



DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

Steering Committee
Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Colwood Municipal Hall

Present: Judith Cullington, Judy Nault, Jason Nault, Beth Mitchell, Gayle Johnston, Rod Huszar, Vicki Metcalfe, Kitty Lloyd, Gord Beauvillier, Dennis Carlsen, Ken Morgan (by phone)

DECISIONS				
1	Next Meeting: June 12, 2018			
ACTIONS			ACTION BY	DUE
1.	Make suggestion to Colwood about where the food trucks and picnic tables should be located for 2018 season	Kitty	Spring	
2.	Engage RRU to see whether they would put up First Nations mural and sign on their property	Kitty	ongoing	
3.	Request that Royal Colwood Golf Club staff meet with ELSI re. Colwood Creek	Rod/Kitty	Spring	
4.	Look into giving a presentation to next Colwood council about importance of dunes and ELSI's role re Coburg Peninsula IMG	Kitty	January 2019	
5.	Update Terms of Reference and send out to group for review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advisory members, replace District with City of Langford, meeting frequency 	Kitty/All	June	
6.	Let Kitty know contact for Ocean Grove strata	Gayle/Beth	ASAP	
7.	ELSI 2017 Annual Report – Send DRAFT electronic copy to all for review/comments	Kitty	ASAP (done)	
8.	Urban Forest Bylaw recommendations report – Send copy to Kitty for distribution to all	Judith	ASAP (done)	
9.	Send copy of Restoration Plan for Bee Creek to Kitty for distribution to all	Judy	ASAP	
10.	Send copy of Master Plan for Pacific Landing to Kitty for distribution to all	Dennis	ASAP	
11.	Check into existence of a food truck organization, inquire if they want to join ELSI	Kitty	June	

INFORMATION

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING:

Picnic Tables in dune area, can they be moved?

Action: Look into ELSI making a presentation to Colwood council re. coastal dunes and importance to preservation of Coburg Peninsula

GreenShores Certification – Jason

- Why was the GreenShores certification removed?
 - Staff said they were reluctant to hold developers to an outside set of standards. They're trying to meet the GreenShores standards throughout the OCP, but decided not to require certification.

Engage RRU re. First Nations sign on their property - Kitty

- Kitty will meet with RRU First Nations staff on Apr. 23 to discuss issue

Request Royal Colwood Golf Course (RCGC) staff meet with ELSI

- Kitty wrote e-mails to the manager and grounds manager, no response yet
- Rod Huszar is a member of RCGC and will speak with the manager about it
- Further discussion re. the lack of water flowing through the creeks; access to more water (concerned that water might be stagnant if there is ponding above); and also some invasive fish in Colwood Creek

Action: Rod talk to staff at RCGC (include Patrick Lucey and Craig Barlow in ELSI discussions?).

Royal Roads University (RRU) student project

- To request a RRU student project (to develop a restoration plan for Pit House Park, for e.g.) applications must be in by Sept., if selected, the project would run one day/week in the spring.

Pruning blackberry canes in Pit House Park - Jason

- The City of Colwood pruned blackberries and also cut down a big holly tree. The pruning and cutting of tree exposed a bunch of Daphne below. The holly tree was a male tree (pollinator). Discussed further under City's update below.

Dune restoration monitoring

- Kitty contacted Dave Blundon at Camosun College to see if dune restoration monitoring is continuing, no response yet.

PIT HOUSE PARK DISCUSSION - Gord Beauvillier, Colwood Parks:

- As of last year they've been paying fair amount of attention to heritage orchard; trimming around trees, started work on blackberries around orchard along pathway
- Greater Victoria Green Team helped once or twice last year doing broom and blackberry pulling
- Remnants of more old orchard on other side of park; will be doing more work in there, including trying to get invasives out of the area, as well as trying to get the fruit from the orchard used, and not wasted

- There are no planting plans at this time; some restoration as far as adding some native species to keep the blackberry and broom out, but nothing as of yet.
- Idea discussed to get a UVic (Restoration Program) or Royal Roads student (Env. Studies Program) to take on as a project in the park, starting with a restoration plan
- Question: Do you look after the path and blackberries near Ocean Grove?
 - Answer: The border is not clear. Where Colwood trail is, Colwood staff will definitely keep more accessible for public and keep it trimmed, not necessarily get rid of blackberries completely.
- Concern expressed about removing all blackberries, etc. which would open the access for people to trample through the fields. The fields have nesting birds, fawn birthing, etc., in that area.
- Gord promises to do everything he can to replant with native species and species that will do really well in that area. No plans to use any kind of pesticides in the orchard area. He will, however, take advice from arborists, if needed, re. fungicides.
- Discussion about orchard ground being infected and that fruit trees cannot be planted there. It's also a heritage orchard, Colwood plans to keep it going as is and do what's best for the orchard. Only thing they would do is pull the broom and Daphne that they find.
- Suggestion re. other berry-producing shrubs/trees that could be planted there (i.e. to replace large holly that was removed).

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES - Dennis Carlsen, Colwood Planning

Pacific Landing

- Finalizing building permits for Phase 2. Site prep is done.
- Suggested Master Plan would be good idea for them and Colwood. They have developed idea of how project will evolve with respect to where pathways will go and the waterfront will be kept in its natural state, etc.

Action: Send Kitty copy of Pacific Landing Master Plan for distribution to the group

- Question re. maintenance of park areas being handed over to strata councils now rather than after full build-out. Curious if the original development permit process said that would happen or if the developer is trying to get out of it (financial burden going off the developer and on to the strata councils).
 - Answer: Dennis thinks the responsibility of developer was to do the works. Maybe a case of where the development agreement was quiet on the ongoing maintenance. Understanding from developer is that residents are interested in being wardens of the property. Typically with projects like this, once the works have been done, the strata is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of any of those areas around there, not the owner.

Ocean Grove

- New owner – Vancouver firm
- Early stage of getting together with them to see what they expect to happen there
- Ongoing discussion re. riparian area of Selleck Creek. Under development agreement they have an obligation to fair amount of works in riparian area. New owners have said they will undertake the proposed works.
- No obligation in Pit House Park, that is Colwood's responsibility

- 'Warning - Live Creek' signs were posted at Selleck Cr because their insurance people said there was a risk management issue and had to advise people that there was a creek in the area.

Seafield Cottages

- Development permit application has been submitted
- Part of development concept is to take part of current alignment of Seafield Road and incorporate it into the site and build a new Seafield Road that will run through the middle of the property. Site prep may begin in the fall, but they may want to get in sooner due to groundwater issues in the area.
- Stormwater management will be a big issue in that area. They have been working with their engineer on how to manage it.
- Same owners, taking their time

Royal Bay

- Parks system through whole site, will be presented to Council soon
- Now 2 owners, 1 on ocean side and 1 on other side.
- Previous owners of Ocean Grove (Seacliff) have purchased the portion of Royal Bay between Metchosin Road and the water. Great West Life is no longer involved

OCP Revision Update

- At first reading
- Presentation was made to Council by a particular interest group with detailed commentary re. OCP; Council has referred it to staff and asked for a report back outlining a response to the extensive comments. Chair of that committee (Jason) is disappointed that the interest group waited 1.5 years to provide input.
- Urban Forest strategy was in front of Council last night, well accepted and now referred to staff to draft a new bylaw.
- One key element introduced into this OCP is site adaptive planning concept.

ELSI TERMS OF REFERENCE DISCUSSION:

- Interim Management Guidelines for Coburg Peninsula – should they be reviewed and updated?

Action: Get on agenda for January's City Council meeting (after election); discuss ELSI role re IMG

- Esquimalt Lagoon Enhancement Society does not exist, remove from partner list
- Question: What's the difference between the ELSI steering committee and the advisory committee?
 - Answer: As Kitty understands it, in the beginning, the idea was to have annual meeting with the advisory committee (all were consulted during the development of the IMG for Coburg Peninsula but don't necessarily have the interest or capacity to be part of a steering committee) and with steering committee members meeting more often. All advisory committee members are still on e-mail distribution list.

Action: Kitty check ELSI distribution list for advisory membership on TOR.

Action: Kitty check with Parks Canada, Fort Rodd Hill, check if they want to be on committee or just receive info by e-mail

- Food truck association/tourism rep on committee?

Action: Look into whether there is a food truck association

- Chamber of Commerce get-togethers; maybe ELSI could host one (similar to CRD's Resilient Region Breakfasts)
- Royal Bay Bakery has ELSI info available for public

Action: Update ELSI brochures

- Discussion about Langford membership, Kitty pointed out that City of Langford pays into Harbours Program since they are part of Esquimalt Lagoon watershed; covered by Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan; even though they do not attend ELSI meetings, they are on e-mail distribution list.

Action: "District of Langford" needs to be updated to "City of Langford" throughout ToR

- Leave people on list even though they are not currently active
- Subcommittees remain on ToR, can be struck on an as-needed basis (ad hoc)
- Fish monitoring group acts like subcommittee
- No active recreational user groups at this point (used to have Rowing Club)
- Resident strata – approach Ocean Grove

Action: Gayle or Beth let Kitty know contact for Ocean Grove strata (Shari Lukens?)

- Conservation or environment groups that are active in Colwood include: Habitat Acquisition Trust

Action: Kitty will update document and send out to group for review

COORDINATOR UPDATES - Kitty:

2017 Annual Report

- Copies of draft 2017 annual report handed out for discussion/comments
- Kitty read out text for 2 captions missing

Action: Kitty send electronic copy to all for review/comments

Outreach events – summer 2018

- Mother's Day at RRU (early May)
- Canada Day at Fort Rodd Hill
- Eats and Beats (July) at lagoon
- Think about: Seaside Festival at Fort Rodd Hill (Fall)
- Watershed models can be booked for events through Peninsula Streams Society

Meeting Schedule

- Jody Watson and Kitty discussed having ELSI meetings quarterly (4 per year instead of 6). What do people think?
 - General agreement, please avoid meetings in summer, if possible
 - For 2018, we will plan for June meeting as scheduled, then one in fall
 - 2019 – schedule meetings every 3 months

Action: Update Terms of Reference document to reflect changes

- Volunteer BBQ last fall with other 2 regional initiatives (Gorge Waterway Initiative, Bowker Creek Initiative) was well received. Plan to do that again this year

Other discussion

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- Engage RRU to see whether they would put up First Nations mural and sign on their property – Kitty will be speaking with the FN coordinator at RRU (Apr. 23)
- Kitty explained the new program formed following CRD re-organization, Harbours Program now falls under 'Environmental Planning & Initiatives' (under Env. Protection), new supervisor for this program is Jody Watson

PARTNER UPDATES

Judith

- Urban Forest Task Force recommendations report went to Council

Action: Judith send link to report to Kitty for distribution to all

Judy

- Took RNS course and created a draft restoration plan for Bee Creek through Pacific Landing and would like feedback if anyone wants to read it

Action: Send copy of plan to Kitty for distribution to all

- Does Natural History Society have recommendations or wish list of things that should be considered for the restoration re. Migratory Birds Sanctuary?
 - suggested she speak with Ann Nightingale

Jason

- As reported above, Urban Forest Task Force report went to Council
- Draft OCP will be back in front of Committee of the Whole soon
- New artwork (driftwood) along the lagoon

Beth

- No fish found in Selleck Creek, no Coho in Bee Creek and no water in Colwood Creek during late summer, but both Coho and cutthroat were found in Colwood Creek

Gayle

- Seafeld Cottages: able to talk to the owner and getting a few extra angled parking spots on Seafeld
- Over 600 members are now on the Colwood Community Association's Facebook page

Rod

- GreenShores work shop was interesting and encourages anyone to go online and view the series of videos.
- GreenShores program is going National, funding received for developing program for East Coast

Other

- Question of cholera outbreak with herring roe issue came up – is anyone monitoring it? DFO and CFIA are responsible for the issue

Meeting adjourned: 4:30 p.m.