

**January 19, 2012 Squamish Trails Society Meeting
Squamish Arts Council Building - Cleveland Avenue, Squamish BC**

STS Members in Attendance: Bob Brant, Vic Drought, Heather Evans, Carl Halvorson, Jennifer Adams, Don MacNamara, Jen Adams, Stephane Perron, Doug Morrison, Heather Evans, Matt Parker, Edith Tobe, Ted Prior

Core Services Review Meeting

- Bob and Don attended a meeting with key District staff implications on trails. Todd will be our point person for the short term.
- Eventually Todd's job will change to promotion of outdoor recreation in Squamish. At that point STS will transition into instead having three assigned department point people at DoS.
- The District will have available \$30K per year for trail maintenance, to be applied for and shared among all of the groups. The \$ will be for trails on District-owned land. They will favour funding applications that demonstrate support from multiple groups.
- All in all there was a lot of genuine support for trails from staff, and it was a really positive meeting.

Walmart Evergreen Society grant

- Walmart Evergreen Society grant is available; there is an opportunity for SODC and Squamish River Watershed Society to co-apply for invasive species removal on the Cattermole Slough side and replacing with native vegetation. SODC asked if STS support for the project and volunteer effort is there. STS agreed to email Heather Dunham at SODC to acknowledge the request and express STS support for the project.

Social with Mayor and Council + key staff, with other outdoor rec groups

- Purpose is to have all meet one another, each group speak about who we are, what we do, and aspirations
- Bob spoke with the Mayor and he agreed that was a great idea.
- New DoS communications person will be able to help out with it.

Response to Perry Beckam's Letter for Upper Mamquam Blind Channel

Bob responded to Perry Beckam's latest letter on behalf of the STS, related to the trail between Valleycliffe and thru the Upper Mamquam Blind Channel property. There are some shifting ownership arrangements that could result in trail connections being dedicated – details to come, currently confidential.

Paul Russell (Hospital Hill resident) has initiated a trail walkabout in the same area on Saturday 21 January 2012. Meeting at the Adventure Centre.

Skookum Power Project

A key principles agreement between the proponent and SDBA and SORCA has been developed, with STS as a witness to the agreement, deferring interests to SDBA and SORCA. The agreement hasn't been finalized yet. Bob suggested that we make an arrangement with

Skookum Power that a local trail-builder be brought on to do the trail work, to ensure the best possible outcome (based on their local experience). One way to ensure this is by including this requirement in the agreement, and secondly to provide them with an incentive to do so by offering a tax receipt from STS. It was further discuss that DoS would need to get legal advice, and would need to saved harmless. Another and potentially more favourable option would be for Skookum to dispense the trail repair funds for SORCA/SDBA to expend on their choice of contractor.

Brushback Brigade

In Nov/Dec John Matson from streamkeepers found lots of fish in lower Brohm Creek and none in the upper part of the creek. There is a log jam preventing the fish from getting through. Site visit to scope it out. However since then they have been advised that DFO will have to get involved and that Brushback Brigade are not to touch it and that DFO will have to deal with it.

If in the future BBB is asked to assist with in or near instream works, they will ask for evidence approval from DFO.

Ayr Drive Connector Trail

Heather has inquired with DoS to find out about land ownership and then will go ahead with getting estimates.

Heather to have a conversation with Kevin Ramsay about possible utilization of gas tax funds for trail work. There may be some cost savings related to the economy of scale to do at same time as Valleycliffe stairs.

Treasurer's Report

Balance of our working fund is \$7792.98.

Mulgrave School

- STS received an offer/request from Mulgrave School to do some trail work in the fall of 2012.
- Perhaps replacement of the bridge on the Discovery Trail.
- Doug raised the idea of possibly giving a suggestion to Mulgrave School that some trail 'science' could be integrated into the experience (materials from the IMBA course – Mark Schmidt from Sunshine Coast) and then use the knowledge on the trail project. Trail along Paradise Valley Road was one suggestion.
- Or Swan Trail has a rotted out bridge, but ownership issue make it tenuous. Loggers Lane trail is another possibility.
- Bob suggests that perhaps we invite the teacher to come up and check out some sites and projects and then go from there.

Squamish Nation / Bright New Day Reconciliation Circle Chenchenstway - Participation

- STS will fund a few STS members to attend.
- STS can fund up to three STS members to attend. Approved.
- Interested: Carl, Don, Patrick, maybe Heather. If STS is paying we should put STS address on the registration form.

It is a new year! Time to purchase STS memberships! \$10 for individuals, \$20 for family.

STS February 2012 Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 16, 7 pm
Squamish Arts Council Building
Minutes

In attendance

Alice Guss, Bob Brant, Meg Fellowes, Jeff Fisher, Patrick MacNamara, Jim Harvey, Matt Parker, Vic Drought, Heather Evans, Candace, Doug Morrison, Don Macnamara, Stephane Perron.

Updates

1. **Bright New Day Workshop - Don, Patrick, Guests - report on Feb 8 & 9 workshop and opportunities**

- 50-60 attendees at the two day healing circle and workshop. Included a reconciliation circle, making links and moving future
- The idea of a *Reconciliation Trail* was raised by the sub-group that Don was part of. Formed a core committee to work on this. This group with Squamish Nation could come up with ideas for a new trail and interpretive options, which will determine where it is. It will be a front-country accessible trail. Determine the most important audience (perhaps an emphasis on visitors, also residents). Suggestions will come forward from the sub-group – considering the gondola trail, corridor trail, etc. Meg raised a suggestion about a route previously envisioned as a ‘salmon circle’ in the heart of the community, and would like to be involved in the planning sub-group. Jim raised the idea of a malamute trail route. Patrick raised that the new overpass could perhaps provide access to the trail.
- STS offered support and assistance, sounding board, and leveraging dollars that come in for greater advantage.
- In Feb 2013 the federal reconciliation is coming to Vancouver – Canada Place.
- Jeff Fisher talked about coordination between the trail groups to meet with Squamish Forestry re user protocols etc. Bob mentioned that there is a SORCA trail master plan that could be referenced. A meeting is being set up by the Squamish Forest District and STS will be invited. Bob suggested also meeting with Dave Rittberg (works with Bob Fast, land development). Meg raised that animal habitat issues could also be considered. Jim raised that if a trail exists and then the area is cut then there are big issues and maintenance issues with erosion and overgrowth.

2. Summer Student Grant application – SORCA/SDBA/District - Bob
What projects do we want to have done if this goes ahead?

- \$30K / year is coming from DOS (commitment but budget is not approved) to various trail service societies to meet the trails master plan implementation.
 - o SORCA is currently talking about increasing the ask for \$100K from DOS instead of \$30K. SORCA kicks in at least \$250K per year in implementation per year and DoS needs to do more in terms of what they contribute.
- STS with the other groups is applying for a student grant, indicating that the additional funds and support are to come from the District. Reps from SDBA, SORCA, STS met and discussed the student grant app – need WCB etc.
- The proposal is to apply for 3 students (\$14/hr – we get \$10.25 from grant) and 1 supervisor (\$20-25/hr – we get \$about 14?). In this scenario grant funds would be topped up from the DOS funds in the amount of about \$23,000.
- STS book-keeper suggested separate account, and professional payroll person.
- The majority of the work on the trails would be on ‘SORCA’ trails, with SDBA and STS trails as well.
- STS is meeting with DoS key people again on March 21, 2012.

3. Skookum Power (run of rive power) update – Bob

- SORCA has been leading discussion and negotiation with Skookum power over a key principles agreement and compensation for loss / replacement of trails.
- STS suggested to SORCA that a local trail contractor should be required to be retained by Skookum power to do the trail construction work, save harmless. The negotiations have not been going so well over several months, and Skookum is not really under any obligation to enter into this agreement.
- Observation is that the community is not very well informed about these issues and impacts. And it seems like we may not know enough about future demand for upgrade of the downtown substation.
- In addition to Skookum Power’s proposal, there are a couple of additional run of river projects that will happen at Raffuse Creek and Mamquam Headwaters.

4. Hunter Trail / Beckham /Mamquam Blind Channel Study – Bob

- Beckham is still discussing with Kingswood re access route
- Upper Mamquam Blind Channel meeting is taking place Feb 23-12
- Work is happening on the Hunter Trail. Steel staircase will be installed at this point, rather than a switchback graded trail.

5. BBB – Don

- a. Kingswood approach (across the rail tracks). Currently it is very slippery when wet. STS to undertake this as a minor project. Scrape down, ½ inch crush compacted. Need to make sure it is quiet and not disturbing neighbours on both sides. Cost estimate ~\$2500ish, maybe additional.
- b. Bridge repair - Golf Course trails. Railing is broken and mid-span plank is missing, needs to be fixed.
- c. Jim noted that estuary trails have been deteriorating, and that West Barr (north dyke trail) has closed off some access. Squamish Estuary Management Plan (SEMP) governs that area, and we would need to work with the environment society as well. Should this be a priority and what are the political mechanisms for how to access and do maintenance in this area. Matt will talk with Ted Prior about this. Could be a summer trail crew job.

Perhaps an inventory of bridge repair project needs to be done, and then perhaps the crew can take it on. Need to be careful about not reporting to officials because they may have to dismantle if no resources to fix it or if not legitimate.

6. Cottonwood Park – Stephane

- Trail improvement project in Cottonwood Park is slated for 2012 budget pending.

7. Ayr Drive – Heather

- Todd Pope convened a meeting with DOS staff (Bob, Jenny, Scott) on site on Feb 15 re potential trail upgrade project. Conclusion of the meeting was that Engineering do not have significant infrastructure concerns, re the sewer line steepness means that gravity is at work and will not face many blockages. Would only need to access manhole covers.
- Geotechnical and engineering studies would be required, perhaps \$100K+ Is this really worth the investment or not? Probably too much money required.

- DoS indicated that this project could be a capital project by the District at some year in the future but not in the next couple of years.
- Steel or aluminum stairs would be recommended due to maintenance.
- Jim shared that he spent quite a bit of time trying to make this improvement go ahead several years ago, and ran into issues of opposition from immediate neighbours (access to back yards etc.). Also expensive.
- Heather to meet quietly with trail builder / designer to get more information on a research basis.

8. Treasurers Report - Bob

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New Business

Membership - push to go after 'unpaid' people on our list

- we could address this at next meeting

Increasing Walkability - Doug /Larry Murray (if he would like to join us) - discussion & next steps (no pun intended)

- this may be an area for future work and consideration, information.

Upper Mamquam Blind Channel Study Feb 23rd Open House

- submitting a presentation is recommended
- 2 reference docs attached to the email previously circulated - from 2009 and 2008 respectively

Confirmed that we are going to pursue finish line bbq for Test of Metal June 16/12.

April 19, 2012 Squamish Trails Society meeting

In Attendance

Carl Halvorson, Doug Morrison, Matt Parker, Don Lawrence, Patrick, Candy Rustad, Vic Drought, Stephan Perran, Bob Brant, Jennifer Adams, Patsy Riecker

Discussion Items

Gondola

In November STS supported the Sea to Sky Gondola project. Discussion ensued to re-affirm STS's support of this proposed project. A letter of support to be mailed to SLRD planner.

Run of River/Skookum Power Project

The agreement has been signed off with STS, SORCA and STBA. They have agreed to a no net loss to trails affected by the power lines going in.

Rivendale

Thanks to Heather and Stephan the letter was organized to go the District.

Concerns were raised about dyke access and pedestrian interface. The District responded with thanks for our input.

District of Squamish

Don and Bob had a meeting with the District people who we will be dealing with in regards to trails within the District.

Membership survey is in the works.

Cottonwood Park

Cooperative work concept with the District was discussed. The arrangement is once the plan has been approved by the District, we would provide the contractor for the bobcat and the work party to supply the labour. The District would provide the materials.

Kingsood Connector

Kingswood connector to the overpass got a no go ahead from the District. They are very concerned about liabilities with CN Rail. This may take some time to resolve but they will look into some solutions.

Ray Peters Trail

Ray Peters trail stretch from the water tower to the highway and the Discovery Trail bridge repair was discussed with the District, but may have to wait until next year's budget as well. But we will continue to pursue these projects to work in cooperation with the District.

DOS

The next Core Services meeting is scheduled for April 25.

Summer Student project is going forward as a joint initiative between STS, Sorca and SDBA. It is funded with \$40,000 from the District, plus possibly a Federal grant. This would allow for one supervisor and up to 4 trail workers to take on trail maintenance for the 3 groups. STS priority would be to deal with maintenance on Ray Peters trail (as discussed above). There may be others but this would be a good starting point.

Test of Metal Food

Test Of Metal is having a few roadblocks. The Campfire Grill is unable to provide the food this year. Suggestion was made to serve bbq burgers, a bag of chips, and cut veges.

Treasurer's Report

\$7832.85 is the balance of the chequing account. All of the year end tax paperwork was just dropped off to Our bookkeeper.

AGM

The directors have agreed to stand again.

Stephan offered to take on VP.

Heather has agreed to stay on as secretary, but would give the position up if someone was interested.

Jennifer Adams is giving up the role of treasurer, but will continue until another person comes forward.

Bob Brant will continue in his present role as president.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

May 17, 2012
Squamish Trails Society Meeting

Attendees:

Jennifer Adams, Bob Brant, Heather Evans, Penny Wilmot, Don MacNamara, Vic Drought, Patrick,

Meeting Notes:

Test of Metal

- Update on volunteer sign-up for TOM
- Grimms is confirmed, coffee is confirmed, Grimms BBQ confirmed, warming oven and 6 ft bbq requested
- Menu – burgers, coleslaw, chips, wieners dogs with grilled onions and cheese. We'll order 1000 burgers – 850 are contracted to Test of Metal racers. Veg burger option.
- Friday set up is 3:30pm, and need pick up trucks as per usual
- Doug and Patrick can pick up the stairs at Jen's son's yard

Summer Student Program

- We were turned down for the student grant application from the Federal government. We should be getting \$40K from the District still. Candidates have been interviewed. We'll have a supervisor (Easton Smith, a Quest student) and 2 workers.
- 60% goes to SORCA, 20% to SDBA and 20% to STS.

District of Squamish Cores Services Review

- DoS is developing an inventory and implementation plan for they will maintaining trails within the District. Meanwhile we have our brushback brigade projects etc.
- Bob has been liaising with Scott Lamont, DoS.
- DoS is concerned with liability

BrushBack Brigade

- Vic will keep track of brushback brigade work and may also start documenting with photographs (before and after) and will keep DoS in the loop. DoS can help us with gas for the brushback brigade, and may help with transport of machinery etc.
- Priorities for this year are being developed – suggestions including Ray Peters Trail, spawning channels at golf course, Dryden Road trails in Brackendale, possibly Valleycliffe Trails as well (check?)
- Kingswood Crossing – DoS inquiring about how RMOW deals with rail crossings.
- Brushback will likely be on Tues afternoons. Perhaps some special weekend days as well.

Possible Trail Upgrade Projects

- Ray Peters Trail from BC Hydro and eastward (across from the dump) needs some attention, and another part of the Ray Peters Trail as well along Ross Road between the church and high school (building up the trail bed). We could ask Titans if they might have some funds, also could talk with Triathlon re maintenance priorities. Could put out a tender request to contractors.
- Heather is still working on investigating the Ayr Drive trail as a longer term project.
- Discovery Trail bridge near the high school is another project we need to continue to work on.
- We can follow up with Carl next time about the Estuary trails. Perhaps STS could correspond with the Squamish Estuary Management Group to find out what is the procedure for maintaining the trails in that area.
- Oceanfront trail is eroding, need some donated machine time ... this will happen through the District.

Whistler Blackcomb Foundation Grant App Opportunity

- This could be a great opportunity for resurfacing of the spawning channel trails.
- However it is on crown land and DFO area. Need to get quotes to do the work. And a bunch of other stuff to put together the application.
- Bob has a community volunteer in mind who could perhaps put together the application on behalf of the STS.
- We need to get some advice on environmental regs.

Correspondence from Culliton Creek Power Project

- We were invited to a meeting with a new power project applicant. Bob will mention that they need to talk with Gordon McKeever Sea to Sky Trail.
- We should tie our response for this and future projects based on the Skookum Power project performance.

Treasurers Report

- Jennifer is submitting the Society Annual Report and Directors for the upcoming year.

Proposal from Inside Edge – 2012

- Squamish Trails Society has been interested to be part of their group's project involving multiple organizations – GIS, mapping, coordinating meetings and activities and directions of groups, etc.
- Heather and Doug can scope out the opportunity and keep STS in the loop via email. Doug thinks that perhaps this could be a long-term and sustained project, and keep Dan from DoS involved and leading.

Squamish Trails Society Meeting Sept 20, 2012

Attending: Vic Dought, Don Lawrence, Bob Brant, Jen Adams, Matt Parker, Patsy Reicker, Doug Morrison, Stephane Perron

Guest: Frank DeGagne from Min of Forest

Discussed the project for Jack Quick Grove marking the 100th anniversary of the Forest Service. Huge area by the airport was designated as the Squamish Forest area a long time ago. It was Jack Quick who spearheaded replanting the area, but the area has since suffered from a lot of root rot and many trees came down. They are investigating the area for a spot to put a trail leading to a cairn to recognize Jack Quick for the work he did and also a separate cairn for WW II war veterans. The Cairn Trails would come off the Ray Peters Trail. STS may help facilitate the building of the trail to the cairn. A date for site meeting to be determined.

Guest: John Harvey

Trail Project at Smoke Bluffs Park to improve the bike access trail from the parking lot. Presently the trail is steep and rocky, but the bikers are required to use it. He is looking for some funding to help with the cost of culverts and material required. We agreed to donate \$2,500 on an as need basis.

Fall Fair

Penny Wilmot and Nan Tandrup manned the booth with our new banner sign. The attracted 3 new members, 6 renewals and 4 donations.

The Squamish Culture and Heritage Festival

It will be held at Quest University and co-sponsored with the Squamish Historical Society. Doug Morrison is looking for people to help at our table on Nov 23 and 24.

Kingswood connector

Thanks to District of Squamish for getting access agreement with CN Rail. And thanks to Vic for helping with the trail access.

Cottonwood Park Upgrade

The work is to be done this Fall. STS will provide volunteers to work with the District on the trail portion.

Discovery Trail Bridge

The bridge has to be engineered and is being worked on by District of Squamish. DOS will provide the lumber. Suggestion was made to have the high school kids

cut the lumber and STS would help with the installation

Min of Hwys - intersection at Industrial Way

This intersection is poorly done and the accessibility to the islands is difficult. Hwys will be looking at adjustments to make them more accessible.

Ray Peters upgrade by Don Ross

Upgrade to the trail to proceed as a project this year.

Bob and Heather met with Kerry Brown from Inside Edge technical group.

They want input for a GPS trail mapping project which will go online. We are in support of the project.

Maintenance

Doug Morrison suggested that we purchase a Stihl 170 Chainsaw for \$230 for use in trail maintenance. Don and Vic felt we have access to people with saws and there may not be a need at this time.

Treasurer report

We have \$9,850.59 in the working fund.

October 18, 2012
Squamish Trails Society Meeting

Attendees:

Bob Brant, Heather Evans, Paul Russell, Doug Morrison, Astrid Andersen, John Harvey, Patrick MacNamara, Barb Elliott, Eric Andersen, Vic Drought, Carl Halvorson, Stephane Perron, Gagandeep Ghumann, Guest John Moonen.

Meeting Notes:

Guest - John Moonen - Kingswood Developments - update on their project with information relating to trails

- Submitting a rezoning application in early Feb 2011, on hold while DoS completed Upper Mamquam Blind Channel study. The owner / developer is now trying to match the study with Kingswood's plans & is trying to see if it makes sense to do the development. Kingswood is also asking how 'binding' the study is.
- Kingswood wants to do a waterfront walkway from Scott Road and Hwy 99, including the Carney and DeCook properties, which are part of the development application.
- Connection to the Hunter Trail / Toboggan trail is also planned. They do not own the property, but whatever the DoS decides to do on the Hunter property the developer will link up to it.
- Also looking at contributing to a pedestrian bridge that connects Hunter trail to Rose Park and then through to downtown.
- Looking at a walkway to go underneath the Hwy 99 bridge which spans the Mamquam Blind Channel. There are some issues with MoT permission, also with cyclist height at high tide.
- Beckhams are interested in granting access across their property along the waterfront to continue the trail as well.
- Northward along the channel is land owned by the estate of Drenka and the Crown; uncertain future and developer has no control over it.
- Public amenities – looking at a community meeting room for various groups (kitchen, storage, meeting space, etc.) and are hoping to find a group that is willing to administer that space, 1200-1500 sq ft, 40-60ppl capacity.
- Question: Will there be a deceleration and turning lane to go right into the property? Answer: Yes there will be a deceleration lane. Follow up question: how will the deceleration lane interact with the Corridor Trail – will it go over top of the Corridor Trail? Answer: The Corridor Trail will be rerouted and accommodated on the property; working on plans now. Also working on crossing plan.
- Question: Design of the pathway under the Mamquam Blind Channel bridge on south side? A: They are looking at hanging, floating, or cantilever off the rock.
- Question: What about safety issues with walking underneath the bridge; will lead to mischievous and unsafe behaviour (including the rail bridge) when

people cross to west side of the highway that does not currently 'go anywhere' now. Maybe this is more of a med to long term need. Maybe the DoS has shorter term needs that were identified in the Multi Modal Transportation Plan. This is something for the DoS to work on. Comment: The waterfront landing plan includes plans for continued connection.

- Question: The DoS and/or collective groups need to come together to figure out how to make it work for the meeting space operation.
- Question / comment: Ueli Leitchi (contractor in the community) has proposed some routing and connections in the Behrner area that makes sense for moving vehicular traffic. Answer: The Developer does not own the property. Also, there could/would be concerns with trail loss if it was to come to pass.
- Question: A group of hospital hill residents came together and were really concerned about traffic routing, and would be concerned about the Ueli Letchi plans. What are the traffic plans and projections? Answer: Meeting with Planning tomorrow to talk about the number of units which drives traffic. Developer would be contributing to the improvement of Clark Drive and Hwy 99. Questions were raised about the major changes at Clarke Drive if the 2nd crossing of Mamquam Blind Channel is pursued in the future.
- John Harvey has done some work on the Hunter Trail (trails etc.) and installed some stairs. Need a meandering trail to replace the current trail, so that many different types of people could go up and down. John Harvey sent design plans (priced at \$10-\$30K) to the District a few times. Perhaps there is the expectation that Developer would fund trail development.
- Suggestion: field visit with Developer, Valleycliffe and Hospital Hill residents, and DoS to the site for discussion and solutions, and common communication.
- There are lots of names for the trail – Hunter Trail, School Trail, Toboggan Trail.
- In addition to agreements with the DoS through rezoning etc., Squamish Trails Society could look at partnering with Kingswood on trails projects in the area.
- The recent Valleycliffe Trail improvements that were done in the last year or so are great – Kudos!
- Need to be very mindful of bike and pedestrian accommodation on a 2-way Scott Road when creating the designs. Either separate sidewalk or bike plans, or possibly a combined ped/bike lane.

Updates

- Bailey Street is a road in disrepair (large potholes) etc. and it should be maintained; this is a complaint that should be addressed to the District. It is an important access to recreation amenities. Question about whether STS would be considered a stakeholder in a request for improved condition of the road – Eric Anderson will follow up in writing.
- The Starvation Lake trail area has a dangerous surface

Jack Quick Memorial Grove - Don, Vic

- Vic, Patrick, Don and Patrick were out in this area working on gravelling. Doug Horth did a lot of work as well and needs to be officially thanked! And the DoS compacted the trail.
- We used ¾ inch crush.

Cottonwood Park & Judd Road - Stephane

- There are 2 connectors – south connector has been laid and the design will likely solve drainage problem. North connector will go in when the playground is installed, and the DoS will ask for volunteers to come and help as a symbolic neighbourhood ownership / neighbourhood building work party. Suggestion to tamp the trail with a crown.
- Judd Road improvements: Did a site visit with STS and BOATA, and it seemed there would be an opportunity to improve Judd Road for pedestrians when the road was upgraded. But since the site visit there has been no promising communication or confirmation from Engineering. Thanks for the excellent persistence Stephane!

Smoke Bluffs Park – Trail from parking lot upgrade – Bob, Matt

- John Harvey oversaw the machine work on this project (volunteer). There is a downhill bike trail, and an uphill road for bike/walk/run etc. Thanks to John for spearheading this important initiative!
- STS can cut a check for donated material and work.
- Smoke Bluffs Park is going to do a longer term budget request to the District
- Smoke Bluffs Park Ctee would like to create another separate bike route
- Huge thanks to John!

STS received correspondence from the Spartan Race who are making a donation for their race that was in Smoke Bluffs Park. STS will in turn donate

Wesbild /Garibaldi Village – Bob

- Wesbild has sold property to Standard Life, with Colliers as the agent. Bob has been in touch with them.
- Eric raised 'east-west connectivity' in this area as an issue that is of concern particularly to the Mamquam Elementary School. STS raised this issue during the development process. It seems that what was built may not be working as well as it needs to be. There are likely multiple east-west connectivity issues – Brackendale etc. that involve humans as well as wildlife safety.

Quest/Squamish Historical Society - Doug / Penny

- Quest Historical Society event is happening (environment, trails, streamkeepers) on Nov 23-24

- Penny will attend and help out, also Patrick/Judy were asked to help out.

SORCA Funding to build a trail from Edith Lake down to Alice Lake/Jacks Trail was approved – great news!

New Discussions:

For information item – HikeBC

- Information circulated for information.

Wooden steps - Need a storage home!

New overpass bridge from Stawamus to Valley Drive / Westway - partly paved as well. We need to remind Council and prov/fed government that this does not alleviate east-west connectivity issues in Squamish. A statement that to the contrary would be 'farcical' according one STS member.

Parks and Recreation Plan - meeting next week on Wed Oct 24th.

Improvement for Ayr to Skyline Place, and down to Coho Park. Heather is going to visit with Chris McCrum for a very preliminary walk and talk.

Adjourned at 8:55pm.

November 15, 2012 ~ Squamish Trails Society Meeting

Attendees: Bob Brant, Chris Pettingill, Carl Halvorson, Vic Drought, Doug Morrison, Stephane Perron, Heather Evans

Guests re development application called “Garibaldi Corner” (Garibaldi Way @ Hwy 99)
Michelle Charlton, Proponent for Tim Hortons/CIBC Development Site
John Granger - Proponent’s Engineer, Binnie ... Property @ North West Corner of Hwy 99 and Garibaldi Way,

Tim Hortons/CIBC – ‘Garibaldi Corner’ discussion of bike lane implications and general

- Proponent introduced the project proposal for rezoning and Development Permit. They are hoping to get approval and pre-load in January 2013.
- Bunt and Associates did a traffic study (Sarah). There will be a right in and right out at Garibaldi Way.
- What is the traffic volume, and 5-10-15-year volumes superimposed on the population growth for the community. Morning peak is the biggest. Based on plans that the other Tim Hortons will close; this is not the case.
- Discussion about the right hand turn from Garibaldi Way onto Government Road northbound.... would a merge lane going northbound so that drivers can merge.
- Question can there be a new light installed in several years? A: yes there is sufficient space etc. and it could be done if needed, and the lane condition is compatible. In 15 years projection / study a signal is not warranted but this could depend on redevelopment to the south of Garibaldi Way.
- Offsite requirements are: higher level of service intersection, accommodating bike lanes,
- The highway signal at Hwy 99 and Garibaldi is strongly favoured to northbound traffic, and the left hand (west) turn lane will really stack up.

Bike and Pedestrian discussion:

- 1.5metres bike lane south of Govt Road, located on inside of the hydro pole, with concrete no post barriers. Could do a separate stop sign for bikes.
- ‘Pork chop’ island is at grade to accommodate wheelchairs etc.
- Need more signage on the west exit, a ‘yield to cyclists’ sign upon exiting the property.
- Discussion about the potential for collision between a cyclist with pedestrian standing on the island. Need to sign and design appropriately.
- Preference for zebra crossings rather than double white line. Also rumble strips to make the drivers pay attention to ped/bike.
- DoS doesn’t like coloured paint for cycle lanes due to maintenance.
- Concern about southbound cyclists on Government road who want to turn left on Garibaldi Way.
- For safety, keep landscaping low at the vehicle entrances and exits
- Could we add some rumble strips on the road, anything, to let people know that there are peds and cyclists and vehicles need to be slow.
- Yield to cyclist signs strategically placed. Need to be careful of too much signage though as well.
- There have been some improvements for on-site pedestrian entries and connections.
- Suggestion for dashed cycle lanes across the throat of the entrance/exit on government road.
- Suggestion for raised crosswalks at the entry / exit on Garibaldi Way, also at the corner of Garibaldi Way and Government Road.
- Visual welcoming of bicycles at the Garibaldi Way and Government Road, near to the “pork chop island”.
- Concern about illegal vehicle turning movements on Garibaldi Way and the entrance. It’s problematic that the Husky Station owners have a grandfathered permission to have vehicles turn left into their site from Garibaldi Way.
- Also need signs on site to direct vehicles who are leaving the drive-through toward the

Government Road exit, to avoid people going to the Garibaldi Way entry/entrance that does not allow them to exit at that location.

- Need to include significant area and street lighting at the intersection.

Information Requests to Proponent from STS

- Request for Tim Hortons presentation information.
- Also request for Bunt traffic study.

Process re Tim Hortons' project

Agreement to consolidate our comments on the PDF engineering drawing, and then send it back to the proponent. Also verify to Planning / Engineering staff that the Developer did consult with us. Thanks to Stephane for arranging this productive review and discussion.

Updates:

Discovery Trail Bridge (near High School) - Bob/Don/Vic

- Vic, Don and Bob met with Scott. DoS has an engineering plan. They need some big timbers for the main structure, and they found some concrete spans in storage yard. STS is using its leverage to purchase deck and railings, and Howe Sound School shop class will cut. Lock blocks on either side of the watercourse. This bridge will be level to get past the lower area. Estimated completion by end of 2012.

Cottonwood Park - Stephane

- Nov 24 gravelling party is coming up. BOATA is really interested in this project, great neighbourhood to Stephane's invitation for a neighbourhood work party.

Judd Road/Rivendale - Stephane

- DOS is planning to add a bit of pavement for a ped/bike lane in this area, as per previous discussions and Stephane's dedicated followup!

Ray Peters - Ross Road parallel upgrade - Bob

- Have not yet requested bids, 2013 project.

Historical Society Trade Fair presence - Penny/Doug

- Doug is requesting help on Sat Nov 24.
- Penny needs to pick up a vertical banner.
- Set up before 9. Table needs to be hosted 9-4. A few of the members in attendance said they could drop by and help out with manning the table.

New Business

- Whistler Blackcomb Foundation came thru with the \$10K for SORCA project to build trail from Alice Lake to Edith Lake. Great news.

User Group Grant-in-Aid application

- The grant is for \$40K plus \$20K for kiosks.

Adjourn at 9:07pm