



**Squamish Trails Society
January General Meeting
Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room**



Call to order: 19:11

Introduction Notes: Jim – Golf Ball Trail danger trees removal/cleanup, Vic/Patrick – Dark Roast Connector tree cleanup

In attendance: Matt, Carl, Jim, Jen, Patrick, Vic, Pat, Heather, Meg, Bob,

Adoption of agenda: Moved by Meg – carried.

Adoption of Minutes From Last Meeting: Moved by Heather, seconded by Jen – carried.

Acknowledging the passing of Chris McCrum and his immense contribution to trails and Parks infrastructure over the years. He will be greatly missed! Matt to draft a memorial for posting on STS web page to include references to the many projects where he was instrumental.



Reports:

Membership and mail-out: – thanks to Heather for recent mailout – “Happy New Year” and reminder to renew memberships.

Brushback Chainsaw Brigade: Vic – Dark Roast and Brennan Connector (tennis courts).

SVEA Report: Nicole – deferred.

Financials: Jim – “fluent” in cash – report tabled. \$6500 spent of projects in 2018. Reminder to Hospital Hill park to maybe donate remainder to STS. What do we want to do in 2019?

Smoke Bluff Park Committee: Matt – email correspondence suggestion regarding complaint about private company using park entrance and access for their business. Suggested a physical barrier to prevent vehicles from parking on pedestrian areas from display to crosswalk (along drainage ditch). DoS looking into business lease for particulars. Lumberland Trail scramble with tree coming down and issues with assistance rope.



“First, you’ve got to learn to slow down...”



University Heights Phase 2 Trail Viewpoint Bench: John has installed a bench – area cleared (“bottom” SW corner).

Nature Trail Meeting: Matt – met with SWRS representatives to discuss (Kim, Alyssa). Discussion regarding preferred form and character. Discussion regarding forming partnerships to influence DoS regarding future uses of this trail ie. interpretive trail signage. Discussion regarding “double bridge” on south end of trail.



Correspondence:

- Anonymous \$1000 donation: thank you very much!
 - James Ivory (Trail Crew): Wrapping up some other works today and may be able to crown remainder of Nature Loop. May be able to top dress with some aggregate. Would be money well spent ...
 - Riun Blackwell: Thank you for accessibility work on trails – suggested it might be considered a great tourism draw. Consider places like Victoria that promote accessibility opportunities. Needs to have somebody to champion accessibility promotion – consider use of icons to indicate trail form and character, parking, washrooms etc.
- Suggestion regarding mapping: invite Ryan Robertson – “Trail Maps” app to come to future meeting. Suggestion we network with Tourism Squamish to facilitate education regarding trails and trail information. Heather to approach Leslie Weeks. Suggest we invite various group staffs to “Community Bike Crawl” for start of trail use orientation ie. Tourism Squamish, Brennan Park etc.
- Bob Brant: Estuary Log Sort Connector Upgrade. Years ago STS had put together a proposal for a boardwalk from “tracks to the river”. Originally idea was from end of Victoria. Raised boardwalk with railing does limit access into the marsh. Discussion moving forward? Needs a proposal/plan/scope of work/budget. We CAN start at the tracks and do gravel upgrades in the meantime. Discussion regarding estuary impacts.



Business Arising:

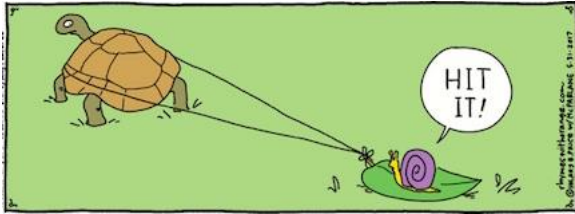
- DoS Brushback Lunch: Saturday
- Trail Crew directed to Nature Trail:
- Logger's Creek Trail surfacing south and north ends:
- Heron Trail: John G interested in working on this if gravel was available.
- Trail Advocacy Group (annual) Meeting – Matt and Heather to work on this idea.



Roundtable: Jim: Community Policing model opportunity – Jim to bring up with Wendy Shard to see if we can come up with a “warning”/information form. Proposed District of Squamish organization chart – trail responsibility has been split with sidewalks and paved trails under the responsibility of Works and other recreation trails could be under “Recreation”. Heather – bat condo “up and running”. Matt – January 23 SORCA AGM, Sea to Sky Hotel at 7pm. Carl - Riverside tree removal? Swan Trail entrance signage update.

Adjournment: 20:45

Next Meeting: February 20





**Squamish Trails Society
February Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday Feb 20, 2019
Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room**



Called to order: 19:02

Introduction notes: Rotary Trail needs crowning, trees on Golf Course, Brohm Lake – bridges need work,

In attendance: Vic, Patrick, Candy, Jim, Jack, Matt, Nicole, Helen & Jeff (SORCA), Carl, Laura, John

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Patrick – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes January 2019: Moved by Jim, seconded by Candy – carried.



Reports:

SORCA: Jeff /Helen - reaffirm positive all together on the trail efforts – haven't really separated who's who in the woods for responsibility but generally SORCA on hills and STS on the valley bottoms. Discussion of how we use the "SORCA" trail crew. Looking at a change in staffing leadership – Dave Reid as lead now starting Feb (to December). What projects would we like to see done – particularly in "power tool shutdowns" and snow days. Funding from DoS for another 2 years. Has been some pushback from other municipal non-profits who question trail grant – looking at a fee for service model...

New Horizons Senior Program: Jim – met with DoS staff to ensure no conflicts, were some so have moved works to other places; met with Seniors to get volunteers to help plan and oversee sections; now needs to find health, fit volllies to move gravel long distances down trails – getting Seniors involved with the community. \$25,000 grant approved. Intent to make trails accessible for wheelchairs, walkers etc. Volunteer ideas: competition amongst community groups – most wheelbarrows?

Smoke Bluffs Park Committee: Matt - no meeting this month. Renewing delegates to update two-year terms. Shawn Gosnell to be STS rep with Matt as alternate. Trail improvement funding (Landluggers) approved for work this year. Suggestion of plaque for Chris McCrum acknowledging trail works.



SVEA Report: Nicole – had vandalism in arena – cars doing donuts. Looking at putting in a gate – DoS has placed rocks to temporarily "solve" the issue. Noted that trails at Legacy Park are not exclusive for "their" use. Public can use these trails. Horse club is eligible for grants for works – looking for ideas where they can get leverage with other groups and other grants. South bridge on Logger's Creek Trail would be a good candidate. Noted meeting with DoS to change Golf Course trail barrier to provide access for wheelchairs (both ends).



Trails Advisory Committee: STS and SORCA met with DoS staff to develop a trails advisory committee to "help protect trail assets". Broad range of representation – walkers, bikers, horse groups, motorized users, accessibility group. Letter to DoS in support tabled.

Brush Back Brigade: Nothing serious yet on trails – noted shed has been moved, painting in the spring.

Campground:

Financials: Jim – "still solvent after all these years". Report tabled. Noted that "we" did not finalize a budget so Jim drew one up – tabled. "Investments?": Nature Trail, Little Stawamus Creek bypass,

Correspondence:

Sea to Sky Corridor 10 Year Development Strategy Presentation: March 12, 1 to 2 pm Tuesday at Adventure Centre.

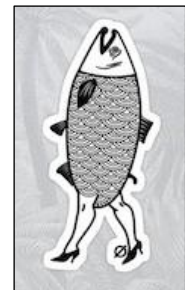
Riun Blackwell: Interested in providing accessibility perspective on trails

Earth Day Involvement: Confirmed April 20 at Pavilion Park

Squamish River Watershed Society: "Love the Land of Salmon" Feb. 22, 6 to 8pm at Adventure Centre and guided walk at Cheakamus Centre March 3 at 10:30.

Quest Sustainability Summit: February 21, 7:15 to 9 at Quest multi-purpose room.

BikeBC grant application: Letter of support for DoS for proposed Discovery Trail upgrades tabled.





Business Arising:

Nature Trail: Finishing up and Logger's Creek surface maintenance – graveling to start ASAP.

NHSP Heron Trail accessibility upgrades: Jim spoke to Edith and are keen to look at repairs. Has Jesse (DoS) actually contacted CN regarding rail crossing?

Trail Crew proposed Project: Amblepath low flooding sections, decrease slope on south end? Nature and Logger's Creek Trail upgrades.

Trails Cleanup Proposal: Laura – (owns dog related business) wants dog owners to be more responsible – ask other owners to pick up other folk's mess – who else is going to. How do we set higher standards? One of the dog walkers had suggested a trail cleanup. Possibly a social media challenge to increase pressure to get others to do it. Could have a fundraising component? STS has struggled with off leash dogs in estuary in particular. Need more receptacles, signage, education, (alternate containers – do they need to be full size bear proof containers?) Earth Day education opportunity?



Roundtable: Jim/John– Squamish Canyon proposal will impact several trails and public access for kayakers. Jim – what about purchasing a display tent? Moved by Jim, seconded by Matt that we look into spending around \$300 for a shelter – carried. Nicole – what is our year term, is membership due and should she be getting minutes by email. John – discussion with DoS counsellors regarding abandoned campers. How do you deal with it as nobody will take them? Got to take them apart into small enough pieces to dispose of. DoS needs to develop a sani-dump!

Adjournment: 20:38

Next Meeting: March 20



**Squamish Trails Society
March 2019 Monthly Meeting Agenda
Location: Squamish Savings Meeting Room**



In attendance: Matt, Carl, John, Patrick, Meg, Jim, Jennifer, Candy, Vic, John G, Robin, Heather, Laura, Alena
Start time: 19:03
Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Meg - carried



Special Presentation: Robin Sherry (Search and Rescue for 10 years) – Mamquam Canyon Project. Idea to start new business, bringing more visitors, low impact, easy access for all ages, all weather – safe adventure for everyone. Saw a possibility to preserve an area that could be clear cut and provide education program regarding safety and preparedness (moving waters). Geology, First Nations, ecology education. 1.2 km boardwalk loop through the forest and along the canyon walls. Children’s play area with sail canopies for rainy season. Looked accessibility for people and cars and away from other sensitivities. Questions: Ticket booth? \$20 to do the walk (tourist day user market) – seasons pass for families - \$20 + 5 for local residents. Will there be access to other trails? Crumpit Woods will not be impacted but signage will be upgraded in area to control hikers/bikers/visitors. Parking will be enhanced. What about kayak site? Don’t see it being affected. Existing access point will still be accessible. Washroom facilities will enhance their experience. Will not affect Far Side/Power House Plunge. Boardwalk – in sensitive areas often too expensive/hard to do upkeep? Once built there will be low overhead (staff, energy, overhead) but there is a yearly maintenance budget. Want to be part of the site growing back to natural state and boardwalk seems to be the “natural” way to go. Wheelchair accessibility an issue giving the topography. Phase one the hope is to have certain points accessible. Future hope is to have specialized equipment and staff training to avoid exorbitant costs. How many visitors? \$32,000 covers cost with a bit of profit. Off season – school groups and educational programs – coordinate with local schools to see what is appropriate. Majority of canyon is above the falls and below the bridge. Will start build near bridge where the highest costs are. This will determine how much is left in the budget for the remainder. Existing parking area to be upgraded with some seating/picnic tables/parking for playground/coffee shop users. STS major concerns access to Far Side/Plunge and trails to Quest areas. Traffic concerns regarding dust. Goal to have well signed bike accessible trail from Quest to Cherry Lane and eventually the Chief and the Corridor Trail. Road will be upgraded to extent allowed but the dust mitigation is part of their budget (mag/chloride? How toxic is that stuff?) Not sure how many times a year that will need to be done? Question regarding traffic now and issues regarding conflict with various users on road – walkers, hikers, cyclists, motorcycles etc. Already lots of traffic and concerns and this project will make it worse ... Project wants to be part of the solution. Current speed 80km – can we bring the speed limit down? Have Crown Land tenure, going through zoning from residential to recreation, SFN involved (signed off during Provincial review), environmental review starting.



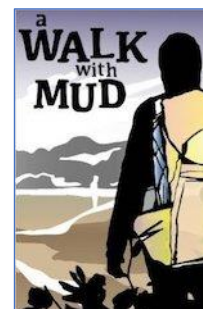
“Can you describe him?”

Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Moved by Meg, seconded by Jennifer - carried.

Reports:

New Horizons Grant (Seniors Program): Jim has sent back the 14 page agreement – on hold waiting for the money. Intention is to smooth as many trails as possible starting in the Downtown/Estuary area and then to Mamquam. Spur Line crossing the biggest challenge – update from SRWS meeting. Questions: money going into STS accounts for disbursement:

Brush Back Brigade: Everything not growing yet. Nature Trail is packing in. Need to paint the shed. Thanks from Gwen in “darts and daffodils” re trail works. Do we need to track how many hours we volunteer individually? Wouldn’t hurt! Hiking and trails about 50% of Adventure Centre inquiries. Their staff should have specific training about trails.



East Side/Grand Doug Trail in Smoke Bluff: Landlubber at work, John carrying fuel and not telling his boss they have started ... everything working out, except for the complaints and stop work orders as a result of social media. Resulting in improved notices/signage and happily no requirement for defibrillator! Lesson learned – consultation done but signage ahead of project could have been better. Note that DoS would have put out notices themselves if they had a heads up.



Turtle Trail: Alison McDonald has project ready to go regarding signage but having difficulty figuring out who to deal with at DoS. Meg met with Mayor to try and figure out who can move this forward. Will be working with DoS staff to develop “Great Canada Trail” signage. Alison is getting 150 signs but will interesting to see how this all works out. Turtle Trail is being flagged with icons – no reason why we cannot be doing icons for this as will. Would be a great benefit to go out for a ride to see what is possible. Is there anybody in Squamish who is now a champion for the Sea to Sky Trail? Maybe Trans Canada people know. Meg doesn’t mind pushing the wayfinding part of it since she is already chasing for Turtle and Corridor. Community Crawl summer ride coming up again and wondered if we want to do Turtle Trail or expand to (ie.) meet at Tantalus and go north, or to Gondola or? Is there interest in doing such a thing, being involved, moving it forward? Need to use trails within Squamish as leverage to increase STS membership.
Note: DoS is now reviewing signage project as cost is prohibitive.



Financial Report: Jim – financially solvent.

Sea to Sky Corridor 10 Year Destination Development Strategy Meeting: March 12 – basically a plug for Destination BC who patted themselves on the back.

Logger’s Creek/Nature Trail: Gravel delivery and works Friday March 22 – 10:30.

Dog Owner Education: - Laura. Research on other city for dog waste. Vancouver has lots of specifics on web. Putting in specific place because of volume. Still waiting to get info from DoS re safe place for it to decompose. Nice for DoS to take responsibility. In mean time trying to communicate with other users but only know Valleycliffe area. Looking forward to organizing dog poo event to set higher standard and accountability. More garbage cans is not the solution. Ordered some “nicer” dog poo bag bags. Planning to be at Earth Day booth with poo bag bags and Vancouver statistics. Might be appropriate to partner with Squamish CAN (Zero Waste).



Correspondence:

- People interested in helping with trails – ie. WOW:
- Earth Day – April 20: 9:30 start
- DoS CN Rail Crossing: Carl attended estuary restoration meeting recently and happened to sit beside CN Rail’s western Canada environmental coordinator. Discussed access issues across rail spur line/old sewer outfall and showed on CN infrastructure map exactly where we hoped to have crossing upgraded – promised to pass on to appropriate person in CN for action. Carl to follow up...
- SORCA Trail Day: March 23. 9:20 Alice Lake south parking lot:
- SORCA RBC Grant Application: Partnered with STS (non-profit status) – sharing volley time and funds.



Business Arising

- Trail Day March 22 at 10:30 am Logger’s Creek/Nature Trail – need wheelbarrows, meet at Adventure Centre



- Heron Trail gravel delivery: Back in all the way and dump at trailhead. Two power wheelbarrows at rental \$75/day.
- Trail Crew project proposals: See how we go with Nature/Logger's Creek (Heron) and then?
- AGM Planning – April 17: Who wants to be Treasurer?

"Rapunzel lets her Hare down"

Round the Table: Candy: brochures all gone but all locations are full. Aware March so looking for volunteer. Jennifer OK to check boxes and will Heather to make more copies. John G: What is going on with Doug Day property these days? Jim: Bring Director's handbooks to AGM. International Trail Day June 1 – we should do something. Whistler/Blackholm Grant due soon as well as \$500 Neighbourhood Small Grant (Community Foundation), Jennifer – saw the new trail between Brackentrail and Montessori School – SkyRidge amenity. John – discussion regarding brush clearing and FireSmart. BC Hydro committed significant to chip at Smoke Bluffs. School kids (and parents) from Squamish Elem (Grade 6) to help move branches to chipper area. Who else wants to help – April 10. Carl – Pitch In week? Heather – need a calendar – website?

Adjourned: 20:58

Next meeting: April 17





Squamish Trails Society Wednesday, April 17/AGM Meeting Squamish Savings Meeting Room

Call to order: 19:02

In attendance: Carl, Matt, Jim, Meg, Heather S, Jennifer, Vic, Nelson, Pat, Patsy, John, Jim*, Jack*, Mike, Patrick, Nicole. *new members

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Meg – carried.

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



Reports:

- **Nature Trail Progress Report:** Jim – spent \$3300 completed approx. %60 – next work party April 26/27 9am start. Thanks to Muni for compacting ... thanks to Richard for that. AND, what about horses? Discussion non-slip surface for south bridge: Volunteer use on multiple locations – no standing around ☺
- **SVEA Report:** Nicole – re: Nature Loop – how does the info get out to call for help? Planning for grant application in 2020 – looking at Nature Trail south bridge. Discussion Brennan Park/Centennial way equestrian access and routing.
- **Dog Owner Education:** Laura – planning to be at Earth Day
- **BBB:** Coat of paint on shed – next projects? CH 4.5 hours on Ray's – raked 350m.
- **Campground and SBO Projects:** John – thanks to Matt and grade 5/6 with BC Hydro moving brush and chipping. Hopefully we will see a lovely story in the Chief! East Side Trail – Smoke Bluff meeting on Thursday. Controversy with mountain bikers – signage installed to inform/direct and clarify. Thanks to Landlugger – next challenge is to pay for it. Campground on annual 2 week shut down. Overwinter clients got out on time so it is all working out for May 1st opening date.



- **Turtle Trail:** Meg – physical trail moving around, last year DoS did 6th avenue area, this year hopefully. Wayfinding in process. Will be going out to do more flagging – need to sort out with DoS re marking on private land. May 14 Committee of Whole – Community Interpretation Plan – talk to Meg on Earth Day. Keely working on Community Crawl routes – three will be on Turtle Trail. Based on last years ride recommendations came forward.

Planning to meet one time in middle of town – Mamquam overpass – head north to Fergies/Sunwolf. Off road/not off road – establish priorities to bring forward. Then meet again same place and head south to Gondola. Information on Facebook page – Squamish Turtle Trail. Wayfinding – any money? Main route – Sea to Sky/Cross Canada is in place. DoS big wayfinding project not doing “year three” roll out but may have some money for small projects. Challenge is what is form and character that is appropriate?

- **Financial:** Jim – assets almost \$45K with bills to \$8K – need to spend some money? ☺
- **Smoke Bluff Park Updated Park/Trail Map:** Table – discussion of scope of park/map discrepancies. Discussion regarding “ownership”. FMCBC wants to keep control on their parts – don't trust that DoS will protect park designation and like to control mountain bike/trials bikes from “their” area. Discussion regarding expansion of park – high priority to expand to Mamquam Blind Channel (acquire Drenka property). Trail issues: priorities projects – east side trail had SORCA approval but small number of people not happy with crossing downhill lines. Previous committee members fought against multiple users in Park and were looking for restrictions.



Correspondence:

- Chris Singer: Thompson Trail bridge repair – deck and railings need some repair. Suggested that he come and make a presentation? Do we want to improve access to a trail that could be deemed as dangerous as the Brohm Lake area bridges are in poor repair. Do we want to set precedent that we are looking after Forestry infrastructure? Cost to repair \$85. Approved by show of hands we pay for material.
- Robin Sherry: Mamquam River Canyon project – seeking letter of support for zoning change from RS-1 to Commercial/Rec. Needs to have some crafting to ensure there is protection for public access in the area. Noted

that the Mamquam run of river plant does have concerns regarding the number of people that will be attracted to the area. Discussion of merits of projects. There will be a public meeting for persons to express concerns and support. Moved by John that STS write a letter of support, seconded by Carl – carried.

- Benevity: Electronic fund transfer set up to facilitate \$5000 RBC grant. Target Wonderland trail? Maybe could do some work on Jack's Trail as well?
- SORCA Trail Day: - #2 Crouching Squirrel Saturday April 13. Installed some water bars etc.
- Helen Beynon: Letter of support for SORCA youth employment grant to Coast Capital Savings and inquiry into WBF grant for paving at bike/jump park.
- BC Hydro BBB grant for \$400. Maybe could be an annual grant for a specific trail – maybe under a powerline?
- Trails BC AGM in Penticton May 10. Interested? RSVP.
- Daffodils in Chief for Swan Trail connector: Good future upgrade project – particularly low “wet” bit!



Business Arising:

- Earth Day: Pavilion Park – April 20. 9:00 am set up with day ending at 2pm.
- Nature Trail: resurfacing southern section planning. Dry weather dependant ...
- Purchasing 2 more wheelbarrows? Moved by Jennifer, seconded by Heather – carried. \$400 budget. Plastic, contractor style with STS boldly marked on side.
- Next project and Trail Crew proposed proposals:

AGM Elections and Appointments:*

Financial Statement: Moved by Patricia, seconded by Heather, that we approve the financial statement as presented – carried.

AGM chaired by Meg, thanks to Matt and everybody who has served for the past year.

Elections:

Matt Parker – President, John Harvey – vice President, Carl Halvorson – scribe, Jim Gracie – Treasurer with Jack Hughes as Director Treasurer’s Apprentice
 Heather Evans – membership, Jennifer Adams – communications, Shaun Gosnell – Smoke Bluff Park rep.

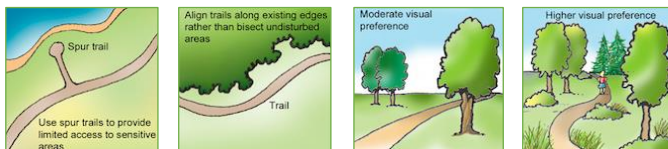


Roundtable: Nicole – North Swan Trail bridge requires new deck : action item Carl – Andy Dawson contacted; Patricia/Patsy Chelem Trail south bridge in very bad shape – log is rotten: action item Carl – SRWS contacted and are aware of situation, bridge deck has been repaired; Jim – International Trails Day June 1; Heather – Beckham property - access in works with RedBridge development; Jennifer – appreciates the images people send along; Vic – can we store gas in our storage shed – no!; Jim – prefers emails for communications, forestry background; Jack – campground ideas related in Chief – great if useable but both have significant problems; Meg – off road transportation network efficiencies, alignment needs to be done at some point. Community rides can highlight these issues. Often safer if there is separation; Pat – issues about dog bags; Carl – when does an electric bike become an electric motorcycle, noted that DoS is doing upgrades to Discovery Trail, could we have BBB day on Ray Peter Wed. April 24? Meet at Alice Lake turnoff.

Adjournment: Moved by Nelson we adjourn – 20:52

***Attendance:**

John Harvey, Jim Gracie, Jen Adams, Vic Drought, Jim Drake, Jack Hughes, Mike Wilson, Patricia Marini, Heather Sidsworth, Patsy Richer, Meg Fellowes, Patrick MacNamarra, Nelson Winterburn, Carl Halvorson, Nicole Murray





**Squamish Trails Society May Monthly Meeting
Wednesday May 15, 2019
Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room**

In attendance: Matt, Jim, Heather, Vic, Jack, Heather, Meg, Carl, John
Call to order: 19:07

Introductions:

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Meg – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Meg, seconded by Jack - carried



Special Guest: Claude-Anne Gaudbout-Gauthier; SSISC

Invasive Species: Council is non-profit covering Lions Bay to Darcy. Mostly seasonal grant workers, mostly students. Goal to minimize impact of invasive species in the Sea to Sky corridor. Because of large area plants and ecology can be different. Sea to Sky has three different areas (Squamish, Whistler, Pemberton). What we do: inventory, control and monitoring. Most treated areas along the highway corridor. Education and outreach an important component: training (landscapers, plant retailers) Native plants are not considered invasive – even though they are a nuisance. Some non-native species are not invasive because they do not present negative impacts. Invasive species are NOT native and have a negative impact on human health, the environment or the economy. Often invasive species lack their natural control measures (insects, predators, etc.) Cause habitat loss, harm to animal and human health, wildfire risk, erosion and stream sedimentation, reduced land values. Without efforts to contain their spread invasive species will double every five years. What can we do: “Play, Clean, Go”: Clean your gear, pets, clothing, bikes and leave invasives where you found them. Remove plants, animals and mud from your gear and vehicles. Clean your gear before entering or leaving the recreation area and stay on designated trails. Use certified insect free or local firewood. Invasive animals: Don’t let anything loose! Boats: “Clean, drain, dry!” Gardening: Be plant wise – do not compost, dispose of small amounts from your yard in the regular landfill garbage. Get involved, report, keep a lookout, learn to identify Squamish’s worst weeds, monitor wetlands and waterways, volunteer (help on community weed pulls), receive training, sign up for SSISC newsletter. Priority species list: knotweed, himalayan balsam, giant hogweed, purple loosestrife... www.SSISC.ca

Reports:



Nature Trail Report: Carl/Jim – it’s done and compacted. About \$8600 total including both grant moneys.

SVEA Report: John – discussion regarding horse friendly trail route paralleling Centennial – coordinate with future infrastructure works. Idea could go to DoS to put on long range plans.

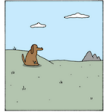
Brackentrail/Wonderland Connector: Matt – Polygon willing to move forward on the trail program. SORCA would piggyback money from

TransCanada Trail grant. STS to manage trail project. RFP is in process with input from Polygon and SORCA. Eight contractors have expressed interest. Bridge could be left for a later date because of approval time lines. Discussion of contractor selection criteria.

Brushback Brigade: Shed painted, been doing some recon but not a lot of growth yet, suggestion that we ask DoS to use their machine to mow the Golf Course dike. Carl to email group regarding possible work party for next Wednesday - Ray Peter paralleling airport.

Turtle Trail: Meg – at Council Committee of the Whole Tuesday and many had not heard the interpretive plan. Had asked for gravel replacement from Fisherman’s Landing to Railway Park area – basalt very hard to ride on! Wayfinding – who on DoS is working on this file and where is the funding coming from? Community Crawl Ride Alongs have been scheduled and will be posted on Squamish Turtle Trail Facebook. May 26, June 23 at 10am from Adventure Centre (Turtle Trail). July 21, August 25 at 10am from Brennan Park (Corridor Trail). September 22 at 10am from Adventure Centre (Turtle Trail).





Financials: Jim – “We are fluid”.

Smoke Bluffs: - John met with DoS staff regarding where to go now after the big blowup – “second phase” to be “decommissioned”. Eventually it will be worked out...

Correspondence:

- Chris Singer: Thompson Trail Bridge repair completed.
- Rachel DaCosta: Atlantic Power donation to STS this year...
- Benevity: Electronic fund transfer to facilitate RBC grant.
- SORCA: re support of Community Forest and Trails Advocacy video. Discussion whether STS should be represented at proposed Community Forest Advisory Committee.
- Dwayne Kress: shovel ready projects
- DoS Off Leash Survey still on until the end of the week...
- Kristi and Joel Harwood: interested in joint Outdoor Leadership Joint Grant Application. Jim will meet to discuss.



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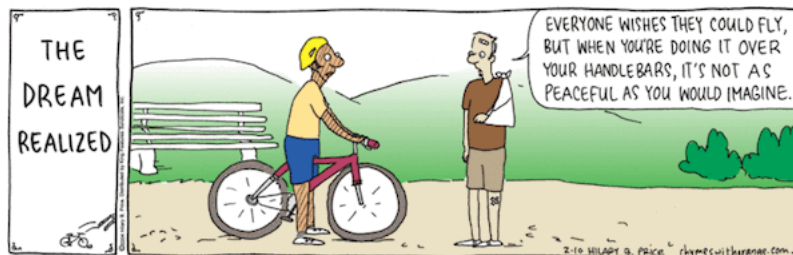
- eBike discussion: deferred
- Senior Smoothers Projects: still \$19,000 to spend – next priority Heron Trail.
- Discussion of Discovery Trail upgrade – north or south – Commercial to Pioneer or Britannia Slough area. Other projects: Rotary Trail steep slopes up to dike and down to Spawning Channel Ponds and Amblepath slopes to pumphouse. Discussion whether we could spend moneys on “garbage cans and picnic tables”.
- Purchasing wheelbarrows: Maybe aluminum? Need some research? Moved by Jim, seconded by Heather that we spend \$300 on a new wheelbarrow – carried.



Roundtable: John: Introduction of “Chris was here” tags.

Adjournment: 21:00

Next meeting: June 19





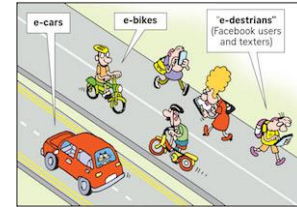
**Squamish Trails Society
June Monthly Meeting
June 18, 2019**

In attendance: Matt, Meg, Vic, Jack, Heather, Carl, John,

Call to order: 19:04

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Jack – carried.

Adoption of the Previous Minutes: Moved by Meg, seconded by Heather – carried.



Reports:

Senior Smoothers: Meeting June 19 at Coho Park – equipment at 8am, gravel arriving at 9am. Note from Meg – conversation with Andy Dawson - DoS looking at works on dike north of railway park to improve gravel surface.

Financials: Jack - Notes from Jim: Sign/labels for Nature Trails tabled.

Signing authority at bank: Noted that Shawn Gosnell coming off as signatory and Jack Hughes is going on in his capacity as co-treasurer, with Heather Evans and Jim Gracie staying on. Little change in financial report since last meeting – all in good stead. Jim has also gathered a bunch of material on eBikes.

Brackentrail/Wonderland Connector: About a month ago Jim and Shawn met with Polygon and SORCA. Polygon requested estimates with STS taking point and putting together RFPs which were sent to local companies. Have had walk throughs and initially waiting for estimates (due July 4). SORCA looking to move forward ASAP as they have some moneys that have time constraints. Two creek crossings will need separate approvals. Discussion of liability of Society if Polygon does not come through. Contracts will not be signed without money in the bank. Discussion regarding potential costings for an Estuary boardwalk.



Brushback Brigade: Brake down on Vic’s van – drifted across the highway. Still awaiting bandaids and splints. - Noted that Toboggan Trail needs a weedwacking!

Campground/SBP Projects: John Discussions with Hydro to provide some fill for wet, nasty bits at “Neat and Cool Connector” stairs – as part of remediation after pole replacement. Carl also noted required remediation of trail at base of Chief Apron where wooden transmission poles were also recently replaced.

Turtle Trail: Meg – two mirrors installed Mamquam Blind Channel highway bridge underpass. Sea to Sky Trail wayfinding component is apparently on hold at DoS. Thought on wayfinding – push up from “bottom” rather than top – accomplish low hanging fruit? Railway Park dike area - lots of private property will be indicated on markers. Also looking at slightly larger turtle markers for the back of signs and less expensive way to attach to street posts. Alternates discussed. Turtlers have been riding again – first group ride pretty darn successful - as well as recent ride with Sea to Sky Adventure including person using adaptive bike – very instructional!



Smoke Bluff Park: Meeting a couple of weeks ago to walk “East Side Connector”. Downhill riders concerned where trail crosses launch points. Walked alternate looking for options. SORCA looking at putting trail crew to do some remediation. Discussion regarding frustration with process as all understandings had been put in place prior to construction of phase 2. Smoke Bluff meeting next week – will be asking various groups to put forward positions for further discussion/consideration. What is STS position? What will make the most folks happy?

There is lot to be said for folks that go through the proper steps and channels. We need to work with all groups but how long to we facilitate “rogue routes”? Discussions regarding safety – what can we do to pre-empt these problems in the future? DoS needs a policy. What do they advise? Park can control future development?



STS to support SORCA’s construction of alternate line with the suggestion that launches are “decommissioned” until new trail is built – at which point the “phase 2” trail is decommissioned.

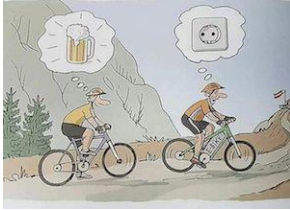
Correspondence:

DoS: Richard – regarding mowing of town dike/deck replacement Swan Trail North.

Discovery Trail upgrades out to tender: Committee of the whole May 29 – Looking at 3rd Avenue as corridor through downtown to railway crossing at Bailey to Buckley to Highschool/Brittania Slough/Discovery Trail. This year building Corridor Trail like trail from Madill to Magee. Discussion of Industrial/Highway intersection – looking at fencing to prevent illegal crossing. No lighting from Finch to Adventure at this point. Clarke Drive rock pinch point: looking at/aware of but no breath holding for fast action or improvements. Also looking at top end of trail to Hospital crosswalk – trail will be delivered to intersection to ensure connectivity through new interchange to Waterfront Landing. Discussion also around future design along Pemberton Street – possible grade separation or no-posts – how does that work with snow?

Benevity: electronic fund transfer set up for RBC.

Business Arising:



eBike discussion: Various complaints regarding speed as this becomes a growing part of the cycling demographic. Province as an extensive policy, classifying bikes and what areas they could access. Currently no restriction unless there is a specific limit put on specific areas by that area manager. Ease of climbing opening up more areas. Discussion regarding safety with the biggest concerns being speed, speed and then speed. Trail etiquette a critical component and safety training

would be nice. A proactive solution could be some really good signage that talks about etiquette, safety, etc. Every bike shop should maybe have a quiz and maybe a test – every bike needs a bell! Message needs to be fun. Maybe plan for presentation with user groups – need pamphlet – how do you access the adults in the room. How do we address high speeds? Noted that Toboggan Trail needs a weedwacking!



Corridor Trail Safety Signage: If DoS isn't going to go ahead maybe we could do it and ask for forgiveness.

Suggested that we communicate to DoS to suggest they put up 20k max signage – tabled. Carl to do some mock ups for next meeting. John to put together a draft letter.

Scooters? Do they have to have pedals to be on trails.

Horses on Nature Trail discussion: DoS doesn't really have a policy and considered non-motorized, multi-user.

Hasn't been traditionally used in winter because very slippery clay surface just not safe. Horse community is trying to ensure restrictions are appropriate for uses. Access by horses is going to be very low – most opting towards the dikes. Concern is the late fall, winter and early spring, wet/frost months. There has not been any appreciable damage to this point.

Roundtable: Meg – etiquette needs to be on the agenda



Adjournment: 21:11





Squamish Trails Society July 2019 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 17, 7:00 pm
Location: Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room

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In attendance: Matt, John, Heather S. Meg, Jack, Carl, Patrick, Candy.

Call to order: 19:06

Adoption of the Agenda: Note: add Senior Smoothers report and trail etiquette. Moved by Meg – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Noted a couple of changes from those circulated previously. Discussion of routing. Moved by Jack, seconded by Meg – carried.

Reports:

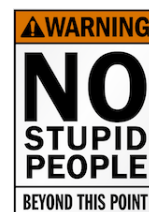
Brackentrail – Wonderland Connector: Matt – Matt, Jim and Shawn met with Polygon, DoS and SORCA to discuss estimates that came in and to see if Polygon had the “appetite” to release funds. Polygon quite away away from breaking ground but would like to leverage Trans Canada Trails funding. Noted that STS could provide tax receipt. Least expensive and most comprehensive just over \$200K which is a bit more that expected. Maybe start by looking at the bridges – prices ranged from \$10 to \$50K. Need to establish firm parameters for bridge requirements. Possibility of using Parks pre-engineered design. Question: Do they meet DoS “corridor trails” standards? What is the difference between “Corridor Trail” standards and “TransCanada Trails” standards? Noted that property at Depot has recently been sold and has already made “demands” for privacy fencing. At least some signage should be put in to ensure it was perfectly clear a trail was coming. Discussion regarding loading infrastructure salvaged on “Nexen” lands that could be repurposed for the bridge over Dryden Creek. Correspondence from STS to Cornerstone regarding possible donation highlighted profile and community goodwill etc.

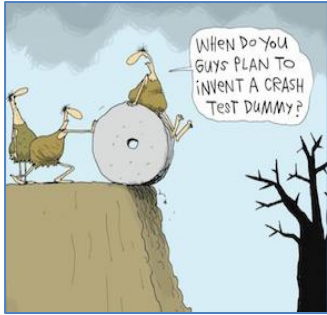
Financial: Jack – met with Jim this week for “break-in period”. First item on report is recognition of Jim’s contributions! Well beyond the expectations of Treasurer’s traditional roles. Second – note some changes as organization of report from Jim’s standard. Discussion of accounting for “Senior Smoothers” grant within operating funds and project commitment line items. Bank statement totals included. Discussion of “assets” and value of reporting on financial statements. Third – proposed budget. Discussion of appropriate recognition of Jim’s service – lunch, gift? Discussion regarding spending funds appropriately – ensuring that we spend targeted funds in a timely fashion. Thanks to Jack for his presentation. Making a formal recognition to Jim Gracie for his contribution to Squamish Trails and beyond. – moved by Heather, seconded by Matt – carried.

Brush Back Brigade: Patrick – Vic has just had cataract surgery (today). Noted that Toboggan trail brushing has been completed. Thanks conveyed from Candy for work on Coho Trail, “Looks amazing!” – still needs to be completed on north end. Discussion of works on North Loop -Site A/SFN lands – need permission for works.

Campground & SBP Projects: John - (bridge on Oceanfront lands) Discussion of proposed Corridor Trail speed limit letter to DoS. (action item from last meeting – could we put up speed limit signs?) Should reflect education as opposed to enforcement. Discussion – lets go out and do it? Friendly signs with secondary message? What would be appropriate way to broach the idea? Still need to get some ideas forward for presentation – from the “four kids on the corner” – “the bears would prefer” ... Maybe a personal approach to DoS staff for opinions?

Turtle Trail: Meg – Sea to Sky Community Services have camp for learning challenges and have been using the Turtle Trail as a model for exploration – Yay! This Sunday there will be a ride starting at 10am from Brennan Park to explore proposed route of Sea to Sky Trail. Discussion of routes through Brackendale Eagle Run/Ross Road areas on north end of town and challenges to get to the Gondola to past the Chief apron and from Park camping area to the south.





Smoke Bluffs Park Mtg: Thursday, July 18 – Discussion regarding preferred outcomes and fear that DoS staff have become “gun shy” because of recent challenges.

Senior Smoother Report: Discussion regarding understanding around proposed improvements to dike north of Railway Park – who would provide gravel. Coho Trail largely completed, gravelling completed from Mamquam spawning channel bridge to highway bridge and looking at Mike Weeks trail upgrades in the near future, possibly followed by proposed works on Heron Trail. Discussion of moneys for dike upgrades.



Correspondences:

Chris Singer – Thompson Trail repairs (5 10’ 2x8’s + 1 8’ 2x4) OK maximum of \$100 for repairs approved.

Storage Container Agreement Renewal and Inspection August 12-16. Renewal completed. Inspection requires that we do not store any flammables in storage or equipment.

Benevity – Electronic Fund Transfer set up completed.

Business Arising:

Brackendale Fall Fair: September 7 –Matt to contact and confirm participation.

Heron Trail Upgrade WMA permission & CN crossing: DoS not terribly supportive. Suggested we talk to Rick Hunter about setting up a temporary crossing?

Centennial Way Equestrian Trail. Discussion of routing – appropriate to develop a trail on top of upgraded waterline. Important to register request to ensure enshrined public access route in the future.

Etiquette discussion tabled: Back to school time a good time to highlight with students.



Roundtable: Carl – completion of gravelling Coho Park – still need to wheel gravel between north bridge and boardwalk. Toads will soon be migrating on Four Lakes trail. Jack – will be including report on receipts and disbursements with future financial statements. Is there a large expenditure on the horizon? Need a grant writer – know anybody? Discussion of tax benefits from donations. Jack to confirm. Candy – brochures are going out, particularly at station across from public works. Meg – reminder there will be some restrictions on Smoke Bluff parks with pole replacement works.



Adjournment: 20:43

STS Meeting Minutes Wed. Sept. 18 2019

1. Held 1900 hours (7PM) , [Wednesday](#) ,18 September in Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room.
2. Call to order; 1905
3. Adopt agenda - Moved by Heather Evans ; carried
4. Last minutes - Moved to adopt by Patrick McNamara ; carried
5. Reports ;

a. Brackentrail to Wonderland ..Matt Parker tabled the latest events, stating that Dream Wizards bid has been accepted. Discussion about lowering cost should a suitable bridge be found that satisfies the municipal requirement and the builders needs. One possibility was the likely surplus steel bridge on the very south end of the Discovery trail. Matt described the draft MOU that has been tentatively agreed upon by Polygon and SORCA. This generated much discussion about the wording on cash flow and lead agency. Matt and Jack will rework the wording to show cash flow from Polygon to Dream Wizards and the fact that STS is the lead agency..

b. Financial report was presented by Jack Hughes. Heavy cash flow due to handling two \$25K grants. Our normal balance of funds remains as budgeted. It was agreed that the term deposit coming due in October should be moved into the operating fund. Jack and Jim will ensure that Squamish Savings is so advised.

c. BBB report from Vic Drought showed continuing weekly activity made possible by low fire risk. Assisted with Shoreline Clean Up last week and brushed back the Magnolia trail in Valleycliffe [today](#). Next week, the Nature Loop north of the Adventure centre will be tackled..

d. Smoke Bluffs committee discussions were presented by Matt. That committee set a budget priority list which will include composting toilets, picnic tables and fire smart cleaning.

e. Kress corridor on berm running along the rear of lots on the north end of Tantalus road will be cleared by DOS staff as flood refuge route. Some residents reportedly not happy with encroachment into their expanded backyards. This would be a fine link from Garibaldi Springs site to DeBecks hill trails either on or below the berm.

f. Brackendale Fall Fair was well attended and our booth was well received. Cash box came back with an extra hundred dollars..

g. New Horizons for Seniors Project “Senior Smoothers” has completed seventy percent of planned work to make more trails user- friendly for people using mobility assist devices. Jim advised that work on the South Dike trail will start [tomorrow](#) and that will bring the expenditures to over \$19K , leaving funds for Amblepath and the planned brochure. The final report to the federal government is due [Feb 2020](#).

6. Business arising ;

- a. Gasoline storage container is complete at a cost of \$334 and will be shared with SORCA.
- b. Wellness fair is on 30 October and STS will share a table with Streamkeepers.
- c. International Rivers Day will be held 22 September in McNaughton Park in Valleycliffe. Matt and Heather Evans are presiding.

7. Around the table.

a. A grant writer is needed to maintain our cash income. Membership and tee shirt sales will not cover the operating expenses nor allow for trail maintenance..

b. Centennial Way equestrian trail depends on future waterline towards the east.

c. Holburn Phase III mandates a community park northwest of Quest library. A link to the Highlands would be ideal and would need a pedestrian bridge over Mashiter Creek. The community amenities contribution needs to include this requirement before the contractor signs off.

d. Budget season is approaching. All committees need to present figures before November so that Directors can come up with a viable budget for 2020.

e. STS shed is secure and now contains all our back files, display items and tools.

8. Adjourned at 2045. These draft minutes are submitted for your comments prior to publishing. Acting scribe Jim Gracie .. cheers



Squamish Trails Society November Monthly Minutes
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room



In attendance: Matt, Carl, Heather S, Jack, Vic, Meg, John, Patrick, Candy
Jim and Heather E send their regrets.

Adoption of the Agenda: Add Eagle Run dike update – Moved by Heather S – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Meg, seconded by Heather S – carried.

Reports:

Brackentrail/Wonderland Connector: Matt – Matt met with Sandy McKay (November 20) as the two neighbours off Depot have expressed their displeasure with the plan and have produced a long list of demands regarding bridge placement, fencing/privacy and concerns regarding related works. Matt planning to with them on November 23. Noted there is no budget for fencing in proposal, though it was promised by Jim Harvey to previous owners when trail was originally being proposed. Challenges with location include position of existing private bridge, driveway and riprap retaining wall which may intrude on right of way – well worth cost of survey to clarify for future negotiations. Recommended that fencing costs should only be considered if there will be an overall cost savings involving bridge construction and only if there is a quid pro quo/trade off that values the project. Noted that some blasting on the pinch points has already occurred. Discussion of contract, moving forward and next steps. Action item: talk DoS to see if they would be willing to look at survey? Jesse Morewood DoS point person?

Swan Trail Connector: Carl, Matt – Discussion with DoS, Province, DFO regarding moving forward with trail improvements to ensure connection along Central Basin margin. Plan has been prepared by Mike Nelson of Cascade Environmental and submitted to all parties – looking forward to final approvals so works can be completed as expeditiously as possible.

Wellness Fair: Candy – lots of fun, lots of interest and questions – thanks to Penny and Candy!

Brush Back Brigade: Vic – Jennifer had suggested we document volunteer time in report – to date 172.5 hours, 4.2 km of trails brushed back – does not include Senior Smoothers with additionally more than 240 hours of volunteer time and about 3 km of trails graveled (final tally in Jim’s grant report); noted that storage shed access gate now by combination lock; equipment - need new brush blades!

Campground/SBP Projects: John – Smoke Bluff job (leveling at “Neat and Cool”) hasn’t happened yet... Awaiting availability of BC Hydro contractor.

Turtle Trail: Meg – checked out Sea to Sky Trail signage from Adventure Centre to Jack Webster bridge. Noted installation on a variety of “substrates” – wooden posts, sq. steel posts, street lamp standards, attached to highway signs – observed that signs that “double teamed” with other bicycle infrastructure signage most effective. Looking forward to how this project relates to future Turtle Trail as signage was put up by DoS personnel and not necessarily following formal trail signage standards.



Financial Report: Jack – (two months as October meeting was missed) Discussion of Benevity fund transfers through to SORCA; discussion of charitable status through spending ie. ensuring charitable donation funds are targeted and show appropriate deliverables – need to ask SORCA for reporting at the least to ensure appropriate oversight. Further discussion of how Benevity funds work ...

Action items; Meg to confirm with Keeley \$118 invoice for services toward Turtle Trail;

Action Item: John to email Hospital Hill Park folks to advise \$1318 left over in budget will be rolled over into STS “general revenue” unless otherwise directed.

Senior Smoothers Summary: Jim – deferred.

Christmas Communications: Heather – deferred.

Trail Etiquette Signage: Examples tabled. Suggested a slightly smaller versions as poster for bike shop. Agreed that 8 signs produced would be installed on Corridor Trail between Adventure Centre and Brennan Park four in each direction. Thanks to all those folks who made valuable suggestions.



Dike Reconstruction: Carl attended first stakeholder meeting November 19. Project broken into two areas with “Reach 1” being the Siyich’em reserve and “Reach 2” the eagle viewing area (watershed grill to “McIntosh” property. Three options in Reach 1 including 1. a reconstructed, higher retaining wall with land levels behind wall

staying at existing grade; 2. Infilling land behind dike to full height - would entail removal of all existing structures and reconstruction on top of propose fill that would slope to Government Road; 3. build a new dike from Fisherman’s Park to the outfall of Judd Slough by the Watershed grill 30 m inland from the Squamish River’s existing right bank. Existing pumps and fish passage structures at the end of Brennan Road would be reconstructed at the new outfall downstream. Noted that plans do not include public access across any dike that crosses SFN lands – option 3 would bypass the Siyich’em reserve lands. Reach 2 would be raised and widened with possible realignment of Government Road and enhance parking. Structures on top of dike would likely be removed and reinstalled at a later date. Part of proposal was for new structures including “social” seating and an observation tower. Also discussed was an “arrival gateway” and permanent public washrooms. From a Trails perspective it was highlighted that accessibility must be maintained and that the District’s long term goal should be to negotiate public access along the dikes from one end of Squamish to the other. Also discussed making the Eagle Run dike area a “neighbourhood hub” – much like those envisioned on the Turtle Trail, including enhanced interpretive opportunities. One sticking point was alignment of Government Road which trespasses on the IR – it will likely be moved to the east which could include removal of some (if not all) of the walnut trees. All options have the dike being raised 1.5 metres – not specific time line but after development of final master plan it is anticipated it will take 3 to 5 years if the District is successful with grant applications. If not it could be a longer, phased project. There will be a public meeting December 5 from 6 – 8pm at the Adventure Centre. More info at: <https://squamish.ca/yourgovernment/projects-and-initiatives/eaglesiyichemdike/>

Correspondence:

- * CERP working group meeting postponed until January 2020:
- * Gwen L’Hirondelle – golf course trail access notice: DoS doing vegetation management – hopefully they will not be going back in!? Trees bad? Access good!
- * **District Staff meeting:** likely deferred until December based on availability of Bob Smith – ideally, in the future we should organize earlier for an October meeting date.
- * Sharon Tate regarding concerns re: Depot Road end of new Wonderland connector trail.



Business Arising:

2020 Projects and Environmental/Communication protocols: Discussion that in future we ensure we cross all our t’s and dot l’s regarding required government approvals to ensure we don’t alienate Muni or other agencies.

Amblepath trail/dike intersection: Plan deferred – maybe an Muni initiative?

Trail Suggestions? Ray Peter very narrow at top end, rough and rocky. Needs widening, drainage and gravel. Could ask a contractor for price to re-establish north couple of hundred metres. Miller/Cap might be good option to help out. Should do a better job of expressing concerns of highway works impacting trails in the future...

* Reminder to membership to put forward ideas for “low hanging (trail work) fruit”.

Signing Authority: Noted that it is sometimes hard to get a second signature on cheques. To alleviate this problem it was suggested we look into adding an additional person to the list who could sign cheques. Moved by Carl that we request Matt be added to our account for signing authority – seconded by John - carried.



Roundtable: Patrick – tractor trailer driving up Discovery Trail to Alternate Bridge! Highlights need to replace barriers on trail entrances. Jack – reliance on fundraising? Do we get support from DoS? Not directly... Discussion of funds that come to STS through Benevity app. Only money earmark as coming from Royal Bank are to be directed to SORCA – up to \$5000.00. Candy – thank you one and all. Heather – discussion about possible use of bridge at Jumar – let’s see how they finish off this corner of their development. John – why was campground not received tax deferment... Carl – had discussion with

DOS staff and they are planning a new trail connector from Pemberton Avenue to Hunter Place on the east side of the CN Rail line corridor. Addresses issue of access from underpass to elementary school for Safe Routes to Schools?



Motion to adjourn – Meg: 21:01



Squamish Trails Society December 2019 Agenda
Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 pm
Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room

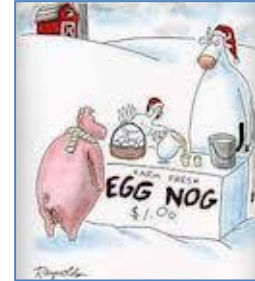
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Call to order: 19:02

In attendance: Matt, Jim, Carl, Patrick, Candy, Jack, Meg, Vic, John, Heather

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Jack – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Amendments as per Matt’s suggestions re rock work and survey of Depot Road trail access and service poles. Moved by Jim, seconded by Candy – carried.



Reports:

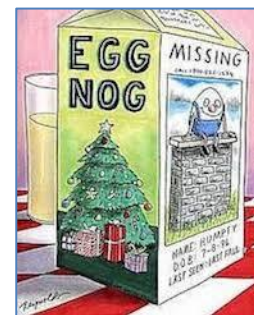
Brackentrail – Wonderland Connector: Matt – been working with Ted on some of the rock work on south end, playing with rock drill and expanding rock cracking rock. Trail proceeded up DoS road access and heads north across talus slope almost to the “flats” (330 meters done so far – of about 1.2km) Discussion of survey showing poles on middle of right of way. Discussion of process and moving forward on north end. Bridges have been ordered (aluminum “gang plank” style structures). Creek crossing 45 day regulatory notice in place – negotiations for access for installation ongoing.

Trail base material for Swan Trail on Bailey Rd: Carl / Matt – back and forth with Cascade/Dos/Province resulted in “change order” – need legal access from property owner, likely BC Rail property? Cost of process ~\$1500. Another option might be to remove all material from sensitive area and bolster north and south to avoid the “wet bit”. Discussion of who owns the land and jurisdiction.

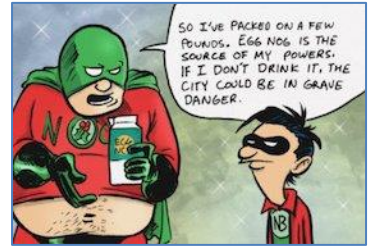
Campground & SBP Projects: John – Smoke Bluffs “Car Park Craggs” area access being improved by DoS “night crew”. Long term plans for play area, wheel chair accessible and easier “kid friendly” climbs. Discussion of park mandate to increase capacity and the required sensitivity to other users. Hospital Hill Play Park leftover funds could be used to purchase a concrete picnic table. Moved by Heather, seconded by Candy, that STS contribute up to \$400 additional dollars to the existing Hospital Hill Play Park for purchase and installation of picnic table – carried.



Financials: Jack – December report tabled. Noted that we have not received any significant grants or donations in the past several months – so we will at some point need to consider ways to raise additional funds. Discussion of “New Horizons for Seniors” (Senior Smoothers) grant expenditures and commitments. Discussion of future project to upgrade trails, such as across “Westwind” West Barr remediation site (or others) and how that process might work to have successful grant applications – targeted proposals with initial costing estimates. Discussion of moving forward with campaign to solicit donations and membership drive. Need to have a list of organizations to target for contributions at year end. Do we want to advertise, or develop such a campaign or ? Definitely before our next AGM we need to look at such a plan that could be presented. Need funding for general operation of Society and other for special projects. DO need to promote the Society and encourage membership and participation. Meg – had hoped community rides would also encourage both participation and membership. Could start with walking groups? Could be a letter to the editor or even a paid advertisement – Jim’s columns were a great contribution. Maybe take better advantage of newsletters and social media. Noted that real estate agents use trail network as sales pitch – need to target those folks – Jack suggested he could approach Mike Carney.



Senior Smoothers summary: Jim – roughly \$1700 left for pamphlet. Total impact 7 km of trails – most money spent on Nature Trail and Estuary Heron Trail. Noted that we do need to have a “ceremony” of sorts to “open” the improved trail. Suggested we could do in estuary or at Adventure Centre near Nature Trail work and contact Mayor’s office for commitment to have a January event. Matt will contact the Mayor. Noted if held on Heron Trail inaccessibility for those in wheelchairs would be highlighted because of the CN tracks... group of wheelchairs trapped on other side...



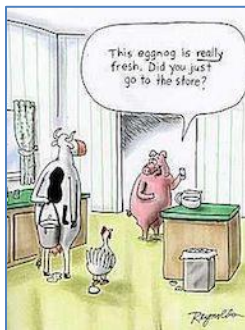
Correspondences:

Concerns from Depot Road resident(s): Several different offers put forward to alleviate concerns regarding fencing, privacy – best option to offer financial option so that property owners are responsible for construction and long-term maintenance. Discussion of revenue stream. Question asked – is there an opportunity of volunteers to assist? Maybe later as terrain is pretty extreme... Is there anything we should be doing as far as community/membership messaging – updates could be offered – with Ted’s blessings? Might be better to just get it done and not encourage “looky loos”. Comment from John regarding offer to provide privacy fence – noted that original offer was probably to move the project along. Agreed that it is better to have private fences built by private property owners – Individuals can assist...

Meeting with DOS Staff: Request from Matt was put forward by email – waiting to hear back - noted that we need to plan for October meeting in the future.

Business Arising: Discussion of providing feedback to DoS regarding trail needs and suggestions – take a picture that we can forward. Can also provide “daffodils” in the Chief. Great value in thank to DoS to acknowledge their efforts.

Posting Trail etiquette signs: Document installation! Action item Carl.



Roundtable: Jim – need to draft memorandum of understanding with Province regarding maintenance of trails in Estuary Management Area. Discussion of advantages and disadvantages. Heather – end of year newsletter – quick facts, number of volley hours, kms done, trails improved this year, links to web for more details, ideas for future projects, accepting donations and providing receipts, renew your membership, want to volunteer? Could add other folks to the info loop – suppliers and friends. John – just started section 56 for trail down to Mamquam River canyon at kayak put-in. Carl – noted survey posts along CN Rail corridor from Pemberton to Hunter Place. Matt – Huckleberry Trail (waterfront landing area from Reserve to CN Rail bridge?)

Adjournment: 20:32

Next meeting: January 15

