

Squamish Trails Society ~ October 21, 2010
Minutes
Arts Council Building, Cleveland Avenue, Downtown Squamish

Present: Bob Brant, Heather Evans, Don Laurence, Doug Morrison, Carl Halvorson, Don McNamara, Vic Drought, Jennifer, Stephane Perron

Chair: Bob Brant

Recorder: Heather Evans

DoS ~ Jenni Chancey

- Talked to Jenni about pooling of water on Government Road along the eagle dyke area, requiring annual maintenance
- Asked Jenni also about the Highways Deficiency Report – she'll get back to us when she can. At some point we'll get a response back from DoS.
- Corridor trail issues are also with Council including north of Mamquam Bridge, as well as south of Mamquam Blind Channel area.
- Railroad crossings also discussed with Jenni – response is forthcoming. Carl suggests concrete slabs. He specifically discussed Brackendale but it should be expanded to other crossings. Carl will bring it up with the multimodal transport study project.

Multi-modal Transportation Plan ~ report from Carl

- Car counting is a challenge with Government Road being closed.
- There was a presentation to Council about the visioning etc.
- There has not been a lot of discussion yet about linking up the trails with roads.
- The main thrust of the project has been to get people out of single occupancy vehicles, and viable options to walk, cycle, take transit.
- Trailhead gateways are something that could be raised ... suggested by the group

Oceanfront trail project

- Have met and walked with Todd Pope and Ted Prior, re the new project.
- Work may begin in the next week or so.
- SODC is getting Spectrum to do some work for SODC and there may be some synergies.
- The material quote for our work is ~\$2000 (225 tonnes of material) and transport is \$1500, plus we will need machine time. Bob seeks approval for a contingency of ~\$2000 to \$3000 in case we need to add some funds to SODC funds (\$5000) to complete the project.

Motion: That STS make available a contingency of ~\$2000 to \$3000 in case we need to add some funds to SODC funds (\$5000) to complete the project. Approved.

- Hopefully we could leverage some additional funds from SODC if needed, but this is just in case.
- The trail improvement area in alongside Cattermole Slough
- Suggestion that the stretch of trail from parking to the improved area could also be improved if there are funds remaining from the contingency allocation.
- We need to be mindful of the trail connectivity when the entire site is filled.

Brush Back Brigade

- We have enough equipment and there have been lots of projects and progress that is very recognizable and to be commended.
- Could organize a work party for SODC, date TBD

Wesbild Donation

- In compensation for crossing of the Corridor Trail by the right-in to highway mall, we have received this year's \$10k. Bob intends to send them a thank you and acknowledgement, and getting it out to the public.

Website

- in progress. Bob and Heather have met with designer, and the programming is in progress.
- will need volunteers to help with updating the website
- suggestion to put weather forecast on the site

Treasurer's Report

- We have \$10,787.97 in the working fund. We also have a term deposit that is accessible.

Be Bright at Night initiative

- Bob has drafted a 'don't be a dark statistic, be a bright light' advisory
- could suggest examples of reflective gear – flashing lights, pet lighting,
- walkers should have reflective vests, cyclists should have lights front & back

Other Discussion Topics:

- Signage is deteriorating on many trails and we should figure out a way to get these improved – advocacy to DoS?
- Grant in Aid request project – Commercial Way. Bob will continue to discuss.
- Constitution – posting on the STS website was suggested by a member. If someone finds it Gwen has offered to type it in. Also a suggestion that there should be a bio of all the directors on the website.
- Trail Users' conflict study thesis by Ana, and her report was circulated by Penny and Doug. We should put on the next agenda to send a reply and acknowledge Ana's contribution
- Suggestion that the connection between Government Road and the overpass near Garibaldi Way needs to be improved
- We need to correspond with provincial government about issues related to motorized ATVs – problems with trails being ripped up. Could correspond with jurisdictions that have been successful in keeping ATVs off the trail.
- Crosswalks: should advocate to the provincial government for more enforcement and fines for vehicles that do not stop at crosswalks.
- Don raised a question about the potential for developing a trail underpass under the Mamquam Bridge over Government Road (near the dog pound). Other commented that issues could include riprap, tight headroom, fish issues, flooding, etc. But a good idea.

Adjourn at 9pm.