

# Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Held February 21, 2017 at 5:00 pm 145 Vesuvius Bay Rd, Salt Spring Island, BC

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**Present:** Gary Quiring, Judy Fry, Kees Ruurs, Herb Otto, Maxine Leichter, Phillip Grange, William Schulze, Jean Gelwicks, Dan Ovington, Manager, Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation

### 1. Election of Chair

Manager Ovington called for nominations for the Chair; P. Grange nominated Gary Quiring. With no other nominations, a vote was called and Gary Quiring was appointed Chair by acclamation.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to add item 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9

### 3. Adoption of Meeting Notes of November 7, 2016

The minutes were approved with the following amendment. 3.1 Trustees Trail is heavily used with **10,000** visits in the last six months.

### 4. Presentations/Delegations

4.1 none

### 5. Reports-Verbal

5.1 G. Quiring spoke to the Regional Trail open house on March 9<sup>th</sup> 3:30-6:30pm at Artspring.

5.2 H. Otto, spoke about the potential for BC Parks to acquire a large parcel of land that would expand Mt. Erskin Park. \$200,000 would still need to be fundraised by the community to purchase that land.

### 6. Reports

#### 6.1 Trail Counters

The group reviewed the stats from August to January. D. Ovington reported back that the trail counters do record stats in the dark.

### 7. Outstanding Business

#### 7.1 Trail Project Background and Activity Tracking

The tracker was reviewed and additional comments were added.

**ACTION:** Include link in all correspondence

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yRWJIXgecWJ8\\_J68PV-tQMoGOFel7ViutA6Alyc4m2s/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yRWJIXgecWJ8_J68PV-tQMoGOFel7ViutA6Alyc4m2s/edit)

#### 7.2 Trustee Trail

D. Ovington reported that repairs to this trail head have been added to spring maintenance.

### 8. New Business

#### 8.1 Stark Road Connector

D. Ovington reported that a report has gone to the commission and that this is now being discussed in closed meetings.

### **8.2 600 Isabella Point Road**

This referral does not trigger parkland dedication but PARC has requested a pedestrian path connecting Fern Creek to Isabella Point be a condition of the development permit.

### **8.3 Trails Forum – Prioritization Tool**

The prioritization tool was introduced and discussed. Six trails were identified to test the tool (Mouat West, Hedgers Phase 2, Lioness, Cranberry, Old Goat, Liberty Hall) P.Granger, K, Ruurs, W, Schulze, H. Otto have agreed to test the tool and provide feedback.

ACTION: D. Ovington to email out excel file with instructions and tabulate results.

### **8.4 Trail Project Decision Tree**

A decision tree that details how new trail projects move forward as well as TAC's involvement in making recommendations to PARC was presented.

### **8.5 Regional Parks- Gulf Island Regional Trails Plan**

This item was discussed in the chairs report.

### **8.6 Duck Creek**

H. Otto requested that a hand rail be installed at Duck Creek for better stability to access the lower trail off of Sunset Drive.

ACTION: H. Otto to submit a formal written request to the Parks Office.

### **8.7 Meadowbrook / Stephens Lane Easement**

The existing easement is being used as a community trail. Attempts to secure this as a trail right of way have not been successful in the past.

ACTION: J. Gelwicks to ask owner if they would like additional material put on the Easement area.

### **8.8 Fulford Ballpark**

P. Grange proposed an idea to recommend that park purchase the Fulford Ballpark site for a variety of recreation uses including a regional trail connection. D.Ovington reported on the status of the Parks and Recreation Strategic plan and suggested that this recommendation could be included as part of the consultation process.

**MOVED** H. Otto, **SECONDED** by P. Grange

That the Salt Spring Island Trails Advisory Group recommends to the SSI Parks and Recreation Commission that 2491 Fulford-Ganges Rd. be looked at as a potential site for recreation purposes including: A Bike park, baseball, disc golf, nature education and a regional trail connection.

**CARRIED**

### **8.9 Scooter Map**

J. Gelwicks presented a map of proposed improvements for scooter accessibility in the Ganges Core.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm