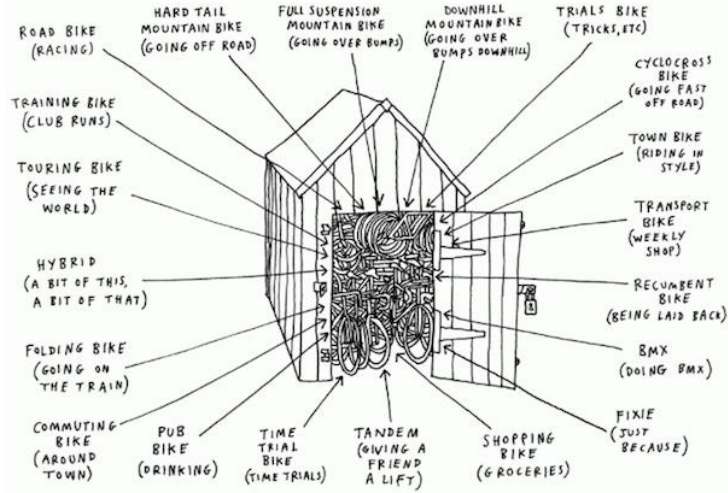
#### **Roundtable:**

SORCA social ride had their after-party at the Mamquam River campground - amazing the number of participants.

**Adjourned:** 21:07

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WHY YOU MIGHT NEED MORE THAN ONE





**Squamish Trails Society October 2017 Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 18, 7:00 pm**  
**Location:** Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room



**Start:** 19:01

**In Attendance:** Matt, Heather, Meg, Jim, Carl, John, Doug

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Jim

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Moved by Heather, seconded by Meg – carried.

**Riverside Trail:** Moved by Meg, seconded by Matt we name trail outside of dike along river downstream of the CN rail bridge on the Mamquam River to the Woodpecker Trail the “Riverside Trail”. Carried



**A. Reports**

**1. Membership:** Heather – Caroline Grass had offered to assist with brochure and has provided a draft for approval. Two versions available – one has for full bleed and one not so much. Price list provided. Word doc also provided and “professional version” available for commercial printing. Discussion regarding printing – Heather could print some at work but really, why should she? Moved by Matt, seconded by Candy that we approve up to \$100 for printing at InBiz – carried.

**2. Brush Back Brigade:** Vic – rained out today but have been very productive in the past few weeks. 154 hours – 3.2km. Many trails not really needed a lot of work. Discussion: Can we use the SORCA trail crew for any specific projects. Does Merrill Park trails require any more works? Trail entrance opposite school could use work but neighbour issues make it a bit sensitive. Possible project for Sea to Sky Connections? They would like to start from idea to completion – so a fourth entrance as suggested might fit. Right of way is encumbered by some trees but there is a designated right of way / park access.



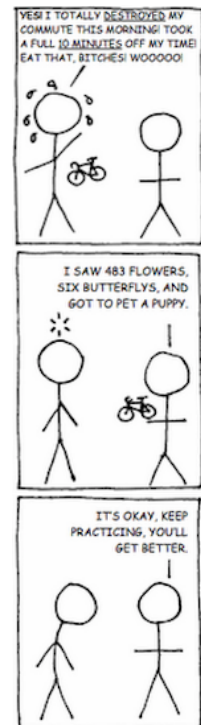
**3. Garibaldi Springs Redevelopment 1st reading:** Matt/Carl – pulled from agenda. Letter wrote endorsing plan has been submitted to Mayor and Council. In holding pattern.

**4. Projects:** John Harvey – Discussion “horse people” brochure. John suggesting that they be encouraged to show up to one of our meetings – or go to theirs. Nice brochure. Suggested that we get linked on our website. Bill’s Place Trail: possibility that there might be appetite to put this trail through. Would need geo tech approval and design – an individual has said he would pay. Was checked out today – has some interesting sections but is doable. Total cost \$5000? Discussion regarding stairs but is lots of money but not necessary with good switchbacks. Avoids issues with Highland Glen. Project is dependent on approval from one property owner. Discussion regarding liability if there was a trail failure? Nothing would move forward without appropriate agreement with DoS and having trail agreement registered on land title. May consider having DoS putting a right of way or trail easement? Squamish Community Award coming up and John speak to thank for this year’s grant to MRAS and Meg on hand to acknowledge last year’s support for the Turtle Trail Brochure.

**5. Financial:** Jim Gracie – money in the bank, still got t-shirts and maps for sale. Significant funds have been committed but we are covered.

**6. Accessibility & Turtle Trail:** Meg – Discussion: recent marking of route near Castle Rock. Spoke to Mayor re: upcoming funding request ideas? Meg to put together letter suggesting an evaluation of route from Main Street to Bailey to be cosigned by STS?

Re: wayfinding – will be a citizens advisory meeting coming up to discuss how this process is working. Many suggestions out there. If there are other thoughts get them to Meg before November 10. Definitely needs some tweaking ie. invisible at night. STS budget item for trail markers has been straightened out. Overall budget for project available soon.



## B. Notifications & Correspondences:

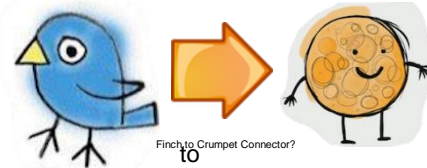
- 1. Wellness Fair:** Jim/Jen – we are signed up for October 25, 10am to 1pm at 55 Centre. Discussion regarding resources and volunteers.
- 2. Eggplant Emoji Filming Production:** donation \$500 – we got it!! Jim will be sending a lovely note and receipt. Discussion of trails in Cat Lake, Brohm Lake area – noted that bridges in area are going to need some repairs. One rebuilt recently – funded by Ministry. STS needs to show support.
- 3. Squamish Community Foundation Grants:** - evening event Oct. 19th 6:30-10:00 Brew Pub – John will be making a lovely speech. Meg attending re: Turtle Trail grant.
- 4. Sea to Sky Destination Development:** session 2 invitation Nov 30 – Tourism focus. Anybody who would like to attend?
- 5. Squamish Non Profit Network:** meetings postponed.
- 6. Bike Project at Sea to Sky Learning Connections Invitation:** Merrill Park, Little Stawamus area, Discovery to McDonalds. Looking for community resources to facilitate process. John might be a great fit and has offered.



"It's normal for a man your age to have chest pains when he drops melted pizza cheese on his shirt."

## C. Business Arising

- 1. Nature Trail and Loggers Creek Trail:** work not yet started. Looking at getting it done over winter. Forest Renewal BC project with Jim Harvey – mid 1990's.
- 2. Wesbuild update:** by email to Executive.
- 3. Soliciting Donations:** time of the year for doing so. We have been remiss in asking the community for funding – Jim presented a proposed request. Discussion: who would we send such requests to, and do we want to do it? We do need to bring in more money as membership fees do not cut it. Might focus on those who have donated in the past. Highlight works of BBB and other accomplishments. Suggest we might have something in the Chief, maybe connected to trail article suggesting donation and tax receipts available. What, where and how do can we solicit funds? Ie. Senior Fair – sign suggesting donations to STS?
- 4. Trail links at Valleycliffe pump park:** Currently under construction behind the casino. All links are from Valley Drive – would be nice to have a direct link from Corridor Trail. Letter of support from STS highlighted easy connectivity to Corridor.
- 5. Finch to Crumplit:** Suggested that we champion the "pipeline" route. Lots of water and "cliffy", so there are definitely issues. Nice to have a route put in ASAP to work with future development. Would be a great collaboration with SORCA and SDBA to get ideas and plans on the table. Discussion trail head amenities. Crumplit Connector that links Brennan Park ideal with all their resources.
- 6. Ring Creek Area - University Heights Phase 2:** Really need parks and trails design. Discussion: Would be really nice to be considered for referrals.
- 7. Swan Trail:** Areas require filling (or drainage) defined since rains.
- 8. Riverside Trail:** Mamquam Rail Bridge down river to Woodpecker. Needs some brushing and possible trail changes on two rock slopes.



## D. Roundtable:

- Jim:** Presented proposed update of event display banner. ~ \$400. Looking for photos. Send to Jim. Moved by Candy, seconded by John we approve expense.
- Doug: IMBA -** Why is trail value not a line item on Squamish Council accounts. Economic Impact report (\$10million annually) should be a huge hammer to get permanent funding for trails (other than Corridor and Discovery). Need to list amenities needed to support this great asset. Need to have documentation in place. Growth management strategy is critical. Currently working on getting all assets and information available.
- Discussion regarding Tantalus Road to Wonderland: Neighbour's opposition, budget, routing.
- Discussion: Polygon proposal and funding for Corridor Trail north extension to Kingswood overpass.

## E. Adjournment: 20:56





**Squamish Trails Society December 2017 Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 20, 2017  
Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room**

**Attendance:** Matt, Jim, Carl, Vic, Geisbreck, Candy, Neil, Meg, Heather, Thanks to Jim for the refreshments and

candy! (Heather not a nogger?)  
**Call to order:** 19:06

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Meg – carried.

**Adoption of the Minutes November 16, 2017:** Moved by Jennifer – carried.  
Estuary mapping feedback?

**A. Reports:**

**1. Membership:** Heather – new updated brochures Copy presented and complements on a job well done. has paid for this year? Should we change to keep with AGM? How can we get info on have paid. Newsletter – supposed to change to Heather might have time next week. Discussion membership fees – should we increase? Would presented at AGM for discussion. Moved by increase to \$20 for family membership to be AGM to be official the following year, seconded How many members to we have each year? increase have on revenues?

**2. Brush Back Brigade:** Vic – couple of trees of trails since last with others to clean-up homeless camp on Mamquam River – a days, resulting in 6 dump trucks full of garbage. Discussion: notices should be dealt with in a timely and appropriate fashion. homeless. Not enough resources to go around. Need a policy and everybody – possibly a supervised area. Materials in particular issue. Dovetails with recreational camping pressures.

**3. Projects:** Deferred – Bill’s Place trail unresolved. Needs boundaries on either side. DoS would like to stay within the and park. DoS to remove accumulated debris dumped at Good news – got a \$1000 donation in mail recently!

**4. Financials:** Jim - “We are solvent”. BBB needs to spend their budget cut!

Accessibility, Turtle Trail: Meg – nothing new. Somebody budget amounts – was Turtle Trail mentioned? Not remembered. Starting in new year!

**5. Garibaldi Springs, Polygon:** Jen, Jim, Matt met with them seems to be trying to appease bordering properties and concerns into their plans. “Seemed to be working with the trails proposed with mobility loops. Check for information on polygon.ca. There will be special assessments on the strata upkeep – including trails and other amenities. Community also includes significant commitment to trails including Corridor Trail and other connectors. Letter of support from Opportunity to ensure phased development support includes and ensuring completion as it goes.



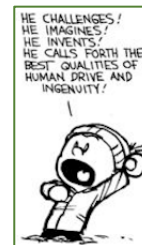
Jennifer, John John  
Candy for the



Meg, seconded by



printed by InBiz. Are we tracking who January renewal or whether or now we Mailchimp – regarding need to be Meg that we presented at next by Carl – carried. What impact would



meeting. Joined lot of work over 6 Acting on eviction No place for that works for them floodplain a



to respect existing trail corridor the top of the slope.

more money or get

was looking at anything specific



on site. Developer incorporate community”. Lots of their website – to pay for park amenity contribution extension of STS sent in. defining priorities



**6. DoS Operations Meeting:** Spoke about Bill's Place, Mamquam Bridge upgrades, Smashiter issues. Swan Trail Connector upgrade with grader.



**B. Correspondence:**

1. DoS Trails Grant: \$85,000 allotted - \$20K more than last year. Some reluctance whether we take less than last year. How much has been actually used from this past year? We have no way of tracking as the crew does it themselves. Not the perfect situation. Matt tracks when he is with them but how do we get "our fair share". Discussion regarding how program was run in the past? Can we ask to be involved with the planning and how the crew is allotted? Never been actually accounted for and should be more formal. Need to ensure we have real projects and a champion to run the

program to make it happen successfully. We probably haven't received our full value as we have not put in our full commitment to leverage trail crew's time.

We should/need to put together a plan for 2018 ie. 10 days of full crew – here is the project! Consider projects that could fill in for crew when they are snowed/rained out etc. on SORCA projects. Maybe need a subcommittee meeting in January to submit a plan by end of January.

If we had an update for the 2017 project list it would lead into 2018. Discussion regarding projects. Matt to send a comment to SORCA that we would like to get together to discuss how our portion might be used. Suggestions: Covenant, Swan, Riverside, Blue Heron ...

**2. Whistler/Blackcolm Foundation Grant:** SORCA \$25,000 for Jump Park – supported by STS.

**C. Business Arising:**

**1. OCP 2040:** Jim – third draft in and approved by Council, have until January to make comments. Go to the website. Q&A coming up at Howe Sound Inn January 11 at 7pm.

Concerns that there are plans to bridge across Squamish River. Discussion regarding land use designations flipping around. Could we have a discussion regarding pros and cons of a pedestrian crossing of the Squamish River?

**2. Electric Bikes:** Jim – Crank Magazine pushing electric bikes. Question was raised previously regarding electrified equipment – rules need to define the actual use and the biggest concern is the speed of these vehicles and related safety concerns. Discussion regarding trail etiquette and safety education. Speed limits, signalling devices, giving notice – would be nice to be part of the discussion regarding improved "etiquette signage" on Corridor Trail (as a start).

Holborn Phase 2, University: Jim – development on hold until they remediate the damage done into Mashiter. Opportunity to discuss the Ring Creek Falls Trail encroachment and realignment. STS should be sending in a letter asking for comment regarding their intentions to ensure connectivity around the perimeter of the development. (cc Council and Planning)

**3. STS Annual Calendar:** Jim – need reminders of certain events for planning etc. Would be nice to develop a calendar so that we know to get ready in advance. Jim to send out draft for additions.

**D. Roundtable:**

1. Matt – Swan Trail Report - 100 metres one way and 250 metres the other. OK to order another load of crush – yes. When will we be back there? SORCA crew out again Thursday or Friday. Discussion: Would be nice to have info available when work was doing on – maybe some brochures on site?

2. Jim: Society name now changed – no THE anymore! Value of advertisement – we do miss a great opportunity when we are out doing work. How do we do this? Maybe some signage on trail after the work is done? Info at kiosks/trailheads? Have some trail logoed t-shirts or safety vests made up? Report back cost and designs – Jim and Carl to work on ideas.

3. John: Crumpet Creek Cruiser – there could be DoS support with DFO approval. DoS still looking at doing more work on lower section where there was some washout. Proposal required to submit.

4. Neil: Discussion regarding maintenance of large trail infrastructure. STS goals to consolidate what we have with a primary goal of ensuring/providing connectivity.

5. Candy: Are we meeting separately to discuss project list? Matt to send out email for comment.

6. Meg: Be Bright at Night cards. Meg handing 'em out. Reflectors handed out at Santa Claus parade.

7. Carl: Ray Peter's Trail – Carl will do letter for Highways. Dealing with dogs on trails: Check website OurDogs.ca – Meg to forward Pacific Rim signage. Send your suggestions . . .



**Adjournment:** 21:00

**Next meeting:** January 17