

# BOWEN ISLAND CONSERVANCY

## Minutes, Directors' Meeting 13 June 2016, 7:30 pm

**Venue:** Allie's house, 1583 Old Eaglecliff Road.

**Present:** Owen Plowman, Allie Drake, Bob Turner, Leo Chan, Nerys Poole, Ellen Coburn, Leonardo Frid,

**Regrets:** Adrian van Lidth de Jeude, Everhard van Lidth de Jeude

1. **Approval of Agenda**                      Approved
  
2. **Approval of previous minutes**                      Approved
  
3. **Mapping initiative**                      Leonardo will follow up with this project; some delay due to illness; goal is a map that shows all existing protected areas and something to show areas not yet protected but that have value. Nerys mentioned the Regional Mapping of ITF and the Regional Plan 2010-2015. **Nerys** has a hard copy that she will pass on to Leonardo.  
  
**Owen** will give Leonardo a PC CD of Bowen Island Geo library 2002.
  
4. **Forage Fish project**                      Status update – Bob reported new protocol of two samples per beach. This is going ahead. A blitz sampling event in July is possible but not yet arranged. Ramona wants to do this as there is a surf smelt spawn in July/August – would probably be our best shot at getting a positive as we have had nothing but negatives so far. Opportunity for a PR piece; would require some advertising. Each beach would still need a volunteer with knowledge. Possibly one volunteer who would then accompany a group to 4 or 5 beaches. Leo's suggestion: maybe a short video to demonstrate how and where to collect.  
  
**Owen** will write an article for UC and the Bulletin – can also make a poster and put it on the ferry, on FB group as well.  
**Bob** will pick a date on a weekend probably in August – early August?  
**Nerys** willing to help with coordinating/arranging/emailing.  
  
Owen reported that we now have a signed agreement with SeaWatch Society, so we should send an invoice – we have not done that yet. We need to send off a time sheet and any expenses claim. **Owen** will get the start date for agreement and we will invoice six months from there.  
  
Video: Bob has seen Stephen's video. Bob attended the Kay Meek event in early June– Great Howe Sound Recovery, sponsored by David Suzuki

and Van Aquarium, they turned people away. Smaller venue, not the big auditorium, showed 5 videos, one of them produced by Stephen Foster included footage of Ramona introducing us to whole sampling procedure, very Bowen specific, includes interview with Pauline Lebel – a fantastic explanation as to why forage fish is important. Will go on our website and on youtube. Owen will be sending a half year update to membership and will include the video or link to the video. Owen has invoice from Stephen - \$400 well spent.

**Owen** will coordinate with Leo on when he sends out email to membership so he can put it on the FB page.

**5. Beach sign project**

Undercurrent article and photo appeared  
Owen sent article to Ramona de Graaf

**6. Nature reserves**

We have \$1200 contract back signed from ITF. Now we need to engage Alan Whitehead as to where to put signs etc. Alan and Owen escorted Doug Hopwood (ITF contractor) when he was here on inspections. No ATV incursions in Fairy Fen. Signs around the reserve that say Nature Reserve Boundary – Ministry of Forestry posted signs saying “no motorized vehicles or bicycles beyond this point.” ITF inspection completed on May 27. Doug H. thought nothing to do in Fairy Fen, and probably nothing in Singing Woods.

Sign for Peter’s trail - Allie has spoken to Coral but they haven’t gotten together yet. Allie will follow up.

**7. Davies Orchard Workshop**

Nerys reported on the workshop on June 4 held by MV. Not hopeful about restoration of remaining six cottages. Not hopeful about MV responding to any of the consultation. We shall see.

**8. Howe Sound update**

Centered around Great Howe Sound Recovery – didn’t evolve into an LNG bashing event; good video produced by a 14 year old. All videos are now on **www.sustainablehowesound.ca**. Two videos done by Stephen, one on herring surveys (John Buchanan)- a data set that DFO does not have and was not used in the Woodfibre review – the site seems to be an epi-centre for herring spawn. Bob showed his video on the HS kayak trip.

**Bob** will send email to Allie and Nerys re. info on John Buchanan as a possible speaker for our series.

This Friday, David Suzuki Foundation and Squamish Nation are co-hosting a series of forums: tourism, rec fisheries, recreation, large vessel traffic, to be held at Van Aquarium. People that attend are mostly Howe Sound businesses. Forum is by invitation only.

**9. Parks Trails and Greenways Advisory Committee**

Parks Trails and Greenways Advisory Committee workshop on **7 pm. June 21** – Sue Ellen is asking for a board member of Conservancy to attend – will be discussing which lands are priorities for the parks plan update. **Bob** will attend and **Leonardo** will go if he can. **Leonardo** will check with Alan Whitehead to see if he is going.

**10. Communities in Bloom**

Allie reported on this initiative. The Communities in Bloom Judges will be coming to the island and Allie will be escorting them around on July 13/14, 2016.

**11. Economic Development Committee**

Brand is a mantra, a little story, a tag line and an image – will be able to use and put on posters and use the tag line in various ways. All will be disclosed at a Council meeting, possibly June 27<sup>th</sup> or sometime in July.

**12. Items deferred/pending**

- Apodaca Park visit: stalled
- Land Stewardship Program
- Hikers Trail funds
- Public invitation to Fairy Fen (wait for signage and trails)
- Nominee: Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award

**Possible speakers for our series:** John Buchanan, Jae Mather (solar cells and costs), Ruth Simons mentioned someone who spoke about wildfire protection in Lion’s Bay. **Owen** will get in touch with Jae and pass on to Allie and/or me.

**Leo** will speak to Amanda Petrie-Hayes, former director of Sustainability, excellent speaker.

**Allie** will contact Vicky Husband as a possible speaker.

**Bob** suggested Ruth Simons (lives in Lion’s Bay) working on a biosphere regional proposal for Howe Sound.

Suggestion for another trip to Apodaca Park. Owen is suggesting something for summer/early fall.

**13. Other**

**Next meeting: July 04, 7:30**

Location: Owen’s house

Adjourned at 9:00 pm