



## **Draft MINUTES**

Pearkes Recreation Centre, **7:00 P.M.**, Thursday, June 1, 2017

**In Attendance:** Rob Wickson, Gabe Epstein, Katherine Brandt, Vera Wynn-Williams, Russ Godfrey, Ray Farmer, Ed Pullman and Marcus Fedoruk

**Regrets:** Chris Bullock, Trevor Hancock, Scott Karpes, Pam Loadman, Irena Jazwinski and Chris Kask

**Guest:** Julian Anderson

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

Moved GE/Seconded RF – Approved

### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted

### **3. Reports**

#### **a. Canada Day – Vera**

- Planning is virtually complete
- 65 artisans, 26 food vendors and 10 NGO's are confirmed
- Have partnered with Saanich to do a Canada 150 passport
- Gorge Soccer to take on logistics
- Irena would send out a sign up sheet to directors for GTCA tent shifts

#### **c. SCAN/Council – Rob.**

- SCAN is encouraging associations to get Director's Liability Insurance which would cost approximately \$500/assoc.
- Rob noted that having Insurance encourages lawyers to go after you in a lawsuit because there would be money – with no money there is no reason to go after the GCTA
- Vera noted that Saanich covers possible Canada Day liability
- After some discussion, it was decided to defer the issue to the fall

#### **d. McKenzie Intersection/Transportation**

- A letter needs to go to Saanich regarding issues on Esson Road
- There needs to be better signage during the construction
- There continues to be serious night time noise issues

#### **e. Land Use Committee/Developments – Rob**

- Albina – There was a discussion to add more Gorge character into the development or landscape property to connect to the park scape

## 4. Parks

### a. Garbage in Cuthbert Holmes – Julian Anderson

- There are now large homeless settlements including tents, workshops, car batteries, car parts, bottles of ammonia
- Saanich is saying they cannot move people if there is nowhere for them to go, however Julian noted that people can be moved from ecologically sensitive areas, playgrounds etc.
- Homelessness is a serious, complex issue that requires attention from both Saanich Parks and the police
- Rob would call Eva at Saanich Parks to pursue the issue

### b. Saanich Doggy Doo Bag Policy Change – Julian Anderson

- Saanich has cancelled this \$10,000 program which has resulted in more doggy doo in the parks
- Saanich will still have the take-a-bag, leave-a-bag system
- Rob was to talk to Gary Darrah about other options for doggy bags

### c. DFO Fish Fence Funding

- The DFO has cut the funding for fish habitat education
- Other sources of funding will be explored to keep the fish fence operating

### d. Gorge Park Community – Gabe

- Garden fundraiser will be held on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>
- The event will be an open house not a fair
- The open house will feature plant sale, BBQ and music
- Memorial tree was stolen from the community garden but it will be replaced

## 5. Communications

### a. Newsletter – Vera

- The newsletter was ready and delivery would begin right away

### b. Websites/Social Media – Marcus

- There will be promo of the picnic on facebook
- The picnic is listed on Trip Advisor
- Lots of interest on social media and the picnic website is getting busy

## 6. Transition Planning – Gabe

- Edward, Vera, Scott and Gabe are on the governance committee
- Gabe has sent around to the board the Transition Planning Draft Process document and a draft survey to be used at the GTCA tent on Canada Day
- The goal is to move the board to the next phase

## 7. New Business

### a. Gorge Bridge Signage – Rob

- This project initiated by Richard Bouchard and done by Saanich Is now complete

- There are plans to have an unveiling ceremony later in the summer, possibly on the BC Day long weekend

**Next Meeting Board Meeting**  
**Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm**  
**Date: Thursday, September 7, 2017**  
**Place: Pearkes**