

Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Held September 12, 2016 145 Vesuvius Bay Rd, Salt Spring Island, BC

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Present: Kees Ruurs, Matt Kellow, Stefan Cermak, Phillip Grange, William Schulze, Jean Gelwicks, Herb Otto, Gary Quiring, Dan Ovington, Manager, Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation

TAC Vice Chair Kees Ruurs called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

1. Presentation/Delegations

Jean Porteous introduced herself to the group as the consultant who has been hired to facilitate the Trails Forum. A tentative weekend date for the forum was presented to the group but after further discussion two weeknight dates were preferred.

Action: Staff to establish two weeknight dates in November for the forum.

2. Reports – Verbal

Gary attended two meetings to discuss the Experience the Gulf Island Initiative. He also noted that Salt Spring Island Trails have been in high demand this season and will continue to see more demand in the future.

3. Reports-Trail Counters

Dan reported on new locations for trail counters and stats for August. Counters will be left at a variety of locations in the north end for one year.

4. Outstanding Business

4.1 Trail Project Background and Action Tracker

4.1.1 Hedgers Turn

SRW's have been filed on title and work is ready to begin. Staff expect work to be completed this fall.

4.1.2 Liberty Hall / Mt Belcher

The group would like to see this project move forward.

Action: Staff to prepare a management plan for this trail project to take to PARC for approval.

A motion of support was passed

MOVED by William Schulze, SECONDED by Philip Grange

That the SSI Trails Advisory Committee recommends to the SSI Parks and Recreation Commission that Liberty Hall/ Mt. Belcher trail project remains a top priority for future trail development.

4.1.3 Mereside Drive SRW

Preliminary survey complete. Full survey and registration on title expected in the next month.

4.1.4 Old Goat Trail

Fire is a concern of one of the property owners. TAC to look at ideas to mitigate fire concern before responding to owner. i.e. Regularly monitored by volunteers?

Action: Dan to follow up with Trinity West to sign SRW.

5. New Business

Trail guides have been updated and are ready for distribution.

Jean reported that the Island Pathways map is in its second draft.

6. Next meeting Date:

November 7, 2016 at Portlock Park to start at 5 PM.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm