

**Squamish Trails Society – March 19, 2010
Minutes**

Arts Council Building, Cleveland Avenue, Downtown Squamish

Present: Bob Brant, Heather Evans, Don Laurence, Jennifer Adams, Vic Drought, Doug Morrison, Pru Fuller, Graham Fuller, Karin Buchanan, Don Laurence (8:25).

Chair: Bob Brant
Recorder: Heather Evans

Meeting began at 7:05pm.

Garibaldi at Squamish Presentation

The scheduled presentation and discussion period with GAS was cancelled by the proponent in advance of the meeting, citing medical emergency by the designated representative and no available alternate representative of GAS.

AGM

Next month is the AGM. Jennifer will put an ad in the paper, including a suggestion that a message goes in the paper that reminds members to pay their dues - \$10 for individuals and \$20 for families.

Communications

Doug is updating the membership list information and is making good progress on it.

Ray Peters Trail

STS (\$10K) partnered with DoS (\$10K) via a grant thru SORCA, trail funded by the national trails council. "Digosaurus" was the successful bidder. They rebuilt they RPT along highway 99. Bob, Mike and Todd tomorrow and will discuss payment to the contractor.

Oceanfront Trails - SODC

Trevor Dunn gave a presentation in January. Bob met with Trevor to follow up on some questions / concerns – not enough accommodation for bikes on the streets. SODC has adjusted the plan to better accommodate, as well as on the trails throughout the peninsula. Bob suggested that they need areas for people to park at gateways / parking areas. There will be a parkade at the south end, and he has taken note about possibility to do a land swap with Westmana to put a parking area, close to the Howe Sound Inn. Bob also discussed with Trevor that SODC has funds they want to spend on a trail project. Bob's suggestion to bring trail on the west side into better resurfacing; Trevor suggested the southern end of the trail as it's less likely to be dug up or re-routed in the future as a result of development. In the ultimate development plan the trails society is suggesting a 20ft width. This might be a bit wider than what the District is currently contemplating but not sure.

Doug was proposing a covered walkway between Cleveland and southward, just a little bit inland, so that people can walk and avoid the elements.

Earth Day – April 22nd?

Ted will be the STS representative for earth day.

There are some styrofoam centred cement blocks (with crumbling cement) in the Cattermole slough area; perhaps the team looking after earth day will take this on as the Styrofoam is getting away. Up to the team

Invasive Species

Carl to provide an update at a later date.

Anthem Properties, Discovery Trail

Cut of selected trees has begun, with retention areas on both sides of the Discovery trail. The cut areas will be replanted. There are agreements in place and monitoring. The Anthem properties section will be paved in the future.

Doug suggests that relevant District bylaws could be pulled and referenced, so that members of various societies can understand them and responsibly read and respond. Perhaps we need an “idiots’ guide” to the key bylaws, or something similar.

Web Site

Can build a website for free at the Hotspot, for a \$250 donation.
Namespro.ca – to buy a domain name.

Look at the equestrian society and roadkill 99 site that were created via Plone at the Hotspot.

Suggestions for website:

a guide for residents about who looks after what trails?

membership prices on the website

We want to reach a wider audience, the community, and our members

Westway Bike Lane

The situation outcome was as good as it could’ve been. The road will be ‘shared’ – cyclists on the road surface. There will not likely be any new or altered sidewalks as part of the deal. Parking will be allowed on the ‘downhill’ side. We need to ensure that bylaw enforcement absolutely does tow cars that are parked on the non-parking side. We need an education program about what a shared roadway means.

Treasurers Report

We spent \$18,000 toward RPT.

Don Ross School Project update

STS was working with students at improving the approach to the Kingswood overpass. The student day was cancelled because there would not be sufficient student attendance. DoS is working through problems with CN. Bob anticipates work to be done in April.

Cap College

The cap college students will work on a trail project that is part of the triathlon route.

Discussion:

Test of Metal

We will need people to step up and help out; Bob will solicit. It's a lot of work but fun. Hopefully Rob will help us again.

2010 Projects

- Hoping to move ahead with Commercial Way to Brennan Park. Early estimates were at \$40,000. Would require DFO approval. Would link Discovery Trail and Corridor Trail. We should keep moving ahead with it.
- Improvement of Valleycliffe trail connections to the valley and downtown area. There are some steep hills and eroded trails, a limited number of trails and difficult to negotiate. We need some people with vested interest in Valleycliffe. One of the trails that could be upgraded is Hunter Trail. Also the back side of the Mamquam Blind Channel, there is a blocked trail access as the rough trail climbs uphill. It appears to be an issue between DoS and the landowners.
- Graham will talk with Eric Anderson, and perhaps investigate what is going on with trail access. Karin suggests also talking with the owner perhaps. And Councillors.

Ray Peters Trail – dirt bike damage on upgraded trail

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Don't be a Dark Statistic

- email campaign about changing mindset to being visible at night time, also go through schools and newspaper, other clubs (eg SVEA) could sell reflective items. Bob says, it's a year round thing, just like barbecuing!

Coho Park trail blockage

- The approach from the end of Parkway, up the Coho Trail, seems to include a 'finger' of private property with private ownership (Wafler), who are no longer willing to allow public trespass on the trail.
- We need to provide a letter to the District and strong advocacy about the high value of this trail.

Doug mentioned that there should not be a road constructed uphill of Meighan Creek to maintain subsurface flows that feed East Meighan Cr. It's also an endangered area.

Leskies Crossing Access – James King

Ongoing dialogue with Jimmy King, re eagle run area next to reserve. He's amenable to maintaining access through his land. He feels that there should be some kind of fencing to keep people off his land (could erect a fence with volunteer labour). Will the District want to get involved in this, without access across the reserve land.

Bob has heard that Squamish Nation would like to deal with trail issues all at one time.

Other Business

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)

Squamish Trails Society ~ May 20, 2010
Minutes
Arts Council Building, Cleveland Avenue, Downtown Squamish

Present: Bob Brant, Heather Evans, Don Laurence, Matt Parker, Doug Morrison, Stephane Perron, Vic Drought, Lesley Keith, Patrick Macnamara, Patsy Riecker.

Chair: Bob Brant
Recorder: Heather Evans

Trail Day Yesterday

- Ray Peters trail connector was the project, in coordination with the Don Ross outdoor leadership students. It was a successful day.
- Vic, Patrick, Don, Carl were there and working hard!
- We could pay them \$9 per hour per student – total would be \$1053.00.

Pearson Financial Sponsored Trail Brushing

- We would spend \$1000 donation from this local business on a trail-brushing crew. The funds would be spent on equipment etc, and possibly on identity-wear like shirts.
- Many interested members – Don would be the foreman, also Vic, Don, Matt, Doug, Patsy, etc. Others interested in being alternates including Heather, Lesley, Mike Jensen, possibly others too. It would be through Todd, there would be an orientation etc. Set a day of week.
- Could put up signs that say work in progress.
- Don and Bob to send out a follow up email to those interested, re scheduling, training etc.
- Bob to send an email to Todd re orientation etc. Possibly get feedback from John about trail maintenance.
- Tools can include machete, loppers, weed-wacker, gloves, etc in certain areas. STS stuff is in with Shawn Gosnell's storage locker. Or else we find another spot for it. TBD.
- Can get this going in the next month or so.

Web site project – Heather

- Heather and Bob met with Jude Goodwin re STS website.
- The quotation is for \$2000 plus GST, 50% up front. Agreement to move ahead.
- We could mostly do the updates ourselves, and then outsource
- We could have a page for the Smoke Bluffs Park? Helen is producing a map and we could put it on there for PDF. Keith Halvorson finished upper loop trail.

Test of Metal Food Booth

- We have applied to health department and permit is in process.
- Heather can help with the ticket booth. Carl can help with food part.
- We may need to pay someone to head the ship as a chef/leader
- Menu will be farmers sausage (veggie burger vegetarian option), fried options etc., potato salad, green salad, chocolate, drink. Also this year we'll add chips.
- Grimms donates some smokies and European wieners, and we buy farmers sausage from them. Bob suggests a red potato salad by Freybe.
- Nesters has been really helpful. Getting some pop etc. donated etc.

- Matt can get tables, Carl can get a condiment canopy. Need a couple of trucks (Matt's, maybe Doug's)

"Share The Road" project

- Share the Road campaign was initiated by Jim Harvey. \$300 per sign incl install. STS has agreed to one sign.
- DoS has agreed to install the signs at their cost so it's \$200 per sign.
- Jim Harvey and Dwayne Kress have come up with proposed locations.
- Some suggestions for additional signage near the eagle dyke, and then on the curve just south of Bean Around the World.
- DoS needs to spearhead a public awareness campaign around this – in newsletters, newspapers, etc.

Dirt bike issue

- Matt sent email to a number of organizations about dirt bikes on the Ray Peters Trail.
- Need some signage on the trail re no dirt bikes on the trail
- Jurisdictional question – perhaps the line of inquiry is Norbert Greinacher MACTA re signage on Ray Peters Trail.
- DoS needs to take a leadership role.
- We do need trails and tracks where the dirt bikes are allowed to traverse to permitted areas.
- We need more signs that indicate no dirt bikes.

Oceanfront Trail - meeting with SODC

- Vic, Todd and Bob met with Trevor Dunn SODC
- SODC will put \$5000 into a trail project, leveraged through the trails society. West side has been identified, across from Squamish Terminals.
- Next step is for Todd to measure the length so that we can figure out quantity of material. Bobcat, rake, finish will be the process.
- another issue: dog poop in bags are not disposed of in bins, some education and enforcement is needed.

Squamish Trails Society ~ June 17, 2010
Minutes
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Present: Bob Brant, Heather Evans, Don Laurence, Matt Parker, Vic Drought, Patrick Macnamara, Graham Fuller, Prue Fuller, Carl Halvorson, Jan Roberts, Doug Morrison.

Welcome back Jan! :0)

Chair: Bob Brant
Recorder: Heather Evans

Updates

Website: Splash page has been created for the webpage and we will work on it through the summer.

Brushback brigade have been out on work sessions three times already – Valleycliffe, Valley Drive to Westway, and trail behind the High School. Some funds have been spent on repair and purchase of tools. Todd Pope has some suggestions for future projects: west side of oceanfront trail, near the skateboard park, short steep section in Valleycliffe from Clarke down to the Highway, spawning trails near Mamquam Road. Perhaps we need to set some priorities, perhaps user conflicts are high priority.

Possibility to schedule a day for brush-back brigade on the triathlon run route. Team up with the Titans. Date to be scheduled in early July.

STS Highway Project Issues Bob sent a query to Mick Gottardi re our concern about issues that are a danger to pedestrians and cyclists. Recently forwarded it to Bob Kusch in his new capacity in Engineering – no response yet.

Carl has prepared and circulated an update to his previous review and welcomes comments and suggestions on it from STS members. Carl raises that this is a major concern because it's the corridor trail, sea to sky trail, TransCanada etc.

Next Steps – schedule a ride with a representative group to highlight the need for action. Meet with Bob Kusch first? Need to clearly identify the objectives for the meeting. Question was raised whether transcanada trail has standards when it's roadside? Next step is to correspond with Bob Kusch. Goal of the meeting would be to highlight Valleycliffe, and to get commitment for next steps to fix and mitigate the deficiencies (through to Highways) that the community believes are problematic. Some are quick fixes.

Discovery Trail at Industrial Way-

The concern has been raised again about Terasen regarding the unsatisfactory rehabilitation of the Discovery Trail after their work. Carl has been recommended to work with the Terasen public relations person as a contact.

Test of Metal BBQ (June 19th)

Set up crew is meeting at 6:30 at Kinsmen Park.
Thanks to Sue Aucoin for all of the volunteer recruitment.

Don't be a Dark Statistic

We should get this geared up for fall. It would be an awareness campaign, perhaps get local merchants on board (ahead of time so that they can consider it for ordering). Do a press release, etc. and involve schools etc.

Boulevard Roundabouts

Need to find a way to advise cyclists that they should take the entire width of the roadway and not be passed. Kids are of particular concern for safety in roundabouts – options include signage, education thru schools, education for drivers. The final construction is not complete yet. Could be an item of discussion with Bob Kusch.

Kingswood Overpass is complete and the CN crossing is in. It's fantastic! "A liberating connector" says Bob.

Bike lane upgrade at Shady Tree – DoS did a bit of work here. What is the District's intent for upgrading ... are they still waiting for the development to occur? This could be an item of discussion with Bob Kusch. There was still supposed to be a further \$30K spent on bike lane shoulders.

Planned sewer line upgrade along Government Road will go from sewage treatment plant to Garibaldi Way (west side). There will be a road upgrade, and we should work on the bike and ped design in this area. Would be nice to have some proactive discussion with Bob Kusch.

Adjourn at 8:30pm.

Squamish Trails Society ~ Sept 16, 2010
Minutes
Arts Council Building, Cleveland Avenue, Downtown Squamish

Present: Bob Brant, Heather Evans, Don Laurence, Doug Morrison, Eric Anderson, Mike Jenson, Ted Prior, other guests, Kate, Jackie, Mrs. Anderson, Todd Pope, Ed Dubois, Edith Tobe, Stephane Perron

- Including Guests: Todd Pope, Jenni Chancey, Squamish CAN reps

Chair: Bob Brant

Recorder: Heather Evans

Squamish CAN Proposal re Valleycliffe Trail Connectivity

Presentation by Eric Anderson.

Focus for Squamish CAN is on Cliffside Pub to Scott Crescent; this is Squamish CAN's interest due to its commuter use and potential use.

- Squamish CAN invited to collaborate with STS.
- STS has a relationship with Council (as does Squamish CAN), and STS has its eye on a "solution" with the whole community in mind.
- Squamish CAN created and sent a proposal in the summertime to STS, District Council and staff etc.
- The trail connection was identified as a key issue at community neighbourhood forum
- Squamish CAN thinks that bikes should be discouraged from this particular route
- Ice is a safety issue in wintertime, and injuries have resulted
- Lighting is an issue as well.

Discussion:

- private ownership is a key issue and could be a limitation, need to think creatively
- when there are negotiations with trail owners we need to remind them of the economic value of trails
- trail was built at same time as a waterline was built in early 1900s
- Eric thinks that part of the trail is a right of way corridor – to be confirmed
- At the Scott Crescent end there is lots of erosion on the trail (including Bertland trail)
- Private properties include those owned by Hunter, Bertland, Beckham, DeCook.
- A common informal trail route crosses / trespasses the Beckham and DeCook properties
- Current informal trails in Valleycliffe all have issues with lack of space, lack of switchbacks, steep grade, drainage
- Bob: We need to address solutions that will meet the needs of all people with varying mobility ... some of the existing trails even if fixed are very difficult to negotiate.
- It seems like there may be interest from the property owners for resolution if their liability can be protected
- The trail is vital for connections by people of all ages and lifestyles. Better to use the trails than the road because of limited visibility etc on the road.
- The trail under discussion has no name: time tunnel, school trail, etc. etc. Need to resolve this.

Todd Pope:

- Private property issues mean that DoS has constrained ability to act.
- People should not be encouraged to use the trails on private property as trespass is a very

- delicate and sensitive issue with the owners
- DoS may own some of the upper part of the trail, if in fact it is in the area on the map.
- Some lower parts noted on the Squamish CAN map will be addressed with the corridor trail (#17 on the corridor trail). DoS is looking at alignment and stabilization issues, costing out options
- There is a DoS study forthcoming with a study about the Upper Mamquam Blind Channel. It would be good to get the desired connections etc. into the study and Todd will make this connection with Planning staff.
- For Sections 1,2,3,4 (in the proposal) the trail is very steep. There are some private property issues. On this same section there are key issues related to safety that have been become worse over time with bike traffic and with drainage. Todd can take a look at this.
- The trails master plan (forthcoming) contains templates for license of occupation and ROW, which could then be taken forward so that liability would be more on the District. Once the trails master plan is adopted ...
- Clarke Drive will be changed in the near future – will be an interchange
- Looking toward some quick fixes and safety issues.
- The proposal will be included in open house data related to the trails master plan.

Next Step

- Suggestion (later in the meeting) is that STS (and possibly others) need to go out and look around at what is possible for resolution. Need to be careful that we do not inflame private owner sensitivities.

Edith Tobe

- VanCity Grant was received by Sq River Watershed Society for \$4000. Education program Kindergarten to Grade 7. STS charitable status was utilized, and thanks were provided to STS.
- Edith will email a newsletter.
- Initiation of the program in October, lots of demand from the schools.
- Need volunteers – have a training program, 4 hour shifts. Edith will circulate the opportunity. In kind contributions are really helpful.

Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council – info provided by Edith Tobe

- Kimberley Armour: 604-849-0676 has been hired as an educator – can call her to call for sighting invasive species. She will be working with the nurseries re sales of invasive species.
- There is a website and facebook presence as well <http://www.ssisc.info/home>

Jenni Chancey – Municipal Infrastructure Engineer

- Jenni has been hired since June 2010. With her colleagues they have lots of new engineering staff and new thoughts, including keenness around bikes, cycle trails, etc.
- Valleycliffe-Brackendale commuter cycling project is actively being worked on. The signed agreement was received just days ago. Grant money – got an extension to March 2012 but will do it as quickly as possible. Addressing low hanging fruit. Project starts with cycling lanes along Westway. Jenni focusing on Brackendale part. Some areas we need some serious \$ and design work – e.g. Leski's crossing. Other areas we just need to do some patching and signing etc.
- Thanks to Stephane for being really proactive on this project on behalf of STS.
- Government Road sewer project. It's a tight spot, very narrow. Yes consideration has been given to pedestrians and cycling. 1.5 m cycling lane on both sides. will not be for obeying the rules of the road. Pinch points are the telephone poles – trail will bump out. Bike lanes will be no parking zones.
- Working on the traffic bylaw – dealing with on street parking.
- Bob: raised the point that when Pioneer Road is going to be re-routed we need to remember

about rerouting of the Discovery Trail. Todd has been keeping this on the radar.

- Jenni is working on sidewalk and bike lane along Government Road (in front of Elements) from NoName Road to Mamquam Road.
- Mutual invitation for sharing ideas, providing updates, etc. between Jenni and the STS.

Todd

- The alternate school has students who can do some trail work from 12:30 to 3 on some Tuesdays. Maybe signage, invasive species, brushback brigade

2031 Multimodal Transport Study MMTP – update from Ted

- Ted encourages people to fill out the online survey on transport
- Phone survey is in process as well to 500 residents
- Doing traffic counts
- Guiding principles for MMTP have been drafted. They want to adopt by end of Sept.
- Transport study 'value added' will be put into the OCP
- Comment: need to ensure that the trails master plan is intersected with the 'new' OCP
- Question: are the equestrian people on the multimodal group?
- New DCC bylaw could address directing DCC to trails projects – STS needs to get on board
- STS needs to write a letter to Council to remind them about the fact that \$ is allocated to trails from various projects
- Carl also submitted some info by email that Bob shared with the group
- Parking on bike lanes is an issue that should be raised – bring it up in the MMTP

Meg Toom:

Bear aware event on 25 September. We have been invited to participate. Nobody is available; we will advise Meg that nobody is available to do it.

SODC has committed up to \$5000 for an upgrade project. West side of the SODC loop trail will be improved, resurfaced from Squamish Tug to the end. Will get some kids (Outdoor Leadership or Cap College) to work on this. We will need a work party. Discussion about the access to the trail area(s) to drop off the material.

Proposal Queries (re Legacy funding)

- Jim Harvey – multigroup proposal for the legacy funding of \$750K as a legacy group. It has been dropped?
- John Harvey – Mamquam River crossing These have been determined to be not practicable due to ownership and cost.
- Paul Russell – Mamquam crossing – same idea.

Web Site

- Heather to forward the conceptual site information to the STS group
- Bob and Heather are meeting with web designers next week

Treasurers Report

- We have ~\$10,000.

Adjourn at 9:20pm

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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.

<p style="text-align: center;">Squamish Trails Society ~ Nov 18, 2010 Minutes Arts Council Building, Cleveland Avenue, Downtown Squamish</p>

Present: Bob Brant, Heather Evans, Don Lawrence, Doug Morrison, Carl Halvorson, Don McNamara, Vic Drought, Jennifer Adams, Lesley Keith, Shawn Gosnell, Matt Parker, Julie Mountifield

Chair: Bob Brant

Recorder: Heather Evans

Government Road and Mamquam bike lanes:

- Stephane has been in contact with DoS and Jenni Chancey (Engineering) responded. Bob will read correspondence and will circulate it among members. STS to correspond.

Constitution

- still trying to find it and then it will be included on the website.

Website

- contact bike stores etc to get them to put our link on their site
- also send email launch to the membership, Squamish online, press release, (daffodil in the Chief?)
- training session tomorrow 9am – Jennifer, Bob, Carl, Heather.
- will look into linking up with paypal ... to explore it tomorrow

Multimodal transport Plan

Meetings of the committee are postponed to January 2011

Cheshire Cat Nails

- Carl went to Outdoor Rec Council event in Burnaby. It was heavily attended by motorized organizations. Big distinction between trials (slow, practicing skills, limited damage) and atv. At the event Carl went to, there was a big message from motorized groups that they are a large and increasing share of the demographic. Suggestion at the event that there could be some peer pressure among the motorized users to dissuade 'rogues' from ripping up trails where they should not be. There has been some vandalism (spiked trees) along the Cheshire Cat trail that will be investigated.

Oceanfront Trail Project

- Thanks to Don, Vic, Thor, Peter, Shawn, Carl, Bob, etc. for helped out on several work days with the trail improvement that was funded by SODC. Piggybacked on a project that was already happening with Spectrum. Laid gravel and put in a bypass. We are on target with all the expenses.
- Celebration on Sat Nov 20th: interpretive signage and trail upgrade.

Brushback Brigade

- The brigade has been out for 14 times on 'missions' since June 2010. Mostly brushing back, and one maintenance expedition on SODC project.
- We need a further list of priority projects to continue with.
- Bob discussed the 'old dump' location south of EagleWind as a potential.
- A list of completed projects could be on the website, and perhaps a tweet about the next event.
- Thanks to all the brushback participants! Appreciative luncheon is in the works – date forthcoming. Advise the brushback sponsor, Pearson Financial, about the STS sponsored luncheon.
- Should check to make sure that Pearson is acknowledged on the website.

Treasurer's Report

- We have a balance of \$13,129.29.
- Of the donation for SODC trail project of \$5000, \$387 remains

Be Bright at Night poster

- Bob prepared the poster, and Doug has done a distribution
- Doug to follow up on the stores etc. that sell reflective clothing
- Matt is sending to the schools
- Also send to Helping Hands, Seniors Centre

STS T-shirts / Hats

- Bob got in touch with Ultimate Promotions about hats and shirt restock. Bob got quotes. Possibilities include:
 - 12 doz in range of sizes of cotton Ts – women's and men's
 - long sleeve tees for brush back brigade? TBD. Carl has designed a splendid logo for consideration.
 - tech shirt option
 - golf shirt option – embroidered
 - hat option (3 dozen?) Craig can give a sample to see if people like the fit and style. Could add on to the brush back brigade order so that we get the economy of scale.
 - and/or could get decals, temporary tattoos, crests that can be sewn on
- Bob is suggesting brush back brigade tag on 18 or so of the items

SODC letter re trails and pedestrian and bike circulation, trails

- discussion about the letter that Bob has drafted (thanks Bob!)
- Public Hearing on November 30, 2010 – letter to be submitted prior to the public hearing
- Doug suggested a notion that we need a covered pedestrian way in the downtown area – need to brainstorm ideas for this...
- Bob will submit the letter and cc the membership

Additional agenda item:

Townline development meeting

- Don and Doug attended the public information meeting about this proposed development. Riparian restoration will need to occur. There are trails on Townline's land as well as on the neighbouring golf course that has recently changed ownership. We want to be sure to run a trail adjacent to the Meighan Creek corridor. Need to be part of the development processes for Townline, golf course, Wafler property. Doug suggests that trails, environment and streamkeepers need to coordinate our desires as these processes move forward.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

December 16, 2010 19:02

In attendance: Bob, Carl, Jennifer, Patrick & Judy, Vic & Vivianne , Lesley, Graham and Prue, Don, Doug, Penny, Edith, Todd, (sorry – there were more – of course Bob’s family and “ a random smattering of spouses” who’s name I did not record – and then those folks I just missed)

Pleasantries were uttered across the room, and duly reported so that must mean the meeting has started.

Discussion of Bob and Sue’s new kitchen. All agreed it is lovely and more importantly finished that very morning . . .

Discussion regarding Education Outreach program in the estuary, operated through the Squamish River Watershed Society, funded by the Squamish Savings Legacy Fund. SES provides partnership support and financial status as charitable organization to facilitate funding criteria. SRWS looking forward to next season for a high school level program. Application for funding is through the Trail Society, operated and facilitated by the Watershed Society.

Discussion regarding support of Ocean Front Development Corp. and comments by Eric Anderson of SCAN trail committee. Eric had issues with moneys spent on “propaganda” for ocean front development when moneys could be used for trail initiatives, specifically the Valleycliffe Connector.

Further discussion of SCAN trail proposal to link Valleycliffe through “Hunter’s Trail” corridor; Trail Coordinator’s position to council at this point was “to do nothing” until issues were resolved. While acknowledging that this is a valuable connector there are significant concerns and Council has requested routing options – while at the same time – closing the trail because of liabilities and property issues. Until an agreement is in place with private landowners, public money cannot be spent on this trail. Lower reaches are both difficult to do because of material and slope. Suggestion that Trails Society support a route connecting Valleycliffe and downtown Squamish based on appropriate grades and corridors, that ensures connectivity and availability to all users, including walkers, family groups and bicyclists. We must support the concept of community connection, specifically Valleycliffe and Downtown – regardless of the route that inevitably fulfils that need. Letter to be drafted by Don and Bob.

There are two options to route a connector along proposed Corridor Trail routing, which might provide options. Action item: email Todd to ask District staff to produce a map of the area with property lines.

Study underway:

1. Routing options for Corridor Trail / Mamquam Blind Channel Crossing

Discussion by Todd. Recognition of Squamish ongoing. Article in January *Decline* magazine. Half Nelson just highlighted on *Bike Australia*. *Mountain Bike* magazine highlighted Squamish recently. *IMBA* trail news featured *Kid Mountain Bike Day*. *Ride Guide* did a feature show that included Squamish.

Todd to send information for linkages to SES website.

Other business:

Connector from Commercial Way to Brennan Park: Previous discussion proposed grant in aid for construction. Proposal was put forward for an environmental assessment. Cascade provided an initial costing of \$2640 (plus GST) Project could cost between \$40K to \$80K – largely depending on the cost of bridges. Discussion of value of this connector. Question to group: We could fund the study but what about the \$80K for the full project, ie. we could commit \$10K. Suggestion to do an email survey of users for feedback. Suggested that we move forward with the initial study and prepare for community consultation ie. question of the week in the local paper.

Financial Report: sounds good – we have money . . .

Question from the floor;

Adopt a Trail, how has it been received. Approx. 20 participants so far.

Eg. Maybe the High School could adopt the trail from the High School to McDonald's
Cap College used to have such a program. Discussion re fast food garbage; suggestion to approach business owners to finance (as a group) one hour per day to sweep for debris.

Adjourned 8:07