



**Squamish Trails Society Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 7:00 pm**  
**Location: Online Google Meet**

**In attendance:** Matt, Heather S, Carl, Richard, Vic, Lauren, Jennifer, Jim, John, Patrick, Heather E

**Introduction:** Welcome to Richard Laverdiere – DoS Trails Coordinator

**Call to order:** 19:04



**Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Jennifer - carried

**Adoption of the Minutes of December 2020:** Moved by Jennifer, seconded by Jim – carried.

**Reports:**

**Investment Sign-off at Sq. Savings for Directors:** If you haven't been in yet, please do - Sean still to go...

**Trails Article for the Squamish Reporter:** Matt & Jim – link on website/on Squamish Reporter – regarding recent works on Swan Trail and Connector Trail at Smoke Bluffs. Squamish Reporter interested in a monthly update on trails. Completed to Spit Access Road, just need culvert. Noted that much of trail is underwater during King tide.

**Swan Trail through Westwind site & Swan Trail North:** Jim – met with Provincial representatives. We have to resurrect the Swan Trail but primary is estuary protection so there cannot be restrictions to flow. Need to get SRWS and SES online so we can speak with singular voice regarding maintaining trails in the estuary. Challenge is to get permission on what “fixing it up” could look like and what is accessible to everybody. Logs that had been moved onto the trail have been cut and moved. We need some form of consensus on how we need to tackle this – we all need to agree that it needs to be improved. Edith has indicated she would be willing to work towards some way to improve without impacting the environment. Discussion of options: lock block to lock block or rock berm or rock berm – or ? Getting permission to do anything at all might be a challenge. Maybe Cascade could do a proposal that groups buy into before presentation to the Province? We do have a private donor that has committed \$20,000 and could look at costs for materials? Lowest footprint option might be approved by the Province?

**Financials:** Jack – emailed and tabled. Discussion re: note 2 “inventory”. Need to go through storage shed and see what we have, need to keep and what to throw away. After the mice are gone!

**Smoke Bluffs Park + Channel Rd. Connector Trail:** John – Trail is basically done, just need some signage regarding rock fall hazards, no loitering (under rock falls). Note regarding black locust used on stairs... Heather: can we get a work bee together to work on drainage issue around slabs at “Neat and Cool”. John has suggested DoS watch it, as it is recognized as a hazard. Can be lots of ice in the area...

Discussion of “Neat and Cool” seepage area – hoped that Richard can come up with Andy...

Discussion of new crack when they drilled/blasted holes for new hydro poles. Report prepared suggests that freeze/thaw cycles could result in failure – in the hands of BC Hydro and DoS.

**Correspondences:**

Bob Brant's 70th Birthday Feb. 9: Cards and well wishes welcome.

“Alchemy Philanthropy”: B & K donation Swan Trail through Westwind site - \$20,000 donation.

United Way pass through funding of “Our Squamish” parklet development: request to use STS charitable status to facilitate their project. DoS budget allows for \$110,000 for parklets?

“Benevity” recertification due March 14: Matt will take care of it.

Volunteers through website & Squamish Connector: have had some interest in doing trail works.

SBPAC mtg. 6:30 Thurs. Jan. 28:

Inquiry into chainsaw art old stumps – permission process thru FLNRO:

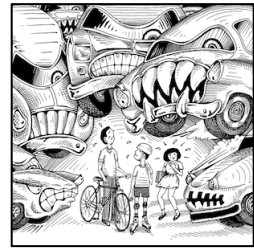
**Business Arising:**

**January Membership Drive Edge Card Draw:** Jen / Heather – have posted that draw is tomorrow, did get three donations today but we do need to check the mail! Mailbox is back in hand and has been emptied. Matt will get it from Jack and get pertinent info to Heather if required for draw. Heather to do draw and Jen will post. Had 19 entries so far for January. Other draw (Dec/Jan) has 54 entries.

**Updating Directors' Handbook:** Jim – please send in your comments.



**Possible 2021 project additions:** Ray Peters, Wonderland, Covenant Trail? (on Holborn or Cheema land?) Discussion of trail crew – maybe something SORCA should champion as they owe us crew time. Noted that Carpenter’s Son Bridge access is in terrible shape (on both sides). (Another SORCA responsibility?) Finally have permission to do Amblepath and should be ready to go in April. Maybe another \$10K.



**Roundtable:**

Jim: DOS budget feedback due by 05 Feb: annual rail crossing improvements \$200K, Corridor trail expansion \$450K, covered shelters for parks \$168K, parklets - container covered public spaces \$110K, and real estate acquisitions \$4M. There are probably more and greater - perusal is probably warranted. STS should submit a comment. What about crossing at Heron Trail? Something to bring up with Bob Smith... Maybe STS could contribute the \$800 for CN to process the application to facilitate the project moving forward? Can go online at Squamish.ca to provide feedback. Summer Youth Employment Program will pay significant portion of cost if we are interested program – must be in by end of January – requires supervisor. Had them at the campground for couple of years – it is a full time job supervising! Possible incursion by Holburn up at University – may be impinging on the trail again. Wondered if DoS has a gravel spreader machine? Might be an interesting thing to look into?

John: Perry Beckham property – important that DoS has first option to buy – important to put forward as it pertains to budget considerations. (consideration of important trail connections with real estate deals)

Carl: Golf Course trails around Mashiter Channels on both sides of the Highway have very muddy sections and could do with rebuilding/gravelling, also at headpond along Dipper Trail. Could also look at improvements though riprap under the old highway bridge to continue upgrade of this route. Looking at \$10,000 to complete both... Move by Jim, seconded by Matt – carried. DoS / Co’s are both going after dogs off leash in Estuary. Heather; ditching needed in McNaughton Park near tennis court gravel – come spring DoS is planning to mow and re-ditch the area to move water away and cleanup – spring project (Richard).



Jennifer: Did anything happen with memorial bench requests? Challenges with emails...

Lauren: Hopefully hiking Pacific Crest Trail come April (if covid allows)! Five month adventure!!

Richard: DoS now has a chipper – bonus for trail work! Fire department doesn’t want to leave brush in the work. Plan is to light Corridor Trail from Finch to Adventure Centre this year! Bridge on Nature Trail replaced this past week. Thanks to one and all – and DoS – for all the work! Chipper work needs to be booked ahead – best if volunteers feed the DoS staff who feed the chipper or ensure materials pre-stacked is done properly.

Don’t forget AGM is coming up in April!

**Adjournment:** 20:33

**Next meeting:** February 17, 2021



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**Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 7:00 pm**  
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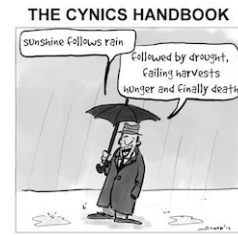
**Call to order:** 19:06

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

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

**Reports:**

**Directors Handbook Update:** Jim/Lauren – compiled from previous document and other various manuals. Need to fill in “history/background”. Need to add in area about budget but that is not critical and going forward we can add a budget if we like. Regarding suggestions: If you have Word and are familiar with track changes function that would be best way to put in your comments or on the other end of the techno scale Lauren willing to pick up a hard copy (maybe even of charcoal scratches on bark? No wall paintings please!). Discussion of mission statement: Should we broaden description of those “trails” we “put our nose into” that could include community connectors, pedestrian infrastructure and safe routes to schools. As an example, SES has always welcomed opportunity to comment on new developments (prior to construction preferable), DoS committees and proposals etc. that are non-traditional pathways or trails. Suggestion that we could also break off roles that are traditionally assigned to a specific Board position to other individuals who might have specific skills ie. volunteer who had skills in insurance that could take on that role which is usually assigned to secretary. Discussion of history ie. when did the Society start? Noted that it started, then it fizzled, then it was reinvigorated etc. **Action item:** Need to sit down with Bob and John and Heather E (and all other interested parties and tie it all down. Carl willing to put info together if folks could send along info. Less than a page would do. Maybe a request for info on the next newsletter? The more info the merrier – would be nice to put together anyway, but will be condensed for handbook in point form?



**Alchemy Philanthropy Meeting re. Sea to Sky Trail:** Matt & Jim met with couple and advisor to discuss funding for Sea to Sky Trail initiatives. Trail coordinator, Allison MacDonald, joined in and will be preparing a slide show for them to use to promote this cause to their foundation. Perhaps willing to put some significant funds – maybe they could fund some of the pinch point that need repair? Intention is to build new trail to get the trail off the highway from Chance Creek to Tantalus (Cheakamus Canyon where it comes up from Starvation Lake and north about 5-6 km) An engineering report has broken the Cheakamus Canyon section into roughly six project proposals each worth about \$200K. Also looking at (an expensive) pedestrian bridge crossing at Brandywine. Jim confident funding can be made available to repair and maintain the current trail through Trans Canada Trail funding initiatives. Discussion regarding CN intensions for future use of tracks.

**Smoke Bluffs Dedication Bylaw:** Matt & John – Hoping to see DoS and Federation of Mountain Clubs (FMC) get together to transfer lands and enact Park status to include all parcels including “Drenka” lands. DoS would form a “staff” committee to make future decisions. Has been a Facebook backlash with conspiracy theories to maybe kick climbers out of the park. Twenty-four minute video posted on the FMC land that suggested future Council could sell of land to raise funds. FMC always felt they had leverage over the lands to ensure they were never developed. Likely that it is better protected as a park where it would take community support to remove lands from park status. Ownership issues do not preclude an “opening ceremony” after resolution of Red Bridge gateway and Beckham’s access issues. Discussion: Could the existing road/trail ever be used for emergency access/bypass. Could be in the future – if it was paved to 3.5 m (like Corridor Trail) it wouldn’t preclude this use if required. Noted that DoS needs to look at trail and infrastructure planning to absorb all the folks



that are using and will be using this new area in the future. Discussion of remediation of swale at pipeline. Would need a big culvert or short-term stepping stones? Connector Trail looks great – discussion of ice issues at the top of the stairs. Might be nice to have a quick bucket party to finish gravel fill in a few rootier sections. Also discussed boardwalk solution to icy prone sections in other areas of Smoke Bluff area. Noted that it was nice to see Trail Society profile on signage. Much thanks to John on this trail!



**Swan Trail through Westwind site & Swan Trail North:** - tricky thing is getting permission – from whom? Probably needs a DFO Request for review “works near water” form with guidance from Cascade. Eric Balke does not appear to be supportive of trails at all in the estuary, commenting that trails will be under water in the future so why bother doing any upgrades but FLNRO has much more accommodating viewing the trail as a heavily used high-value trail which prevents people from wandering into more sensitive areas of the estuary. Because this is in WMA the jurisdiction is muddled. Still seeking clarification. Need stakeholders to get together to ensure a united front. Next step is to clarify with FLNRO how we need to proceed. Acknowledge that this is a prime “playground” for Downtown Squamish and will be coming under more and more considerable pressure.

**Financial:** Jack – tabled by email

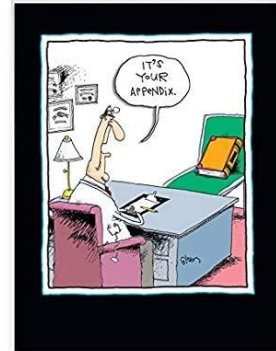
**Correspondences:** One inquiry regarding memorial bench.

**Business Arising:**

Finding a way forward on Westwind remediation and trail maintenance.

Might be same process as Bailey Street remediation works?

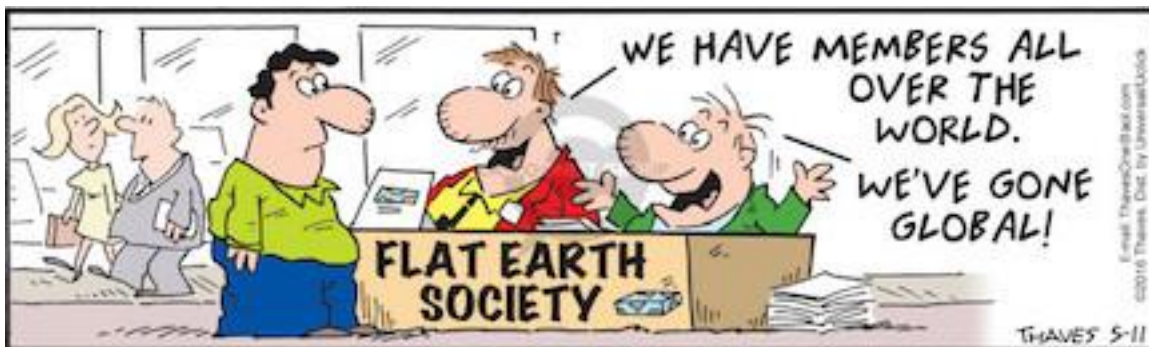
Spawning Channels Trail work near Shannon Estates (Mashiter Channels): Looking like moving a lot of gravel – could be good contractor project. There are some gravels available along the site that could be used. Noted piles along highway near bridge and access ramp that was installed to facilitate installation of spawning gravels near west end. Could possibly include upgrade of rough trail east of west channel outfall bridge to better trail standard. Noted that this is Crown lands... maybe should apply for permission for all works on Crown lands within DoS?



**Roundtable:** Jim: AGM coming up - twist arms and get more people involved. Jennifer: Candy looking for more brochures – how do we get them to her? Matt will drop some by. Start to advertise AGM after next meeting - on social media.

**Adjournment:** 20:00

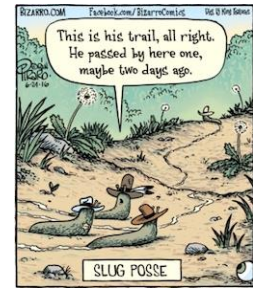
**Next meeting:** March 17







**Squamish Trails Society Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 17, 2021**  
**Google Meet**



**In attendance/introductions:** Matt, Carl, Heather S, Jennifer, Lauren, Jim, Bob, John, Gillian Bexton - willing to volunteer to get project approvals in place – prior to works 😊

**Call to order:** 19:02

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

**Adoption of the Minutes of February 17, 2021 Meeting:** Moved by Jennifer, seconded by John – carried.

**Reports:**

**Smoke Bluffs Park & Memorial Bench:** John – Have had three inquires for memorial benches through the website, but no responses from replies, though there is another group that is planning to put together a proposal. Smoke Bluffs is already busy. Summer could be crazy! Discussion of where all those summer folks are going to park? John has been in discussion with DoS regarding “High Cliff Trail”. Hoping to use Landlubber to complete connection to lower trail along Mamquam Blind Channel. Hopeful that it can be completed through the spring. Discussion of Redbridge project (which is moving forward) and timing of bridge construction over to Rose Park. Discussion of trail access along Channel and connection to Hospital Hill, Rose Park and Smoke Bluffs Park.

**Final Whistler Blackcomb Foundation Prizes:** Jim – last of the prizes have been sent out, so this part is finish...

**STS Shed Inventory:** Great work by Jim. Wondering if it might be time to get rid of some stuff we don't use? SORCA has approached Home Depot to get a deal for additional tools which we might tie into? Carl has two new shovels he can donate.

**Crumpet Meadows Development trail inventory DOS request:** Matt & Shawn – indication from DOS that the property owner above the Crumpit Woods Development is looking to extend the Development into its next phase, so DoS has contacted trail user groups (including STS) to get feed-back on what are the important trails and features to various interest groups in the proposed development area. Could include expansion of Smoke Bluff Parks to the east. STS hoping for continuous green space corridors to ensure connectivity. Discussion of size and scope of development with SFN and Crown lands involved if it will connect to Finch? SORCA has been tasked with doing a total trail inventory, facilitated by Cascade Environmental. STS to ensure estuary trails are included. Noted that all trails have been updated with GIS.

**Projects:** Jim / Matt – No budget prepared for this year as of yet. (Do need to establish project list before we can establish budgets.) We can always allocate funds as things arise? Discussion of the possibility of starting McNaughton Park/Little Stawamus Creek/Plateau Drive connector – need approvals to cross private land before we can start... Matt will contact DoS to see what can be done regarding a right of way agreement. Somebody has been in there surveying so maybe something is already starting. Riparian setbacks could be an issue? Will need to have contact with everybody – property owners, agencies – maybe a good idea to rally supporters prior to a full public consultation.

**Plastic Bag Donation Proposal:** Bob Brant – Independent and Save-on required to charge \$0.25 per bag to encourage use of reusable containers. These funds currently do not have a designated “use” – maybe they would be willing to donate a portion for ongoing maintenance of local trails? Signage (both in store and on trails) could indicate how/who helped fund this necessary regular, scheduled trail maintenance. Could look at other businesses that also charge for bags. Bob willing to approach stores to see what could be proposed. Discussion of trails that could be some of the first to be looked at and how that be accomplished?



**Financial:** Jack – tabled by email. Jim – noted that non-members should not get financial reports!

**Correspondences**

Benevity Profile renewed:

Garibaldi Springs – North end closed: Construction starting soon.

Partnership proposal for adapted hiking: passed on to Adventure Centre.

Smoke Bluffs Park Staff Advisory Committee application deadline March 26 at 5pm: Anyone interested? Two or three meetings a year – with an alternate? Discussion of membership of committee – does STS have a dedicated seat? Matt will look into it over spring break... Important that all stakeholders need to be on the group. DoS dissolving their select committee and moving to an advisory committee – seems transfer of lands from FMC to DoS is on track?

**Ring Creek Trail right of way agreement with developer from DOS:** Noted that the northwest corner of Holburn Phase 2 didn't have the existing trails listed. After it was pointed out DoS went back to developer and now have formalized right of way. Unfortunately, southern border of properties does not have trail access agreement for those existing trails and some future arrangement will need to be made to recreate this connection.

**Bailey St. Barriers:** Emergency access roadway has been gated at Bailey and by Spit Access Road at Government.

**Discovery Trail Renaming?** DoS is doing works to complete trail from McDonald's in the south, through Pioneer and on to Government Road by the Mamquam bridge. General inquiry from DoS if there was any notion to rename the completed connection to something other than the "Discovery Trail"? STS generally fine with the existing name. Discussion of where the designated end of the trail might be on the south end – suggested the Jumar development and crosswalk at Hunter Place could be the south end – or maybe Pemberton Avenue when that trail connector is completed.



**Business Arising**

**Pitch in Week:** Looking for ideas that need to be cleaned... maybe McDonald's and 7/11 could donate to help with cleanup?



**Accepting e-transfers:** Discussion of STS web payment functions. Should we be setting up e-transfer? Jennifer did have a very frustrating discussion with a person regarding this, who seem to not fully know what they were talking about, to see if our account can accept e-transfers. Supposedly it "should be able" to already work. Jennifer tried but it did NOT work! Somebody with signing authority needs to go in and see what the scoop is as there seems to be some disconnect with our account? (Noted that actual signing authority is with Jack, Jim and Heather.) Jennifer willing to go into bank with whomever can make it to try and straighten this out. Matt will be in touch to organize such a meeting at the bank. Maybe Lauren could get in on this "trip"? Discussion of how many can have signing

authority. Need to work with local "go to" person at Squamish Savings!

**Estuary Trail work permission:** Plotting a way forward – Letter to Chief & SQ. Reporter to garner community support for such works? Matt is hoping to get some more headway through Alistair. Beneficial to work with powers that be as much as possible but eventually if that doesn't pan out at some point we could go to the public for support if required. Might be beneficial to have a discussion with Squamish Chief to see how a conversation might move forward. This is a significant, broader issue that really does need to be addressed. STS not looking to be confrontational, but to have an open dialogue. 'This is such a big easy trail that it is wrong to simply abandon'. "Public participation might be the only way to push it forward". Discussion regarding history of trail use and access into estuary. Noted that enough public input into this issue probably will have the most impact – maybe start discussion with the Mayor? Jennifer at the Chief? Maybe DoS has some sway with Province? Looking at possibility of WMA dedicated master trail plan. Matt will follow up with DoS and Alistair. Have a base document regarding the issue from Jim and John (with Lauren's editing :-). Could do a survey on the website - "What do you think of repairs to the Westwind Trail?"

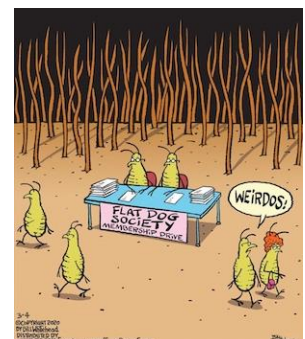
**Projects for consideration and to begin working on:** Looking at moving forward on upgrades to Mashiter Spawning Channel Trails April/May. Noted that works could be also be done on Wonderland at any time. Should follow up with SORCA to have works done on Covenant Trail – April/May. "SORCA" trail crew will start on TransCanada Trail at north end of Paradise Valley. Next projects: Mashiter #1 and next Covenant. Last one discussed would be "Smashiter" – from University Bridge to Paco Road. Dipper Trail looking to be done in May...

**AGM next month and elections:** Would be great to see some new faces. Looking for people with skills of some sort, or leadership qualities – "more shoulders can share the load". Jennifer to start advertising on web pages and social media. Noted that AGM is the time to do any changes to the bylaws – so keep that in mind. As Jim is stepping aside we will need a new project manager and also a person to write/apply for grants!

**Roundtable:** Carl; Thanks to Bob for history info - just got to put it together! Jim; has grant application in for "historic" signage – Pemberton Trail, railway impact on valley, indigenous routes, estuary trails etc. – looking for info sources. Noted that logging railway lines have a huge connection to trail routes. Lauren; has been on the CRA website researching info for the drafting of electronic donation receipts.

**Adjournment:** 20:40

**Next Meeting:** AGM April 21





**Squamish Trails Society April Meeting and Annual AGM Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 7:00 pm**  
**On Line Zoom Meet**

**In attendance:** Gillian Bexton, Jim Gracie, Matt Parker, John Harvey, Carl Halvorson, Jennifer Adams, Heather Sidsworth, Vic Drought, Patrick MacNamarra.

**Call to order:** 19:04

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

**Adoption of Minutes of April 21, 2021:** Moved by Jennifer, seconded by Gillian - carried

**Reports:**

**Juniper Trail (Lil' Stawamus trail extension) env. & geo tech:** Matt – took a walk with Mike Nelson (environmental) and Pierre Friele (geotec) from Plateau/Westway through green corridor downstream to the park. Noted that some of the private parcels up above come down almost to the creek! Corridor to put a trail has some significant challenges – because it had been logged it is pretty steep (without a bench) and other house (above) is supported on pilings which might involve an engineer. Some folks have extended their yards into the riparian – taking available land as their own back yard... Aja, at Planning looked at access through a right of way – no current development proposal and maybe a one meter gap where a trail might go – though very challenging and likely pretty steep. Revealed some problems we weren't aware of – seems like there are too many issues to proceed – though conditions might change. Will probably be unpopular considering how many folks have co-opted the riparian. Maybe should not be included in project list – remove next year after notification of problems.

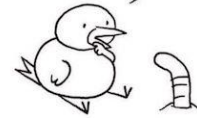
**Sea to Sky Trail repair @ south end Cheakamus Canyon & TCT grant:** Jim (request for trail repair submitted on STS letterhead) – washout at south end to be repaired by DreamWizards. Funding through various sources.

**E-transfers & signing authority on STS account:** Jen – paperwork received for signing, need folks to go to bank. Will have to wait until folks can get in – helpful if we have folks with signing authority clarified – after AGM discussion. Currently Jack, Jim and Heather have authority. Look into Matt and Jennifer to have some status at the bank – even if it is only to have questions asked!

**Plastic Bag donation progress:** Bob Brant has sent a letter to SES for approval to approach businesses regarding bag fees – Matt to provide to Board for comment. Discussion of how that might work.

**Financial:** Jack's email report submission tabled – thank you!

SO YOU JUST DIG THROUGH THE SOIL, CONSUMING NUTRIENTS FROM DECAYING ORGANIC MATTER? THAT ACTUALLY MAKES A LOT OF SENSE



THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM



Currently we're on Step 6

- | Follow-up Plan |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| -              | Send invitation    |
| -              | 1st Reminder       |
| -              | 2nd Reminder       |
| -              | 1st Call           |
| -              | 2nd Call           |
| -              | Send silly cartoon |
| -              | Bag                |
| -              | Hire goons         |
| -              | Release hounds     |

**Correspondence:**

Squamish Reporter: Spring Trails Article – holding back in case we wanted to look at plans in Estuary or maybe upcoming works – completed or in progress. Maybe he could write an article regarding BC Parks budget and how much is coming to local parks... Would be nice if he looked at Looking Glass and Blind Channel Connector, BrushBack, or Sea to Sky Trail? Could have a year one birthday celebration story about Looking Glass trail. Might be nice to tie story into a membership drive! Whatever comes about, Jen would like copies of any story for website and will ensure it is connect back to source for writing credit. Also noted that the last (recent) membership drive was pretty successful.

Red Bridge Planner is Kerry Hamilton & pedestrian bridge still part of plan: Haven't seen the actual configuration as of yet. Noted that it is suppose to be done during the first phase of the development.

Share the Road signage Paradise Valley Road: more signs are going up – going to also add an extra little bit about keeping the speed down!

Received \$500 BC Hydro Company Town Grant for trail maintenance. & signage: Thanks a lot...

Mtg. re. mechanized vehicles in DOS & area trails: Spencer Fitschen leading – lots of folks out on trails with lots of different types of powered vehicles – want to get in front of the issues. Will be a big gnarly issue! DoS keen to have stakeholder groups bring suggestions to Council rather than simply imposing arbitrary set of rules.

Outdoor Leadership Students project Discovery trail: Antony Blakie – contacted looking for a volunteer project the students could work on. Looking at gravelling the Discovery Trail from Howe Sound to McDonald's.

April 14 CERP mtg. cancelled: rescheduled for May 12 – important to have presence for Trail's. Matt to put forward to Board to see if anyone is interested in attending on



Matt's behalf... Noted that we are still trying to figure out the lay of the land in the Estuary regarding trail maintenance or upgrades – does FLNRO trump others regarding jurisdiction?

Inquiry into Coho Park to Garibaldi Springs trail maintenance: Roland Benesocky – regarding informal trail connector from Garibaldi Springs to Coho Park trail. Wondered if this trail could be formalized? Email forwarded to Polygon for their consideration. Noted that development work has started in the north end of the property. Would probably need proper environmental work prior to upgrade or dedication of a formal trail route (involve Cascade?)

### Business Arising

Upcoming Projects: Jim's list on the go – Mashiter Bridge approaches coming up soon, discussion of available materials in the area. Second project to be taken on is Dipper resurfacing – mid May. Noted that Trails Crew is busy on mountain side trails – nice to zero in on STS type projects they could commit to – maybe Smashiter later in the year. Covenant is also a good project for them – it needs work – it's valley bottom, used by lots of walkers and muddy! Bridges need attention!

Bylaws Review: Ask for any changes that are required? Always able to do it at each AGM...

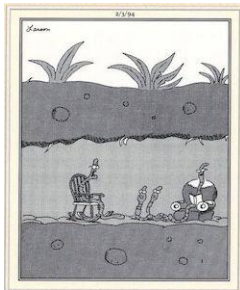
**Roundtable:** John – spent two work party days with Access Society clearing debris from new connector trail to Highcliff Trail. Will be a busy trail in the future. Asking DoS for permission to bring in excavator. Crown (Alistair) and Aga (Planning) and Sue and Andy (Parks) walked route – during tour noted lots of clearing and rock cleaning. Rationale for clearing routes is that it builds of Park climbing capacity. The scale of the work has alarmed some. For the time being further route development and site alteration is on hold. The Highcliff trail may still warrant upgrades at a later date. At this point works have been shut down. Jennifer – email came in from Whistler/Blackcomb grant – would we be applying again? Need a project... could be some interpretive signage, works in Coho Park – maybe the bottom of the hill bridge/boardwalk. Discussion of other bridge repairs – put together a list – with a map – to peak interest of contractor to quote on grant. (Coho Park, Mashiter Channel, Judd Slough) Send Carl the list of proposed works to put together list and map for pricing. Discussion of putting together proposals to replace Covenant Trail bridges. Are these bridges on Crown, Muni or private land – private. We just want to improve and make safe – need to put together a proposal first for presentation to owners. Discussion of getting planner to negotiate a lease agreement on private land. Lots of trails have outstanding issues on private land. Important to get this figured out. Also, noted Jack is doing taxation information for CRA (did last year), question regarding Estuary works – still at a stalemate, as we have not heard back from FLNRO; Jim will do annual Director update; Heather – noted memorial bench on Bluffs; John re: Grand Doug trail deactivation has been reactivated by the community democracy in action; Carl – discussion of motorized vehicles on Corridor Trail – one pandemic away from Mad Max.



### AGM:

**Adoption of Minutes of Previous AGM May 20, 2020:** Moved by Jennifer, seconded by Jim that we accept minutes of previous AGM as presented – carried.

**Elections:** Noted that Matt and Jim would like to step back after this year. Gillian looking at becoming more involved with trail work. Need new blood – need to realize though that we cannot dump newbies into many of these roles. Need to beat the bush for next year!



**Candidates agreeing to stand:** Matt Parker, Jim Gracie, Carl Halvorson, Jennifer Adams, Victor Drought, John Harvey, Gillian Bexton.

Question asked three times if there are any other candidates – there being none candidates elected.

Executive assignments: Matt - President, John - vice president, Jack appoint Treasurer, Carl - Secretary.

**Adjournment:** 20:40

**Next Meeting:** May 20





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**Google Meet**



Time to get a new bike when they steal your lock and leave the bike...

**Call to order:** 19:00

**In attendance:** Carl, Matt, Jim, Heather S, Jennifer, Richard, Gillian, John, Bob, Vic

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by John - carried

**Adoption of the Minutes of April 2021:** Moved by Jennifer, seconded by Gillian – carried

**Reports:**

**Discovery Trail resurfacing with OL Students:** Matt/Carl – Tuesday (Thursday) with Howe Sound students and Anthony (teacher/VP) Approx 400 m of trail graveled over the two days – great group of students!

**DOS Trails Report:** Richard Laverdiere – opened up trail by McNaughton Park tennis courts (blackberry removal) – could use another load of gravel. Noted well used by Waldorf students. Loggers Creek Trail head banger removed. Noted flooding on Nature Trail from recent beaver activity. South bridge on Nature Trail loop needs couple of wheelbarrows of fill on north approach. Amblepath bridge requires more permanent repair – could use some volly help next week (Wednesday May 26?). Question: Discovery Trail/Jumar Bridge railing could be shortened (Richard to take a look at it Friday).

**Sea to Sky Trail Tree removal:** Heather Sidsworth/Jim Gracie – project completed by Silverback Tree Services, with assistance from Over the Hill Hikers and support from CN Rail. Nice story in the local paper!

**Sea to Sky Trail signage:** Jim – slowly adding “share the trail” and Sea to Sky Trail signage up to start of trail up to Starvation Lake.



**Plastic Bag donation progress:** Bob Brant – approached Save On, Independent, Nester’s and liquor stores. Three grocery stores need corporate approval. Squamish Liquor store looking very positive and hoping for commitment very soon. Considering quarterly contribution towards special project. Nester’s noted that movement coming soon to ban all plastic bags which will impact this idea. Trail targets? Mashiter Channel trails very well used and could be a good area to look at? Should recognize project and donors on website. Re. connecting to Chamber of Squamish to raise profile and increase dialogue to facilitate fundraising and grant writing. Gillian did contact them regarding possible submission and ways to involve retailers. Good opportunity to connect with local business owners. Donor info/logo can go to Jen to post in web thank you section. Discussion: maybe look at doing some additional works under the

Mamquam bridge on Government? Discussion of signage: “important to get more than one opinion!”

**Spawning Channel Trails surfacing /bridge replacement?** Jim - working with Leader Excavations (Dwayne) and suggesting replacement of footbridge to allow larger equipment to cross? Do we rebuild or beef it up? Discussion of options: Wider, longer, sloped, type of surface (torch on?). Might need approvals? Should ensure that this is OK with Mike Nelson input... Would be nice to know what Dwayne is planning regarding bridge upgrade?

**Coho Park Bridge to Garibaldi Springs site:** Carl/Matt – met with Mike Nelson regarding what it would take to put in a new bridge to replace “rogue” casual creek crossing. DoS requires letter from Polygon to support bridge proposal of joint STS/SORCA project and completion of trail connectors. Lot of folks accessing Garibaldi Springs across lots of sensitive habitat. Polygon to pay for the bridge with STS/SORCA paying for trail works. Discussion: part of our process should encourage folks to stay on the trail and use signage and plantings to ensure folks respect those sensitive habitats that are easily overwhelmed. “Need to keep the rats all in one place.” Streamkeepers are part of the process and are continuing to develop ways to keep folks out of the riparian. Discussion of conversation with DoS and their part of the process. Engineers and environmental staff at last meeting and keen to re-habilitate informal trails and impacts. Discussion of barriers – low split rail fencing?

**Smoke Bluffs Park and Campground Report:** John – epic maintenance on composting outhouse - “been moving sh\*t around for years” and finally had to empty one (smoke bluffs).

**CERP meeting:** Carl – important meeting attended by many agencies. Brought up challenges of approvals for trail works within the WMA – hoping for future cooperation. SRWS hoping to start removal of the spit past the “yellow gate” this coming winter. SWS proposal at <https://www.realignnotremove.ca>

**Lease Agreements discussion with DOS:** Jim – following up on outstanding master plan works – all trails on non-government lands need some kind of lease agreement. DoS has a list of trails that have/haven’t got agreements. Up to DoS to put leases in place and STS goal to provide assistance. Nice to see that list! (SES members might personally know some of these folks involved to help facilitate?)



“I always bring Rusty with me. A 10 minute walk equals a 70 minute walk in dog years!”

**Safe Routes to Schools/Active Transportation Meeting:** Matt /Carl – lots of good work creating maps suggesting safest routes, surveys regarding how kids actually get to school – large impact of cross boundary/free choice to catchment area and kid’s ability to walk/ride to school as distances to travel can be significantly farther.



**Squamish Non-Profit Network Meeting:** Jim/Carl – discussions regarding green economy and emerging sector around outdoor recreation focused businesses which primarily related to “sport technology” like clothing, bikes, snowboards, kites etc. Looking at “a donut economy development” model as opposed to a circular economy or linear growth models – goals are to thrive, not necessarily simply grow. Had a discussion regarding recreational services and who maintains the required infrastructure in such a way to ensure access for everybody. Youth services looking for youth friendly volunteer opportunities to discover what they like and where their interests lie? Want to develop youth volly opportunities (13-16/18 year olds) with group info such as “what we do” and contact info. SNN Connector has 31 registered groups with 1189 views and 153 vollys placed through the connector (50% are Under One Roof) Would like to hear from other user groups to see if changes are necessary to meet specific needs?

**Financial:** Jack – tabled.

**Correspondences:**



- Phone call with Alistair McCrone FLNRORD Trail maintenance agreements: confirmed that trails are a high priority and need to be continued –but not sure who will be able to give permissions in the future. There “might be an easy route or possibly a more challenging one”. Need a trails master plan! Hopefully/eventually...
- Finch Creek Loop – Line Gillespie: “wet riparian” trail from Centennial to Finch being used by equestrians? Very sensitive and soft and not appropriate for horses. Some casual signage indicating sensitive, soft area might be appropriate... informal hand-made signage currently in place. DoS has some appropriate signage we could install. Richard will investigate – if not, STS could get something put together – important to stress sensitive nature of area.
- Debeck’s North Ridge trail head bridge tree down - not sure if it still there – Matt will investigate.

- BC Society Annual Report Filed May 5th by Jim: thanks to Jim!
- Friends of Garibaldi Park – Taryn Eyton pass on info re. events & trail days: can do through STS web site.
- Hillary Fisher inquiry re Trail Forks designation of trails biking no hiking: more to keep a heads up on most trails, not binding but suggestion for safety sakes. Wouldn’t want to hike up many downhill trails but all trails are not limited to mountain bikes only. Would be appropriate to contact Trail Forks and challenge their designation to “hiking not recommended”. Matt to contact. Noted that most trails do not have signs at bottom of trails indicating danger involved – “biking downhill only – hiking not recommended!” Suggestion that this be highlighted on website? Matt to contact Dave Reed regarding trail bottom signage...
- Looking Glass article / letter went out to Council, Chief & Sq. Reporter:
- Responses to Grant questions sent to Helen Beynon:
- Response to Crumpit Meadows Planning Process sent to Matt Gunn: looking for an important trail/asset inventory.
- Merrill Park: some digging & damage below summit – Gwen L’Hirondelle: work party Saturday, May 22 at 1:30pm

**Business Arising**

Gravelling of Spawning Channel Trails – Leader starting soon.  
 Channel Road Trail work by OL students – Thursday on Discovery Trail – thanks to Richard for gravel piles!  
 Sea to Sky Trail south end of Cheakamus Canyon – Ted starting repairs but delayed by recent rainfall.



**Roundtable:** Carl – Go By Bike Week May 31 to June 6; Heather – back of Ravenwoods approach to angled bridge has some significant erosion. Maybe a job for SORCA trail crew. Trenching and culvert required in some areas at McNaughton; Jim – latest from BC Trails regarding push to address motorized vehicle use on trails: Jennifer received letter and will do web blurb and link; Vic – BBB starting at some point as things really get growing; Bob noted Government to McDonald Place recently done, DoS ran there mower through – noted landscape dumping; John – noted trail from end of Commercial to All Weather field – nice trail. Noted that we did have a proposal to from Cascade which was forwarded to Council – didn’t fly at that time; Jennifer – can we fix the big drop on the south end of the Westwind bridge – should look at some kind of solution, maybe some steps or ramp? Discussion of plans in Westwind area – noted that this bridge is far too narrow!

**Adjournment:** 19:20 **Next meeting:** June 16 (hopefully Carl will be in Tofino?)



## Squamish Trails Society Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 7:00 pm Location: Online Google Meet

**In attendance:** Matt Parker, John Harvey (had to leave after his report due to another commitment), Vic Drought, Jim Gracie, Jen Adams, Patrick MacNamara

**Adoption of the Agenda:** moved by John – carried.

**Adoption of the Minutes:** moved by Jen seconded by John – carried.

### Reports:



**Brennan Park Connector to Commercial Way:** John Harvey a. Suggestion to move on formalizing the Brennan Park Connector from the Commercial Way intersection to B. Park all weather fields with a trail upgrade and upgraded bridge. John has volunteered to oversee this project. Discussion: Vic has the Cascade Environment Report. (It is about 10 years old.) The route of the present trail follows one of the options outlined in the Report. The present trail is new and functional - perhaps it should be enjoyed as is for some time to allow it to become institutionalized and more widely known and used before upgrading. (That was the consensus for now.) John acknowledged that he didn't really need another project right now and it might be ok to wait for a year to allow the trail to be further established and replace the bridge when the present crossing become problematic.

**Memorial Benches:** John has responded to a few inquiries about the memorial bench and presented the option to a few people without getting a sponsor thus far. Permission from BC Hydro will be up in August this summer. John may inquire if they'd allow an extension on the permission. Possibility remains for STS to buy the bench and hope to get reimbursed when someone wishes to dedicate it to a loved one. (The thinking is that a memorial bench at this viewpoint under the hydro lines where they cross the Mamquam River will discourage people from camping or partying at this location.)

**Brushback:** Vic - Jim, Patrick & Vic brushed the Toboggan Trail ~500m to turn off into Smoke Bluffs Park (mainly first 250m overgrown) surface repairs from last year have held up well. Nature trail is scheduled for a trim soon.

### Projects:

**Mashiter Channel Trails:** Jim - Dwayne Kress on the Mashiter Bridge esp. south side when time permits when in between other jobs. Flat stones stored at the STS shed may be used at south end of the bridge. (Carl did draw up a plan to tackle the trail repairs in this area in 3 or 4 stages)

**Sea to Sky Trail Repair:** Ted has had to move his equipment to high ground because of the recent heavy rains followed by the freshet and will proceed with trail repairs when conditions permit

**Logger's Creek Trail:** Gravelling/ resurfacing ~200m of Loggers Creek Trail to finish this up from last year and do some touch up on the Nature Trail July 12

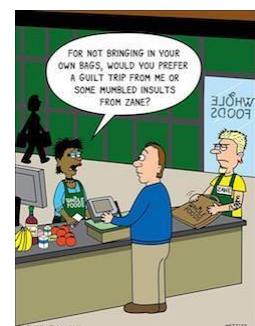
**Amblepath:** project pushed to August to allow for bird nesting. May require 10-15 truckloads of fill to reduce angle of the ramp and raise trail bed. New bridge "a thing of beauty + generous width" thanks to all involved. Second bridge may require some attention soon.

**Dipper Trail:** about 2/3 resurfaced ~250m. The rest could also perhaps re-surfaced at a later date but the softest sections most prone to getting muddy have been top dressed with trail crush.

Carl in a written submission: reported on rehabilitation of disturbed area near the summit of **Merrill Park** with Spencer and Jillian; trail repairs to **Nature Trail** caused by flooding. It has been suggested that the ramp of the southern bridge be staked down. Word is that BC Hydro no longer donates old hydro poles because of concerns of extended environmental liability. Province has some questions re: bridge application over Meighan Creek in Coho Park so 45 day notification extended. Carl also noted leg development of amphibians in the Coho Park-Garibaldi Springs area. **Toad migration** will be another consideration in the timing of the bridge installation and trail work. DOS & Garibaldi Springs made aware of this.

**Plastic Bag Funding Initiative:** Bob Brant reported through me that Plastic Bag charge donation agreement made with Squamish Liquor Stores. Posters up in those stores. Management at other retailers considering it.

**Grant Applications:** W/B Vail Resorts Grant application submitted by Gillian requesting \$2500 in Epic products to support membership recruitment/retention campaigns in F21/S22 (funding to cover us through [Aug 2022](#)). We should find out if our request has been approved by August.





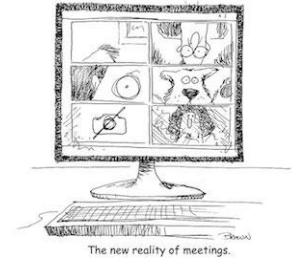
Jim identified a couple other grant opportunities we could potentially apply for in future including the Enabling Accessibility Fund grant (due July 29) and the Home Depot Canada Foundation - Community Impact Grants (SORCA secured funding this year). Matt will review these (and seek out more) and get any open options completed and submitted, and make reminders to review again for 2022.

Also planning to meet up with Bob and chat about how we can maybe build on the bag program by connecting with the Chamber. Perhaps there is an opportunity to create an STS 'partner' package and put that out to local businesses.

**Financial Report:** Jack – report tabled.

**Correspondences:**

- \$10,000 Home Depot Foundation for SORCAs Sq. Nation Youth Program
- \$7500 from W. B. Enviro Fund Wonderland Trail maintenance
- Squamish Reporter looking for trail related articles
- President Chilliwack Outdoor Club inquiry re. gondola & ski hill proposals in the Fraser Valley. Our experience and perspective relayed to them.
- Sea to Sky Gondola reopens



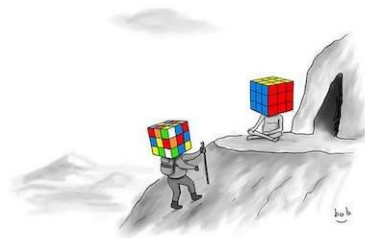
**Business Arising:**

- STS signing authority discuss with Jessica Frew at Squamish Savings suggestion to wait until Lauren is back in September to add her then.
- STS shed (4 new wheelbarrows) & shedding some detritus this summer organize a trail shed clean-up day this summer and store wheel barrows covered and locked behind shed. Vic cleaned up the loft to fit a couple wheelbarrows up there.
- Mamquam kiosk / signboard vandalized and graffitied new signs and maps have a coating making them easier to clean up if tagged. Jim thinks that there is still green paint in the shed for the kiosk.

**Roundtable:**

Jim; seeking support to look to getting as much of the Sea to Sky Trail off Paradise road and Squamish Valley road as possible. Looking to use Hydro right of ways and Squamish River dike where possible support granted to explore those possibilities. Jen; northern entrance of Looking Glass trail getting overgrown with side foliage by cedar fences – Matt volunteered to trim it back on the weekend.

**Adjournment:**





**Squamish Trails Society Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 7:00 pm**  
**Location: Online Google Meeting**

**In attendance:** Matt, Jim, Jennifer, Carl, Vic, Gillian, Patrick

**Call to order:** 19:01

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

**Adoption of the Minutes of June 16, 2021:** Moved by Gillian, seconded by Jim – carried.

**Reports:**

**Brushback:** Vic – Equipment use held up by hot weather – did some work on south part of Nature Loop prior to hot spell. Noted 6 hours done on Sitka and 2 hours trimming blackberries on Corridor Trail. Also noted that Sitka Trail is relatively new and therefore not recognized in the estuary management plan – never the less it “exists”. At some point we need to figure out how to integrate these types of trails formally into the plan...

**Projects:** Jim – Logger’s Creek; about 400m of new gravelling completed. Sea to Sky Trail on Starvation Lake washout; machinery now in the area, but Ted has also started conversation regarding approval of a new trail from camping area to hydro line that bypasses the washout problem areas as this area will continue to wash out during highwater events – if we can get approvals. Ted feels he can do a new trail for the same price as repairs. Mashiter Channel; some temporary works completed to keep the dogs out of water course – awaiting approvals from DFO to for further works - in the hands of Cascade Environmental and DFO. Could take up to a year to get approvals. Dwayne to bill for current works. Amblepath: will start in August – after nesting and before spawning. Hoping to upgrade from new bridge to top of the dike. Grant from Trans Canada Trail or interpretive signage; approved today – need DoS and SFN approvals prior to production. Discussion regarding Mamquam Road infrastructure upgrade materials for use at Amblepath. Jim to contact DoS if this might be possible.

**STS Signing Authority update:** Moved by Matt that we drop Heather Evans from current signing authority and add Matt Parker, Jennifer Adams and John Harvey, seconded by Jennifer - carried. Currently only Jim, Jack and Heather can sign cheques – will review in September... Matt has upcoming meeting at bank and will get it rolling.

**Squamish Non-Profit Network:** Unfortunately, was on gravelling day – did not attend. Discussion of challenges regarding such meeting attendance.

**Donations & Grants (Sq. Liquor Store & WBF):** Have recently received \$2500 donation from Squamish Liquor stores! Jennifer to put acknowledgement on website and patrons page.

**Financial:** Jack – report tabled by email.

**Correspondences:**

- Letter of Support for DOS Active Transportation Grant provided – looking to do improvements along Perth Drive.
- Trail condition inquiries received through the website.
- Squamish Reporter report on Loggers Creek Trail work. Submitted brief article on Logger’s Creek trail.

**Business Arising:**

Projects and Project Permissions: Still trying to get understandings regarding Estuary upgrades. Likely going to need some political intervention. Maybe attend a Mayor’s Lunch Meeting? Maybe should tackle through the Bob Smiths of the world?

**Roundtable: Matt** –Whistler/Blackcomb Enviro Fund – plan to use grant money to hire Dreamwizards for earthmoving component of upgrades to Wonderland. Will be opportunities for volunteers to help with raking. SORCA trail crew not keen to maintain wooden features – may be replaced. New Horizons asked if we would be applying again – Jim will dust off the submission and pass on to Gillian; Jennifer - has pictures for McNaughton Park gravelling. Has removed hiking component from website – bringing in enquiries that we cannot really answer (not part of mandate). Will September be a virtual meeting or ? Will need to see what happens with a possible Covid fourth wave; Gillian re. Enabling Accessibility Fund – did anybody sit in on the conversation? Has requested follow-up information from meeting; Jim – discussion with District property manager regarding arrangements to see what trails have and have not been approved (are official?) – to help them (DoS) garner approvals for trials not on the list...

**Adjournment:** 19:37

**Next meeting:** September 15



**Squamish Trails Society Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 7:00 pm**  
**Location: Online Google Meet**

**In attendance:** Matt, Carl, Vic, Patrick, Gillian  
Sending regrets: John, Heather S., Jennifer, Jim, Jack...  
**Call to order:** 19:02

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

**Adoption of the Minutes of July 21, 2021:** Moved by Matt – carried.

**Reports:**

**Amblepath Project:** Matt – need to clarify whether we had permission from FLNRO as part of trail is on Crown. Because this is an existing trail, and if proper procedures are followed, we would not need further approvals from Parks. Discussion of “contract” – budget had been set to \$5-10K. We should set out some form of contract to ensure we all have a clear understanding of the final deliverables. DoS concerned about runoff and FLNRO suggested 2% out-slope to eliminate need for culverts, swales or drains. **Action item:** Carl and Matt to work on a deliverables understanding.

**Brushback:** Vic – first day today since June with “heat bomb” – worked on area under power lines off Mashiter Channels (200m) – still a fair bit to go... Should get back to normal BBB soon.

**Smoke Bluffs Park & Campground:** John working on park trails and also received extension on memorial bench project. Area could maybe be a good graveling project, particularly around the bridge.

**Sea to Sky Trail Interpretive Signs Project:** Gillian, Matt – just got proofs this evening from InBiz (who have been really busy!) Have received initial content signoff and next phase is review of proofs, then approvals, then funds are released for production. Need to reach out to funder to clarify what approvals are necessary to ensure no glitches with final funding. **Action item:** Gillian to contact regarding funding extension – let them know proofs are with SFN. Need to get some idea from SFN how long it might take for their approvals, cc communications to Matt.

**Sea to Sky Trail Repair Project Above Cheakamus River:** Clarified with Jim routing of proposed new trail around flooding areas. Not sure where the project now stands. Multiple funders for ~\$10K project...

**Financials:** Jack not at meeting but assures us we are in good shape. Looking forward to projects.

**Correspondences:**

- Sq. Liquor Store & Red Truck Brewing Fundraising: interested in doing in-store fundraiser – Red Truck had approached them if they had a charity they would like to support with a summer promotion. Have not heard how that went as of yet...
- Outdoor Recreation Council BC (& SORCA) Letter to Municipalities asking for the protection of Outdoor Recreation Opportunities in BC: good opportunity to advocate for safety. DoS Muni is all over this topic.
- Trail closures b/c bear activity: Brennan Channel and Dipper Trail areas.
- Great Canadian Hike and National Youth Employment subsidy:
- Squamish Rivers Day 2021 Sun. Sept. 26 11am - 3pm McNaughton Park: Matt to drop in to lobby SRWS regarding trail maintenance in Estuary.
- Inquiry regarding Land Art Project Squamish Community Forest Rayyan Hussain: looking for suitable place for art walk in the forest (chainsaw sculptures?) Separate loop off of a cycling trail might be safer regarding trail user conflicts.
- Content Newspaper introduction & invitation for submissions:

**Business Arising :**



- Epic Promise In-Kind Grant \$2500 value in-kind for fundraising purposes this year (for the period of August 2021 through to July 2022). We need to apply for the 'prizing' from their menu at least 30 days prior to needing the items. Another fall on-line membership drive? (And/or spring volunteer motivation/drive). Great opportunity to acknowledge member's contributions and for year end celebrations and encouraging membership. Stretch budget with more prizes as apposed to big prizes. Might need a "big juicy" prize for membership and smaller for a bunch of vollies? Local prizes might be better?
- Wonderland Work: Matt – Whistler/Blackcomb grant could be topped up with STS funds. Suggested we apply a further \$2500? Moved by Matt that we approve a further \$2500 – carried.
- Annual Meeting with DOS: Looking at October 13 or 28 at 4pm. Need a suggested agenda or list of talking points – particularly support for work on trails with multiple jurisdictions (ie. Estuary).
- Getting permissions for work: Mashiter Spawning Trails & Westwind Site Trail: hopefully can work with FLNRO and DoS. Alistair OK with existing trails but need to be diligent near water and get approvals from DFO – maybe could work closer with the Community Advisor. Could be able to make contact at River's Day. **Action item:** Carl to dig up contact info... Malcolm Wigham, Acting Community Advisor, Sea-To-Sky Corridor, Salmonid Enhancement Program, Cell 604-837-3325, email: Malcolm.Wigham@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
- Mamquam South Dike Trail #239 high water route trail surfacing:
- Laughing Turtle Trail: Jim - proposes \$4000 to sign route. Need to work with DoS wayfinding initiative?



**Roundtable:** Carl -

BC Cycling Coalition Bike Sense – The How-to Guide for Cycling: from Jeff Wint (DoS) from GoByBike BC – “handy guide to all aspects of biking, from safety, maintenance, the laws about cycling in BC, what to do in case of an accident, and so much more...”  
<https://www.bccc.bc.ca/bikesense-index>

Also highlighted upcoming webinar course on fall and winter riding – Tuesday, September 21 from 2 – 3pm and again Tuesday, October 12 from 6 – 7pm. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/fall-winter-cycling-tickets-166563583161>

Also, another Go By Bike BC “week” coming up September 27 – October 10. <https://gobybikebc.ca/squamish>

Our Squamish Spaces Survey Info: part of their “place making” initiative – can enter as many times as you would like. Constance Wylie has on her phone and enters whenever she is at a special spot...

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/?open=web&embed=fullScreen&id=23059ae5dbbb49f2b84dff4a96041108&hide=navbar.footer.theme>

Squamish Non-profit meeting September 14: Discussion of United Way’s “local love” funding available; Content Newspaper – Chantelle Matthews looking to develop a positive newsletter and seeking stories and promotional materials – “happy facts”, stories of positive social or environmental impacts, neighbourhood stories; Our Squamish Place Making Action Team meeting Wednesday September 22 from 6 – 645 at Junction Park O’Siyam Pavilion.

**Adjournment:** 20:03

**Next meeting:** October 20, 2021





**Squamish Trails Society Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, October 20, 2021, 7:00 pm**  
**Location: Online Google Meet**

**In attendance:** Matt, Carl, Patrick, Vic, Lauren,  
**Call to order:** 19:03  
**Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Matt – carried.  
**Adoption of the Minutes:** Moved by Matt – carried.



Now the bike rides Jim.

**Reports:**

**Amblepath Project Wrapped up:** Matt and Jim – pretty much wrapped up. STS members had met with contractor on site and articulated an expectation of an “even slope” ramp from end to end but have not exactly received this profile. Improved but there is still a significant “kicker” at the top end and small rock borders creating tripping hazards. Invoices have been received for this project, and the Mashiter Channel repairs. Pictures and summary have been sent to DOS and FLNRO.

**Brushback:** Vic – pretty much of a write off this year with “heat bomb” until a couple of days in September when the rain has put a damper on BBB enthusiasm. Some brushback (~1.4 km of trail) and graveling was accomplished this summer – any, and all work is appreciated!

**Litter Removal Report:** Carl – this year to date: Landfill 4000kg (8818lb) Scrap 1915kg (4224lb)  
 Total: 6224kg (13,042lbs) – maybe we could have STS group plying activity next year for Go By Bike Weeks to compete with Parks team winning record? ( 2022 Dash for Trash!)



**Sea to Sky Trail Interpretive Signs Project:** Jim, Gillian, Matt, Carl – Jim had done some initial design work with InBiz. Gillian, Matt and Carl met to review and had some comments and suggestions which have been incorporated into drafts. Once STS is happy with content they will go to SFN for input and approval prior to funding being released.

**Sea to Sky Trail Repair Project final report:** Jim, Matt – email sent to Ted, who has sent the info to Jim. Clearing and trail surface repair took place up the hill beneath the powerlines. Contractor sent summary and to supply an invoice for the work. This is a project that Jim had put together with Trans Canada Trail, SLRD, SORCA and STS for \$10,000 budget. Challenges in lower campsite area may take further planning, money and maybe engineering to deal with the low camping area which is subject to seasonal flooding. Another project for another time perhaps for another group. Jim to file final report.

**Financial & Insurance:** Jack – report received by email tabled. Looking into insurance coverage...



**Correspondences:**

- Simon Thomson re: Looking Glass Run-off – report of runoff into private lands, but water doesn’t seem to be running off trail into property other than a small area at the very bottom at driveway. Looking at resurfacing some areas and addressing some other drainage issues. Last monsoon rainfall definitely showed where the issues are... Earlier windfall had been addressed by Ted and Sandy.
- Oct. 26 @ 4 pm North Crumpet Rec Values DOS mtg. this coming Tuesday – Matt will be attending.
- Phone call with Alistair re trail work permissions acknowledge the importance of STS endeavours but cautioned we need to work with all stakeholder groups in estuary. Good topic for upcoming DoS meeting.
- STS Website link to Outdoor Rec Council of B.C.? – maybe could have a “friends” page for such links of groups we would like to support.

**Business Arising**



**Wonderland / Looking Glass Work:** Matt – should start this winter – mostly managing water and rehabbing surfaces. Low areas with poor drainage will be raised.

**Adding Lauren Braithwaite as an STS signatory:** Moved by Matt that we add Lauren Braithwaite as a signatory on STS accounts, seconded by Patrick – carried.

**Arranging Mashiter Spawning Channel Trails walk through with Malcom:** email: [Malcolm.Wigham@dfm-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:Malcolm.Wigham@dfm-mpo.gc.ca) Cell: 604-837-3325

**Annual Meeting with DOS Oct. 28 4pm set agenda:** Matt will start a list (such as work in Estuary, Dark Roast highway shoulder etc) Maybe a premeeting discussion to ensure we are all on the same page... Maybe Wednesday prior?

**Christmas / New Year Membership Drive & W/B Epic Prizes:** Hoping to set this up again for this year's membership/renewal drive. Nice to have completed prior to Christmas period...



**Roundtable:** Go by Bike Weeks: This year Squamish totals were 53 teams with 244 riders who logged 850 trips for 9133km!

Tuesday October 26, 10:30 am – Cat Lake dive cleanup.

[https://www.divinginbc.com/?fbclid=IwAR3Z0LcDnX35-5jiv4Z4BCwsjRByEHTXvIaKdeovoQE-dG0fJ-IHO\\_MNRY](https://www.divinginbc.com/?fbclid=IwAR3Z0LcDnX35-5jiv4Z4BCwsjRByEHTXvIaKdeovoQE-dG0fJ-IHO_MNRY)

**Adjournment:** 19:38

**Next meeting:** November 17, 2021





**Squamish Trails Society Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 7:00 pm**  
**Location: Online Google Meet**

**In attendance:** Matt, Carl, John, Jane Dennison, Jim, Vic, Gillian, Jennifer, Lauren, Patrick

**Call to order:** 19:06

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

**Adoption of the Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Moved by John – carried.

**Reports:**

**North Crumpit Rec Values Meeting:** Matt attended (Oct 26) to discuss pre-development plan of area above Plateau Drive (about one sq km with about 20km of existing trails) Developer open to try to preserve as many of the existing trails as possible. STS main concern to retain trail connectivity through proposed development. There are only two sanctioned trails (Summers Eve and Seven Stitches). There are many, many unsanctioned trails. At this point there is strong engagement with community stakeholder groups...

**Annual DOS Meeting:** Matt & Carl – DoS had 10 staff on hand, from managers to planning to engineering. STS project lists and bike lane deficiencies presented. Asked DoS for support for estuary works. Asked for Highways contact – Shannon – still awaiting full contact. **Action item:** Matt to contact Jessi Morwood to confirm Miller Capilano contact. Highlighted importance of community connectors (ie. to Cottonwood Park), Discovery Trail vegetation management (Sandman Hotel area as an example) Discussion - regarding the Estuary: seem to be passing the buck back and forth between SEMP, DoS, Province and SFN. Would be nice if more of the Estuary was under management agreement between DoS and Province. Might be good to get clarification through Neil Plumb who is who in the zoo for this area. **Action item:** Jim will contact. Province had suggested that we initiate an integrated trail management plan.

**Amblepath Review:** Carl and Matt met with Dwayne to review the work that was done on the Amblepath upgrade. Willing to go through with some top end adjustments. Going to ask DoS to do some vegetation management and trail relocation as a future project. Looking at lifting some more of the trail to the north and access to the first (south) bridge.

**Whistler-Blackcomb Foundation prizing membership drive:** Gillian & Jen – received a year's worth of "prizing" – half to support membership drive and remainder in spring during volunteer efforts? Jen to do social media aspect and Heather distribution. Need to ensure we don't miss mail-in memberships. Note we have added Paypal and eTransfers. Suggest we send out an email to past members to try and push renewals. **Action item:** Gillian to contact Heather for a MailChimp newsletter posting. Amazing prizes should motivate signups! Question regarding info on website – how long is the drive? Needs a sense of urgency – sign up now so you don't miss out! The sooner you are in the more chances you have to win!

**Sea to Sky Trail Interpretive Signs Project:** Jim, Gillian, Matt, Carl – need to schedule another meeting to confirm final draft approval and SFN review/approval. Completion date next May... Jim noted new interpretation signs on Boardwalk on Mamquam Blind Channel seawall walk.

**Litter Removal Report:** Carl removed homeless camp off Mamquam Dike. Let Carl know areas that need extra litter cleanup work...

**Smoke Bluffs Park & Campground & Winter Rec. mtg:** John – job opening for general manager at campground (year-round) Smoke Bluffs had a significant washout (since repaired). Noted flooding with recent king tide along Rose Park, Smoke Bluff Parks and bridge underpass. Next king tide 8am December 8.

**Squamish Visitor Management:** Carl as alternate... John to forward correspondence. (Stephanie Brown coordinating)

**Sea to Sky Trail:** Jim – reviewed pictures etc. Jim to put together another work package with funding from SORCA, TransCanada Trail and SLRD for trail rebuilding above highwater mark. Hinges on getting proposal past DFO community advisor as a first step prior to application to other agencies. Approval to armour the water side a big challenge. Hoping to move Forestry gate to restrict vehicular access to camping area.

**Financial & Insurance:** Jack & Lauren – financials forwarded by email. Need to coordinate to complete changes to signing authority. Received another significant donation from Squamish Liquor store



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**Correspondences:**

Joint application with SORCA for Squamish Community Foundation Grant to help finance Squamish First Nations youth inclusion to the Trail Crew.

Bob Brant – Squamish Liquor store trail improvement signage. Bob supplied pictures of where the money was spent. Mashiter Channels improvements and posted signage. **Action item:** Jennifer to contact Bob for info for webpage blurb.

**Business Arising**

Wonderland / Looking Glass Work: Matt – Wonderland not started, Ted to fix up some erosion on Looking Glass and run-off

management.

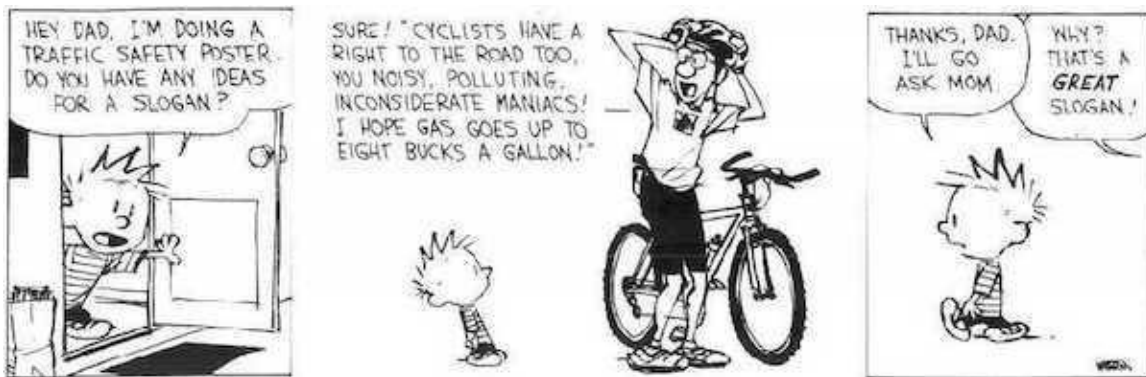
Arranging Mashiter Spawning Channel Trails mtg. walk with Malcom W. DFO: Hopefully by working with DFO it will “ease the hoops we have to jump through”. Hope to tap their expertise for Amblepath...



**Roundtable:** Carl – CERP now “Restore the Flow”, SRWS AGM SFN contacts Kathleen Edwards (Rights and Title Manager) Rachel Munger (Environmental Analyst) **Action item:** Carl to put together presentation and send to Rachel; Jim – project list for 2022 – need to go to website and look at what we proposed and what we did. **Action item:** Matt to start this process and will pass on for everyone’s comment. Waterfront Landing has their landscaping plan out now. STS needs to put their two cents in and ensure connectivity. Discussion regarding SWS being left out high and dry by Council and impacts of recreation in estuary; Jennifer – question regarding use of donations for specific projects ie. recent donation for directed funding through Westwind. Might be able to spend some of the moneys to make some basic improvements.

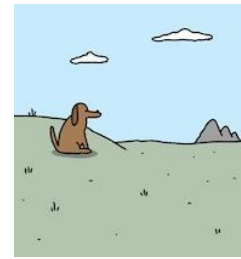
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**Next meeting:** December 15





**Squamish Trails Society Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 7:00 pm**  
**Location: Online Google Meet**



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

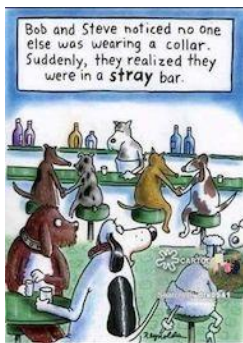
**Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Jennifer – carried.

**Adoption of the Minutes:** Moved by Jennifer – carried.

**Reports:**

**Wonderland & Looking Glass Trail Work:** Matt – met with Ted to mitigate north end water damage and improve surface and drainage. Bringing in a load of crush to recap where required. All in all, trail has held up well given several “atmospheric rivers”. Wonderland requires some danger tree mitigation prior to start of works (started past Wednesday). SORCA, STS and W/B funds being used. Also, looking at integrating timber and stone works into projects.

**Brackendale neighbourhood trails mini projects:** Matt – Bob Brant had suggested a couple of trails that required some TLC (graveling puddling areas and leaf litter removal) – don’t need permits – one “back of Dryden” (gravel), Kingswood to Judd Connector (gravel), McDonald Place to Government (culvert, gravel and trees) – and trail to Cottonwood Park. Matt will email executive if it will cost more than \$500. Graveling on Looking Glass might be more appropriate to hire contractor rather than cost of material and rentals. Might be able to get DoS to deliver small loads to each site. Maybe we could store some material somewhere in their yard? Or small load deliveries from Coast Ag (\$30 per).



**Mashiter / Mamquam Spawning Channels Trails:** Matt – has contacted DFO to organize a date to meet on site.

**Whistler-Blackcomb Foundation prizing membership drive:** Gillian & Jen – have announce several (very grateful) member/winners. Will reintroduce initiative on social channels. Heather will be sending out another newsletter soon with membership drive and 2022 project list...

**Sea to Sky Trail Interpretive Signs Project:** Jim, Gillian, Matt, Carl – met recently to fine tune text. Matt contacting Kevin McLane to confirm language around the Chief. Gillian has reached out to SFN to introduce goals and timelines of project.

**Litter Removal Report:** Carl - ~5k along highway – Depot to Kingswood and Adventure to Finch



**Financial:** Jack & Lauren – Sq Savings signing approval completed; Jack gave review of reporting procedure for expenditures, funding partnerships and commitments; discussion of insurance – put forward the idea to have a review of coverage (particularly requirements of DoS to be shown as an insured party) by an outside expert to ensure we are appropriately covered. Some concern that our policy with BC Trails is not adequate for our activities. What do we need to satisfy DoS? What do we need to ensure coverage through BC Trails is adequate? (Maybe we can get clarity from BC Trails regarding what their coverage actually covers?) Is our Directors and Officers coverage adequate? Jack willing to pursue or turn over file... Jack and Lauren to determine appropriate time to meet, review procedures – with the goal of Lauren taking over in the new year. Question regarding etransfers – they are working. Discussion of Paypal process and procedures for fund transfers.

**Correspondences:**

Benevity Renewal: Matt will renew...

Bob Brant Trail Maintenance Ideas

Jane Denison: (STS member) Idea that we have some kind of automatic acknowledgement after joining outlining benefits, website links, social medial links – thank you for the support etc. **Action item:** Jennifer to discuss with Heather to see if there cannot be some form of auto reply.

**Roundtable:** Jim – New Horizon for Seniors application has gone off, Sea to Sky Trail upgrade approvals in Cheakamus looking positive (70m at end of road), request from Trans Canada Trail looking for data on trails to rate trail (green, blue etc), looking into Turtle Trail signage upgrade, local youth request regarding funding reimbursement; Carl - Squamish Visitor Management Roundtable – Thursday morning;

**Next meeting:** January 19, 2022

