



GTCA Board Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2024

Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Saanich Neighbourhood Place

Present: Vera, Arden, Brandon, Meaghan, Chris K., Jennifer, Scott, Phil, Reb, Paul, Nathan, Chris B.

Regrets: Xi, Mauricio, Marie-Nicole

Guest: Christina Winter

1. Meetings

- a. Agenda review – Phil/Paul.
- b. Approval of the March Minutes –Paul/Phil

2. Communications

- a. Newsletter – will be ready for delivery next week – discussion re gradual move to digital

3. Finance Report - net income +\$3,000 – year end break even

4. Working Groups

- Art, Culture & Celebration Working Group
 - pumpkin parade a success – discussion re Tillicum Centre paying for pickup
 - Winter Craft Market at Tillicum School this coming Saturday
 - carolling event in Tillicum Mall – details to follow
 - discussion re doing more with the mall
 - possible skating event at Pearkes for members in February – Meaghan to coordinate
 - Vera has a call in to Doug Yuen to discuss possible murals in Fairways owned properties
- Land Use Working Group report
 - CAC – Vera, Phil, Brandon and Arden to meet with Saanich Parks staff to see where the money went for Gorge Park and to discuss the potential for washroom mural at Koapsom for next summer – capital plan indicates a public washroom at VCKC or 321 Gorge
 - Earl Grey is approved and the developer is keen to move ahead
 - Tillicum/Albina Ironclad projected for spring of 2026
 - much discussion re bike lanes, etc.
 - discussion re putting together a group to consult with business owners about attracting retail outlets to upcoming commercial spaces in the neighbourhood

5. AGM Planning

- 25th anniversary – Esquimalt Gorge Park pavilion booked for Thursday May 8
- planning group – Jennifer, Nathan, Meaghan, Brandon, Phil, Vera

5. Other business

a). Motion that we, the GTCA, adopt the following:

1) a territorial acknowledgement including language that distances the statement from tokenism *

2) that the statement is used on: a) the GTCA website b) the GCDP website c) at the GTCA AGM

d) at the GCDP opening ceremonies

3) and that we assemble an information page that explores and documents the history of working with the Indigenous first nations of our area

-Brandon/Arden

- 11 in favour, Phil and Chris K. abstained

b). SCAN – Mayor Murdoch attended – concerns expressed re processes and transparency

- minuted town hall meeting coming to Pearkes soon

c. December meeting/party

- Vera will host – 6:30 on December 11

-adjourned at 8:44 Phil/Brandon