

BOWEN ISLAND CONSERVANCY

Minutes, Directors' Meeting 06 March 2017, 7:30 pm

Venue: Owen's house, 680 Minnow's Lane

Present: Nerys Poole, Everhard van Lidth de Jeude, Ellen Coburn, Bob Turner, Leo Chan, Owen Plowman

Regrets: Adrian van Lidth de Jeude, Allie Drake,

1. **Approval of Agenda** approved
2. **Approval of previous minutes** approved
3. **Mapping initiative**
Leo: status update
No status change
4. **Nature reserves**
Fairy Fen: status of ITF-funded project.
Hired Cameron Rolfe to do the design for the viewing platform, will send off to ITF, needed to spend this money before end of March; he will do a preliminary concept design which will be emailed to all of us; more details will come later and there will be time for changes/comments
NOTE: after meeting, **Leo** put Fairy Fen on google maps and sent a link to us.
Singing Woods: Trail washout occurred. Owen repaired temporarily.
David Otter: we have a cheque from ITF for all the work done – cheque is in the bank; seedlings planted.
5. **Speaker Series**
BIFWC session: March 11 (Owen to correct date in ad for UC for this week) Posters up for this around community. Nerys and Bob took two each to put up. Decision made not to have refreshments for this.
Ruth Simons: April 8 – Nerys will check on poster for this and ads.
6. **LTABC Grant Program** Deferred until we're ready.
7. **BI Adventure Film Festival**
Bob: proposal – **Bob** met with Kiley Redhead and Baz Cardinal about the film festival they held last year at the old CNIB lodge – profiled recreational activities mostly on Bowen. Intention of festival was to promote adventure recreation. Bob's film on kayaking around Howe Sound was in the festival last year. They are doing it again this year and have approached the BI Community Foundation for funding but don't qualify because they are not a legal entity. They thought about who they might partner with to make them eligible for community foundation funding. Bob thinks it is a good fit – creates good exposure for Conservancy to a young energetic demographic, doesn't cost us anything. Our logo would be on their advertising. They sent Bob a proposal which he will send out to all the board – thoughtful structured

proposal and finishes with how they would support BI Conservancy: featured article on film festival website; host special presentation of Bob's salmon film; opportunity to share message with audience; logo exposure on marketing materials. Our commitment: to be the charitable organization partner and provide oversight of the moneys given to us by the community foundation.

Deadline for us to commit is March 19, 2017.

Date of Event: **May 27, 2017** at CNIB lodge again.

Owen suggests that if we agree to do this, we have a short agreement laying out responsibilities of each, including no movies promoting motorized vehicle activities, hunting/fishing etc. and how we will distribute the moneys. Movies must be in line with our mandate as a Conservancy. Application to Community Foundation would involve getting a draft from them and we would then submit to the Foundation. **Bob** to follow up on whether they already made application.

Suggestion: we could have a booth at the festival

Owen commented on Community Foundation grant information: Minimum grant for Community Impact Fund is \$2500; possible they met the February deadline for this grant but they need Conservancy to be the donee. Interviews with Community Foundation are March 20/21.

Board approves **Bob** responding to them tonight to say we are willing to go ahead. **Owen** will get a draft agreement to them by the weekend. **Bob** will ask questions re. timing of grant application.

8. Land-based Whale Watching

Vancouver Aquarium (VA) approached the Conservancy re. the Whale Trail, largely the Salish Sea area and extends to California. An attempt to create land-based points for migratory whales for people to report sightings. VA wants to promote the whale trail in the Salish Sea. We are one of many who have expressed interest in having these signs. Bob contacted Bonny Brokenshire of BIM and suggested CRC parkland owned by muni. Betty Egan from VA came over with Bonny and Carla and Bob and walked the CRC trail. BIM has located the best fit for signage – the place that would least intrude on viewscape and to be close to a parking lot for ease of access. Selected the parking lot close to the beach. BIM is going ahead with this, Parks and Trails Committee will review the site signage. VA provides all the funding. BIC would just provide our logo and be involved in the design and possibly the Nature Club would be part of it.

Suggestion: at some future point, may rename the Seaview Trail to the Whale Trail. There is opportunity for more "condensed" signs, possibly at road ends. Embossed paving stones are an option too. **Bob** will ask what the "condensed signs" are.

Bob is point person and will conduct the tour for the Parks and Trails Committee. At that point, committee makes recommendation and it goes to Council.

9. BIM Parks Plan

Bob: update – still another round of public input.

If there is more consultation on parks plan, Bob heard there is a second example of a subdivision going forward where the coastal access may be forfeited in lieu of a cash settlement. Public discussion of subdivisions is not a requirement; up to Approving Officer (our CAO) to decide.

Conservancy should weigh in on this; there is an opportunity in the parks master plan to state a policy that acquisition of coastal access be treated as a priority. BIC should probably write something sooner rather than later. **Bob** will draft a letter that will come from the Conservancy and send to Owen.

10. Forage Fish Project

Invoice sent on Dec. 23; Ramona responded that she received it but no cheque sent yet.

Owen will follow up on this.

11. 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

12. Other

Next meeting: **4 April 2017** (note, this is a **Tuesday**) Need a venue.

Dates for 2017:

- 1 May
- 3 July
- 2 October
- 5 June
- 5 September (a Tuesday)