



Squamish Trails Society January 2018 Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 17, 2018 Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room

Attendance: Matt, Carl, Jim, Patrick, Vic, Meg, Candy, John, Heather.

Call to order: 19:03

Adoption of Agenda: moved by John - carried

Adoption of Minutes: moved by Meg, seconded by John – carried

Reports:

Membership: Heather - Last meeting question regarding #'s – 172 on list with currently 28 paid members. Discussion: currently get \$280 at \$10 – would we get more money or less members if we raise membership fee to \$20? What if we leave at \$10 and ask for a \$10 donation. Hasn't been changed for years – is \$20 really too much to ask. Noted we do not give tax receipts until the \$50 level. Proposal that we increase "associate membership" to \$50. Heather will look at other comparable organizations for comparison. Heather has been working on Mail Chimp newsletter format. Has inputted contact info and looking for topics to include: Discussion: AGM (April 18), Trail Society interviews, Brushback dates a natural – could include Matt's "Church of Dirt" weekend projects – or anything else. Thanks to sponsors, call for more money. Membership news, reminders to renew. How do you know if we have paid?

Projects: "Bird Sanctuary" Idea in Blind Channel – cut off the peninsula. Notion from Perry and Nadine Beckham (sp?) Supported by Eric Anderson. Suggested that SES champion idea with Beckham's to put a proposal to Council. Hopeful that Beckhams could support future waterfront trail. Moved by John that STS supports the concept of an island conservation area on the existing Mamquam Blind Channel peninsula (opposite Rose Park), seconded by Meg – carried. FLNRO letter regarding homeless encampment cc'd to Council, MLA – Squamish Reporter (Gagandeep) asking to do follow-up story. Discussion of trail names in Merrill Park – where did "Stairway to Heaven" name come from – was "Summit Trail"? Campground thankyou's to many in Chief "daffodils". Final approvals of remediation plan for outhouses and grant in aid from Council which will cover costs.

Financials: Jim - We're well gravelled and graded! Approvals provided to reimburse Jennifer for expenses related to brochure placement at kiosk. Candy will be monitoring until AGM when we can discuss how they are being received, colour/ b&w? Jim looking for input into the 2018 budget – bring back your plans, needs, ideas to next meeting.

Accessibility/Turtle Trail: No news.

Development News: Garibaldi Springs passed first reading. Some resistance to taking land out of greenspace. University Heights received our correspondence – no response as of yet. Matt to send an update to developer and DoS. Discussion: direct to appropriate planner. Kingswood proposal to include motel site to existing proposal passed.

Correspondence:

Sea to Sky Destination Survey: Thanks to Jim for filling this one out.

McKenzie Boyle Quest Students: students interested in assisting with trail work.

Aligned Collective: January 31 invitation to make presentation at networking event. Jennifer has put together a short video. Trying to connect users and providers in the recreation arena.

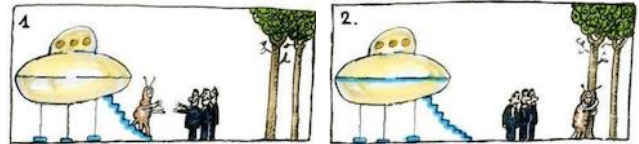
Evans Lake: Looking for possible project for August 5-11 Teen Camp? Copperbush Pond.

DoS Grant Proposal for Discovery Trail Upgrades: Looking for letter of support.

Business Arising:

2018 Projects: check website for priority of list.

1. Nature Trail upgrade (contact Edith regarding gravel – remind about Westbarr!)
 2. Riverside, Woodpecker West brushing
 3. Swan Trail Resurfacing (need more gravel to continue this project)
 4. Crumpet Woods Connector to Finch/Centennial (Brennan Park area)
 5. Laughing Turtle
 6. Ring Creek Falls to Carpenter's Son: around University Heights
 7. Brackentrail to Wonderland (Tantalus to Depot Roads)
- Logger's Creek Trail – needs, culverts, ballast and road base.



(Should check for drainage needs with high water)
 Heron Trail resurfacing
 Bridges through remediation site
 Valleycliffe: Crumpit Cruiser extension
 Smashiter: Boulevard to Mamquam Road
 Commercial Drive to Brennan Park connector
 Bill's Place – reroute downhill to Mamquam Road



Discussion regarding "Trail Crew" time. Could start on Riverside whenever they could. Great to have projects on a spreadsheet showing priority, time allotment, budget, required approvals etc. Could use STS in-house expertise to suggest estimates. List of projects highlighted this way could also encourage sponsorship. Discussion regarding repairs to log sort remediation area trail.

Squamish River Foot Bridge Notion: Mentioned on OCP as a possibility. Thanks to Jim for position noted in local paper. Moved by John that we not support the notion of a footbridge to the west side of the Squamish River, seconded by Meg – carried.

Dogs off leash: Discussion of dogs off leash, rules regulations, moving forward.

Squamish Estuary being used as an off-leash dog park: Note that this is a wildlife management area – not a park designed for people. We need to do some problem solving around the issue of dogs. The Province does not want people or dogs in this area. How do we get a community conversation started to get appropriate behaviour. Thanks to those folks who do keep their dogs on leashes.

Suggestions: gateway to area with dog "leash-up area". Partner with "dog people" (OurDogs).

Need to have designated off-leash areas. Enforcement, fines, education, signage etc. all could be part of a solution. "Set a great example or you and your friends could be banned?"



STS Calendar: Jim presented a draft version.

Roundtable:

John: Trail naming contests for new trails – noted we currently have two "riverside" trails. Ted Prior re: storage shed – didn't get a clear answer yet. Matt will try to talk to Ted. Jim has secured a space at tennis courts for future storage placement.

Jim: Who has STS copies of Trails Master Plan, Watercourse Regs, Trail Management Plans etc.?

Sea to Sky Forestry Society: Trails are part of their vision – in case they would like to talk to other user groups about it. OCP mentions Trails advisory – do we need a committee – either way we need to get this initiative going! Heather – how are legal things going?

Carl: Stairway to bar at Eagle Run Dike – can we take the darned thing out? Issue with public accessing the river bar during eagle season is a concern.

Adjournment/next meeting: February 21





**Squamish Trails Society February 2018 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 21, 2018
Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room**

Feeling lonely?



Attendance: Matt, Carl, Jim, Vic, Jen, Meg, John

Call to order: 19:03

Adoption of agenda: Moved by Meg – carried.

Adoption of minutes: Discussion – suggestion that motions and action items are highlighted ...

Discussion of project list: Commercial connector not supported by youth soccer – concerned regarding impacts on fields. Might evolve into a good community connector with expansion of housing east of Brennan Park. Discussion of requirement for an environmental assessment – is this “checkbox” necessary for prioritizing and planning projects? Future projects should also reflect nomenclature used in OCP documents. Moved by Meg, seconded by John – carried.

Reports:

Financials: Jim – we’re fluid – Matt trying to ensure we don’t have too much money by gravelling of Swan Trail – another \$1K required. Discussion regarding “Crumpit Cruiser” required budget – at least \$30K – after/if we get approvals. Proposed budget items also included \$1.2K for stairs at top of Merrill Park. Proposed budget for completion of Nature Loop (culverts, bridges, etc.) \$2.5K. Riverside Trail \$500. Brochures/info boxes \$200. “Under the Bridge” at Mamquam \$200 (for some more concrete). Jim still looking for budget inputs – projects? funding?

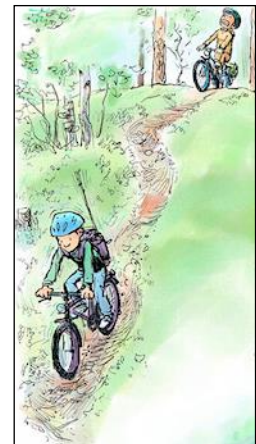
Accessibility/Turtle Trail: Three rides planned for 2018. One ride bike wear/costumes, one focused on bike maintenance as a focus, one as a night ride and importance/strategy of being seen. Suggest these rides be sponsored by the three bike shops – spring, summer and fall. Turtle Trail routing: DoS has been working around the Pemberton Avenue areas. Note – special thanks to DoS for all their help and understanding.

SRLD Meeting: Impacts on multi use trail users – expand.

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Correspondence:

- Chris Dale photos of Nature Trail: To be used for report before and after images.
- Sarah McJannet re: Mamquam Blind Channel peninsula - action item: CH to circulate response.
- Kerry Hamilton re: Kingswood comments:
- DFO (Dave Nanson) re: Little Stawamus Creek – provided links for evaluation. Initial tour and conversation with Mike Nelson. Private property issues across from Cliffside Pub.
- Closure of “Crumpit Cruiser” – washed away again!
- Storage Shed rental/land sale?:
- Homeless Camp cleanup response from SAS: “Keep us informed.”
- SORCA response re: designation of Crown Land: OCP designation “resource/recreation”.
- Mashiter Channel trail at Mamquam Bridge re: “sand trap” – Riun Blackwell: bypass created.
- Aqua proposal to their strata to get moneys for Blue Heron improvements.



Business Arising:

OCP Second Reading: Trail section – develop sustainable funding for trail network maintenance, provide pedestrian access to Estuary.

Earth Day: Sunday, April 22 - input regarding trail names?

AGM Planning: April 18

2018 Project Planning: Bill’s Place not currently high priority but once DoS cleans up debris we could let it evolve. Swan Connector – work with DoS grading.

Looking forward to “Old Dump” site possible dog walking, off leash areas. STS could argue regarding the importance of connectivity through this area. Tantalus Connector status – waiting for possible additional funding.



Roundtable: Naming – “Riverside Trails”- where are they? what are their names around the Golf Course and Mashiter Channels. Suggested that Squamish River dike trail south of rail bridge be “No Name Trail”. Discussion re: Dipper Trail etc. Discussion regarding trail naming and how that process should/could work? Christina Moore and Wayfinding Initiative is looking for historical background regarding naming. Great opportunity to gather all these ideas together. Categories can include history, natural history relationships, geography, location ...

Dogs, Dogs, Dogs – Estuary Impacts: DoS signage at Aqua. Signage project – dog on leash etc. – logged by everybody – agencies, government, peer groups! Education component – do the right thing for these reasons. Need scripts. Letters to the editor.



Recognize that dog owner do have a need – need to map areas that dog owners can go as viable alternatives to sensitive areas. Perfect world we need to do mapping and categorizing various uses – dog must be on leash, dog off leash but under control, multiple users – dogs must be clipped in meeting other users, off leash. Four steps with “rules”. Identify areas, what are their positives and negatives. What are the amenities? ie parking, no other users. Really like the area of the entry feature with gates (that implied they could be closed) – dog leash up area (with art on arch over top with wildlife images?) Opportunity for education through licencing, through dog suppliers, through dog trainers. Carl to look at signage, Meg to look into “rules”.

Jim: Draft orientation manuals presented by Jim. Newport Beach survey available on line.

Jen: Six kiosk locations for brochures completed.

Meg: Looking forward to AGM requesting two financial statements – history and forecast.

Carl: SLRD meeting – discussion regarding impacts of changes to SLRD Regional Growth Strategy wording and how that was perceived by Garibaldi at Squamish supporters and other user groups. Proponents were pushing the benefits to community for development including trail infrastructure, access to alpine and mountain biking possibilities – including notion you could enjoy a Whistler style mountain bike park and trail infrastructure that would extend from the “top of the mountain to the waterfront”. SDBA uses the area heavily and brought up concerns of increased conflict if “their area” was taken away. SORCA implied that development of more trails might take pressure off “their trails maintained by volunteers”.

Echo Lake cabin proposal was also on the SLRD agenda with most of the speakers in favour of development.

Adjournment: 21:19

Next meeting: March 21



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Squamish Trails Society March 2018 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room



Attendance: Matt, Jim, Candy, Chris, Meg, Carl

Call to order: 19:03

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Meg – carried.

Adoption of Minutes February 21: Discussion – remember action items. Moved by Meg, seconded by Candy – carried.

Reports:

Membership: Heather – Looked into other Society fee structure. Similar to other groups. Note some other groups have Corporate and multi-year memberships, some have variable rates that recognize different levels of financial support. Proposed \$20 for single, \$30 for family to go to membership at AGM for vote. Ask at AGM for discussion for future consideration.

Brushback: Trail work on Logger’s Creek to repair tree fall damage, tree removal on “Golf Ball”, thanks to all who have contributed to the work on Swan Trail and “crowning” discussion. DoS has also requested gravelling help on Town Dike from Main to 6th. Discussion of DoS works/improvements to trails in Castle Rock/west Pemberton trail area. Great work! Improvements to surfaces and grades much appreciated. “Really nice job!”
 BBB: Town Dike graveling Wednesday March 28 at 10 am. (tentative)



Projects:

Financial Statement: Jim – Assets and Liabilities reported. Discussion of funding future major projects. Jim presented proposed budget for next year – for discussion prior to AGM. Let him know if you have any concerns or suggestions.

Accessibility/Turtle Trail: Previous “ask” from District will more or less be complete with works behind Sikh Temple. What is next? Wayfinding for valley trails? DoS has started with Corridor Trail and Neighbourhood Way designations. Does STS want to focus on findable, useable trail markers from Cheakamus to the Gondola connecting the Sea to Sky Trail through Paradise Valley and beyond, through the internal Corridor Trail and eventually to the Gondola. Discussion regarding possibility of focusing on Turtle Trail. Would be nice to have mileage on signs, “you are here” maps. Backbone of community trails is the Corridor Trail – let’s do a great job of it for casual/tourist users. Would DoS consider “temporary” signage? (not the full blown signage standard, but something that works now. What would happen in the Gondola area? Need a discussion with Gondola/Hydro/BC Parks regarding routing. What is happening with Corridor extension grant application. What is happening with completion of Sea to Sky Trail? Need to put together a draft letter to local governments. Meg will be asking where we are in regards to Turtle routing. **Action item:** Carl to put together draft letter. Discussion regarding Nature Loop. Interpretive signage, seating and meeting areas would require danger tree assessment and mitigation.



Correspondence:

1. Ruin Blackwell – thank you for trail work in Mamquam Channel areas. Still need some changes to bridge at channel outfall.
2. My Sea to Sky volunteer appreciation breakfast – April 20, 8 am.

Business Arising:

1. **AGM Planning:** Will people maintain their roles? Everybody says yes to their existing roles. Need to let members know? Email and web notice. Need to have approval for budget at meeting. Discussion regarding grant writing.
2. **2018 Projects:** Swan Trail gravel purchase completed. Nature Trail should be starting ASAP – hoping for support from DoS for some culverts. Discussion regarding use to trail crew –



maybe brush work, trail improvements Woodpecker West and Riverside. Proposed upgrade of footpath Aspen Road to Discovery and Swan Link (along road between north and south).

3. Dogs on Leash – Estuary: Meg had looked at differences in designations regarding dog rules, bylaws etc. Discussion re: on leash or on lead. Are there definitions (that differ) between dog off leash areas, dog parks etc. DoS looking at BC Hydro right of way in Brackendale between Squamish Valley Road and Rick Hunter's. Looking at other areas in right of ways for similar designation. StoryMap Crowd Source being used to show designations.

4. April 22 – Earth Day – maybe have a map for persons to mark down where they thought would be a good place for dog off leash areas. BC sWild (etc) only support areas that are fenced for off leash areas. There are predator/prey relationships in Squamish that folks need to be aware of.

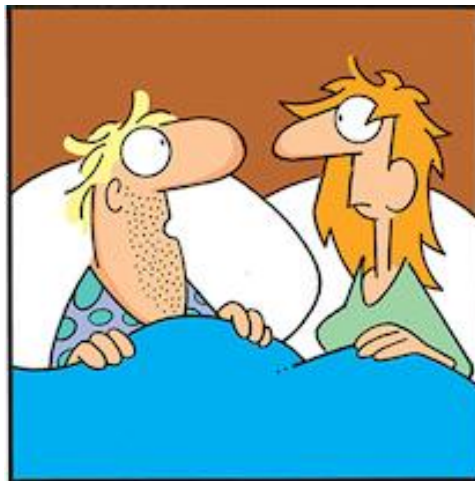
Where can dogs be off leash? Where must dogs be on leash? Need survey for booth at Earth Day. Jurisdiction issues: WMA, DoS, SFN (Site A).



Roundtable: Jim – Bobbie D Pole Island – west of Eagle Run. Bring your orientation books to AGM. Trail worker designated work wear. Candy – trail kiosk brochure report – Coho Park all gone, some taken at each kiosk except Plateau. No litter or vandalism. No return on it yet. Candy will check every 10 days or so and monitor. Chris – Riverside Trail has been brushed out nicely. Thanks for new bridges on Wonderland.

Heather – let's not reprint brochures until we confirm membership pricing. Will be sending out AGM notice two weeks before and couple days prior (MailChimp)

Adjournment: 20:44 Next Meeting: AGM April 18.



Every morning I think about going for a long walk. At least my brain is getting some exercise!



Squamish Trails Society 2018 AGM
Wednesday April 18, 7pm
Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room

Attendance: Vic, Richard, Matt, Jim, John, Heather, Meg, Penny, Patrick, Carl, Patricia, Doug

Call to order: 19:06

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Heather – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes of Last Meeting, March 21, 2018:
Moved by Meg, seconded by Patricia - carried



Reports:

Membership: Heather – Discussion regarding other similar groups membership fees etc.

Brushback Brigade: Vic – 6th Ave gravel day cancelled, works done on Logger's Creek trail – culvert installed.

Thanks to DoS for gravel. Looking forward to continuing upgrade of trail further in this area. Will organize a trail mid-week day to work in area. DoS also offer of plate tamper to finish off properly. Offer of culverts from Heather – can be stored at tool shed. To be picked up.

Smoke Bluff Park Meeting Report: Matt – New trail proposed off Loop Trail above Summers Eve Junction roughly following trails and downhill mtb lines within the Park to the Mtn of Phlegm/ radio tower summit. Discussion of ways and means to do so. Discussion of form and character; and possible braiding, multiple user conflicts – walkers, mountain bikes and trials all currently use this area and there are some climbing cliffs, Grand Doug and Cockburns, along the way.

Swan Trail and Project Reports: Matt – More or less finished with graveling. Trail really looks great!

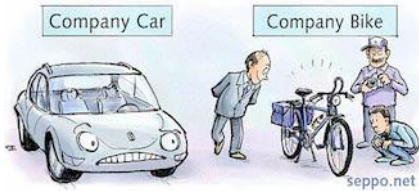
Financial Report: Jim – Monthly statement presented. We have money! Bills are paid, money in the bank!

Accessibility and Turtle Trail: Meg – thanks to Ed Dubois for trail report. Work that DoS has done Winnipeg and 6th is brilliant. Looking to coordinate within the next month to complete graveling behind Sikh temple. Thanks to both DoS road and trail crews for brush back on many trails. Upcoming “Community Crawls”: Stay tuned for details – first coming up May 28? Hope to partner with bike shops for spring, summer and fall theme rides. Discussion of wayfinding/marketing – what are they going to do this year / next year. Discussion of Turtle Trail routing – note that they are now lighting part of Corridor Trail from Adventure Centre south to Finch. DoS in negotiating the reestablishment of west side ramp at Mamquam Channel underpass. Discussion of Turtle Trail map – to be available at Earth Day – routing, marking, District desires. Possibility of establishing part of route with same designations as “Community Ways” (6th Ave?) Next big phase is finding some funding!



Correspondence:

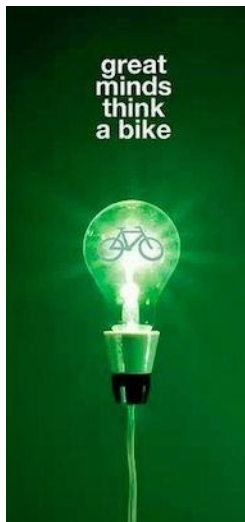
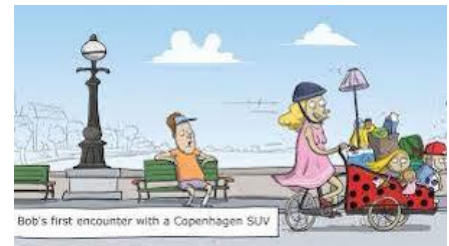
- Ed Dubois/Gwen L'Hirondelle: Accessibility report Swan Trail: Good feedback regarding form and character improvements. What about the rail crossing? Possibility of getting upgraded with upcoming repairs.
Action item: Carl to contact Rick Hunter about possibility of crossing Blue Heron Trail.
- Dora Gunn: BikeBC Grant application for Discovery Trail proposal – postponed.
- National Volunteer Week Recognition Breakfast: April 20 from 8 to 9am.
- Outdoor Recreation Council Meeting: Invitation to meeting May 11-12
- New Members BBB:
- Trail Crew Report: Did some work on Swan, brushing on Riverside Trail – more time allotted to STS to come.



- Garibaldi Springs Public Hearing: Tuesday April 24, Brennan Park. STS supplied position letter. Have asked Matt to speak at hearing. Have promised considerable work on trails on site, continuation of Corridor Trail along Tantalus, contribution to Wonderland Connector and connections to upland trails.

Business Arising:

Earth Day: Tent from Titans, Matt table and chairs – action from 10 to 2.
 Fundraising Proposal: Ihor Zalubniak – deferred.
 The Irish Place: Discussion of proposed fundraiser. Slideshow?
 Rotary Trail Maintenance/Fundraising: Deferred.
 2018 Projects: Got to get going on the Nature Trail. Meryl Park Trail – need 5 or 6 concrete stairs. Under the Bridge (at old Mamquam Bridge) needs a day and some concrete. Planning required to move forward Crumpit Creek Cruiser.



AGM: - start 20:14

Thanks to all those who have served this past year.

Adoption of the minutes of last AGM, April 19, 2017: Moved by Meg, seconded by Heather – carried.

Election of Officers: All members of the existing Board have agreed to let their name stand for the next year. Matt – President, John – VP, Jim – Treasurer, Carl – Secretary, Directors: Vic, Heather, Candy, Shawn, Jennifer. Moved by Meg, seconded by Patricia we accept – carried.

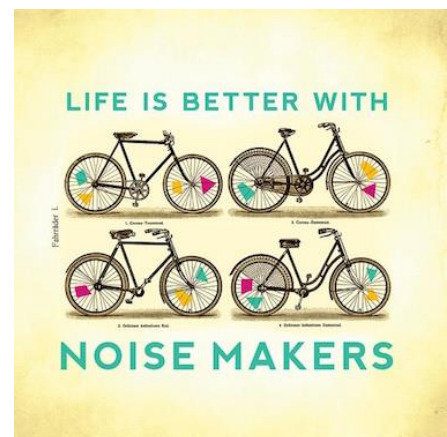
Resolutions: Moved that we raise our membership fees to \$20 for individuals and \$30 for a family membership. Associate membership to be \$50. (effective January 1, 2019) Carried.

Approval of the Budget: Moved that we accept the proposed budget as presented – carried.

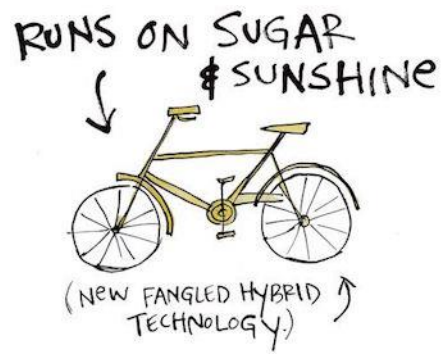
Need to look at fundraising for proposed work in 2019. Ongoing cost to run Society about \$1600. Income so far has been almost all on donations. Discussion regarding contingency funding.

Conclusion of AGM: 20:28

Roundtable: Matt – thank you to District of Squamish and our ability to work with District Staff on projects is much appreciated. Heather S. - Question about water on Corridor Trail at narrow bit across from Shell station and near Hostel. Doug – significance of Sea To Sky study regarding the impacts of mountain biking on the community. John – campground opening in 6 days! Drop by and use the outhouses. Grand opening June 14 at 1pm. Heather – thanks for cleaning up homeless camps mid April. Patrick – area adjacent to skate park up for development. Need to ensure DoS is aware with issues and impacts that come with that development. Suggestion that BBB have ball cap – could be a possible fund raiser. Matt will look into costs ... Everybody on Brushback should have some kind of clothing that identifies them. Carl – family groups not wearing helmets, Pitch In Week thank-yous. Jim – who is Bobby D Pohl?



Adjourned: 20:51



2018.05.16 Squamish Trails May Meeting Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room



Call to order: 19:01

In attendance: Matt, Carl, Jennifer, Vic, John, Candy

Sending regrets: Jim

Adoption of agenda: Moved by Meg – carried

Adoption of minutes: Moved by Meg seconded by Candy - carried

Financials: Report from Jim presented by Matt – note still funds in the Hospital Hill Park project. Need more money!

Reports:

Membership: Deferred - Discussion of paying membership – note if we pay on line we get dinged.

Brushback: Looking at a couple of trails to start this year – starting to punch up.

Loggers Creek Trail Upgrade Update: Four folks had a trail day with Richard to gravel portion of trail. Raised the trail bed near amphibian interpretive sign. Remainder has been moved to trail junction for future works. Matt will ask DoS to get some crush off Finch for the northern section.

Projects: John looking at Merrill Park summit stairs – next Tuesday/Wednesday - \$1200 budget. Ticking off a job started a decade ago. Discussion of Campground, opening ceremony (June 14), future operations.

Polygon: Did not pass third reading – concerns regarding waterways etc. This “puts off” those projects that were supported by the proponents.

Mtn Bike Staging Areas: Meeting attended by Jim – concerns of residents top of Perth the main driver. Several areas in the community require staging areas for bikers to park/gather.

Accessibility/Turtle: “Ride Around” May 27 meeting at Corsa at 10am – noon. Arts Crawl in September and may be a great partner linkage for that “ride around”. Dog/wildlife meeting Conservation/BC Wild/RDog folks/Meg – because of volume of complaints (camping, garbage, dogs off leash) Province has prepared regulations for approval to deal with WMA issues. Hopefully with some political good will these regulations can be signed off on. DoS real estate person discussion regarding proposed off leash areas. Most have concerns. Top of the list “problem area” is Downtown – wildlife, people, dogs interactions. Dog off-leash areas in the middle of nowhere might not ever be used. Discussion re: how do we build on the current dog ON leash trend – driven by number of bears in Estuary, wolves etc. “Take a leash/leave a leash” very good initiative!

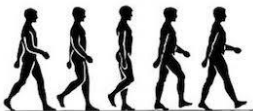


Correspondence:

- Jeff Norman (SORCA) – Dan Prisk taking over trail crew (4) for the summer. Discussion re: how do we work with this crew? Maybe some graveling – supervised?
- Invitation to Whistler mtg re: Provincial mountain bike advocacy June 1 @ 7pm.



Business Arising:

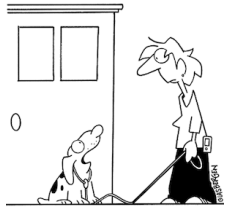


- Wonderland Connector: on a bit of a hiatus – maybe punch through a pedestrian only trail – footpath might lead to bridge and future upgrades. If the trail is passable the investment in a bridge would then be worthwhile.
- Nature Trail: Need to jump on Landlubber to get it done. August?
- Centennial to Lost Loop in Crumpet – Peirre Frielle has explored a route.
- Finch Creek South Area: Existing trail through area could be casually upgraded. Can be wet and damp and “beavery”.
- Valleycliffe South Trail: “Is this an on-going black hole that will just continue to wash out” or will a bit more rip rap and a bit more money enough to address the issue? Upper area will be GPSd when Mike Nelson gets back from holidays.
- Smashiter: Interest to make this connection.

- Swan Connector: Dust a significant issue in the summer.
- Smoke Bluffs Park Outer Loop Trail proposal: Above “Summer’s Eve Trail” – connects Loop trail to Mtn. of Phlegm summit through Trials riding area and along downhill mtn. biking trails. Proposing rough hiking/single track trail mostly formalizing an existing braided trail network which has a couple climbing cliffs along the way. STS should maintain the position this is a multiuse trail.



Roundtable: Discussion of trail closures regarding “falling limbs”/”overhead hazards” both on Ray Peter’s and Valleycliffe area. Should possibly contact DoS for more information. Neighbourhood Small Grant received for \$500 – “making safer links from trails to play grounds”. Candy – pamphlets – Coho/Mamquam all gone! How do we know these are meeting a target audience? – There has been an increase in membership! (strange names!) Meg: Comment regarding running your dog behind your bike really bad for your dog. Opportunity to educate? Re: Wayfinding - costs are outrageous! DoS needs to look at temporary route signage and cheaper options. Carl: Electric bike speed! Should we be addressing this by contacting DoS regarding need for speed limits?



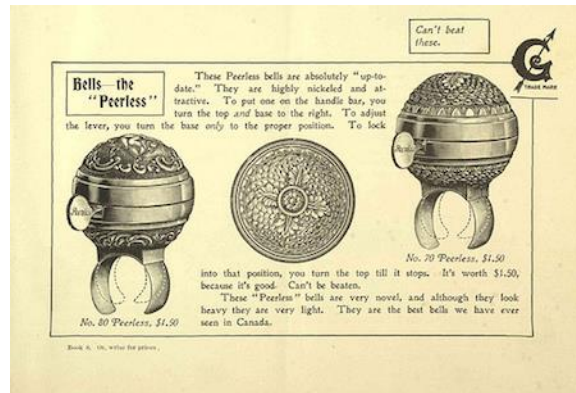
Why is it you need \$200 walking shoes and I have to walk for miles and miles in bare feet?

Action item: CH to draft letter: Concerns regarding speed of these types of bikes? Complaints work well, letter to the editor. Feel that more and more users on Corridor

Trail /community connector– we need some speed limits.

Adjourned: 20:35

Next meeting: June 21



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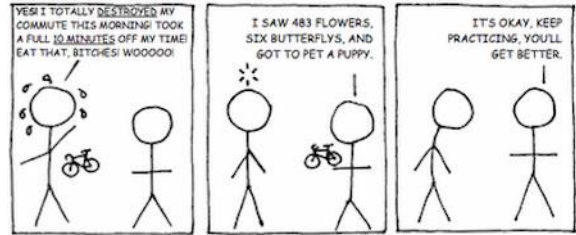
Call to Order: 19:06

In Attendance: Matt, Candy, Meg, Carl, John
 Heather sends regrets, Vic and Jim on holidays

Adoption of the Agenda: Meg - carried

Adoption of the Minutes of Previous Minutes from June 20:

Moved by John, seconded by Meg – carried.



Birthdays are good for your health. Studies have shown that people who have more birthdays live the longest.

Reports



Brushback: Campfire ban in place, restrictions on gas powered tools – works must take place before 1pm followed by 2 hour firewatch.

Projects: “Valleycliffe Connector Trail” quote \$5900 (5 days of machine time) Price would require donated rock. Emails to DoS and Cascade (\$3500 for oversight). Need to confirm plans and particulars with DoS before project can move forward. Both concerns relating Fisheries issues and neighbourhood concerns. Will work towards completion of project next Fisheries window. Appropriate to work with Streamkeepers, SRWS, STS, SES, Valleycliffe neighbourhood group, SORCA (link to jump park) and get proposal/letter together looking for support (with a plan/budget/partial funding). Letter to

DoS should be into DoS within the next couple of months. John and Matt to put initial correspondence together. Suggestion that it be sent to Mayor and Council – and staff. (looking for consideration for 2019 budgeting)

Accessibility and Turtle Trail: Based on May 27 ride put together report - photographs and asks for next years budget - ¾”> on surfaces, fix at dike gates. Put forward for budgeting. Last weekend Community Crawl (July) ride had wide range of ages and ability – how do we make trails friendly for the littler kids. Keen to get rides connected to school bike club (Matt’s), PACS etc. Nice to see proactive “training” of kids regarding animals, bike checklist etc.



Pre-ridden with double wide chariot pull behind. Highlighted the need for a trail checklist – handicap/wheelchair, chariot, kid friendly etc. Presentation to Public Arts Committee coming up this September regarding opportunity for artists to contribute to Turtle Trail plan. Another opportunity to talk about challenges ie. wayfinding.

Turtle Trail wayfinding: Suggested use of “Trail Forks” application – Maybe STRAVA?

Maybe “not quite there yet”. Ask Keely for opinion. Look into DoS “tourism” app – suggested that Turtle Trail might piggy back on it.

Dog Issues: “Where to let the dogs out” in local paper (Squamish Chief June 21) where DoS is interested in feedback. Need to confirm that SES comments have been sent in. General support for 5’ high fence ... Discussion of form and character/esthetics – trees or no trees, grass or no grass, big dogs/small dogs etc. Parks and



Recreation map presented with potential dog park locations, dog friendly trails (off leash) etc. Discussion re: Parks and Recreation Master Plan specifics. District really needs to get a comprehensive plan together! Noted that DoS could ask for feedback during dog licencing process. Meg has plans to coalesce ideas, comments etc. and reflect back to DoS as they relate to issues identified within Master Plan.

Action item: John to rework SES letter to be sent around for comment before submission to Mayor and Council. Suggested it be submitted to Squamish Chief as well.



Correspondence

- Todd Mange - SORCA – Sales Force software donation: Co-application with STS.
- Helen Beynon – SORCA Exc. Dir. – BC Rural Dividend Grant Application:

- BCTS Operation Plan #23: Logging plan towards “Conroy’s Castle”. Discussion regarding recent logging by Coast Aggregate south of Quest University. There are plans to construct a berm along the roadway – opportunity for a berm top trail? Matt to send communication to Coast Aggregate suggesting notion. Should this be cc’d to DoS? Suggested that we forward communication after. Berm top trails harder to encroach on with private developments.
- Sacha Fabry – vying for Council: networking with groups in town. Suggest that we ask for “platform materials”.

Business Arising

- Nature Loop Trail – Landluggers: Toured trail with Keith Halvorson, Matt and Carl. Money must be spent this year. Note: there may be some gravel available from Fortis?
- Surfacing Dark Roast Connector: Matt order gravel for either end. Two guys from Trail Crew (and Matt) completed “about” 79 metres done on west end, 67 metres to east – still 133 in the middle to complete. BBB has been working in the area for past couple of weeks.
- Website is down: person hosting is away on holidays! “Bill went into junk mail so didn’t get paid?”



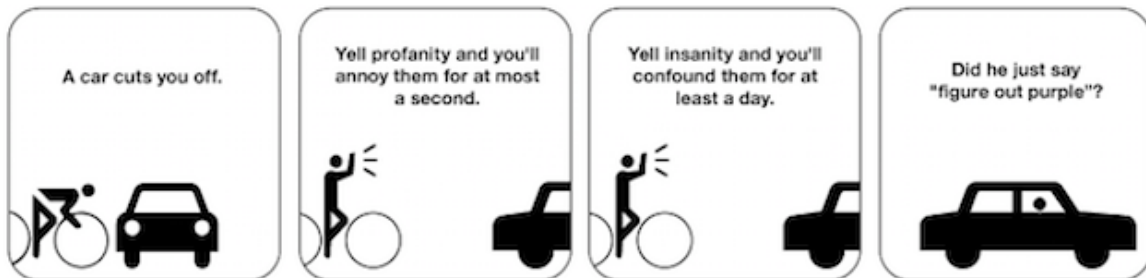
Roundtable: Candy – about 8 brochures taken every two weeks – Ray Peter’s and Brew Pub hot spots.



Meg – needs more plastic arrows for route marking. Carl: eBikes, eScooters, advertising about how fast they are etc. Netherlands showing many more eBike users and many more accidents involving seniors. Discussion re: speed limits, easier access to back country. Highlights need for discussion letter to DoS. Community ride could highlight issues (problems) related to eBikes. (speed, etiquette, safety, etc.) Matt: Polygon July got First and Second reading.

Adjournment: 20:24

Next meeting: September 19 – will need a scribe as Carl cannot attend.



Squamish Trails Society Minutes - September 19, 2018

Call to order 19:14 pm.

In attendance: John, Meg, Matt, Jim, Vic, Heather

Approval of the agenda. Moved by Jim. Unanimously approved.

Approval of the July 18, 2018 minutes. Moved by Meg. Seconded by Heather. Unanimously approved.

A. Reports

1. Membership

We have a list of approximately 30 members. There has been a small surge in membership that could be related to the brochures at trailheads.

2. DOS Trails Meeting

Jim, John and Matt met with District staff. DoS informed staff about a new bus shelter in front of Howe Sound Secondary School and a paved trail from Carson Place to the crosswalk at Squamish Elementary School. The purpose is to allow people to be away from the shoulder of Buckley Avenue. STS highlighted the list of missing links in the trails system. There will be a follow up meeting in late October or early November.

Discussion about the importance of moving forward with Valleycliffe Trail improvements. DoS has closed the trail for the time being.

Discussion that Watershed Society is hosting rivers day in McNaughton Park.

Discussion that DOS has made improvements to trails including

- Mamquam Blind Channel underpass. Pavement has been extended, chicanes removed, lighting wires installed.
- Discussion that DOS replaced decking north of the Adventure Centre.
- South of Raven some fisheries work has been done on the trail. This has improved sight lines near the bridge.
- Small stop signs on trails along Corridor Trail at crossings.
- Parallel parking near Brennan Park.

Meg will send some daffodils in the Squamish Chief to compliment the DOS.

Discussion that DoS previously shared some potential plans for a roundabout at Centennial Way and Loggers Lane, and questioning where the discussion and plans are at. Industrial users may not be in favour. STS should flag this intersection as an issue that needs design attention.

DOS will be working on a bike lane between the Mamquam Blind Channel to Squamish Station Mall.

3. Garibaldi Springs Development Public Hearing

Matt attended Council on the evening of September 18 and this item passed third reading at Council. In Phase 1 the amenities will be implemented (Corridor Trail, connection of Brackentrail and Wonderland, and twinning or improving the connection up Brackentrail).

4. John Harvey Projects and Campground

John is working on improving the Smoke Bluffs road water bars to allow for easier bicycle passage.

The MRAS first year of the campground gross revenue is \$60,000. Expenses are about \$25,000. John attended a recent event at Quest University to get some assistance with writing a policy manual for the campground.

5. Nature Trail Loop

Matt sent an email to the District asking to start the work on the nature trail loop prior to rainy season. Work needs to be done by July 2019. Andy from DOS wants the Squamish River Watershed Society to do a walk through prior to starting work (currently scheduled for October 1).

6. Accessibility and Turtle Trail

On Sunday September 23 there is a community crawl ride (mostly on road) leaving from Republic Bike Shop at 10am.

Meg is working on a presentation about Phase 2 of the Turtle Trail to the public art committee, and will offer the presentation to STS at the October meeting.

7. Smoke Bluffs Park Select Committee

Sean attended the last meeting. There was discussion and a motion about east side trail. Next meeting is in November and there was a need for stakeholder consultation noted.

There was a discussion about the benefits of uphill mountain bike trails and how they work well with multi-use hiking trails.

B. Correspondence

1. Trails BC AGM in Port Moody

Jim will attend. Matt may join him if available.

2. On the Table BC event invitation for September 13

This event occurred. The purpose is to cross pollinate groups.

3. Quest University Volunteer Experience Fair.
John attended.

4. Council Elections.

Outdoor recreation all candidates meeting is September 26. STS will have a table.

Heather to send an email to STS members to go to the All Candidates Meetings and ask their questions about trails. Matt to craft some general questions that could be circulated to members. Environment – Sept 24. Outdoor Recreation – September 26. Chamber of Commerce – October 1.

C. Business Arising

1. Amend one bylaw to meet CRA requirements.

Jim is recommending that the requirements from CRA made by amending 8.3 and 9.1 respectively. Moved by Jim. Seconded by John. Passed unanimously.

2. Storage Shed

Matt will contact Ted Prior.

3. Fundraising

Deferred to the October meeting.

There is an opportunity for STS to apply for community enhancement grant with a deadline of October 1. How about the Valleycliffe Trail / Crumpet Creek Cruiser? John and Jim to work on the application together.

4. Autumn and winter projects

There are some piles of leftover gravel that needs to be used and distributed – smashiter, golf course, across from access to smoke bluffs parking lot.

5. Presentation, Q&A with Mayoral Candidate Jeff Cooke.

- Cooke: Volunteer projects in Squamish are important to the community and municipality needs to get hurdles out of the way.
- Cooke top priority: We need to build our local economy including small and medium businesses, and consequently make it possible for people to live and work here (avoid more commuting) as a means to preserve Squamish community character.
 - Question about where to locate new businesses and well paying in Squamish.
 - Discussion about need to balance number of residents and jobs, and allocating land use designations accordingly.
- Cooke: We need to encourage volunteerism culture of Squamish among new residents and engage them. Would support volunteer organizations by encouraging the creation of a community enhancement grant to start an app that allows people to match up with volunteer opportunities, and to then reward people who volunteer.

- Discussion - Need to also push this out to people who are not tech and app savvy
- STS members question / discussion about Bob Cheema funding various candidates. There is potential misinformation and anonymous attack ads circulating on facebook. Jeff Cooke and other candidates need to think about this and be able to respond.
- Cooke: Despite the OCP we still need a clearer vision for our town, which is focused on outdoor recreation.
- Discussion/question about support for Garibaldi at Squamish. Cooke: Is GAS viable and can it compete? Does it support the vision for the outdoor recreation capital? If it were to proceed it must not be a drain on cash flow and it must drive a significant benefit for Squamish community.
- Cooke: We need to understand the full cost of development to the community and ensure that development is not a drain on the community.
- Question about why did you go for the Mayor's seat rather than a Council seat? Response was that the community has some major issues that need some dramatic action immediately, and we need some action very soon. Cooke response is that has a clear vision, leadership and business experience, and ability to work with a wide range of people. Also, you don't build good skills to be a mayor by being a councillor.

D. Roundtable

Jim - Motion to move the STS savings fund to a higher interest rate fund. Moved by Jim, seconded by John. Unanimously approved.

Vic - The District did some work on Discovery Trail – installed a culvert (in place of the whoop de doo) to allow for improve access and drainage and widened and gravelled the eastern portion of the Dentville Trail. Further work here could be a good autumn project.

E. Adjournment at 21:17



2018.10.17 Squamish Trails October Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 17, 19:00
Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room

Call to order: 19:04

In Attendance: Matt, Jennifer, Vic, Jim, Heather, Carl, Nicole (SEVA), Meg, Candy, John, Patrick

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Meg – carried.

Adoption of Minutes: Moved by Meg, seconded by Jennifer – carried.



Reports:

Trails BC AGM: Attended by Jim – summary by email. Emphasis changing from TransCanada to local trails. There will grant moneys available now that all funds not being absorbed by TransCanada. Good meeting, well attended.

Community Enhancement Grant: John – further for the District to move forward. Tried to approach several times and would be nice to move forward. Need to repair this part first so that we can then move forward with upstream trail extension. SRWS not supportive of simply rippapping with trail on upland slope or boardwalks. Couple of options suggested to DoS – will see where it goes. STS offered \$5000 in seed money to see if we can get movement. Note signage states trail closed because of “danger trees” rather than washout.

Nature Trail/Loggers Creek: Met with Andy Dawson of DoS. After walk about agreed to look at recommendations in consultation with Cascade environmental. Needs signoff on bridge approaches at south end but able to move forward from northern end.

Corridor Trail Closure: across from Mag’s 99 for service installation – closed for two months with Scott Crescent as alternate route.

Smokes Bluff Summit Trail: Asking Landlugger for a per day cost for works. Looking at east side trail to “true summit” of bluffs. Will be steep and challenging. Been walked and alignment seems to be in agreement. Committee to do more consultation with trials/mountain bike community. There will be some crossing of existing trails – will require appropriate signage to ensure safety for one and all. (Note – still some money in the Smoke Bluff park money). Intended that mountain bikes would have access but restricted to climbing only. Significant pressure from climbers to restrict bikes within the park.

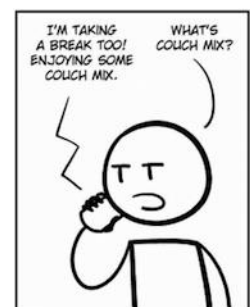
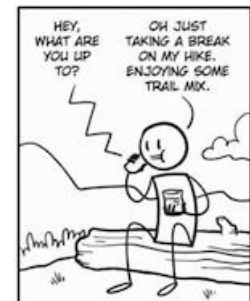
Brackentrail to Wonderland: With approval of Polygon development (as funders of proposed works) did a walk through to look at challenges. Will be put out for professional trail builders to bid on. Hopefully there will be funds left over to upgrade Brackentrail to make it safer for two-way traffic and pedestrians.

Discussion of routing and challenges – both physical and property issues. Kevin Shoemaker willing to oversee the project.

Accessibility & Turtle Trail: deferred

Discussion regarding electric wheelchairs on trails. Concerns regarding conflicts with mountain bikes coming downhill at high speed.

Financial: Finally getting money out of our operating account – spending money on projects. Term deposits moved to high yield accounts.



Correspondence:

Meeting with DOS Staff Nov.5: Monday November 5, 4:00 pm – 5:30

Noted that there is no DoS staff champion for trails – need a trails coordinator. Discussion of strategy, municipal staffing as it impacts trails. Discussion regarding Smoke Bluff committee as a model to deal with trails issues. What can STS do to facilitate this proposal?

Invasive Species Pull in Coho Park: Request from Don Ross teacher – directed to SRWS/Invasive Species/Streamkeepers.

Squamish Foundation Community Grants: Thursday October 18, Jim and Matt attending. (We received \$500)



Sr. Wellness Fair: Wednesday October 31, 10 am – 1 pm at 55 Activity Centre. Jennifer attending.

Bridges Westbarr Remediation Site: Noted that they are not wheelchair accessible width – could be remediated by putting railings on the outside of posts.

Business Arising:

Storage Shed: Site prep completed? Roof shot on shed, needs to be pressure washed and painted.

Discussion of needs: shed OK or do we need a larger container. “Geotec” for under shed – covered in gravel prior to moving shed to site. Need to organize work party to spread gravel, paint and roof.

Dentville Trail: Crowning required recent DoS works and continuation towards the Business Park.

Fundraising: Discussion regarding availability of funds, when is it appropriate to approach service clubs for special projects ie. graveling of “Rotary Trail” to Mamquam dike. Suggested STS take care of this small project and look to bigger projects to hit them up.

Roundtable:

Jim – Dan Libman - Dialed In Cycling, keen on linking flatland trails.

What are future Waterfront Landing trail network connections to rest of community?

Candy – still brochures out there.

John – discussion regarding other organizations having impacts on STS projects. “Wouldn’t it be nice to have lots of fish habitat AND a trail” – as an example.

Nicole - noted that “horse community” is changing and good to reach out to other user groups. Have access to funding and grants that would benefit trails.

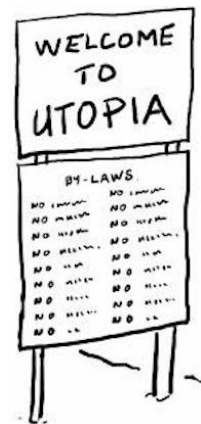
Meg – Estuary signage ripped off again. Meg has contacted DoS and has written letters. Note to contact Jordan Sturdy regarding regulations regarding WMA. Discussion signage and dogs in estuary. Send image to the Chief regarding “we are not special – dog issues in Europe”.

Call C/Os to make sure they care. Also noted that all the mini STOP signs on Corridor Trail were ripped off. Second phase of wayfinding is now coming out. You will start to see them coming out – next phase looking for a cheaper model. Discussion regarding what trail signage and information would look like – kiosks with real information on what we have and where it is!

Discussion regarding inside bike lanes on Queens Way and now North Yards.

Check it out for further discussion at another meeting. Do other jurisdictions use it/how does it work?

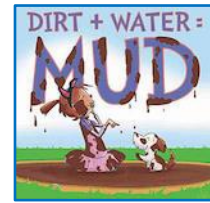
Check out signage on 50 Shades of Green regarding SORCA signage.



Adjournment: 21:04



Squamish Trails Society
November Monthly Meeting
November 21, 2019
Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room



In attendance: Matt, John, Jim, Patrick, Meg, Carl, Heather, Vic, Candy, Nicole. Special Guest Allison SLRDS

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Meg – carried

Presentation: Allison Macdonald – SLRD Parks and Trail Coordinator – including Sea to Sky Trail.

Major building effort sizzled out in early 2000s but trying to get grants each year to facilitate trail. Trail is “never finished” but efforts to complete through Squamish continuing. Noted that there have been different ideas – Jim: Sea to Sky trail which is more remote, wild and less urban. Route would be more in the mountains to Highway bridge at Cheekeye to Brohm Lake, Pres Thompson to Paradise Valley, past Starvation Lake. Is character of trail meant to be urban or rural? Given nature of terrain it changes quiet a bit. Try to avoid steeper grades – something you could take your kids on. Is there a trail plan? It is available on-line (2005). Question regarding signage? There are signs but DoS has not yet finalized locations. Noted that we DO need to get signage out there sooner than later so that people can find it. TransCanada Trail rebranded as the “Great Trail” which has funding available for signage (as long as their logo is on it) What do we need to do to get space for the Sea to Sky Trail on political agenda. Would be great to actually know the route. What would it take to have route under the highway bridge? Engineering! Cheekeye underpass is an important link. Jim following up with BC Gov. Highways engineer.

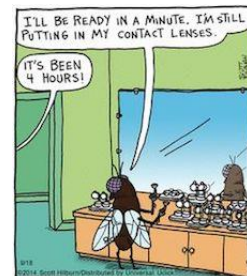
Discussion of route – which side of highway – nice to have parallel routes on both sides. Whistler always had great support and support each year by bylaw – “easy” to get money. Funding from Whistler usually used as seed money – totalling ~\$100,000 a year. SLRD recently been focused on Pemberton to Mount Curry. How is the Water Route coming along? It is signed but not within SLRD “authority” – managed by Canoe Kayak BC. Problems of overuse for some sites and will become a significant issue very soon – (no toilets as an example). Has there been a Sea to Sky Trail gap analysis? Some gaps not so easy to fix – terrain and private property. What about camping along the way? Some opportunities ie. Cal Chek. Short term regarding way finding - if we knew the route more intimately we could do some temporary signage – logos on trees (etc.) kind of thing.



Adoption of Minutes of October Meeting: Discussion of Community Grant use – Nature Trail: Moved by Meg, seconded by Candy – carried.

Reports:

Nature Trail – Carl: Machine work completed but needs to be raked to crown. Extremely muddy conditions with lots of rain and poor clay based material. Suggested topping with (non-cedar) chips as a short-term solution. Funding: m \$1250 from Blackcomb/Whistler Enviro Fund – matched by STS – Community Foundation Fund could be applied within report – great visual. Carl to forward image of bear first user of trail.



STS Shed Refurbishment – John: STS now owns a shed and we have a spot for it! Roof has been replaced, siding pressure washed and foundation ready. Ted will be moving the building – soon.

Keepers of the keys established for gate and shed door. Hopefully we can replace the door – existing is not very secure. Maybe something is available through ReUse It Centre? Repair budget: \$561 spent (plus some gravel?)

Ring Creek Falls Trail – John: Negotiations with Holborn and Coast Ag. Trail now goes along the Mashiter embankment to property line on the south – was hoped we could have trail replaced along the berm to Woodchip Trail. If trail was on Coast Ag property it must be protected by chain link fence (\$30,000). Looks like we have lost an important link as Holborn has not made any provisions on their property – proposed replacement links will be within the development basically along roadways. Coast Ag will not support new trail along property line but will restore existing trails (“Chip trail”) after logging cleanup. Hopefully we can work a replacement trail in the future when Coast Ag land is developed. Definitely a missed opportunity within planning process at DoS. How do we go back to planners to ensure that this doesn’t continue to happen? Matt and John to work on letter to Council to express concerns. There is grumbling in



community about lack of access already so important Council knows about these things. Discussion: It might not be too late for a dedicated trail easement along Holborn property line (none of the lots have been sold and developer still requires a lot of approvals.) Question: Has SORCA had any conversations/consultation regarding this loss of connectivity? Important to consult with SORCA but not necessarily include as co-signer in letter to DoS?

DoS Meeting (Nov.5) – Matt: Planning, Engineering, Sustainability, Trails Coordinator in attendance. What are their priorities? If it is a “Safe Route to Schools” it gets great support. Discussion of preferred alignment of Corridor Trail. Noted that DoS has our back on Tantalus Connector property issues near Depot Road. Discussed “Mag’s” pinch point – why cannot it be widened now during Waterfront services installation. Discussion regarding slipperiness of Corridor Trail bridge decks. New decks will be better than last year when metal non-slip strips were ripped off during snow removal (reports of flattened tires). Suggestion that bridge decks be paved?

Turtle Trail – Meg: 12km loop – Kiosks at Adventure, Brew Pub, Brennan, Sikh, Railway Museum. Project Overview: Includes historical assets (trail), wayfinding, storytelling, promotion/communication. Wayfinding the next challenge; no real directives on how to get anywhere (from everywhere). The future might see info kiosks that actually have usable information to find out what is available and how to access. Costs of DoS preferred signage prohibitive for groups like STS but more casual markings attainable.



Kiosk map/theme info; Adventure Centre – map for smoke bluffs, forestry/outdoor rec.; Brew Pub – map for Oceanfront, business/food; Sikh – map for Estuary, culture/language; Railway – map for spit/fishing, transportation/communication; Brennan – spawning channels. Kiosk Options – how much information can we fit on a 4x8 space or a double sided 4x8. “Parks” style triangle structure provides significantly more space for more info. Possible that each kiosk would be similar size and shape but could be themed to reflect focus of specific site. Each sign will provide “appetizers” as opposed to the whole story – direct to other sources for more detail ...

Financials – Jim: We got money ... but operating fund is going down so we do need to generate more membership and donations. Budget for 2019? Need to build for next year so we need to look at wish list etc. Cost for brochure printing? Note that about \$2400 spent on trails this year. Discussion regarding projects – Tantalus Connector issues; bridges, machine and material access, RFP process/criteria/follow through. Post Office box now Downtown – P.O. box 38. Suggestion from John to have sign for storage shed. Suggestion that we have signage on trails that are being upgraded by STS to reflect volunteer community group support of trails.

Correspondence:

Squamish Non-profit Network: meeting again soon looking for interest ...

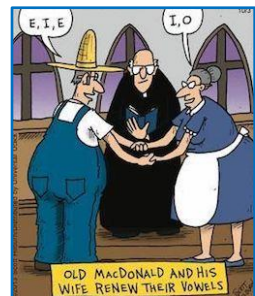
South Okanagan Trail Alliance: inquiring how we work with BC Timber Sales.

Capri Insurance: Confirmation of amended address.

SORCA re: SBO Summit Trail: email regarding upcoming project.

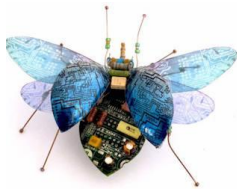
Business Arising:

Winter Projects: Nature Trail work to continue, Swan Walk swale needs a little bridge – CH to measure it up.



Roundtable: Jim – intersection at Centennial/Logger’s Lane bypass – along highway access to crosswalk servicing tennis courts (Jim will brushback). Discussion of intersection. Noted there are a few piles of road crush around community that need spreading. Patrick – Little Stawamus over its bank again and has done more damage. Opportunity for Muni to do some work to alleviated. Needs chain saw and winch. John – started winter time community at campground – interesting dynamics, great service to community for this group of residents. Candy – Noted that Coho park kiosk most active for brochures. Specific thanks to Jim for all he does. Jim’s response that we all need to bring a young friend in the new year – for part of succession planning. Heather – need to get 2019 membership renewals going, looking at first week of January for a “mail out” reminder/newsletter/info. Nicole – STS needs more Trails visibility/profile, like signage indicating STS work/volunteer/ needs for funding. Matt will put together something for Nature Loop. Need to put together a design for more universal signage. “This trail network is maintained by volunteers – STS”. Include website information – your membership and donations count.

Adjournment: 9:24



2018.12.19 Squamish Trails Society Monthly Minutes
Wednesday, December 19, 2018
Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room

Call to order: 19:07

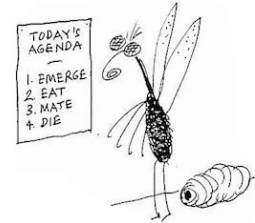
Thought of the day: “Be kind to old people, they invented the wheel!”
 Love and support to Jim ...

In attendance: Matt, Jim, Jennifer, Carl, Patrick, John, Candy, Meg, Vic, Patrick, Heather
 Nicole sent her regrets.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by John – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Meg seconded by Jennifer – carried.

Financial Report: Tabled – thanks Jim.



Reports:

SVEA: Nicole – Loggers Creek Trail bridge sloping more than ever. Has not placed anti slip material and is currently using the bypass. Also mentioned that Squamish 50 was a significant source of funds to SORCA and may be available to SES? Possibility of creating permanent bypass. Should approach DoS to see if this could be a permanent connection.

Ring Creek Falls Trail: John – put in strong effort to lobby Holburn and Coast Aggregate with no real support. Noted that people will probably start walking it regardless. We SHOULD continue existing trail to “viewpoint” area. John willing to work on this project. Needs a rustic bench ... material available under BC Hydro lines. Jen to find contact. Men Shed has some left over 4x4s as well.

Smoke Bluffs Committee: Matt – last meeting; Summit Trail work not started yet – money needs to be used before the end of the year. Discussion regarding Smoke Bluff parking and concerns of courier using park access and use of recreation parking their staff parking. Note: Eric Anderson now Council rep on committee.

Accessibility/Turtle Trail: Meg – Woman at Quest interested in accessibility – should invite to meeting.

Brennan Park Overpass: Thanks to Jim for his work on this connector. Needs a bit of chainsaw work and maybe some gravel one day ...

Correspondence:

Allison McDonald – Sea to Sky Signage: Forwarded route maps for “our consideration”. Makes sense to ride/walk the route to make a plan regarding “temporary” signage. Meg planning to go before Council in February regarding wayfinding – how is signage going to be organized, how is routing finalized. Ride from the Gondola all the way north and just follow the “damned thing” to see what is needed! Maybe if DoS can do “in Town” - SES could assist with signage at the boundaries. Problem is that DoS may not have the same priority – needs to be pushed! Better option is to get permission to have DoS permission to actually have Sea to Sky signage put in place. This signage is ready to go! How can we push it up the District priority list. Suggested positive follow up now with Allison and in March with DoS.

Helen Beynon (SORCA) – Trails Advisory Group: Corporate “face” for SORCA – interested in talking regarding possible Trails Advisory group. Best avenue to Council is to have community bring suggestion forward. Significant staffing time involved if this is to be a Committee of Council. Would need a budget. Noted that this time of community committee would take influence away from STS. Danger of bringing other special interest groups is that it does dilute focus. Advisory group might simply be quarterly or yearly meeting of all trails special interest stakeholders. Who sets the agenda? How is it organized? Previous discussion had put forward an “arms length” model that wouldn’t be as constrained as a committee of Council. Good idea for STS be the lead to bring these groups together to reinstate STS as lead of umbrella group. Good opportunity to invite broad spectrum including environmental concerns (SES and SRWS)



Melissa Sheridan/Jeff Norman (SORCA) – Community Grant application: Suggestion that some funds could go to more “community” trails – rather than downhill.

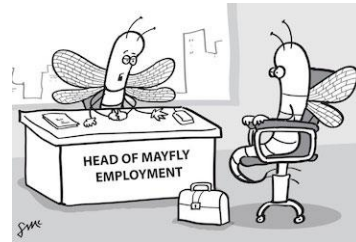
Tim Talevi (SORCA) - Ring Creek Falls Trail:

Dan Libman – re. Wonderland: Interested in smoothing out some of the rougher sections for younger riders. Could make a request for trail crew to help out on this?

Business Arising:

Swan Trail Connector: Has been roughed in by Jim and John G. Another good trail crew projects.

Nature Loop: Has been firming up somewhat but will need some topping for it to be really passible. Suggested that we post a temporary closure explanation sign. Matt will laminate sign and post at each end. Put forward that first paragraph enlarged to make it easier to read with explanation in smaller font for further reading. Matt has been having correspondence with SRWS regarding appropriate surface material.



Winter Projects:

Loggers Creek Trail: Asking DoS for some more gravel to be placed opposite Smoke Bluffs Parking Lot. John to follow up with DoS how to get a permit to drive on Corridor Trail. Possibility of getting some “Fortis” gravel through Landlugger.

Heron Trail: Looking into the possibility of getting some material delivered to upgrade trail.
2018 Accomplishments and 2019: Review of past list for posting on website.

Roundtable: Jennifer: review of website project list. Jim: Will contact non-profit group. Heather: Will get note out to membership regarding 2019 renewal, project, contributions to STS. Meg - Need to consider east west connections in Business Park area. John – got a new manager for campground.

Adjournment: 21:01



“I move that we debate whether to vote to decide whether to discuss bringing this meeting to an end.”