

Squamish Trails Society ~ April 15, 2010
Minutes
Annual General Meeting

Arts Council Building, Cleveland Avenue, Downtown Squamish

Present: Bob Brant, Heather Evans, Penny Wilmot, Don Laurence, Matt Parker, Jennifer Adams, Doug Morrison, Pru Fuller, Carl Halvorson, Stephane Perron (7:35pm), Sue Aucion

Chair: Bob Brant
Recorder: Heather Evans

Review of the past year:

Wesbild

We completed a lengthy dialogue with Wesbild regarding the trail interruption along the frontage of the property. We signed a contractual agreement with the Developer to receive an annual contribution for trails construction and maintenance, over a 30 year time frame. We don't think that the crosswalk built meets the specifications but the visibility is good.

The paving in front of the property is a bonus.

We tried to get a fair compensation for the trail interruption, and a good precedent for future trail 'intrusions'. This is a vast improvement from the debacle at Home Depot and Walmart.

Test of Metal

We annually take on a fee for service arrangement to serve finish line food to the Test of Metal riders. Last year we earned the most ever: \$5085.38.

District of Squamish - Westway

Ongoing dialogue about safety of bike lanes throughout the community, particularly on Westway. It was an extensive community process where the safety of cyclists was brought to the forefront.

Previously we participated in ongoing strategy for bike lane all the way from Valleycliffe to Brackendale.

Doug points out that the bike lane placed in-between moving traffic lanes and parking lanes are a design that we should all try out (e.g. in Vancouver) as this is a direction we may want to move in.

Brackendale Fall Fair

Successful presence, selling (\$60.20) and being visible in the community. A good opportunity to meet new people and prospective members in the community. Members also stopped by to pay memberships etc.

Anthem Properties – Discovery Trail btwn Commercial Way and Pioneer

STS was part of a multi agency dialogue to retain trees and quality of the trail. It was precedent setting in the sense that we were part of a dialogue with 4 agencies (including

environmental) that was sanctioned and encouraged by the District. We all compromised on our initial positions, but got more out of the negotiation than we would have. We gave accolades to the District for the process.

Upgrade of Ray Peters Trail along Highway 99

This was made possible through SORCA and some of their grant money, DoS and STS funds. This is part of the TransCanada Trail route, one of the first high profile parts of this trail in Squamish. The successful contractor made a significant donation beyond the contracted amount. The traffic on this stretch was increased very significantly, and a good cross-section of the population, as a result of the upgrade.

Corridor Trail

STS was represented on the advisory committee. The Kingswood Crossing is monumental.

Highway 99 Deficiencies Report

Carl did a great job, through STS of pointing out Hwy deficiencies, and some of them have been corrected.

Ray Peters Trail Upgrade

The trail is pretty much complete, just the final 10% holdback and a few things that need to be addressed. Unfortunately dirt bikes have already been on the trail and created some channels.

Discovery Trail - Anthem Properties

Work is underway. However we discussed that we'd have a 3m wide paved trail. However the paved trail is off the books due to DFO concerns and the width is not 3m. Bob understands that the value (\$200K) is to go to the District's amenity fund. Bob is concerned about the construction method for the trail which is inadequate band-aid solution, and it does not meet trail standards. The organics need to be scraped etc. We need to be talking to the District to rectify this. Discussion about the fact that it was not the intent of discussion that new restaurant land owners to then ask for more clearing.

Terasen still needs to fix up the Discovery Trail at Industrial Way, where they did not properly repair the trail.

Kingswood Crossing

We have a project with Don Ross Outdoor Leadership class to do trail improvement. However the District is in a dispute with CN and so we moved the Don Ross students to another project.

Capilano College Students

Have worked on the trail under the Hydro lines, between Hwy and Ross Road. The Don Ross students will finish up the job (new project instead of above). Triathlon is going to do a permanent fix on the gravel trail that comes into the power line trail. Don, Patrick, Vic were out working on it. It could benefit a compactor.

Edith Tobe – Application for Grant

Edith is applying to Squamish Savings to do some trail work on the spawning channel trails; it will be in partnership with the Squamish River Watershed Society. They will use our charitable tax number.

Wafler trail

The developer is has discouraging sign to refuse access, but no physical barrier.

Corridor Trail to Brennan Park

This trail route would have DFO issues, and is at least \$40K. It's a long-term connection trail that we should continue to pursue.

Other

Doug is concerned about the bus stop location on Garibaldi Way (in front of Petro Canada). Some thought to bus stops in the mall.

Treasurer's Report

Our Fiscal Year is by calendar year. AGM update:

2009:

revenue	\$31,422.38
expense	\$7,504.34
net	\$23,918.04

Highlight: we made \$5,065.38 from ToM last year.

Where we are now:

Chequing	\$11,005.58
Term deposit	\$20,872.47
Total balance	\$31,878.05

We have spent \$29,674.60 RPT, and we will still pay another 10%. The contractor contributed \$4000 in kind. About \$20,000 of this was actually spent by DoS and SORCA.

Projects we want to take on some additional projects (that will cost money) including Valleycliffe connection to the valley, and Commercial Way connection to Brennan Park. There may need to be some work in the woodlot area as well.

Carpenters Son's Bridge

The Carpenters Son Bridge is about to be closed due to safety issue. It will need to be fixed quickly for Test of Metal. Council will dedicate \$75K, which may be enough. Or more money may be needed depending on the work that is needed.

Election

Directors

Being a Director means that you are kept in the loop with issues, and give feedback on matters as they arise.

Directors for the next year:

Jen Adams
Heather Evans
Stephane Perron (new!)
Matt Parker
Don Laurence
Shawn Gosnell
Ted Prior
Victor Drought
Bob Brant

Delete Jim Webster from Director list.

Matt will be the Vice President
Heather will be the Secretary
Jennifer Adams will be the Treasurer
Bob Brant will be the President

We need to fill a project coordinator position sooner than later (3 months) – someone to rally teams together ... Vic, Don, Patrick are the 'go-to' currently. We could access other members for trail days if there was a coordinator.

Capri Insurance – we paid for Directors insurance. Bob, Penny and Jen to meet and sort out the other insurance matter.

Test of Metal Food

- Grimms will support us. Same menu as last year.
- Rob is not available to help us this year. We need someone qualified. Needs to be a short-order experienced person.
- By next meeting we need to locate the list of supplies etc (Heather's) and Bob has the list of volunteers.
- We'll need someone to quarterback all of the preparations (the gargantuan job that Penny has been done in the past)

