

STS January Meeting

**Thursday January 17, 2013
Squamish Trails Society Minutes**

Brian Moorehead - Squamish Access Society - proposed new trail in Murrin Park/Browning Lake

- Discussion about a new trail around Murrin Lake area. This is exciting for climbers' access, as well as a 1 km trail for walking and hiking.
- Murrin Park has about 35,000 visitors per year
- Squamish Access Society is in partnership with Cap University, also involved are BC Parks (Kate Chambers), Forestry (Alistair) First Nation, etc
- Trail is to be open this summer (2013)

Linda Godin – Field Support Manager, Telus - community trail funding offer

- Telus gives out \$25,000 in grants per year. Telus is installing fibre technology in Squamish and they are doing a Good TV program for 6 months – for every new customer Telus will contribute \$25 per customer, to a maximum of \$30,000.
- Also Telus does a day of service / giving, and would propose to do a trail work day in Squamish with employees and families, likely in summer season.
- Asks from Telus, and questions:
 - (1) Is there a particular trail that STS would want to target / associate the funding?
 - (2) Are there STS partners / storefronts that Telus could partner with, events, etc. Telus storefronts will have signage indicating that this program is on in February to September (could be beginning or end of the month).
 - Suggestion to put the information on STS website
 - Suggestion to include the cross marketing at the Test of Metal if STS is the supplier of food to racers and public
 - Telus will feed information back to STS on the progress.
 - Whistler Adaptive Sports plugged the program at all their events and programs, signage at their new building
- Linda also advised about a Telus grant program (max \$5000) contributing funds, must cover one or more pillars: sports, arts, culture, and technology. \$25000 in sea to sky and sunshine coast. Board meets quarterly. The program runs all year. Apply now if you want to get a cheque in September. Could be a good tie-in to get signage for the trail for fundraised trail.

Edith Tobe - Watershed Society - trail remediation proposal for east side of Oceanfront Trail

- There has been lots of erosion on the Mamquam Blind Channel side of the oceanfront trail.
- Edith contacted Heather Dunham and asked about Squamish River Watershed society to do some shoreline restoration along a 300m stretch (inlet area) to use bioengineering techniques ("GreenShores") – native vegetation to protect the area from erosion and protect from tidal forces, also it is fish habitat friendly. It will be done in such a way that access to the ocean is not prohibited.

- Squamish River Watershed society submitted a proposal, and there is soft approval for this project from the Board subject to the design.
- Next step is for detailed design, to be completed by Squamish River Watershed Society. SRWS wants to use volunteer participation / labour to do the plantings to get buy-in and education about the purpose and natural process at play. Likely some work parties around key dates in spring and summer (low tides and good exposure due to activity on the oceanfront).
- Suggestion to contribute STS work parties.
- Also this could be a good project to have Telus involved in, to help promote and build buy-in.
- Squamish River Watershed Society would like to get STS letter of support for the project by February 15, 2013.

Christine Moore, Pria Giri, Kimberley Armour - DoS - Be Bright At Night

- There is interest in the STS campaign/slogan 'be bright at night' and some funds to make reflective armbands. Mountain FM is on board and will be promoting that residents dress to be visible and bright at night.
- Suggestion – handing out armbands to people who can't afford to buy them
- The arm bands (1000 arm bands, 500 stickers) available at Brennan Park, muni hall, seniors centre, bean brackendale, school distribution. RCMP school liaison was suggested. Also looking at LED promotional gear in the future as well, and the armband alone is not a solution – it is just a conversation starter.
- Need to work more on this in the summer so that we are ready to go in the Fall 2013. Need to involve District, non-profit, retail, etc. Doug suggested a photo contest. Doug did a bit of research about securing the slogan as it does not seem to be too popular – could it be copyrighted to trademarked and benefit the municipality? Can link with the motor vehicle act re the requirement for rear and front lights, and adding the bright clothing.
- Loss of night vision among older people is an issue, and it would be great to be able to communicate to younger people who are not aware of how invisible they are to people with night vision.
- Suggestion for a 'be bright at night' page, to show pictures and information about how and where to buy reflective clothing and gadgets. This could be a great idea for the council photo shoot.

Updates

- Kimberly Armour (DoS) attending re campaign about avoidance of cycle lane blockage. DoS will be warning people about noncompliance, and then a bylaw ticketing phase will begin.
 - If members of the community observe compliance issues re cycle lanes outside of businesses, they are encouraged to talk with bylaw about it because it's bylaw staff's job to engage the business owners.
- Garibaldi Corners (Tim Hortons and CIBC) - update from correspondence to Jenni Chancey - Kimberly Armour (DoS) attending. Follow up issues include:
 - Confluence of activity at right hand turn from Garibaldi Way onto Government Road (north-east corner). STS suggested rumble strips, but this is not a typical engineering solution. STS should reply that this is not a 'typical' engineering situation and it calls for special treatment and alert to drivers (lights?)

- Safety risks from traffic stacking, adding drive thru traffic. Response: the traffic study has taken all the traffic volumes into account and the traffic study was accepted by DoS. Key point: STS is encouraged to connect with the developer re traffic study figures and then if there are concerns connect with Council.
- The Developer and DoS are meeting about this next Tuesday
- Raised traffic calming similar to entrance to Garibaldi Village is strongly supported and is being considered at meeting on Tues 22 Jan.
- Pork chop island is raised as requested.
- Bike lanes are marked. Suggestion about directing bikes through the intersection to visually connect the bike lanes.
- Have buses been considered in the traffic study.
- Seems that there has not been discussion with the Mamquam School PAC etc.

Kimberley is bringing back these questions / comments:

1. Extended 'nose'
2. How does the bike lane connect
3. Have greyhound buses been considered
4. Has Mamquam School and PAC been included in the traffic study.

Kimberley will also tell the developer that STS wants to see the traffic plan, and will remind them that they committed to bring the plans back to the STS for review prior to approval.

- Discovery Trail Bridge - Bob
Bob talked to Scott Lamont. This project is still happening.

- Garibaldi Village - Bob
We are still in correspondence with Standard Life and Wesbild.

Kudos to the District for the cleaning and salting of the Corridor Trail this winter – this should be reinforced through letter to Council and daffodils (Graham).

Discussion / New Business

Trail project for Telus funding offer. Ideas for consideration:

- Waterfront trail along the Mamquam Blind Channel, to link with the oceanfront. Next step – Bob will check with Ted Prior about what is needed to move it forward, and what could we do with ~\$30K
- Salmon loop.
- Resurfacing project: Dyke at eagle watch area from the ramp to the Petrocan, and/or the golf course spawning channel trails.
- New trail connection – SPCA dog pound, linking under the old bridge to Mashiter Creek

South Loop Trail in the Estuary.

- SEMP will be making a decision about the trail, re compliance with the estuary management plan
- There have been some issues with trees in the estuary being cut down to build an unauthorized bridge.

Meeting adjourned 9:56pm.

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SORCA Update from Don Petrocco and Ted Tempany

SORCA has been working with Ted Tempany and Dream Wizards (Ted's company) since 2009 when SORCA got funds through the Feds and Province. The Half Nelson trail was a budget for \$50K. Ted and his crew built this trail above and beyond. Ted is now working on the new climbing trail off Diamond Head Rd, above Quest U parking lot up to Ring Creek FSR (a \$20K contract). The next section will be from Ring Creek FSR up to the top of Half Nelson. About 5-6KM of trail is built already as they have been building through the winter.

Ted is looking at building a trail to connect the top of the grizzly bear trail and up to the Ring Creek Forest Service Road. This would be 2 weeks of work. Ted could provide an estimate of time and labour and materials. There will be 5-6 small bridges involved. STS can provide a tax receipt (which is about 17% of value) to Ted Tempany's company. This would be based on a trail construction value of \$10,000 - \$14,000. This trail is approved by the provincial government. SORCA will also be getting some compensation dollars for a nearby cutblock, which is a good precedent.

SORCA is keen to work with STS on upcoming projects. SORCA is working with DOS on applications for summer jobs program for students, and it is important that the funds be released in the university students' summer timeline. Councillor Ted Prior was in attendance and suggested that the involved organizations send letters to Mayor, Council and CAO to remind them of this as they are dealing with the budget next week.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The draft Parks and Rec Master Plan is available in its final draft form. Any things that groups / individuals can't live with need to be identified as soon as possible as the next time it comes to Council it will be to consider approval.

Be Bright at Night

Bob is continuing to work with DoS (Christina) on messaging to encourage people to be visible and avoid accidents with vehicles etc. We need to keep it rolling, not just single-hit message. And need to involve stakeholders that are key to getting the message out and change behaviour, especially be ready next fall and winter when there is a lot of darkness.

Suggestion from Matt to get the high school and elementary school students to enter into a design contest, and offer prizes.

A suggestion from Ted Prior is to get vehicle drivers involved with bumper stickers available, and signage on District vehicles. Suggestion that STS bring this forward.

Another follow up item was that the slogan could be referred to DoS legal services since there does not seem to be any proprietary rights to the slogan yet. Doug will email Ted about this item.

Could get the home economics or fashion design class to do a fashionable design. A concept of “this is what you think you look like” versus “what you look like” (i.e. invisible) could be effectively done through media.

Telus Fundraiser Trail

Telus optic cable is being delivered in Squamish, and Telus approached STS to be a beneficiary of up to \$30K when new customers sign up. STS decided to resurface the golf course trails – next to the river, additional spawning trail, and trail by the highway, and the road by the golf course. We need to scale the priority of the various areas according to the funds we actually receive from Telus.

Garibaldi Corners – CIBC and Tim Hortons at Garibaldi Way

We have been advocating for recommendations for pedestrian and cycling safety re this development. Several of our recommendations have been addressed. DoS has asked DOS to reach out to the School, and DOS turned this back to STS to do. Bob has contacted the principal of Mamquam Elementary School.

DoS does not seem to be accepting of our idea of rumble strips on the public street – crossing north-south at Garibaldi Way. Idea was raised for a raised crosswalk.

Garibaldi Village

Bob is still trying to communicate with the new owner and get resolution to our contract with previous owner.

Squamish Dyke access near the Spit

Operations is very willing to fix the trails in this area. Whomever wants to spearhead from STS and work with Scott Lamont to make it happen.

Stephane and Bob have done an inventory of intersects of trail and dykes. Found access issues at Whittaker Slough near the Dyke (near Railway Heritage Park), and at Maple Crescent onto the Squamish River dyke in Brackendale. We need to also consider the access from the dyke to the river in various high priority areas (e.g. near watershed grill)). Can also bring a list of these forward to the District of Squamish, Fisheries and Oceans, get a design and cost estimate – i.e a game plan to move forward.

Treasurers Report

We have about \$7000 in the report – ballpark figure.

Telus Day of Giving

The day of giving usually in May, involving around 20 Telus employees to do 4-5 hours of trail work. Could get the crew, and match it with a Trails Society work

party. A suggestion is to do some prep work in spots where it is needed including getting the organics out of the holes. Could invite Mayor and Council to come out as well to help Telus to make this a recognized effort.

Carl touched base with DFO (Don Hansen) and we have email acknowledging the Telus trail upgrade (broader project). We also got acknowledgement from the golf course, District of Squamish, and the Crown for the proposed work to upgrade the surface (not widen).

Alternative projects could be estuary trails, or SORCA trails.

Telus Fundraiser Grant

Our contact with Telus has encouraged us to apply for the grant up to \$20,000. DFO was encouraging that we should install signage in the spawning channel area, so perhaps we could make this the focus of our grant application.

Downtown Waterfront Trail – Estuary Section

There has been a discussion about a connection boardwalk from Seniors Centre along the sewage outfall to the WestBarr area. There are some private land ownership issues, and some of the land is owned by Nature's Trust. This would keep people out of the sensitive estuary area. Nature's Trust is coming for a meeting on March 4th 12:30 at Tim Hortons and it would be great to have an STS member participate in the meeting (Heather, Stephane) This would be a connection with a bigger project in downtown waterfront trail. STS would work with DOS on Fisheries issues, and it would need to be an interpretive trail.

WorkPlan for the Telus Fundraiser Trail Project

Create a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the golf course trail project.

Materials and specifically trucking will be the most expensive.

Matt can help with RFP process and channeling it to the right contractors to respond.

We also need to work on PR - linking new Telus Optik customers to volunteer to be an honorary member of the Trails Society.

We need to confirm with Scott Lamont that there are no plans to redo the dyke in the area – Bob to email Bob Smith and ask.

Test of Metal BBQ

The finish area for TOM is back at Logger Sports. Test of Metals wants STS as the food provider to work out of the Rotary hut. We need a new food plan because this facility is quite different than previous cook hut at the campground.

Adjourn at 9:23 pm.

Trails Society Meeting - March 21, 2013

Guest John Moonen – Kingswood

Trails Society Members in attendance: Rebecca from Squamish Chief, Carl, Doug, Penny, Patsy, Candy, Astrid, Meg, Gagandeep, Matt, Bob, Heather, Don

Summary of changes since the previous Kingswood proposal:

- Reduced retail, eliminated the climbing centre, climbing wall.
- Kingswood hopes to go to council in the next month or so.
- Additions are trails and pedestrian bridge contributions
- Perry Beckham have agreed to a trail right of way, \$contribution for bridge over to the spit, canoe and kayak launch, contribution to the hunter stairs (connect to toboggan and pipeline)
- 1.3 to 1.5 FAR is in the Mamquam Blind Channel study. The proposed FAR is 1.06 FAR. There will be 380-420 units.

Questions and comments

Q: What about the status of logging road route concept that was put forward by Uli Liechti? A: Kingswood heard that the community did not want to lose the trails. Now the District owns the property and Kingswood understands that District want to keep it for community open space.

Q: How would Scott Cr be improved by Kingswood?

A: Objective is 2 way road with a two-way 3m bike/ped path on the “hill” side.

Q: Corridor Trail will be a safety concern turning right in to the development from the highway. A: There would be a crossing with a refuge island.

Q: Will Kingswood build a deceleration and acceleration lane? A: Yes, Kingswood will pay and build.

Q: Did you work out access with the Beckhams? A: Yes they will provide access along the waterfront. Will also provide driveway access.

Q: Will there be expropriation for the Corridor Trail? A: The land will be Kingswood’s that is used for the corridor trail.

Q: What is Kingswood’s involvement with a pedestrian underpass, under the Mamquam Blind Channel Bridge? A: Kingswood was scoped it out and will contribute so that DoS can build when they want.

Q: Clarke Drive improvements? A: There will be 2 lanes going south and one lane to go north. Kingswood would contribute to the project and DOS/MOT would build it.

Q: Could you give a timeline for development in conjunction with trail funding and building? A: Assuming that rezoning occurs, the servicing agreement would involve all of the trail building funds. The staging would be as approved by DoS. Amenities are paid to the District on a phased basis, a multi year 6-8 year basis.

Q: How will the kayak launching work? Water level and environmental impact.
A: Some people have been advocating for dredging. Environmental approvals. Consideration about dogs scaring the birds etc. Would there be some wisdom for some separation between dogs and the waterfront wildlife – could look for solutions.

Q: Waterfront trail? Waterfront form due to environmental regulations, 3m wide with grass on either side.

Comment: STS should work with DOS on securing the trails amenities and agreements.

Comment: Need really secure bike and gear storage so that people actually use it.

Q: Concern about the danger of the existing trail on the Hunter Property. A: This would be up to the District of Squamish. An engineering drawing exists.

John Moonen read out the proposed amenity contributions (to be circulated by email):

- Trails 50,000
- Bridge to Rose Park 100,000
- Underpass under Mamquam Blind Channel: 50,000
- Community meeting facility: 375,000
- Wft park: 140,000 exclusive of land
- Public art at gateway: \$50,000
- Other: 75,000
- Other ped and bike trails: 175,000

Total: \$915,000

Concern: Concern about light pollution due to bird migration issues. It is about light design directing the light downward.

Telus Fundraiser Project Update

- STS will be sending a proposal to contractors to provide a staged approach to address the areas of greatest need particularly in the dyke area.
- Matt has drafted the RFP and it needs some further work and mapping.

- We may want to get work done on upgrading of the spawning channel trails during the Telus Day of Giving on May 25. STS will need to secure crush and organize work party. Need to compact – OK to borrow Ted's. So be it noted that this will be called the Dipper Trail. Need to consider machines and time of year re nesting etc. Would be nice to leave the vegetation along the sides of the trail.
- Could consider making the trail narrower and this would enable to complete a longer distance of trail with the dollars available.
- Bob sent out press releases and has received some attention but not lots.
- Heather to work on a poster based on the existing Telus poster.
- Telus is working on some proposed text for the STS webpage.

Test of Metal – June 15, 2013

- Finish area is at Logger Sports Ground and we will use the Rotary Hut.
- Proposal is for Mac and Cheese, Farmers Sausage, and Coleslaw.
- Potential problem is that the Rotary Hut is away from the infield where all the people will be. We will need to ensure that we have good promotion. Or we could do mobile hot dog sales? Need to ensure that we have a good work flow and set up to be efficient.

Brush Back Brigade

- Don will ask Vic to run the BBB this season. We need a list of priority jobs for this season.

Call from Stuntwood Mike

Funds have been raised to install lights, by using the discovery trail for access. They will enter at Dentville end of the trail to access the skateboard trail and this will provide a greatly improved trail and better emergency access. We need to ensure that there will be gates or chicane to avoid motorbikes etc. Request to ensure that the lights at skateboard light do not shine upward, and will the lights stay on all night or ?.

Garibaldi Corners

Bob pursued correspondence re getting in touch with School District, so far no communication about this.

Sea to Sky Gondola

is moving ahead and we invited them to come as a guest to provide an update.

Dyke Trail

Stephane and Scott Lamont and Penny met, regarding dyke trail near the swan trail.

Treasurers Report

We have about \$8400.00 in the account

2013 Projects

Ross Road & Government, to the Church – Brackendale

Mamquam spawning trails

Discovery trail

Consider and bring forward ideas next meeting

Meg, Bob, Ted, Tom Bruusgard met regarding **Salmon Trail / Turtle Trail**.

Idea to make an application to Council to propose the vision for this trail.

Meg presented the map and the vision.

Would like to build a section along the Mamquam Blind Channel and the Natures Trust land as a DOS centenary project.

Seniors group (Creative Connections) was suggesting a rideabout on the salmon/turtle trail in a couple of months to identify ideas and continue to be involved. Also involvement of the walking clubs as well.

Exhibit the idea at upcoming venues and opportunities: April 13, 2013 Recreation Fair, 10-2; Brackendale, etc.

Adjourn at 9:15pm

STS Annual General Meeting

Thursday April 18, 2013
Squamish Trails Society Minutes

In attendance:

Bob Brant
Patsy
Patrick
Don
Vic
Carl
Doug Morrison
Ted
Meg
Gray
Ursula
Norm
Charles
Mike
John Hawkings
Doug Day
Matt Parker (7:38)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

John Hawkings Proposal - Coho

- Coho Park Naturalized Area trail in Garibaldi Estates, along the edge of the golf course and connects to Trestle Trail. Trail is used by families, dogs, etc. Trail was built in 2006 in conjunction with Garibaldi Springs Golf Course. Sees a lot of mountain bike traffic as a connector to single track trails (including some downhill trails). Not lots of maintenance, lots of muddy areas, ponding, mud erosion, needs resurfacing. Salmon habitat in Meighan Creek, low return of some species this year. Some people playing in the creek as well. We are getting more invasive species in the area as well, and we can expect more of it as development in the area increases.
- Want to get the trail resurfaced, also get the neighbourhood involved in doing the work. Also proposing some wing fencing at the bridge to keep people out of the stream, and some logs along the side of the trail and constrain the trail.
- John is looking for support that want to bring resources to the table – gravel, wood, native planting prescriptions, day-of volunteers.
- Park area is municipal land, golf course lands has a statutory right of way, small finger of property is owned by Wafler, and another property is on the Luckward (Townline) property. John will also be touching base with DFO
- Suggestion to add interpretive and directive signage, and information about invasive plant species.
- DoS could look at providing crush for about 393 metres. Also promoting to STS members. Tax receipts.
- Timing may be in May / June.

Update from Doug Day

- Doug Day is working with DOS to bring back most of the golf course land for park and trails in the public domain.

Telus Day of Giving and Golf Course Project

- For every new subscriber to Telus Optik TV, Telus will donate \$25 to STS. STS has selected resurfacing of the golf course trails and we are preparing RFP.
- Telus Day of Giving is May 25
- Need 96 cubic m for dipper trail – 1/3 mile, 4 inch depth (= 30 dump truck loads) ... \$4,000-\$5,000. Some discussions with Coast Aggregate already.
- Discussion and agreement about getting half of the material to work with on the Telus Day.
- Organization
 - Coordinate trucking material (Bob will keep on with this)
 - Getting wheelbarrows and rakes (Brushback to coor, and Matt to help, Heather could help on the Friday ... mail chain)
 - Others to be on site when material is arriving on site, working w Andy aDawson
 - Bob to continue to coordinate with Telus
 - Telus is hosting a bbq

We have been given space adjoining the Telus Ad in the Chief, to tag on with an add-on ad to present the Trail benefit. Bob has proposed going to the Chamber to tell them about the project, together with Telus. Approved expenditure of \$85. This will likely happen in May.

Matt has done a lot of work on the RFP for the work on the golf course trail.

- Recommendation from John about how you are going to evaluate the tender based on price (e.g. 70%) and then 30% for other criteria.
- Give bidders the specification for the quality and grade of the material
- If STS think we can get a better deal on the aggregate then maybe we want to source the material and just ask them to do the work.

Matt Wonderland Project Upgrade

- This trail needs some work that involves machines (e.g. \$3K)
- Matt will also be talking with SORCA about co-funding this work.
- This is a section 56 trail.

Be Bright at Night Campaign

- Meeting is proposed for May – Doug and Bob to attend. Mayor will send out invitation. Objective is to have a proactive campaign for the Fall.

Laughing Turtle Trail Proposal

- Idea is to create an iconic destination 10km trail that tells various stories (transportation, attractions, nature etc.)
- A group has been meeting about the Laughing Turtle project. This group is planning to present to Council, and to propose that the downtown portion could be built in 2014 in commemoration with the centenary of Squamish. i.e. Front-load the amenity to build the trail prior to development – ‘build it and they will come’.
- A further project being proposed is in the downtown area, building a boardwalk

- accessible trail.
- Meg would like to present this project at the summer markets, to get the word out and raise the profile of trails.

Test of Metal – STS feeds racers and spectators

- We will deal with opportunities and discussions via email.
- Different opportunities and challenges with new site and context this year, but need to figure out what is our capacity to expand.

Treasurers Report

- We have \$9000 in savings account.

Annual General Meeting

All of the current Directors are willing to stand for election in 2014.

Request for brevity and efficiency on the emails – keep emails to one topic and indicate in the subject line.

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In attendance:

Guest - Jayson Faulkner - STS Gondola

Jim

Stephane

Bob

Heather

Don

Doug

Jen

Patrick

Candy

Penny

Vic

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Sea to Sky Gondola office – alternate location to regular space due to access difficulties.

Guest - Jayson Faulkner - STS Gondola

- STS Gondola will build in 2 phases: base, and then the gondola. The gondola will start working in November. Thru the winter they will work on the lodge throughout the winter. Opening will be scheduled for May 2014. Trail work will happen this summer. Length of gondola is about 2km, 1000 ft higher than the Chief.
- The gondola is Doppelmayr, 8 person capacity, floor to ceiling windows. 7 minute ride. There will be 20 cars to start.
- Trails at the base – connector trail to Shannon Falls which connects to the existing trail, and maybe to the Chief (depending on which one BC Parks wants the siting to work) but not sure about the routing. These trails will be public. There may be an issue with parking capacity if people park there for “free” and use the trails. They need adequate parking space for gondola users.
- The lodge at the base is about 8000 sqft. There is a first nations spirit trail and programming on the trail. There is also a suspension bridge (120m long) that will be quite dramatic and scenic, part of the trail. Also there will be a panorama trail – 1.7km. Elevation is 890m. It feels like a subalpine environment – very open.
- The gondola trail will be like the sea to sky ‘grind’ trail. STS Gondola will be maintaining the trail.
- STS Gondola is working with BCMC and other backcountry groups on a plan for backcountry trail development. STS Gondola would not be building these trails.
- They will be selling low-cost locals and families and seniors passes.
- STS comment is that we need to ensure good connections to downtown Squamish and community opportunities. STS Gondola is working with Parks

and with Tourism Squamish. Corridor Trail connects. People need to know how close to town they are.

Dyke Ramp/Eagle Run - behind Petro Can - Bob

Bob met with DoS staff to discuss a STS idea to install a gradual ramp that will help to bypass the private property issues around the Eagle Run dyke.

Brush Back Brigade - Don, Carl

Invasive species protocols – Bob has asked for direction from the District re whether Brush Bag Brigade must take the course. We don't want volunteers to be encumbered to do their work.

Telus Project

- Telus day of giving is May 25th, at the Golf Course Trail. About 20 Telus volunteers expected. Will rake off the organics and then fill holes with gravel. They will bring pizza.
- Preliminary ride to scope out the work areas etc. is on Sat 18 May – Bob to confirm the time by email. Don and Vic etc. to attend.
- We need to get material delivered ... 2pm on Thurs 23 May. Don and Vic, with Brent from Coast Aggregate. Spraypaint the puddle areas on the Thursday prior to work party. Plan out a few work areas and jobs to be done.
- Brushback brigade will bring rakes, 'work on the trails' signs, etc. on the Saturday morning.
- Andy at DoS will talk to the Golf Course about getting the kaboda out, to prevent the need for wheelbarrows.
- Need to send a notice out to the General Membership at STS to invite them to come and help. Bob to send the text and info to Doug to send.

Test of Metal - Bob, Penny, Jen (by email)

2 location set-up this year – a racers booth, and a location in the infield for public food.

Sargeant Popper Kettle Corn Guy will be right beside us in the infield. He will share his profits with us.

Chef hired to help – Greg VanHierden, he has been fantastic to work with!

Penny has raffle tickets for a Tickner print, also a gift certificate for Divaz, and Loggers Basket from Howe Sound Inn. Everyone at STS will be given a book of tickets and asked to sell them! The draw will be at Brackendale Fall Fair.

Website

We should host pages that feature the walking groups that describe themselves, who do not already have a home on the web. Jen to gather information about trail users group. Heather can create new page(s) and load content onto the

website.

Laughing Turtle/Collaboration Trail - Bob

- presentation to Council
- help needed here to take on some of the work load
- notes below

Treasurers Report

We have \$9170.51 in the working fund.

Deferred items

Look ahead - projects, project updates, responsibilities, opportunities ... defer this item to after Test of Metal. Perhaps and email brainstorm and then meeting discussion.

Wonderland Trail Project - Matt

Idea for consideration:

Putting in a formal ramp/switchback at the north end of Mamquam River bridge (northbound side) – this would be through Ministry of Transport

Laughing Turtle/Collaboration Trail

- This is the combined Upper Mamquam Blind Channel, Downtown, Oceanfront loop, combined with Meg Fellowes loop
- It is felt the best way to move this ahead is to request a meeting before the Committee of the Whole to present a formal powerpoint presentation – presenters would be STS and the Business Improvement Association.
- This would present this whole double trail loop vision, with a request of support for this vision, that the Downtown Waterfront section and the Boardwalk out the old sewage outfall line be considered as Centenary projects for 2014 and that Council approve staff time to work on necessary prep and property arrangement for the project
- Need help putting together presentation and on project in general
- Seniors Creative Connections wants to revitalize a trail connection behind the Seniors Centre to access Eagle Wind Park. This is being checked out, and Vic will connect with Karen Clarke VCH.

Idea to sell TShirts or hats to raise money and raise profile for the STS.

STS - September Meeting
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Squamish Arts Council Building
Agenda

1. *Raffle Summary – Penny*

500 tickets were sold. The only cost was the tickets, printed by InBiz.
All 3 prizes were donated. STS made \$782.60.

2. *Telus - Golf Course Trail Project - Matt/Bob*

Matt has secured some possible assistance for laying gravel on the Mamquam Golf Course trail. Matt spoke with a few contractors who may be interested in the project. From Telus we received just over \$6000. In the STS bank account we have about \$10,000, would STS want to contribute perhaps? Matt/Bob will check to see what amount of work we could accomplish with the funds available and see whether we would need to consider a contribution ... to be discussed by email.

3. *Collaboration Trail – Bob (“Laughing Turtle”)*

This idea is going to Council in October (hopefully) with STS, BIA and Meg Fellowes to get them to buy into the BIA centennial project trail component. It is currently with District staff for analysis re property issues etc. The idea is work with existing loops and trails, and improve the trails.

4. *Greenwood to Jay Crescent Connector*

Doug has brought to the District’s attention the steep drop off on this connector trail. DoS will take a look and determined if they need to add a railing.

4. *Gov't Road Safety Brackendale - Doug/Bob/Stephane*

District is leading this study, looking at bicycle interactions etc.

5. *Brush Back - Vic*

Telus Day – 12 trails people and 20 telus people on the Mamquam Golf Course Trails.
BBB went back to the Mamquam Golf Course area 6 times and covered 7km, spent about 204 hours on it.

BBB spent the rest of time on nature trail, loggers creek, south and north swan trail

Estuary trails - consideration to rebuild the trails / bridge leading to the log sort? It would be difficult to get CN permission, and would need boardwalk on the rooted area.

6. *Be Bright at Night*

Met early in September, and there will be an awareness week around Hallowe’en.

**STS Meeting
Thursday October 17, 2013 at 7pm
Squamish Trails Society Notes**

In attendance:

Bob
Heather
Matt
Doug
Jen
Patrick
Carl
Vic
Stephane
Kathy

Guest - Tom Dowad re Judd Beach

- STS invited Tom to present his concerns and thought about Judd Beach. Tom is the owner of the Judd Beach property.
- Trespassers Act says that if he puts up a sign to say no trespassing then he is not liable for those who enter at their own risk
- Tom has some concerns about the spawning channel and riparian area and human impact. He would like to change the trail design to minimize impact on the riparian area.
- Tom would like to enter into a trails license agreement with the District. The District has a template and is working on it. Tom was provided with an estimated timeline of Fall 2013, for when DoS could respond. Another option could for the District to lease the property for a negligible amount (\$1), which would decrease the insurance cost to \$250 rather than the current rate that the owner pays of \$1000.
- It doesn't seem like any of the conservancy organizations want to purchase or take ownership so far.
- All changes to the property should be done to District standards since they may one day be the owner of the property (as park).
- At the time of subdivision the District was not interested in park dedication – the Brackendale Farmers Institute is a priority. DoS Parks and Rec Master Plan includes minor discussion about Judd Park.

- Tom is looking for some support from STS on bridge repositioning and enhancing the trail system. STS could perhaps help with trail re-routing. Suggestion that the trails could be chicaned (avoid direct and easy access) to avoid the partying crowd with .

- There are a few access points. It is mostly a locals' area, but it gets some impact from eagle watching crowd.
- Some Brackendale residents are concerned about preserving eagle habitat in the winter months. Biggest impact from humans walking along the bar (river edge) during the mornings. Signage and education suggested.
- Some residents of Meadow Ave will continue to access the area from their private properties, and it would be good to connect trail with these accesses. Cottonwood Ave. seems to be the best main access .
- Tom is concerned about riparian and environmental impacts of the trails.
- There is quite a bit of precedent for trails in riparian areas, but there is a lot of 'damage control' that needs to be done.
- In addition to the well-used trails and routes there are some trails and routes that overgrown as well.
- It was raised that there is a public educational opportunity about stream health. The owners may be able to get funding for public education and awareness initiatives. e.g. it would be great if there could be a fish observation area.
- Home Depot has a community beautification program – perhaps could get funding for bridge project.
- Suggestion for a STS walk-through / site visit to better understand the situation ... Tom to suggest a time that works for his schedule.
- Bob suggested potentially discussion with MLA
- It was noted that BOATA is very interested and supportive of the value of Judd Beach.
- Appreciation to the owner for allowing access and protecting the integrity of the land.
- Owner is interested in input and collaborative design and work.

Telus - Golf Course Dyke Trail - Matt/Bob

- As per last meetings update about Spectrum Landscaping's willingness to help out, Matt and Bob followed up with Spectrum; also met with Kim Armour of the District to go over project from an environmental perspective.
- Bob met with Keith and Brian Conn. And Golf Course can lay out the material and spread it out, over the course of the winter.
- We got \$6225 from the Telus donation campaign. Suggested that STS top up funds may be needed to do the next priority section - perhaps \$2000 to 3000

Be Bright @ Night - Bob/Doug/Matt

- Bob presented a request to Council Oct 15th to have the week of Oct. 27th declared 'Be Bright @ Night Week' as a launch to a winter campaign of awareness and it was granted. Hoping for buy-in from the press and constant reminders. Will be sending a letter promoting to the Chamber for businesses to give out reflective items as give-a-ways.
- Bob is suggesting that we set up a Be Bright at Night page on the STS website ... what type of reflective gear etc. and then put it on the website. Want to also get businesses to display and promote the reflective gear, need to suggest how the businesses can be involved.
- Matt will ask schools to do 11 by 17 posters and we can use these at the businesses.

Collaboration Trail - Bob

- Bob and Meg Fellowes presented to Council a vision for the collaboration trail / "laughing turtle" project. It was well received by Council, and they have sent it to staff for review.

Brush Back Brigade - Vic

- BBB has spent 257 hours total, and has covered 8.6km of linear brush-back area since May 2013.
- There are 2 new volunteers for the BBB. They were working along the Ray Peters trail with the group this week – welcome!
- Noted some signs of squatters in the area.
- Some of the trails need some new gravel – Discovery Trail in Dentville area, Discovery Trail in front of the Brick. Perhaps we could get crush delivered and dumped, but first talk with DoS and get as much of their participation and material as possible.

Public Presentations - Doug

- Seniors Wellness Fair is on October 30th, 10 to 1:30. It's at the Seniors Centre. STS has a joint table with environment and streamkeepers. Heather and Bob to get stuff for STS to Patrick (via Doug if that's helpful) before Oct 30.

Expanding Our Web Site for Be Bright @ Night and Hiking/Walking Groups - Bob

Establishing both a Be Bright @ Night web page as well as web pages for the various hiking/biking groups we are associated with, so they have a

web presence. Suggested that we buy Jude Goodwin lunch to get her help doing this or retain her for a small amount to help us get started on it.

Financial - Jennifer

We have about \$10,000 in the account. We owe Ted Tempny \$2,000, so after that we will have \$8000.

Other

Corridor Trail crosswalks are being painted, and the centre lines being painted.

Adjourned at 9:15 pm.