

**Squamish Trails Society  
January 21, 2016  
Meeting Minutes**



**Members present:**

Stéphane Perron, Matt Parker, Carl Halvorson, Vic Drought, Doug Morrison, John Harvey, Keely Kidner, Meg Fellowes, Heather Evans – collective sigh upon arrival.  
Regrets: Sean Gosnell

**Meeting came to order:** 19:05

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Carl, seconded by Stéphane - carried

**Approval of December 15 minutes:** Moved by Stéphane, seconded by Matt – carried

**REPORTS:**

**Smoke Bluff:** New project started north of Beckam property. Low climbing routes by water have been re-established – official access from above. In a perfect world would connect to waterfront walk, proposed bridge to Rose Park and circle route to Adventure Centre.

**Brushback Brigade report:** - Vic; not much happening this year – yet. Not that BBB actually invited but showed up to Mayor’s appreciation “party” and left with “hotwired” swag.

**Financials:** Deferred. Noted an anonymous donation of \$1000.  
Discussion of anonymous tax receipt – in the mail!

**Membership:** nothing to report.

**New Business:**

Create a "logic model"



**Grant Application to Run Squamish:** Heather Run Squamish, group who do “Loop of the Lakes” and “Sea to Summit”. Give proceeds back to the community and this year they have grants available for amounts \$100 to \$2500. Have about \$7000 in the kitty. Looking to put in application with leveraging – STS supply of funds, labour, materials? Like the Turtle Trail project – good community connection but may not have ducks in a row to make application on short notice. “Wonderland Connector” / “Jim’s Trail” is a good fit. Brings up the topic of trail name – maybe we should have a

“name the trail” contest – for Little Stawamus trail and “Wonderland Connector”. Good membership / public initiative. Matt and Heather to work on application. Try for \$3500? Alternate project possibility – Chelem Trail accessibility; Loggers Creek Nature Loop graveling (geo-tex required), “passing lanes”, bridge upgrades. Moved by Matt, seconded Stéphane by that we put in an application to Run Squamish to fill a glaring gap. Matt to draft an application.

Discussion of “Jim’s Trail”: Bridges, fences, machine time – how much money is needed?



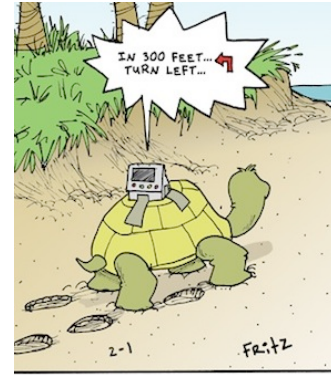
**Turtle Trail:** Awaiting DoS work on project. Looking forward to produce draft signage for kiosks. Grateful to folks expressing interest and funding opportunity leads.

**Bracken Trail:** Talk of “Bracken Trail” being rebuilt for climbing – with an alternate route down?

**Corridor Trail Connector:** Discussion of connection at Garibaldi Way / Highway crosswalk. Carl to take some pictures for discussion at Active Transportation Committee. What are the engineering standards? Crazy we would have this discussion when so many DoS employees are riders.

**Kowtain Trail:** Nothing new to report. Seen as a key bypass/connector when we do not have full access down the main dike because of private property issues on the McIntosh property. Heather was supposed to be writing a letter. Haven’t done anything yet. Route should be discussed at OCP level. Carl to ask Randy who we should address letter to. Copy to Mayor and Council and DFO. Heather will draft letter cause she feels bad . . .

**University Phase Two:** John met with DoS planners. Sorca is asking for a perimeter trail. John would like to see accessible routes.



IT WAS A GOOD THING SHELLY HAD HER G.P.S. OTHERWISE SHE WOULD HAVE MISSED HER TURN.

Why is it that a great idea takes so long to implement whereas really stupid ideas take hold immediately?



**OCP:** Engagement on process is critical to get trail issues at the forefront. We should put together a presentation and position established. We need “from them” where trails are mentioned so that they can be higher in the priority list. Visioning document may need to updated, though letter to Matt was a good start. Language around trails in OCP and subdivision plans needs to be “tightened”.

Would be great to go through the existing OCP to see what is there and then work with DoS within the process. Principle of “trail continuity” would be great start. Suggestion that we divide the “work” and brainstorm at next meeting. Suggested we put together some kind of summary to membership.

Society should re-engage with process through facilitator and Councilor Evans. STS focus might be how the heck do we get across the highways, roads and railways that divide the community? Heather to look at old OCP. John to contact Dan Wilson to reconnect with OCP process.

Side note John completely agreed with several things.

2040 input could be that language that says reconnect the community.

**Active Transportation:** Will feed the OCP. Looking at bike and pedestrian routes.

**Discussion of Safe Route to Schools:** Carl – Three elementary school tours in December; Mamquam, Highlands and Squamish. Well attended by Mayor, Councillors, DoS engineering, RCMP, parents, students and stakeholders. Great discussion with on the ground tour of challenges. Interesting concepts brought forward to alleviate roadblocks for students to walk or ride to school. One idea was enhancing visibility of crosswalks with design contest for students. Noted that Council recently approved “Rainbow” crossing for downtown – so this idea has got some wings!



“The bus is in the shop.”

**Meryl Park Project:** No new developments but what has been done so far is great!

**Wesbuild:** No developments since last meeting.

**STS Publicity via input to Chief:** Deferred – no news.

**Jay Crescent Design:** Townline would like to donate the land trail is on to District but Squamish does not want the land until the risk is mitigated. District has now agreed to pay for one railing but Holborn is balking on putting the money up front for the other one. Awaiting developments.

**Round the table:**

Doug; sending to Active Transport – Highlands to Coho connector (Ayre Drive to Skyline Place to Parkway) Designed as service right of way, not public access. Item for OCP – service right of ways should all be public access.

Meg: talking about bike rides (like WOW – only STS ride, once a week or every couple of weeks) to attract new members – SORCA does the mountain stuff, STS could do “family rides”.

Keely: Looking to the future and creating a commuter cyclist culture. Squamishcyclechic?  
Check out <http://www.copenhagencyclechic.com/> - what would be the Squamish chic?

**Interesting reading:**

<http://spacing.ca/toronto/2012/07/31/neither-snow-nor-ice-nor-sleet-will-keep-a-kid-from-walking-to-school/>

<http://bikesafety.caa.ca/cyclists/riding-skills-and-tips/hand-signals.php>

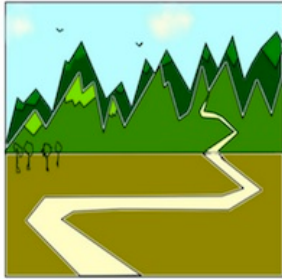
How to make your own winter running shoes with grippers

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s41\\_PRHxvFA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s41_PRHxvFA)

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday February 18, 2016; 7:00pm, Squamish Arts Council Building

**ADJOURNMENT:** 20:43





**Squamish Trails Society**  
**February 18, 2016**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Members present:**

Stéphane Perron, Matt Parker, Carl Halvorson, Vic Drought, Doug Morrison, John Harvey, Jim Gracie, Meg Fellowes, Penny Wilmot  
Heather Evans, Don Lawrence, Chris Dale, Candy Rustad, Patrick McNamarra, Shawn Gosnell.

**Meeting came to order:** 19:05

**Approval of Agenda:** Add Cultural and Heritage Festival, funding for strategic planning, Mamquam Dike maintenance / trail clearing. Moved by Stéphane , seconded by Carl – carried.

**Approval of December 15 minutes:** Moved by Stéphane, seconded by Jim – carried.

**REPORTS:**

**Smoke Bluff: Matt:** Putting out to tender maintenance contract – closing date next Friday. “Heavy Duty’s” project near Blind Channel cleared out and ready to rock – note: not in actual Smoke Bluffs park. On another topic – BC Hydro using herbicide in park – endorsed by Smoke Bluffs Park Board.

**Brushback Brigade report: - Vic;** few trees cut off trails in several areas. Private individuals doing a fine job of clearing “River Walk” – Chris did some clearing on Swan Walk. Also, noted recent work on Triathlon Trail where all trees where shredded right onto the trail. STS should contact DoS to see what could be done to put trail back into form – lots of very sharp bits. Carl will try to contact BC Hydro’s vegetation management. **Update: meeting arranged for on site February 24.** Lots of debris on Ray Peter’s from this winter as well. Discussion regarding drainage / reconstruction as possible future project.

**Financials:** Nothing to report.

**Active Transportation / Safe Route to Schools:** Nothing to report:

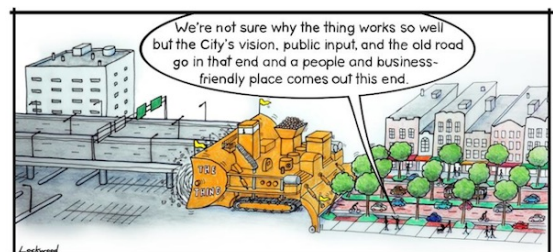
**Membership:** Nothing to report.

**Cultural and Heritage Festival - Jim and Penny:** Trail Society booth? History of Trails / answer questions? We have participated in the past. Penny and Jim willing to take on. (Focus on first day on school kids essays. Looking for sponsorship.)

**New Business:**

**OCP:** Communication shared by Stéphane – had asked how we can be involved? In phase two there could be a “guided conversation with our members”. There are many opportunities for input. Possible approach to highlight priorities – eg. neighbourhood connectors, bike lanes, trails etc. - provide commentary on what is already there and possible proposed amendments / suggestions. OR do we go back to a document like the one prepared for Matt

Simmons that identifies specific projects, or both – relate specific projects / ideas to guiding principals.



Maybe brainstorm important areas: Trail Continuity; Accessibility (off topic – Corridor Trail not continuous through Rose Park) Bicycle lanes are not uniform width. Identify trailheads / signage / wayfinding improvements – including smart device apps. Need to ensure that info kiosks are maintained / updated. Other communities have better resources for trail maps and info – please collect info for future consideration. CN Rail / DoS initiative to identify risks at crossings as related to new crossing standards. Question asked regarding how Squamish rated in regards as best place to go to cycle – how do we rate? Relate to other communities that incorporate trail policies in OCPs – Boulder CO, Whistler, North Van. **Safe Routes to Schools;** policy regarding parking on bike lanes, walkways – we need “safe routes” to shopping, to Brennan Park, to the Post Office – to everything.

**Public Access:** Every public service right of way should be public access.

**Trails on Development Lands;** No net loss of trail continuity.

**End of Trip Facilities:** Active / Integrated Transport projects? Showers, washrooms, bike lock-up, lockers. Ie. if a person wanted to commute by bike to a transport hub – car pool/share, bus depot – where would they securely park their bikes? We need a covered bike park facility downtown!

Foster Ride and Park and Ride Back Again! (Need a logo)

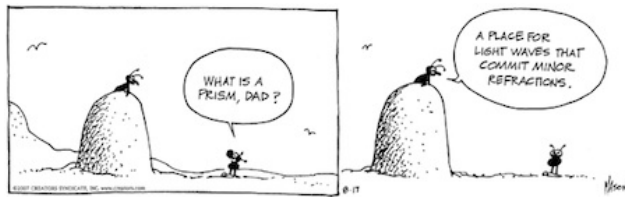
Destination trail routes (not necessarily a commuter route) – routes for visitors / families.

DoS Trail Maintenance: Corridor / Discovery done but include community linkages.

**Develop ideas and share with other like organizations?** YES, yes, yes!?

If we come up with real firm suggestions – share with DoS and RCMP – ie. crossings, intersections, etc. Share ideas with other user groups for shared interest. Heather to contact.

**Snow removal policies?** No institutional mandate. Agreed that a pretty poor job is being done ☹



**Grant Application to Run Squamish:** Matt’s letter went in – have not heard anything back yet.

**Jay Crescent Railing:** Ready to go – to be installed mid March?

**Kowtain Trail:** Draft letter requires some amendments. Heather and Carl to formalize proposal for SFN and DFO.

**Corridor Trail Extension From Kingswood to Depot:** Suggested that east side connection be put forward as desirable – suggested example for OCP. Sean to provide a letter.

Noted new development on Dowad Lands – should be talking to Trails Society?

**Wesbuild:** Haven’t heard anything recently but March was indicated as the time we might hear some news. As of yet we have not had any feedback regarding remuneration. “Don’t worry?”

**Turtle Trail:** Nothing new – currently checking property ownership – report to Council next month? Wayfinding component next couple of months. Interpretive signage mockups coming soon. Kiosk at Adventure Centre – maps, interpretive signage, etc.

**Little Stawamus Trail – “Crumpit Cruiser”:** Possibility will be addressed this year.

**University Phase Two:** Nothing to be reported.

**STS Publicity via input to Chief:** Jim met with Editor of the Chief – Lifestyle section once a week. Every monthly meeting Jim will bring ideas to meeting –



finished products to link to website. Send Jim your pictures.

**Corridor Trail at Garibaldi:** Paved – better than it looked – sidewalk not yet paved. Take a second look

**STS Family Rides:** Keely? Building a bike culture.

**Strategic Planning:** Need to put together a funding application which Whistler Centre will help us put together to Squamish Savings to pay Whistler Centre to facilitate process. Let's go for it! Moved by Heather that we do it, seconded by Stéphane – carried.



Importance of clear communications?

**Mamquam River Dike Maintenance:** Who is removing trees?  
DoS on rotating schedule.

**Round the Table:** Hospital Hill Play Park Play House – may be built by High School Students  
Doug – plowing snow – both Highlands roundabouts sidewalks never cleared – OCP policy change.  
Sean – OCP had a list of trails – each should look at list of trails to see what is missing?  
Jim – Jennifer had brought up changes to Constitution – need to discuss prior to next AGM. Comments need to be in ASAP.

**Interesting reading: Boulder Colorado**

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/transportation/complete-streets>

[https://www-static.bouldercolorado.gov/docs/OSMP\\_Accessible\\_Trails\\_Guide-WEB-1-201602011132.pdf](https://www-static.bouldercolorado.gov/docs/OSMP_Accessible_Trails_Guide-WEB-1-201602011132.pdf)

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/maps/maps-of-boulders-transportation-system>

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday March 17, 2016

7:00pm, Squamish Arts Council Building

**ADJOURNMENT:** 21:03



**Squamish Trails Society**  
**March 17, 2016**  
**Meeting Minutes**



**Members present:**

Carl Halvorson, Doug Morrison, John Harvey, Jim Gracie,  
Penny Wilmot, Chris Dale, Vic Drought.

Regrets: Stéphane

**Guest:** Mike Nelson – “Bob Cheema Lands”

Large block of land from Mashiter Creek on east to Golf Course on west and north to Park ~500 acres: Perth, Pia, “Dowad Lands”. As part of development Dos will require road from existing “Dowad quarry” to Perth area. Lumberjack retained – with commitment to extend down to the Covenant Trail, Condor connection modified, another idea would be to extend Covenant Trail to Bracken Trail. Discussion re: Trailheads. Parking areas? How big? Top of Perth as example. Jack’s Trail trailhead could be extremely popular as route to Alice Lake once development does forward. Upper benches would be developed with possible routes for trails through rocky bits. Community connectors ie. to Trestle Trail.

**Meeting came to order:** 19:35

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Carl, seconded by John – carried. Addition of Test of Metal booth.

**Approval of February minutes:** Moved by Jim, seconded by Carl – carried.

**REPORTS:**

**Smoke Bluff:** John has the maintenance contract.

**Brushback Brigade report:** - **Vic:** Majority of BBB were out at Merril Park wheeling gravel. Several out replacing bridge on North Loop trail. Spring is here so we should look forward to works that are required.

**Update: meeting arranged with BC Hydro vegetation management manager on site February 24.** Lots of debris on Triathlon Trail from this winter. Commitment to come back in and cut down all the sharp bit sticking up along trail.

**Financials:** Nothing to report, well not quite - John is spending money but Jennifer is not writing cheques. (maybe Heather?)

**Active Transportation / Safe Route to Schools:** Meeting and open house. Open House very well done and very well staffed by DoS.

**Membership:** Nothing to report.

**Cultural and Heritage Festival - Jim and Penny:** Trail Society booth? History of Trails / answer questions? We have participated in the past. Penny and Jim willing to take on. (Focus on first day on school kids essays. Looking for sponsorship.)



**New Business:**

**Oceanfront Outreach Group:** Do we want to have representation? Jim to respond and ask for more information.

**Community Amenity Contribution meeting – March 8:** Not attended by Trails. What would we want?

**KristallTurm: Adventure Centre Parking** – Sean had sent a letter expressing concern of lack of parking for Adventure Centre, Park and trails. Suggestion that STS send in a letter as well? How will it impact Corridor Trail connectivity? Laughing Turtle? Moved by Jim that STS send a strong letter to Council expressing concern over lack of parking for other community uses, seconded by Penny – carried. Jim will send draft to Sean (and the group). More info at <http://kristallturm.com>



**Test of Metal Booth:** Penny -Should we have one this year? Shame not to participate – Moved my Jim that we have a booth this year, seconded by Penny (Discussion: Penny will approach Gelato and Popcorn guy to see if they would like to bookend “us” again) – carried.

**OCP:** Input should be sent to Heather who apparently is organizing a meeting with SORCA, SDBA and STS representation. Put your ideas in?

**Jay Crescent Railing:** Ready to go – to be installed mid April now?

**Kowtain Trail:** Letter received by SFN and has been forwarded within their organization.

**Wonderland / Brackentrail Connector:** Section 57 application has been submitted. Bridge impact report being done by Mike Nelson. Letter of support received from DoS.

**Wesbuild:** No news from lawyer.

**Turtle Trail:** Nothing new.



**Merrill Park Trail Building:** Access two is pretty much in. Some stairs need to be put in as well as a little sign and a bit of gravel. Next access to be done will be at Dr. Lam’s House. Fourth access will require tree removal – which we could ask DoS to support.

**Round the Table:** AGM is next month – must be advertised in paper. Stéphane is not going to stand again. We will need somebody at the rudder!! Need nominating committee. Discussion re: need new blood – where have we heard that before / bewhen?

John’s wheelbarrow story: His broke so he went to Home Depot – who gave him the wrong wheel – but the good news in he took the wrong wheel and put it on the old barrow and the old wheel on the new barrow and now he has two barrows? How did that work?

Jim’s Column in the Chief well received around the table – suggested that he try a little guilt to solicit new members. Doug: Suggested column just on BBB.

**Interesting reading:**

Comprehensive wayfinding example:

[http://www.brampton.ca/EN/Business/planning-development/Documents/CD/OS/BRM\\_DesignUpdate\\_052908.pdf](http://www.brampton.ca/EN/Business/planning-development/Documents/CD/OS/BRM_DesignUpdate_052908.pdf)

Its tick time of year!:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=27McsguL2Og>

**NEXT MEETING / AGM:** Thursday April 21, 2016  
7:00pm, Squamish Arts Council Building

**ADJOURNMENT:** 20:51



**Money Saving Tip #1**  
Buy multi-purpose items. The common wheelbarrow also can be a chair, gurney, and a baby stroller.



**Squamish Trail Society  
AGM Minutes  
April 21, 2016**

**In attendance:** Heather, Meg, Stéphane, Jim, Don, Penny, Michelle, Doug, Patrick, Vic, John, Patricia Marini, John Gysberg, Keely, Candy

**Regrets:** Jennifer (in Hawaii!!?), Shawn, Matt

**Meeting came to order:** 7:04

**Quorum?** Yes

**Approval of Agenda:** moved by Penny, seconded by Jim.  
Amendments: add Turtle Trail – carried

**Approval of March Meeting Minutes:** moved by Stéphane, seconded by Heather – carried

**Introductions:** Round the Room



**Presentation from the outgoing President:** Recap of the past year. Thank you to everyone who has taken on any role and helped out in the past year – “it has been a team effort”. Special thanks to Jennifer, Heather, Vic and Jim. We need to acknowledge all those folks/organizations who have made both monetary and in-kind contributions to the Society. This past year we have kept up a good relationship with DoS and other like minded groups – SORCA, SDBA. We have had various presentations from various organizations, lots of great projects – and a continuing battle regarding the Westbuild agreement. Participated in many initiatives, committees, provided letters of support and opinion. Finally Stéphane has enjoyed the last two years as President and looks forward to not doing it again this year.

**AGM:** All the Directors resign . . .

**Nominations:** John Harvey Director / Vice President, Jim Gracie - Director / Treasurer, Carl Halvorson- Director / Scribe, Heather Evans - Director / Membership, Stéphane Perron - Director, Matt Parker Director, Shawn Gosnell – Director. Moved by Patricia, seconded by Jim that we elect the slate as presented. Update: since the meeting Matt has agreed to stand as President!



Note: Doug is resigning – thank you – and a speech. Highlights – count on Doug to be Bright at Night, a regular Brush Back Brigader. Never shy to offer a learned opinion whether it be regarding connecting Squamish’s “wet bits”, the lunacy of the “Walmart” intersection or protection of Meighn Creek!



**Reports:**

**Smoke Bluffs:** Shaun the main rep with Matt as alternate.

**Brush Back Brigade:** Have been out working on the Ray Peter's Trail – pretty darned HOT!  
Anecdotally – animal crossing culvert on Swan Trail replaced by SRWS same day as BBB tried.

**Financials:** With Jennifer on the beach somewhere Heather reported on the money still in the bank – we have some – some of which might still be allocated for the Smoke Bluff Play Park. There are some upcoming expenses – insurance, lawyer. Jennifer to turn over “the books” to Jim in May. There is also somebody on line to do the taxes.



**Membership:** Heather – time to renew. Will take cash or can do on line! Membership is \$10 but if you give her a \$20 you get t-ship.

**Safe Route to Schools:** Final meeting of first year of committee this past week with summaries of findings and looking forward to next steps, deliverables and this coming years schools to “study”. Has been a very rewarding experience, largely because of the “buy in” and direct support of Council with the Mayor and members of Council attending each meeting – along with DoS engineering and support staff. Input of community, teachers, parents and students all have had real impact and not just another frustrating round of lip service.



Traffic Inducing Traffic

Thank you to DoS: We DO need to send acknowledgement to DoS fro all the good things they have done! Word has it that there might be a person working on trail work issues around town – and DoS person who's time is dedicated to trails.

**Sea to Sky Gondola:** New trails being opened May 1?

**Cultural and Heritage Festival:** April 30 at Brennan Park. Jim and Penny welcome any and all help. Looking for banner and stuff to display – send it to Penny.

**New Business:**

**Arts Council** has agreed that we can use the building again in the coming year :-)

**Ocean Front Information Group:** Meeting again May 2. Possible trail closure.

<http://www.squamishoceanfront.com/>

**Polygon Group Meeting:** Garibaldi Springs Golf course future developments – Stéphane, John and Jeff Cook from SORCA attended initial meeting. Discussion of bridge across Meighn creek – still on the books? We should investigate – must not disturb the groundwater source of creek.

**Evan's Lake Volunteer Hours:** Possible exchange of hours

**Paco Road Park Extension:** Possible route for trail to connect to upper areas. Awaiting contact.

## Old Business:

**Merrill Park:** Signs being produced for installation at trailheads – “Merrill Park Access”.  
Third access off Greenwood Way next to Lamb residence.

**Jay Crescent Railing:** In the works – funded by DoS and Holborn.

**OCP Input:** Heather – SDBA and SORCA are interested in joining in a “trails conversation”.  
Heather contacted DoS to see how this would fit into the process – “great timing” as they are “moving into another phase” which would include stakeholder\* workshops. Planning staff will contact STS to coordinate meeting with a few reps from each organization. As well, DoS has proposed “OCPizza Parties”. Maybe this would be a good idea for STS to have such a party – go through the workbooks – and EAT PIZZA! Heather to call for interested parties – make it happen for the next meeting!

\*Other groups in stakeholder meeting – include walking groups, senior groups etc.

Discussion: how do we get loops, trail ideas, connector ideas into planning / OCP table?

Put pen to paper and draw them out!! Submit to DoS whenever there is an opportunity!

**Corridor Trail North:** Shaun - deferred

**Wonderland Connector:** Working name – Wonderland Too! Moving forward. Some local issues because of privacy concerns. Will not have a lot of traffic – not a “corridor trail”.

**KristallTurm:** Submitted letter to Council expressing parking concerns:

**Westbuild / Standard Life:** Parties involved are going to “discovery”. STS invited to attend.

**University Heights Phase II:** Trails are still passable but clearing is happening.

**Kowtain Trail:** No new information – passed on to “Properties”.

**Triathlon Trail Hydro Clean-up:** Marty needs a reminder about trimming down sharp bits.

**Test of Metal Booth:** Penny sent an email to book – never heard, tried again – never heard.

Wondering how to get hold of Darlene to confirm place at the Market. Gelato business has sold – so that connection is yet to be confirmed AND popcorn not yet organized – but at least we need to have info and TShirts!

**DoS Operations – annual meeting:** Had a good meeting last year and suggested that we do the same thing this year. “Would not be too onerous to update the old document”, add the loops and new ideas – maybe some outcomes from meeting with SORCA / SDBA – and present!

Target September (prior to DoS budget meetings) to have everything together for meeting.

Put in July agenda to approach for date.

**Laughing Turtle Trail:** Draft report has been published. Great report, taken the trail and broken down into sections – costs, ownership, problems, constraints. Discussion regarding routing – “show stoppers”, private property issues, temporary routing, waterfront trails.

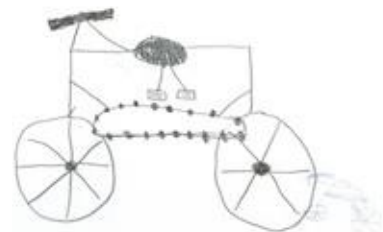
**Community Cycle Crawl:** Every third Sunday – family orientated bike ride. Couple hour ride – each month a different starting point. In addition to these rides planning three theme rides – Spring – bike tune up/rules of the road, Corsa?. Summer Solstice ride – decorate your ride, light them up / riding at night, Tantalus! Autumn – Brackendale Tuxedo / Pajama Ride, Republic. Idea to increase cycling literacy / raise bike culture / increase safety awareness, rules of the road. Learn to use your arms to signal, your bell to ring a-ding – watch for bears.

Discussion: Keely interested in developing a map of Turtle Trail and description of “nodes” – applying for a grant to work on over the summer. Trail Society supports. Moved by Stéphane, seconded by Heather that we support – carried.

**Round the table:** John; Campground 4<sup>th</sup> reading May 3 – so he will be busy. Discussion – toilets – not really trail related but Jim got John started and nobody could really make him stop.

Stéphane: How to deal with non-President. Doug: reminder about last week for Gondola Passes.

Adjourned: 20:59:48



**Squamish Trails Society May 2016 Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 19th, 7:00 pm**  
**Location: Squamish Arts Council Bldg in Pavilion Park**  
**(Downtown Squamish near Cleveland Ave. and Main St.)**

1. Reports

a. Brush-Back Brigade – Vic

71 hours have been put into trail work so far already this season, given the warm weather. The District's new trails operator Dan Sargeant was introduced at an open house hosted by the District today. He will be working in spring, summer and fall, and snow removal in the winter. Penny met him today, and BBB will be meeting him and will find out more.

b. Smoke Bluffs Park – Matt

The committee heard about a proposal for a new cell tower at Smoke Bluff Summit (Mt of Phlegm), and the committee was discouraging of proposed location due to interference with recreation uses, but suggested an alternate area that would not impinge on public access and recreation area.

Looking to improve the trail that leads up from the Smoke Bluffs Parking Lot (uphill from the yellow gate). First trying some low cost trail work and repair (raking and water bars) and will see how effective. May need to bring in compactable gravel material – tbd.

c. Financial – Heather (for Jim)

A financial report was provided and more detail will be discussed at the next meeting when Jim is back.

2. STS Correspondences

a. B.C. Timber Sales Information sharing – STS received an information letter. We let them know that appreciated being updated, and asked them to continue to keep us in the loop.

b. Dwayne Kress: Bill's Place Connector Trail + John Harvey's synopsis – D. Kress lives in the area and is interested in collaborating on some improvements. From previous work in this area, we are aware of some neighbour concerns about rockfall into the townhouse development. Also because of the steep access we would need geotech prescription and careful work (likely machines). The cost may be \$5-10,000. Action: Matt to re-connect with Dwayne.

c. Jay Crescent Connector Trail railing completed and invoice received  
STS will be receiving a donation from Holburn to cover half of the cost of the railing, and the District will be paying for half of the cost.

d. Team Squamish Request

Team Squamish is putting in a request to the St Johns Society, and they asked if STS could receive the funds since we are a charity. There is a connection with them doing some trail work for the STS.

e. Meg Fellowes's Community Crawl news release (re. public preview rides of the Turtle Trail on the Third Sunday of each month @ 10:00 am see facebook site for locations)

The next community crawl is on Fathers Day June 19<sup>th</sup>, starting and ending at the Howe Sound Brew Pub.

Keeley is working on a grant application to the Squamish Community Foundation and needs some basic information about the Trails Society.

DoS has received a draft feasibility study, which is being reviewed by DoS staff. The draft was also shared with STS Board of Directors for comment.

3. Jim Harvey: Brackentrail to Wonderland Connector trail update

A letter has gone out to the neighbours to seek input on the trail. There is some known opposition to the trail from direct neighbours.

Application for Section 57 has been submitted and is in process. This will be a DoS initiative. The DOS Planner working on the project is very supportive of this project and timeline is uncertain. Hopefully will start building in Sept/Oct 2016.

Trail requires a crossing of Dryden Creek. Mike Nelson from Cascade has put together the paperwork for approval for bridge, and decision may be within a few weeks.

Jim is looking to get running groups to help out with construction of the trail as well. Role of STS to be discussed.

The estimated total cost of the project is \$10k. So far \$2500 from RunSquamish has been provided to STS in a grant.

The name of the trail is TBD, and currently just has a working name of Wonderland Too.

4. New Business

a. Trail Reports and conditions

There a log on MyTrail (near Endo) but SORCA has been notified. Flat Alley has some obstructions. SORCA has a trail crew going until June that may be able to address some of these issues.

Loggers Creek Trail has low muddy spots that need attention and DoS has been notified. Squamish River Watershed Society may also have been (last year) or may still interested in this project/area. Action: Heather to connect with SRWS. It was suggested that it could be worthwhile to ask Eric Andersen if the pile of gravel

across from the Adventure Centre could be used for this project (if it is leftover). Could perhaps work with Spectrum for a couple of loads of gravel. Would need to ensure that any boardwalks are designed for equestrian use as well as this is a key equestrian area.

STS received an email from Bike to Work Week, end of May 30 to June 5. In Squamish there will be celebration stations (tents in various locations) giving away rewards and gifts. They are looking for volunteers – contact [seatoskycleanair@gmail.com](mailto:seatoskycleanair@gmail.com) if interested in helping out and getting more information.

b. \$2500 from RunSquamish Give Back Program has been donated to STS in a grant, which is for the Brackentrail to Wonderland Connector trail. Thank you RunSquamish!

b. Begin Developing a 2016 "To Do" List  
To be done at the next meeting.

## 5. OCP Input Discussion

The District has invited groups to with similar interests to get together and provide OCP input. The District has provided workbooks and some draft policy directions for comment.

Attendees at the meeting had a discussion and provided comments on eleven draft policy directions in the OCP, via two small group discussions. Heather and Matt recorded input and will submit it online to the District of Squamish. Individuals and groups encouraged to also submit their input directly to the District of Squamish.

Membership  
\$10 from John Harvey

**Squamish Trail Society  
June Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2016**



\* Upon arrival at Arts Council Meeting we were greeted by another group using the building. It had been double booked and even though we have been meeting there for the third Thursday of each month for many years we were obliged to find another meeting space! Discussion revolved about possible replacement sites (the bar was rejected as too noisy). In the mean time, Doug Day – who had been invited to be our guest to discuss what was happening on his recently purchase 1.65 acre parcel at 1400 Vancouver Street (which the Waterfront Trail crosses for approx. 500 from the Cattermole Slough trail and Cleveland Avenue) suggested that he could simply outline his concerns as we stood outside the Arts Building. (Picture below for reference)



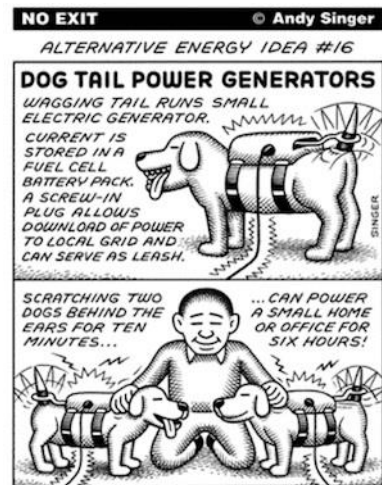
Image from District of Squamish GIS WebMap . Red shaded area is 1400 Vancouver Street. Blue shaded block is area proposed by Doug Day to be filled – “as there is no life anyway” and does not meet his esthetic. Heavy red line is Mr. Day’s suggested re-routing of trail along future sidewalks – outside of his parcel.

**Background Email from Matt:**

*Doug Day contacted me at work today to express some concerns he has with the Waterfront Trail which passes through his property at 1400 Vancouver St. It sounded like he was upset with people not cleaning up after their dogs and he had negative encounter with a dog walker after moving his motorhome and some storage containers onto the property. I checked out the site*

after work this evening and the trail itself was very clean; I picked up one fountain drink cup and one filled dog droppings bag, but that was it. There was some unbagged but not fresh feces on the side of the trail. I told Doug that he could speak at our meeting so I'll move him first on the agenda. Hopefully, we can find a solution to keep this important trail open. Doug may need to vent some of his frustrations first, but then we can propose some solutions such as signage indicating that trail users are entering private property and to remain on the trail and please pick up after our pets. Garbage receptacles and further access to pet waste bags before and after entering and exiting the property may also help; although there is a waste receptacle and doggie bag dispenser at the trail head. Matt

Mr. Day explained he had purchase 1400 Vancouver for a very good deal with very cheap borrowed money. His plans are to build 250 rental units – after filling in part of Cattermole Slough. The land is zoned industrial but he is confident there will be no problems with quick approvals, either from DFO or DoS and tha this proposal will go through Council faster than “shit through a goose” (or similar analogy) as rental accommodation is very scarce and nobody else is building any. He explained that Brew Pub patrons had been parking on his land for free – so he put up a fence – and noted that persons were walking their dogs across his property and not all were cleaning up after their pets. He had ssome unpleasant conversations with dog walkers who, even when educated on the fact they were on his private land, did not clean up after their dogs. He is now fed up with that and therefore came to the Trail Society to give STS a heads up that “your” trail which crosses his land would need to be removed. He suggested that it should simply be placed on the area designated for sidewalks around his land along Logger’s Lane and to the area where Westminster Street would eventually be built to reconnect. Discussion regarding filling in the slough, trail connectivity, road connectivity etc. Bottom line – trail must be moved off his land – no specific time line was offered.



Meeting then moved to Matt’s classroom at Squamish Elementary School:

**Meeting came to order:** 1940

**In attendance:** Jim, Penny, Doug, Patrick, Vic, John, Carl, Elspeth, Matt

**Quorum?** Yes

**Reports:**

**Membership:** Doug – Noted that we have approx. 150 members and “followers” An email had been sent asking if persons wished to “unsubscribe” from email list – several did – but we also picked up a few new members.

**Brush Back Brigade:** Vic – BBB has done about 2.8 km and 111 hours of trail maintenance thus far this year. Recent projects included work on Loggers’ Creek trail with clearing, gravelling and improvement to some bridge approaches. Discussed cost of material and machine time moving gravel and noted that this type of project shows how we can leverage volunteer time, donated material and a little bit of STS cash to complete good projects. Also noted that BBB is always looking for more volunteers – come on out Wednesdays 2-4 pm.





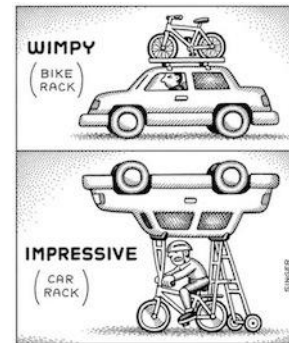
**Smoke Bluffs:** Discussion of the new reality with new Chair for Advisory Committee and dissolution of previous committee structure and working arrangements.

**Financials:** Jim – finances in reasonable shape – we DO have some money – but also reminder that the Society costs about \$3000 a year simply to operate, so fundraising is an issue.

**Brackentrail to Wonderland Connector:** Matt – update that DoS Planning is presenting to Council soon – recommending approval, and “Forestry” approval papers are also in the works.

### Correspondence:

1. Sarah Ruttan (Squamish Youth Triathlon race director) – donation of \$500 to STS!  
Matt is going to send a daffodil to them in the Chief – Jim will send a receipt :-)
2. There had been an inquiry from Carrie Strangway regarding a Trail Dedication / bench.
3. David Lassman had put forward suggestions for trail maintenance – several in the Estuary including Chelem and North Loop – and the Shannon Basin connector to Petgill Lake and possible trail network from highway to Table Mountain meadows.



### Business Arising:

**1. Trails “Needs To Do List”:** Matt – Reminder that everybody should bring forward their ideas of trail needs that need to be attacked. Noted that we have already accomplished a few that were on previous lists. Discussion: Dan Sargent is the new DoS trail maintenance person. Suggested we could invite him – and Andy and Bob – to a meeting. Maybe early this fall. Reminder that we need to follow up with DoS regarding their offer of a load of gravel every now and then.

**2. Annual Budget?** Jim gone through about 10 years and never found an annual budget ie. something to work with for the following year. Something more formal to put in minutes for an audit trail. Something for next meeting coming up! Two things in recent years that are different - BC Societies Act and ?

**3. Rezoning of Garibaldi Springs Golf Course Polygon Open House** was June 9th (Concerns: Riparian setbacks and bridge over Meighan Creek). Jim - There IS a District requirement to link development to upper Highlands which would include a bridge over Meighn Creek. North areas slated for development - described as wet slough in the middle of houses. Vague plans for south area.



**4. Re. linkage of Finch Creek Development to Crumpit Woods trails.** Great idea, SORCA has looked into and working with private land owner for routing - pretty wet hillside.

**5. Storage Shed** - Jim's suggestion to ask for free DOS space is required. Looking for options for Ted's space if it is going to cost us money? Possible Parks or DoS but might not be accessible at all times of the day and week. Looking for options.

**6. Trailhead Parking** - Addressed in OCP feedback and June 20 mtg. with DOS. Becoming a bigger and bigger issue.

**Old Business:**

Thank you to DoS: We DO need to send acknowledgement to DoS fro all the good things they have done! Did this get done?

**D. Roundtable**

Turtle Community Crawl - Sunday 10 am at the Brew Pub.

RE Jim's Chief articles - ARE on the website. \*Also - note understanding being put together regarding "ownership" /property rights of the articles in the Chief re: future uses.

Elsbeth: Atlantic Power donation to STS - and photo op. Thank you very much!

John: Merrill Park next phase starting next few months and looking at \$500 budget.



**Adjournment: 20:55**

**Next meeting: July 21 - 7:00 Squamish Arts Council Building (hopefully).**



## **Squamish Trails Society July 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, July 21st, 7:00 pm**

It couldn't happen again... could it? Well yes... it could. I called to make sure that we had our regular meeting room at the Arts Council Building and that we were not double-booked like last month. At around 5:30 pm, I heard back from the outgoing Chair of the Arts Council that there was a reception for the Wind Festival going on at Pavilion Park and the Arts Council Building this evening. I sent out a quick email to as many STS members as possible and headed to the site to see how we might be able to accommodate our meeting this evening. Both the outgoing and newly appointed Chair apologized profusely for the mix-up, and I informed them of our standard STS booking of the facility on the third Thursday of every month except in August when we have no meeting. I commandeered a picnic table in a relatively quiet corner of the Park from which to host our meeting and kept an eye out for arriving STS members. (On a positive note, the Wind festival appeared well attended and very successful, and it was a fine, sunny evening to hold an outdoor meeting.)

Unless the directors have decided otherwise we don't meet in Dec.either.

**Meeting came to order at around 7:10 pm.**

**In Attendance: John, Jim, Vic, Patrick, Elspeth, Matt**

**Quorum? Yes?**

**Minutes: Matt "Don't Shoot the Messenger" Parker** (Apologies, I don't have the flair, memory for detail nor the computer skills of Carl, our regular skillful scribe.)

**Opening Discussion:** Jim Gracie will look into the availability of the Squamish Savings Conference Room as a host site for our monthly meetings. The third Thursday of each month may not be available, but another regular booking may be available. The meeting room has modern conveniences such as wi-fi, digital projector, coffee maker and conference table, which may make it a good site for our monthly meetings. Squamish Savings is also our STS banking institution.

### **A. Reports**

**1. Membership** - It was mentioned that Heather Evans is taking on some of the elements of this role from Doug Morrison. Although not a report, discussion centered on:

1. The importance of strong STS membership numbers when dealing with DOS and developers,

2. Building membership during participation at events such as the Brackendale Fall Fair,
3. To bump up involvement of others, a "Bring-a-friend" themed meeting may be held in the fall,
4. Appealing to a younger demographic was also discussed - involvement of High School, Quest & Capp U. students.
5. Life time membership options for a set amount and automatic yearly debit options were also considered as possible future options if they can be facilitated.

**2. Brush-Back Brigade** - Most recently, Vic Drought (our lead weed whacker), along with Patrick, led a group of volunteers to clear the Dark Roast Connector paralleling Finch Ave. To date, with the application of 156 volunteer hours, 4.7 km of trails have received attention from the brush Back Brigade: clearing overgrowth, improving the trail surface and replacing culverts.

**3. Smoke Bluffs Park Advisory Committee** - Matt described recent suggested changes to the Draft Management Plan concerning mountain biking on the trails within Smoke Bluffs Park. The lack of any mention of equestrian use of the trails in the Draft Management Plan was also noted at the last SBPAC meeting.

**4. Financial** - Jim Gracie summarized the state of our present accounts. Jim then noted that the promised donation from Holburn to cover work on the safety railing in the vicinity of their development had yet to arrive. John volunteered to follow up on this with a phone call. Clarification was sought with respect to the annual donation of gravel from Coast Aggregate. (John followed up on this confirming with Amy Fast that STS can count on a 15 yd.? donation of trail material if STS can supply the transport. A donation receipt will be provided to Coast Aggregate based on the market value of the donation.

**5. Brackentrail to Wonderland Connector** - DOS staff will be presenting the trail proposal to Council at a Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, July 26th, ~1:00 pm. [Jim Harvey and I attended as proponents and a few residents attended and spoke to their concerns regarding loss of privacy and the environmental impact of a trail in the vicinity of their homes. Council appeared generally supportive of the plan. Jim and I agreed to meet with the landowners on site to see if we can mitigate some of their concerns. I passed on my contact information to Leah Turner who displayed some leadership among the home owners and is probably the most impacted by the present trail alignment.

**B. Notifications** Doug Morrisson submitted the first three notifications, which were received through STS email.

(1) Kung Fu Panda 3 is playing at the Squamish Pavilion right after our Trails meeting.

(2) Aggressive bear (yellow tag in ear) and others in the Highlands/Estates.

(3) Aggressive coyotes on Wonderland Trail, between Wonderland Valley Resort and Alice Lake Road

(4) Petgill Lake Trail linked to Shannon Basin Loop Trail - On July 10th, Richard McKellar led a group of volunteers from Squamish and UBC in clearing a severely overgrown section of trail, which appeared on some maps, connecting Petgill Lake to the Gondola Trails near the junction of the Skyline Trail and the Shannon Basin Loop Trail.

(5) New Bridge to replace Georges Crossing on Paul Ridge is in progress. SORCA volunteers are working on this.

**C. Correspondences:** none outside the notifications noted above

**D. Old Business:**

1. Signage "Private Property Please remain on the trail and Pick up after Pets" put in place on Waterfront Trail Property

2. Truck Route Study submission - not discussed

4. Storage shed - Will continue to use the shed that Ted Prior has provided for us as long as it is free. (A question for our accountant: Can a tax receipt be provided to Ted Prior for the value of a site that could otherwise be rented to another user group.) Another option is to secure a storage container and ask DOS for permission to locate the STS storage container in the Public Works Yard as Search and Rescue does.

5. Trail Needs To Do List:

1. Resurfacing Mamquam Spawning Channel Trail south of Shannon Estates with crush - to be reserved for John and a client with surfacing material to be provided by the DOS or Coast Aggregate donation.

2. Continuing to address seasonally wet sections of Loggers Creek Trail and Nature Trail with improved surface material possibly tapping Cross Fit or outdoor leadership student volunteers to help spread surface aggregate.

3. Rooty section at the southern end of Swan trail (I thought I'd add this one as I've been meaning to do a little shovel and bucket work here for quite a while.)

**E. Business Arising**

1. Jim noted that specific duties for each director should be delineated and people without specified roles could formally take on tasks suited to their interest and skill set. This lead back into discussion on broadening membership and sharing the load. "Many hands make for a lighter load." (Typing out the minutes has made me even more hugely appreciative of the role Carl and Heather usually provide as "secretary"!)

2. Staffing for Brackendale Fall Fair: Matt, Jim, Penny?, Heather - Can we borrow the Titan's tent again for this and maybe get some help setting it up if you are available?

Sorry I am not available for the Fall Fair this year.

3. Update STS brochure - Jim brought in a samples of other brochures that we may want to emulate in the process of updating our pamphlet from a one-page, black and white photo-copied membership form to a more informative, colour, STS brochure with a map on the back. John estimated the cost of having 500 such brochures made up to be about \$1000. Developing the content is a further challenge. An STS member or subcommittee could work with a high school or university student with graphic design skills to develop an updated, more sophisticated pamphlet representing STS and Squamish trails. Map apps are becoming more available and widely used.

#### **E. Roundtable**

Jim reminded us that we have two years to adopt the new B.C.'s Society Act's rules, so we should begin to look at any changes we may want or need to make to our constitution. The new criteria is available on-line. Membership and voting rules could be critically important to avoid a situation in which an outside entity, such as a developer, decides to stack a meeting with new members to meet its own agenda.

**Adjournment ~ 8:25 matt your minutes are just fine, many thanks**

**Squamish Trails Society  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday September 21, 2016  
Squamish Savings Boardroom**



**Introductions:**

**Call to order:** 19:14

**In Attendance:** Don, Chris, Doug, Elspeth, John x 2, Stéphane, Heather, Austin, Jim, Meg, Vic, Carl, Matt,



**Reports:**

**Membership:** Doug passing on membership "duties" to Matt - discussion of membership - some sign-ups at Brackendale Fall Fair. RE: Membership email fan out – Doug having problems with Telus service - did anybody not get last notice of meeting? Re: transfer of membership email fanout - Heather E offered to share load to update membership list and setting up new email fan out.

**BBB:** Vic - Shut down most of August but some works done in July and September - 212 hrs and 6.4km of trail work - including some independent blackberry bashing.  
Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup coming up on Thursday at 16:00 at Pavilion.

**Trail Projects:** John - Discussion re: Campground fund raising, etc. First event October 28. Details to come.  
Dog Pound stairs latest project. Now looking at trail on east side of Government Road - goal to be bikable up and down! Plan to put in stairs where folks will naturally cut the corners. Hoping to gravel trail near bridge at first pond (on trail to the east).

**Smoke Bluffs Park:** Been working on management plan but there has been some teething problems of late as "Advisory" committee actually becomes "advisory". Cycling language in document incited some correspondence as biking appears to be banned **on upper trails in the Park**. Working through it. Draft plan should be available online? Discussion regarding movement of plan through various Municipal committees. There has been some fresh work by Municipality through main "commuter trail" including removing gate and replacing with bollard. Matt to send a letter to DoS thanking them for improvements. Area had been damaged by recent rains. Discussion: There is a Muni "Smoke Bluff Committee" - why isn't there a "Trails Committee" at the municipal level. Noted that there appears to be a keen interest of all trail user stakeholder groups to get together at least once a year.

**Financials:** Jim - "We are solvent." Financials reviewed. Still holding some money for Hospital Hill Play Park - earmarked for playhouse. There is a budget set aside for "Wonderland Connector - no expenses to date. Big thing looming - potential legal fees.

Discussion regarding donation by Fraserwood of wood for Dog Pound stairs. Grant of Turtle Trail brochure was approved and will be coming in soon - Squamish Community Foundation.

**Brackentrail to Wonderland connector announcement:** Matt - Jim got Section 57 so permission has been granted - looking to start in October. Binnie and Associates is doing a survey to ensure no encroachment on private property. Discussion re: tax receipts for professional services donated for this project. Discussing the bridge component with DoS engineering.



**Brackendale Fall Fair:** Matt - met lots of folks, sold out of maps, sold some t-shirts and memberships - good

day. Discussion re: maps - we need to get some more. Suggestion we give some t-shirts to professional trail builders ie. Landluggers.

**Notifications:** Closure of Waterfront Trail along east side of Cattermole Slough. Alternate route around Day properly not very well defined. Rose Park Corridor Trail completion currently being completed - 3 meter wide with lighting! Should be completed by end of October.



**Council Ride-Around:** What would it look like to put lights from Adventure Centre to Brennan Park - Loggers Lane and/or Corridor Trail. Going to continue Corridor Trail extension to Mamquam River Bridge on Government Road and light from bridge to intersection. Looking at expansion of green bikeway painting.

**Correspondence:** John - Caroline Grass notified that a neighbour was willing to go in and make some improvements - and a question about signage. **The neighbourhood volunteer advised by John** to talk to DoS

before moving forward.

**Society Act Update:** New act comes in effect in November giving two years to make changes. If we make changes in the two year gap it is free - after is \$75. Changes required: remove redundancies, also suggested we make some changes. Jim would like to see a sub-committee put together to study new act and make suggestions for changes / additions. Discussion re: setting up bylaws moving forward. Need several things; defining membership, who votes and who doesn't, duties of executive. John will send his bylaws for some new wording suggestions. Noted that there are a set of basic bylaws in the new forms.

Move by Jim that we form a committee to bring forward suggestions to be brought forward to membership at next AGM, seconded by Carl - carried. There will be beer. Jim, Matt, Carl and Stéphane. Meetings will be announced for full membership can come.



**Storage Shed:** Matt - in the process of exploring options as Ted might be selling his land, where we now store our stuff. If we are to ask Muni (regarding Forestry site) it should be done soon. Discussion requirements.

**Trails Needs To Do List:** Little Stawamus trail area remediation. Heather S. meeting with Matt Simmons Thursday. Discussion regarding history of project. Trail work required in Coho Park (what ever happened to John Hawkings?)

Website still showing 2015 projects - needs updating. Discussion re: "Grant in Aid" application for trails works? Maybe if we were looking at a big project. Wayfinding review has gone through District - so we could be looking at trail signage components? Discussion: We should continue to send DoS project / priority lists - to be discussed at top of next meeting - starting with last years list. Heather E. to bring updated list to next meeting.

**Loggers Creek / Nature Trail Project with Cross Fit - October 16:** Matt - resurfacing Loggers Creek and Nature Trail with road base. Gravel to be delivered in key location and will be addressing the areas needing the most attention. Discussion: Accessible trail access - maybe focus on Nature Trail end?





**Updating DoS Trail Map Info:** Heather and Matt - **Four** trail user groups to provide DoS with updated information for GIS system and inclusion in OCP maps. Suggestion that folks interested take a look at the maps to see what information is missing. Suggestion put forward to define what trails are authorized for specific user groups ie motorcycles only, which direction of travel (if specific), difficulty (ratings).

**Updating the STS Brochure:** An updated brochure with a map would be good. Currently a membership recruiting kinda thing. Needs to be updated. Deferred to next meeting.

**DoS Trail Signage:** Nice to have somebody else paying for the signage! And . . . it would be nice to be included in stakeholder consultation regarding what, where for trails. Suggested that STS puts forward a priority list ie. where should there be trailhead signs? etc.

**Sensitive Habitat Areas:** Jim - off leash dogs in spawning channels as an example but there are many other areas that should be protected from dogs and kids. We need more sensitive habitat signs - try some humour?

**Roundtable:** Meg - Turtle Trail Feasibility Study - starting to come together. Needed wayfinding before the interpretive component.

Interpretive component under design and consultation with community groups to share their stories. Council and staff are keen to carry forward. Meg putting together proposal for Nature Trail project as an example - will forward to STS.

Jim - new Society act allows us to invest our money in higher yields - we should look. Austin - signage in backcountry is an issue - would like to look at ways to make improvements - with approvals. Is stonemason - good way to make trails safer, more permanent.



Meeting adjourned: 20:58

**Discussion with Executive:** Westbuild



**Squamish Trails Society  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday October 19, 2016  
Squamish Savings Boardroom**



**Call to order:** 19:10

**In Attendance:** Matt Parker, Jen Adams, Doug Morrison, Stéphane Perron, John Harvey, Patrick MacNamara, Vic Drought, Meg Fellowes, Jim Gracie

**Reports:**

**Membership - Doug Morison:** Newsletters and agendas are not making it through to Shaw customers (bulk emails being blocked by Shaw needs attention)  
Check to see if Heather is familiar with the use of Mail Chimp & if this is an option



**Brush-Back Brigade - Vic Drought:** Recently cleared the roughest trail yet... the Toboggan Trail in Hospital Hill (Some water erosion also present on this trail and probably more given the recent rain)  
BBB working with DOS on Crumpit Creek Cruiser to Valleycliffe through McNaughton Park cutting back the blackberry bushes and spreading gravel. 288 volunteer hours and over 7.5 Km of trails cleared so far this year.



**Loggers Creek Trail Project with DOS & Cross Fit – Matt:** Jim, Vic, Matt and two strong Cross fit volunteers spread about 70 wheel barrow loads of trail crush over the south end of the Loggers Creek Trail near the Adventure Centre in an hour and half with front end loader help from Dan Sergeant from DOS.

**SPCA stairs and Campground Report - John Harvey:** Oct 18th District staff reviewed the trail improvements and granted approval for the ramped trail down to the Mamquam River Trail (East side of Govt Rd Bridge). The general plan is to have a rideable ramp for bikes and stairs for pedestrians. Stairs down to the river on the west side of the bridge near SPCA completed.

Campground Fundraiser Fri. Oct. 28th 7pm-9:30 at Valhalla \$10 at door with guest speakers and slide shows: Brian Jones 7 Summits and Ratt River Paddling Trip as well as a silent auction. Trans Allta provided \$5000 contribution to the campground

**Squamish Community Foundation's Grant Ceremony – Meg:** Meg and Keely accepted an \$800 cheque on behalf of STS from the Sq. Community Foundation for the interactive map brochure of the Turtle Trail. Nov. 1st Turtle Trail development proposal goes to the Community Development Committee.



**Smoke Bluffs Park Advisory Committee - Matt Parker:** Smoke Bluffs Park Management Plan referred to council with wording restricting mountain bikes from the Loop Trail (a trail very few mountain bikers use) other trail users (trials motor cyclists & equestrians) do not face these specific restrictions. As there was no consultation and collaboration with SORCA in making this decision STS will submit a letter to Council to encourage Council to make necessary changes to the document to reflect equity and SBP as a multi use park. Letter read to STS members for further input and suggestions. It has since been sent to Council. Council examines the SBP MP Nov. 15th.

**Financial - Jim Gracie:** We are currently healthy. The amounts in the operating budget and reserve funds were reported. They receive about 1% interest. The financial records need to be kept at a different

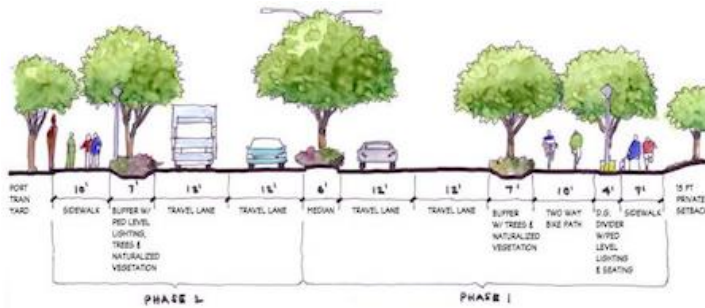
address than the registered address of the Society, Heather's residence, so a motion was made to keep them at Jim's place and that passed unanimously. There was discussion on how our lawyer may be paid if we reach a settlement. There was some discomfort expressed with the uncertainty around this.



**Brackentrail to Wonderland Connector – Matt:** Very challenging terrain, rocky with very little mineral soil. Work is proceeding slowly but survey work needs to be done at the north and south ends near the private properties. Jim is injured and waiting for his ankle to heal. We'll work on this through the winter and perhaps get to the bridge by late spring. Initial estimates for the aluminum bridge over the creek are coming in at \$4000.

**Notifications:**

Jim, Meg, Matt and Keely attended the DOS Deep dive session into Active transportation for the new OCP. We provided input on trails, bike lanes, sidewalks, parking, bussing ebikes, scooters, accessibility and alternate forms of transportation.



**Correspondences:**

Meg wrote a letter on behalf of STS and cc'd several community groups (ie. HASTE) raising awareness of the Blind Channel Hwy underpass deficiencies and the route west of the overpass and encouraged Council to pursue standards for when MOT works on the bridge the deficiencies like blind corners height etc. can perhaps be addressed.

**Business Arising and Continuing**

**Society Act Update – Jim:** Set constitution in a separate section from the bylaws.

Spell out membership categories ie. associate members.

Purpose of the constitution should reflect the purpose of STS.



**Updating DOS Trail Map info - Stéphane and Matt:** Heather sent the compiled list of trails and maps to Matt Gunn DOS planner .

**Update STS brochure** - to be discussed next meeting

**Storage:** Matt to ask Ted what our status is with the shed and send us an invoice so we can issue a tax receipt for his donation of the storage facility and discussed alternate storage locations

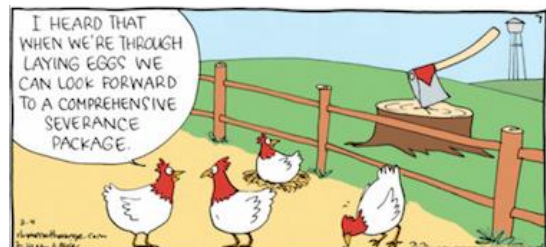
**UPDATE!** Ted is preparing the land for sale and Stéphane approached Ted and Neil Plumb to see if the District can help us out with storage space as Ted may be able to provide us with a storage container.

**Trails To Do List:** moved to next meeting

**Roundtable**

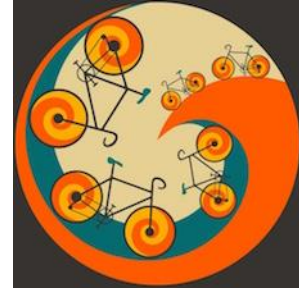
**Jim** - there is a need to develop a revenue stream for future projects and Jim plans to prepare a letter soliciting donations from corporate sponsors.

**Jen** - to meet with Jude Goodwin to review the website.



**Adjournment**

**Squamish Trails Society November 2016 Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, November 16th, 7:00 pm**



**Location:** Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room

**In attendance:** Matt, Jim, Patrick, Elspeth, Heather S, Meg, John, Chris, Doug, Vic  
**Call to order:** 19:05

**Adoption of Agenda:** Addition of Downtown Truck Study - Moved by Carl – carried

**Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Moved by Meg, seconded by Heather - carried

**Reports**



**Membership:** Doug Morrison &/or Heather Evans - Doug had forwarded bundle of vcards for Matt to work with. Heather noted that we use MailChimp for regular mailouts. May not resolve Shawmail issues with group notifications.

**Brush-Back Brigade:** Vic Drought – Happy Birthday! (+ safety vests for BBB) – Wrapped up for the year with 300 hours 8.1 km. - Crumplit Creek Cruiser needs more than a little work – an excavator. Worst was ripped and planted. Still requires work in low lying muddy bits. Letter of appreciation from DoS (Andy)

**Projects and Campground Report:** John Harvey – Fundraiser went well – 50 people showed up, over \$3000 raised.

Dog Pound trails – Trail down to river on north side graveled and path under bridge underway – almost resolved, but you didn't here it from us, improvement to existing trail. Huge benefit not to cross on roadway at bridge.

**Turtle Trail Feasibility Study:** Meg – \$2,230,000 total projected construction cost. There are ownership issues (7<sup>th</sup> Ave), wayfinding, what can we do to improve on “gorilla” marking program. Mamquam rail crossing to Rail Park is on private land – may not have right of way for public access. DoS has been pushing for public access but other challenge with CN Rail for crossing at bridge. Question for SES – what do we think of painted rocks along trails for turning points – gotta be big so kids don't rolling them away. Presented preliminary first draft brochure.



Rose Park trail pretty much finished except for lighting installation. Also have permission to add 1 meter of width through the underpass and corners. Will also be improving lighting, installing mirror on west corner and graffiti art improvement. Discussion re: younger kids not comfortable using underpass and friendlier art might help (get rid of the language). Possibility of “Canada 150” grant through Rick Hanson Foundation for this project. Noted that this grant is usually directed to accessibility improvements.



**Smoke Bluffs Park Advisory Committee:** Shawn Gosnell &/or Matt Parker - ( STS representation on the new SBPAC)

Matt received note that his 2 year term is up so feelers are out there in case anybody is interested. Shawn has applied to be a “member at large” and Matt will sit on committee representing STS. We probably should have an alternate in a perfect world. DoS will be posting for interested people to apply for committee in next weeks paper. Stakeholder reps will probably not be vetted by District. Matt will fill in the form and send it in – happily with his name on it.

Heather is considering taking on this role ☺ Email from Councilor Chappelle noting large contingent of climbers showed up at Council pushing ban on bicycles on loop trail. If it happens you can be sure SORCA will push for replacement!

**Financials:** Jim Gracie – we have a healthy surplus, but we also must spend our disbursement quota.

**Brackentrail to Wonderland Connector:** Matt - Jim a wee bit injured so going is not easy or fast going. Light graveling would be beneficial. First bit would also benefit from some machine time. Still some property issues with owners on both ends of trail.

## Correspondence:

From Eric Anderson re: Highway / Cleveland Avenue Traffic Operation and Safety Review.

Re: Silent motorized bikes – Jim – discussion re: dangers of electric assist bikes – suggested that they must come with signaling devices. Noted that the Trail Society should have a huge role to play regarding trail etiquette. Signage project should be encouraged. Maybe we should encourage all bike stores/sellers to ensure every bike gets a bell and a safety/courtesy handout. Suggested we send a letter to this end. Education proposal – connect with shops and schools and followed by a story in the local papers.



**Society Act Update:** finalizing constitution and bylaws – Jim. Need to approve work done recently. Constitution has been abbreviated but can use some more work. Bylaws need some changes. Will be circulated by email. Intent is to have ready for resolution next AGM, April 2017.

**Updating DOS Trail Map info:** - Heather, Stéphane and Matt - STS input has been shared already but still a few minor things to be address. Send to Matt Gunn at DoS. [mgunn@squamish.ca](mailto:mgunn@squamish.ca)



**Update project list for website:** - Jim – 2015 info on site needs to be updated, we have “done” this, we plan “to do” this next year. Meeting info needs to be updated. We do need folks to learn how to make updates in a timely fashion and not have to go to Jude every time.



**Trails To Do List:** new trails needed – Jim – noted that we usually use the big map for visioning - Matt to send out an email asking for information, ideas etc. Need to be able to check off projects completed. Jim first out of the gate with several proposals; Mamquam River – Brennan Channel to new campground, new Finch area development to Crumpit Woods / pipeline right of way, upgrade Sixth Ave to Bailey, Nature Trail upgrades, Swan Trail upgrades, Logger’s Creek Trail floods in several sections – could use a small boardwalk or lots of gravel, Judd beach trails (bridge abutments), Petgil to Gondola route is hikeable – OK for now, Mashiter Trail to Paco Road (Boulevard at bridge down to Paco).



**Storage Shed:** - Stéphane & Matt – Ted had indicated that he had a container available but awaiting word from DoS regarding placing at tennis court. Looking at options in the near future.

**Truck Route Study:** DoS believes that there needs to be another route across the Mamquam Blind Channel. This route needs to be finalized so that all other decisions can be made to integrate with this bridge.

## Roundtable

Jim: Solicitation letter has been produced, though we are not intending to send out at this time. Has special uses with tweaks for specific projects. National Trails Coalition, Council of Trails in BC.

Vic: Safety Vests – we have half a dozen – should get 6 more. Would be nice to get identification on them.



John: Trail Work in process signage? BBB has trail work in progress that can be borrowed.

Elspeth: Atlantic Power has committed funds (set aside) for trail down gas pipeline to Finch area – could be resurrected? Great partnership with DoS, Atlantic, SORCA and STS. Matt to contact SORCA to see what work has already been done.

**Adjournment:** 20:51



**Squamish Trails Society December 2016 Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, December 21st, 7:00 pm**

**Location:** Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room

**In attendance:** Matt, Jim, Jen, Candy, Don, Vic, John, Elspeth  
 Heather and Doug send their regrets

**Call to order:** 19:04

**Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by John – carried

**Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Moved by Jen, seconded by John – carried



**Reports:**

**Membership:** Heather has list of everyone who has ever paid – not necessarily current. Doug has pretty much finished transfer of information. Discussion regarding web based access to minutes

**Projects:** John Harvey – “Under the Bridge Trail” moving along – have placed some additional rocks to avoid issues with DoS. Ongoing – looking at set of stairs or ? on west side of bridge.

**Campground:** Found campground manager. Storage bin has been placed but needs to be modified with door etc. Did not get Sport Legacy or MEC grant. Wondering status of matching funds that were offered.

**Smoke Bluffs Park Advisory Committee:** Shawn Gosnell &/or Matt Parker – nothing to report until new year. Discussion of snow removal on stairs etc.



**Financials:** Jim Gracie – in good condition - with assets and commitments. Discussion of funds left over in Hospital Hill Play Park account. Noted that membership fees are also due – can now pay on line through web site.

**Brush-Back Brigade / New Storage Shed:** Vic Drought – Wrapped up for the year with 300 hours 8.1 km. Confirmation that we will have a spot for bin at the Muni tennis courts. Bin must be set up to specific standard and painted a very particular colour. No official eviction date from Ted.

**Brackentrail to Wonderland Connector:** Matt - Jim a wee bit injured so going is not easy or fast going. Light graveling would be beneficial. First bit would also benefit from some machine time. Still some property issues with owners on both ends of trail.

**Correspondence:**

Danna Hinderle re: Willow Park coordination. They are making improvements – playgrounds, drainage, improved trail surface material. Discussion regarding setting a proper standard – need to talk to DoS to ensure works are done well with appropriate materials.

Douglas Day re: Reopening Waterfront Trail. Ya da ya da.



**Business Arising (and continuing):**



**Society Act Update:** finalizing constitution and bylaws. Jim – bit of enhanced wording. Discussion: recognizing the ideals of the Trails Society, not of society as a whole. We advocate multiuse paths, trails and community connectors for non-motorized users.

**2017 Project List:** Discussion

- Ray Peter North – along Squamish Valley road – needs waterbars and drainage improvements – machine?
- Brackentrail to Wonderland connector – road allowance at south end requires survey and drainage – machine?
- Mamquam Channels – connectors to campground, reconstruction at channel valve, connector to Brennan Channel.
- Finch area to Crumpit Woods / Pipeline right of way – Atlantic Power funded?
- Upgrades on Town Dike trail at 6/7<sup>th</sup> Avenue – reconfigure ramp to bridge – private property issues?
- Nature Trail and Logger's Creek Trails – gravel, culverts and/or boardwalks – existing need repair and non-slip.
- Swan Trail upgrades – roots, puddles and emergency access road connector along Central Basin Channel.
- Mamquam and Squamish Riverside trail upgrades/tweaking.
- Judd Beach Trail and bridge abutments – steep trail off the south end of Cottonwood and rocks in bridge cribbing.
- Mashiter Trail from Boulevard to Paco Road – establish whether or not there is a viable route!
- Dentville North trails resurface and drainage.
- Discovery Trail South – gravel for proper crown and drainage.
- University Heights Phase 2 community connector trail advocacy.
- Willow Park connector trail upgrades.
- Railwoods Trail upgrade – Virescence (east of Shannon Estates) to Mashiter Channel dike.

**Roundtable:** Valleycliff Trail Kiosk – who does maintenance on them – wayfinding is coming? Hole in bridge on Swan Trail off Fisherman's Access Road. Discussion about updating maps in kiosks – DoS supply map and we can provide plexi and put them in place? Remind DoS to not forget maps on kiosks – give them a list of requirements.



**Adjournment:** 21:09

**Next meeting:** January 19, 2017

